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**STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN KENT M. BALLANTYNE**

**ON THE MGIB ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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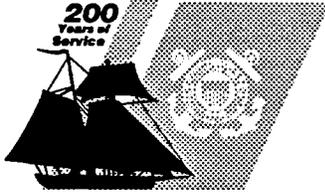
**BEFORE THE**

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT**

**U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**12 JULY 1990**



## **Captain Kent M. Ballantyne Deputy Chief For Training United States Coast Guard**

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Captain Kent M. Ballantyne assumed his duties as Deputy Chief for Training, Office of Personnel and Training, United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. in August 1989. His last assignment was as Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Miami, Florida, where he was heavily involved in drug interdiction; both surface and air, and search and rescue activities.



Captain Ballantyne is a native of Baldwin, New York. Following graduation from Baldwin High School, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1963. Captain Ballantyne's first tour of duty was aboard the Coast Guard Cutter CAMPBELL, homeported in Staten Island, New York. Following two years in this assignment, he was assigned to the Naval Flight Training Command at Pensacola, Florida for basic flight training and later at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he received advance training in multi-engine aircraft. Captain Ballantyne received his "Wings of Gold" in 1967.

Operational aviation tours followed at Coast Guard Air Stations Salem, Massachusetts; Annette Island, Alaska; Mobile, Alabama; where he served as a helicopter instructor and also as Head of the helicopter flight simulator branch; Corpus Christi, Texas; where he served as Operations Officer, and subsequently as Executive Officer. Additional assignments were as Commanding Officer of Air Station Houston, Texas; Training Officer and Executive Officer of Training Center, Petaluma, California; and District Inspector of the 12th Coast Guard District, San Francisco, California. He is qualified in both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft.

He is married to the former Maree Anne Canine of Corpus Christi, Texas. They have two sons, Christopher and Joel.

MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE,  
I AM CAPTAIN KENT M. BALLANTYNE, DEPUTY CHIEF FOR TRAINING FOR  
THE COAST GUARD. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU  
TODAY TO DISCUSS THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE  
CHANGES THAT IMPROVED THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL PROGRAM FOR OUR  
PERSONNEL.

THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL IS AN OUTSTANDING AND VERY  
EFFECTIVE RECRUITMENT TOOL WHICH HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY  
RECEIVED BY OUR NEW RECRUITS. THEIR ENTHUSIASM IS EVIDENCED BY  
A HIGH PARTICIPATION RATE. FOR THE PAST YEAR, OF THE 3,096  
RECRUITS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, 3,000 (97 PER CENT) ARE  
PARTICIPATING.

MISTER CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR  
BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU  
TO SEEK WAYS TO MAKE AN OUTSTANDING BENEFIT PROGRAM EVEN BETTER.