

## COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

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An Open Letter to Fellow Retired Flag and General Officers

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, the Department of Homeland Security is currently in a lapse of appropriations. Regretfully, Coast Guard military personnel (that had been covered by previous Pay Our Military appropriations legislation) were not covered in the 2019 Department of Defense Appropriations. Thus, their pay on 31 December may be affected by the lapse in appropriations. It is presumed that their pay would be retroactive once the DHS appropriation is funded.

Furthermore, our civilian personnel were paid yesterday; their status of future pay and repayment depends on their status (exempt, non-exempt) and the appropriations legislation.

Finally, the Coast Guard retiree and annuitant populations will not be affected on the 31 December 18 pay but may be impacted on the pay cycles that begin at the end of January 2019.

Whatever support you can provide in the networks that you have would be extraordinarily appreciated.

Since 1924, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance has provided financial help to members of the Coast Guard family. Along with our sister Military Aid Societies and the Red Cross, we all provide a great safety net to the nearly 2.15 million members of the military. However, our resources are not without limit, and with the broadest network that you have, I hope we can collectively help our Coast Guard Thailes so much! remain Semper Paratus.

Warmest regards

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