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NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES



VA MISSION ACT OF 2018

Veterans Community Care - Urgent Care

Beginning June 6, 2019, under the MISSION Act, Veterans will have more ways to access health care. As part of implementing the VA MISSION Act of 2018, the VA will offer an Urgent Care benefit that provides eligible Veterans with greater choice and access to timely high-quality care.

This includes care within the VA's network and through approved non-VA medical providers within the Veteran's community called "community care providers." Depending on a Veteran's situation - for example, if a certain type of health service isn't provided by the VA—a Veteran may be able to go to a non-VA provider, using their VA coverage. With Urgent Care, Veterans have a new option of care for the treatment of minor injuries and illnesses, such as colds, sore throats, and minor skin infections. This benefit is offered in addition to the opportunity to receive care from a VA provider, as the VA also offers same-day services.

The VA will **only pay** for care under this benefit if:

- The Veteran is eligible.
- The medical services are not excluded under the benefit.
- The provider is part of VA's contracted network of community providers and is identified as an Urgent Care provider.

If an eligible Veteran goes to an out-of-network urgent care provider, they may be required to pay the full cost of care. By law the VA cannot pay claims for Urgent Care rendered to a Veteran from providers that are not part of the VA's network.

Eligibility

Veterans should contact their local VA medical facility to see if they are eligible.

To find an available Urgent Care provider in VA's contracted network of community providers, Veterans can use the VA's provider locator on VA.gov (<https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>) or contact their local VA medical facility. VA staff can inform the Veteran of available in-network locations and offer to find the closest locations. If a Veteran arrives at an Urgent Care network location and has any difficulty receiving care, they can call the VA Urgent Care support line **(866) 620 - 2071** for assistance.

Download the Mission Act Veteran Community Care –Urgent Care fact sheet at:

https://www.va.gov/communitycare/docs/pubfiles/factsheets/VA-FS_Vet-Urgent-Care.pdf

The VA offers an informational brochure and booklet that detail the benefits associated with the MISSION ACT. To obtain a free copy, send the following information via email to:

EESDistribution@va.gov.

- Name
- Phone number
- Shipping address (if applicable, include room, suite, or apartment number)
- Mail routing code (if applicable)
- VISN (if applicable)
- CBOC or Facility (if applicable)
- The quantity you would like (max 3 for individuals and 100 for organizations).
- Are you a Veteran, VA employee, or non-VA Veteran-facing organization or program (please specify)?
- Where did you hear about this product?



To order free copies of the MISSION Act **brochure** include the publication title and number in the subject line of your email:

**SUBJECT: VA Health Care Options for Veterans Brochure
Order #: F61090**



To order free copies of the Mission Act **booklet** include the publication title and number in the subject line of your email:

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CRDP & CRSC (2019)

There are two concurrent receipt programs available to Navy and Marine Corps retirees who have VA rated disabilities. They are the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) program and the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program. Retirees who receive VA disability payments may have their retired pay "offset" (reduced) by the amount of VA pay. These concurrent receipt programs "restore" some or all of that retired pay.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) calculates and pays monthly CRDP and CRSC compensation. It is highly recommended that you have a MyPay account set up with DFAS to manage your retired pay: <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/mypay.html>

*In order to be eligible for these programs, disabled retirees **must be eligible for retired pay AND be in receipt of VA disability compensation.** Medical retirees (TDRL & PDRL) with less than 20 years service are eligible for CRSC only. Twenty year and Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) retirees (15-19 years of service) and Reservists (age 60) are eligible for both CRSC and CRDP, but can receive compensation from only one program. CRSC claimants must apply to the Service CRSC Board from which they retired. <http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/Documents/dd2860.pdf>*

CRDP is automatic and is paid to 20 year and TERA retirees who have VA rated service connected disabilities of **50% or higher total percentage**. There is no application required, nor accepted. DFAS determines eligibility and pays monthly CRDP compensation. CRDP is retired pay and payments are taxed.

CRSC is for military retirees with combat-related disabilities of 10% or greater. Combat related determinations are made by the CRSC Board for the branch of service from which the member retired. A combat related determination is made for each VA disability claimed. The retiree must apply using the CRSC application form (DD- 2860 July 2011). The "burden of proof" as to the cause of the disability is on the claimant and the claim must be supported by official documentation to include the DD-214, VA Rating Decisions, applicable service medical records (SMR's), and pertinent service personnel records. Reconsiderations are accepted if new official documentary evidence is provided or for any new disabilities rated by the VA. Appeal authority for CRSC is the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR).

CRSC compensation for medical retirees is calculated by DFAS using a complicated formula that takes into account the PEB, VA and CRSC percentages. CRSC pay cannot exceed what would have been the Years of Service (YOS) retired pay amount, but can be much less and sometimes zero. CRSC pay is a benefit and CRSC payments are not taxed. Medical retirees can go to <http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/woundedwarrior/disabledretireest.htm> to estimate the approximate CRSC pay they will receive.

Claimants may apply for CRSC under one of four categories:

- 1) Direct result of **Armed Conflict (AC)**
- 2) While engaged in **Hazardous Service (HS)**
- 3) In the performance of duty under conditions **Simulating War (SW)**
- 4) Disabilities resulting from the operation of an **Instrumentality of War (IN)**

CRDP & CRSC (2019) continued

In order for a CRSC claim to be approved, there must be a direct causal relationship between the armed conflict or training exercise that simulates war and the resulting disability. The CRSC board makes combat related determinations only on VA rated service connected disabilities. Slips, trips, and falls, lifting heavy objects, as well as physical training, are not combat-related disabilities. The fact that a veteran incurred a disability during a period of war or simulated war; or in an area of armed or simulated conflict, or while participating in combat or simulated combat operations; is not sufficient to support a combat-related determination. Only the CRSC Board for each branch of Service is authorized to make combat-related determinations for CRSC. Combat Zone (CZ) notations in VA and PEB documents are not combat related determinations.

A reconsideration request to the CRSC Board is required if your VA rating percentage increases due to the VA approval of a new or unclaimed disability. <http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/documents/CRSC-Navy-Recon-Request-Form-APR-2015.doc>

*Retroactive payments are paid for CRSC, but CRSC compensation is subject to the **6-year Barring Statute**. DFAS and/or the VA can authorize back pay/VA Retro back pay, six years from your application, but can go no further back than the VA effective date, age 60 birthdate for reserve retirees, or the CRSC program effective date.*

The primary means of communication with the Department of the Navy CRSC Board is by email to the organizational mailbox at: CRSC@navy.mil

If you want to speak with someone, include your phone number in your email and request a call back. The **FAX** for the Department of the Navy CRSC Board is: **(202) 685-6610**. Voice mail is: **(202) 685-1683**.

Please review the CRSC website prior to applying or contacting the Board. The website address is:

<http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/crscb>

Mail your claim via FEDEX/UPS or U.S. Postal Service to:

**Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards
Combat-Related Special Compensation Board
720 Kennon Street SE Suite 309
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023**



myPay Advantages of Managing Your Account Online

By Nathan Lynix, DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay

Did you know you can simplify your life by managing your retired or annuitant pay account online? Using myPay puts a range of information and options for updating your account at your fingertips. And myPay is now simpler, more streamlined, and more mobile-friendly, so it's easier to use on your favorite mobile device.

What can you do in myPay?

You can update and manage the following account areas:

- Update your mailing address or email address - Keep your contact information up-to-date to make sure you don't miss important notifications.
- Change your tax withholding – Make sure you have the correct tax withholdings so you don't get surprised at tax time.
- Start, stop, or change a voluntary electronic funds transfer (EFT) allotment (retirees only) – Allotments you choose can be managed in myPay.
- Change your direct deposit information – Update your bank account information securely and easily online in myPay.
- Add or change your beneficiary for arrears of pay (retirees only) – Make sure your beneficiary for your final retired pay payment is up-to-date to avoid delays and extra paperwork.
- Submit your certificate of eligibility (COE) or report of existence (annuitants only) – Complete your annual certification.
- You can also use myPay to review your pay statements, conveniently get your tax statements, or to get an official verification of pay letter.

Plus, when you have an email address in myPay, you can receive email notifications about Marine Corps news and events and notifications about your pay account.

Using myPay is faster and more secure than mailing or faxing your changes. For example, if you make a change to your bank account in myPay during the first half of the month, it will generally be effective for the upcoming payday. When you mail or fax a change to us you should plan for 30 days for the change to process. Also, when you use myPay to make a bank account or allotment change, myPay will provide an effective date, so you'll know when the change will be effective.

If you haven't used myPay in a while, you'll see some big differences when you go there. On 4 May 2019, DFAS refreshed myPay, making it simpler and more streamlined to use. The most striking difference is the appearance of the myPay home page, which now looks more like other online financial sites. The login area is now on the right side instead of the left, there is a banner area with important information in the middle, and there are quick links at the top.

When you log in to your myPay account, you will also see a streamlined navigation menu that appears on the left side of every page. The same menu choices for getting pay and tax statements, and making pay changes are available; the menu is now organized into two categories: statements and pay changes.

myPay Advantages of Managing Your Account Online Continued

By Nathan Lynix, DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay

The menu options for updating your email address, and changing your login ID and password are now under “Personal Setting” in the menu bar at the top of the page.

Another change is that myPay is now easier to use on a favorite mobile device. When you use myPay on your mobile browser, the menus and screens will adjust to the screen size. The familiar three-bar menu icon gives you options to click to specific areas of the site.

What has not changed is your login ID and password; those transferred over. The same login ID and password you used before the transformation, you can use after (as long as your password did not expire). And the “Forgot your Login ID?” and “Forgot or Need a Password?” options are still available, located under the new login box on the top right.

When you see a myPay homepage that looks different after the changeover, you can ensure you are on the official myPay site by checking your browser’s address bar for the correct myPay [URL: https://mypay.dfas.mil](https://mypay.dfas.mil)

DFAS also has video how-to’s to help you accomplish a variety of common online tasks, such as accessing a myPay account for the first time, password updates, and bank account and address changes. The tutorial videos are available at [YouTube.com/DFAS](https://www.youtube.com/DFAS).

If you’re not using myPay to manage your retired or annuitant pay account, now is the time. Head over to myPay to get started: <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Military Retirees: myPay accounts are established on the 2nd of each month.

You can continue to access myPay using the Login ID and Password established when you were on Active/Reserve duty. Your retired pay account will be visible (in addition to your active/reserve pay account) once it has been established, generally, on the 2nd of the month following your first retired pay payday.

If you have never established a Login ID / Password, click ‘Forgot or Need a Password’. The password will be sent to your mailing address on record with DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay (R&A Pay). Upon receipt of your temporary password get started at the myPay home page. “Create your myPay Profile” by selecting “Start here.” If R&A Pay does not have your current address, please contact R&A Pay at **1-800-321-1080** to update your address before requesting a new temporary password.

Gray Area Retirees: A ‘Gray Area’ retiree is an individual who has met the 20-year reserve qualifying service requirement for entitlement to receive retired pay, pending attainment of the statutory age.

If you are a ‘Gray Area’ retiree and have reached the statutory age, and do not have a myPay Password, please click “Forgot or Need a Password” on the myPay home page to request one. Upon receipt of your temporary password get started at the myPay home page. “Create your myPay Profile” by selecting “Start here.”

If you have not met the statutory age, you will not have a myPay account. If you receive the error message "your payroll is not associated with this service" when trying to access myPay, this indicates that your retired pay account has not yet been established. New accounts are established in myPay on the 2nd of each month following your first payday. If you feel that your retired pay account should be established, please contact Retired & Annuitant Pay at **1-800-321-1080**.



2019 SECRETARY OF THE NAVY Retiree Council

http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/retiree_council/Pages/default.aspx

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The Secretary of the Navy established the Retiree Council to consider issues of significant importance to retired military personnel and their family members, to facilitate interaction between Department of Navy leadership and the Navy and Marine Corps retired community, and to facilitate participation in other aspects of the Retired Activities Program.

The Council may review the effectiveness of current programs and policies affecting retirees and may make recommendations concerning improvements to privileges, benefits, assistance to retirees, quality of life, and any other matters relating to retired personnel.

SECNAV Instruction 5420.169K details Council membership and responsibilities and broadly empowers the Council to make recommendations on any matter relating to retired personnel.

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** ATTENTION **

2020 SECNAV RETIREE COUNCIL VACANCY

We anticipate having 1 vacancy on the CY20 SECNAV Retiree Council.

If you are a retired **enlisted** Marine, and interested in serving on the Council for a period of 3 years, send us your resume. Include both your military service and duties, as well as your post retirement employment, and any involvement with military/retiree associations and organizations.

Submit your resume via email to: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil

The subject of the email should be "CY20 SECNAV COUNCIL APPLICATION"
 and MUST be received NLT **30 SEP 2019**.



**Evening and Sunset Parade Schedule 2019
Marine Barracks Washington, D. C.
8th & I
"Oldest Post of the Corps"**



Evening Parade Dates	Time
July 5	8:45 - 10:00 pm
July 12	8:45 - 10:00 pm
July 19	8:45 - 10:00 pm
July 26	8:45 - 10:00 pm
August 2	8:45 - 10:00 pm
August 9	8:45 - 10:00 pm
August 16	8:45 - 10:00 pm
August 23	8:45 - 10:00 pm
August 30	8:45 - 10:00 pm

The Evening Parades are conducted on Fridays beginning May 3 through Aug. 30, 2019. Complete an online reservation request at: <https://paraderes.dcmarines.com/>.

On the evening of the parade, the unclaimed seats are offered to persons waiting in the General Admission line outside the main gate of the barracks.

Stay tuned to the Marine Barracks Washington, DC, 8th and I, website and social media sites for parade season information updates.

<https://www.barracks.marines.mil/Parades/Parade-Schedule-2019/>

Tuesday Sunset Parades will be held at the Lincoln Memorial along the National Mall in Washington, D.C. for the summer of 2019, with the exception of those on July 2nd and July 9th. The spacious steps on the Lincoln Memorial and the surrounding lawns provide ample room for guests to bring lawn chairs for an informal viewing. No other type of seating is available, except for invited guests of the Parade Reviewing Officials.

No reservation required.

****The Sunset Parades on Aug. 6 and 13 begin 30 minutes earlier.****

Sunset Parade Dates	Time
July 2	7:00 - 8:00 pm
July 9	7:00 - 8:00 pm
July 16	7:00 - 8:00 pm
July 23	7:00 - 8:00 pm
July 30	7:00 - 8:00 pm
August 6**	6:30 - 7:30 pm
August 13**	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Blue Angels

2019 | SHOW SCHEDULE

JULY

- 6 · 7 | Kansas City, MO | Kansas City Air Show
- 13 | Pensacola Beach, FL | Pensacola Beach Air Show
- 20 · 21 | Duluth, MN | Duluth Air and Aviation Expo
- 27 · 28 | Grand Junction, CO | Grand Junction Air Show



AUGUST

- 3 · 4 | Seattle, WA | Boeing Seafair Air Show
- 17 · 18 | Chicago, IL | Chicago Air and Water Show
- 24 · 25 | New Windsor, NY | New York Air Show
- 31 | Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada | Air Show Atlantic

SEPTEMBER

- 1 | Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada | Air Show Atlantic
- 7 · 8 | Chesterfield, MO | Spirit of St. Louis Air Show
- 21 · 22 | NAS Lemoore, CA | Central Valley Air Show
- 28 · 29 | MCAS Miramar, CA | MCAS Miramar Air Show



OCTOBER

- 5 · 6 | Sacramento, CA | California Capital Air Show
- 12 · 13 | San Francisco, CA | San Francisco Fleet Week
- 19 · 20 | Fort Worth, TX | Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show
- 26 · 27 | Jacksonville Beach, FL | Jacksonville Sea and Sky Air Show

NOVEMBER

- 2 · 3 | Moody AFB, GA | Thunder Over South Georgia Air Show
- 8 · 9 | NAS Pensacola, FL | Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show

**2019 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS**

Retiree Appreciation Days are held throughout the year at various installations across the United States and Europe. Retirees and their family members are offered information on benefits and services, along with opportunities to renew acquaintances and their ID Cards.

Date	Location	Contact
16-Aug	Rosemount, MN	612-861-6589
17-Aug	Rock Island Arsenal, NY	312-569-8387
06-Sep	Camp Zama, Japan	011-81-46-407-3940/5076
06-07 Sep	Ft Leonard Wood, MO	573-596-0947
07-Sep	Camp Pendleton, CA (Retire Expo)	(760) 725-5704/6090
19-20 Sep	Ft Sill, OK	580-442-2645
21-Sep	Little Rock AFB, AR	501-987-6095
21-Sep	Selfridge ANGB, MI	586-239-5580
28-Sep	NSA Mid-South Millington, TN	901-874-5195
28-Sep	Camp Lejeune, NC	910-451-0287
04-Oct	JB Meyer-Henderson Hall, Ft Myer, VA	703-696-5948
05-Oct	Rock Island Arsenal, IL	563-508-5123
05-Oct	Carlisle Barracks, PA	717-245-4501
18-Oct	Quantico, VA	703-784-4963
19-Oct	USAG Benelux, Belgium	0032-65-44-6293
19-Oct	Naval Submarine Base New London	860-694-3284
19-Oct	NAS Pensacola, FL (Seminar)	850-452-5622
19-Oct	Ft Riley, KS	785-239-3320
19-Oct	Ft Polk, LA	337-531-0363
25-Oct	Ft Knox, KY	502-624-1765
25-Oct	Ft Meade, MD	301-677-9603
25-Oct	Wright-Patterson AFB, OH	937-257-3592
25-26 Oct	Ft Hood, TX	254-287-5210
26-Oct	Ft Leavenworth, KS	913-684-5583
26-Oct	Ft Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY	718-630-4552
01-Nov	Ft Benning, GA	706-545-1805
02-Nov	NAS Lemoore, CA	559-998-4524
15-Nov	Travis AFB, CA	707-424-3904
16-Nov	JBSA Randolph AFB, TX	210-652-6880

Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day. To view these events and others visit: <http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs and Other Retiree-Veterans Events.html>.



2019 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates



To help you plan for 2019, below is a list of the days you should expect to receive your retired or annuitant pay. Retired and annuitant pay is disbursed on the first of the month. However, if the first falls on a weekend or holiday, retirees get paid on last business day of the prior month and annuitants get paid on the first business day of current or prior month. Please see the chart for each month in 2019.

<u>Entitlement Month</u>	<u>Retiree Pay Date</u>	<u>Annuitant Pay Date</u>
June 2019	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2019
July 2019	August 1, 2019	August 1, 2019
August 2019	August 30, 2019	September 3, 2019
September 2019	October 1, 2019	October 1, 2019
October 2019	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2019
November 2019	November 29, 2019	December 2, 2019
December 2019	December 31, 2019	January 2, 2020



Tricare considers retirement a qualifying life event (QLE), and one that may have a new retiree reconsidering their family’s health care coverage.

Effective immediately, retiring service members, now have up to a year (365 days) vice the previous 90 day period allotted QLEs to decide whether to stay with [Tricare Prime](#) or choose [Tricare Select](#). This change provides more time for the services to update the retiree’s status in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

As an active duty service member, health coverage in Tricare Prime doesn’t expire until the retiree hits their actual retirement date. Once retired they are able to choose and enroll in either Tricare Prime or Tricare Select, but the decision must be made within 365 days of retirement. Coverage is retroactive to the date of retirement. During the 365 day eligibility period, while the member is considering a health care plan, they are eligible to be seen at a military treatment facility.

If the member fails to enroll within the 365 day eligibility period, the member will lose Tricare coverage and will not be able to enroll in Tricare until another qualifying life event or open season.

Visit <https://tricare.mil/LifeEvents> for more information on Qualifying Life Events.

USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
USMC Combat Correspondents Assn. Ms. Kate Stark	20-23 Aug 2019 Atlanta, GA	(352) 448-9167	kate@usmcca.org
3rdBn 4thMarines All Eras Travis Fryzowicz	21-25 Aug 2019 Virginia Beach, VA	(732) 251-5518	maddogandgrace@gmail.com gracefry@verizon.net
26th Marines Association Reunion	23-25 Aug 2019 New Orleans, LA	(512) 825-4730	sonnyusmc@gmail.com http://www.26thMarines.com
Force Recon Association Reunion Dave Jarvis	4-7 Sep 2019 Camp Lejeune, NC		http://www.forcerecon.com
HMM-165/VMM-165 All Years Al Dickerson	5-8 Sep 2019 San Diego, CA	(317) 462-0733	www.165whiteknights.com
Marine Air Base Squadrons-49 Col Chuck McGarigle (Ret.)	7 Sep 2019 Earleville, MD	(609) 291-9617 (609) 284-2935	mabsreunion@comcast.net
3rd 155 How Btry/Mike Btry 4th Bn 12th Marines SgtMaj Gordon Niska (Ret.)	8-12 Sep 2019 Myrtle Beach, SC	(705) 856-1542	sniska@windstream.net
Marine Corps Recruiting Service SgtMaj Larry B. Risvold (Ret.)	11-14 Sep 2019 Bluffton, SC	(803) 760- 4575	larryrisvold@att.net http://marinecorpsrecruiting servicereunion.com
1st Battalion 3rd Marines 1/3 Reunion Don Bumgarner	17-22 Sep 2019 Branson, MO	(562) 897-2437	dbumc13usmc@verizon.net
Marine Corps Mustang Muster (MCMA) Joint Muster w/2nd & 3rd MarDiv James R. Casey	17-22 Sep 2019 Branson, MO	(703) 349-0893	BusinessMngr@MarineCorpsMustang.org www.marinecorpsmustang.org Facebook - MCMA https://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-Mustang-Association
Third Marine Division All Eras Roger Bacon	17-22 Sep 2019 Branson, MO	(330) 424-9539	rogerbacon45@yahoo.com

Note to Reunion Planners: Send your reunion events as soon as possible to our organizational mailbox (smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil) to ensure timely inclusion in this publication. We apologize for the inconvenience with any delayed or missed events due to an unforeseen change in the distribution of this publication. Visit the MCCS web site (<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/>) for information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming events.



USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Marine Barracks Ft. Meade, MD 1957-Oct 1978 Bob Pepin	19-22 Sep 2019 Valley Forge, PA		rpepin@wpi.edu
Marine Corps Data Processors John Marslender	22-25 Sep 2019 Las Vegas, NV	(801) 598-5371	johnanddolly@centurylink.net
FLC:FLSG A/B and all subunits 32 annual reunion Mary Ann Baker	29 Sep-2 Oct 2019 Noblesville, IN		mbaker.flsg@gmail.com
ANGLICO Association All Eras CWO4 Joe L. Luque (Ret.)	3-6 Oct 2019 Denver, CO	(661) 725-3415	jlluque@sbcglobal.net Facebook/ANGLICOAssociation
Navy-Marine Corps Retired Judge Advocate Association BGen David Hague (Ret.) Capt George Wells USN (Ret.)	4-6 Oct 2019 Portland, OR		david.hagueusmc@gmail.com nmcrjaa8@comcast.net http://www.bill2va.info/
7th Motor Transport Delta Co	9-13 Oct 2019 Branson, MO	(660) 438-0745	lloydcabra@yahoo.com
TBS Class of 3-89 30 Year Reunion Col Ly Fecteau LtCol Whitney Mason (Ret.)	18-19 Oct 2019 Quantico, VA	(910) 451-3685	whitneymason@comcast.net
1st Bn 7th Marines All Hands Bill Pedrick Dave Jones	25-26 Oct 2019 Las Vegas, NV	(775) 275-0804 (405) 255-7261	bill.pedrick@gmail.com
USMC Vietnam Tankers Association John Wear	31 Oct-4 Nov 2019 Seattle, WA	(719) 495-5998	johnwear2@verizon.net http://www.usmcvta.org/
VMFA-251 Reunion VMO/VMA/VMF/VMFA-251 from 1941 to present as well as family.	7-10 Nov 2019 N. Charleston, SC	(404) 944-1268	frenchy@vmfa251.org
Marine Forces Reserve Jimmy L. Porter	8-10 Nov 2019 New Orleans, LA	(225) 803-8572	marine_35@yahoo.com

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USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
MCAGCC all units 1978-1982 Maj Stew Rayfield (Ret.)	7-9 Feb 2020 Twentynine Palms, CA		ironmajor@gmail.com Facebook.com https://www.facebook.com/Twentynine-Palms-Reunion-all-units-1978-1982-444688063010228/?modal=admin_todo_tour RSVP NLT 1 Nov 2019
TBS Class of 3-70 Reunion Paul Perra	9-14 Feb 2020	(978) 381-4746	pperra@icloud.com
Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion	1-3 May 2020		taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com Facebook.com/2dMEBAfghanistan https://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ViweReunion%?type=Reunion&ID=671
TBS Class 1-77 A Co Paul Leblanc	15-19 Oct 2020	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com
TBS Class 6-71, "Fox Co" 50th Reunion Col Doug Holdstein (Ret.)	Jan-Feb 2022 Planning stages	(910) 270-4144	jholdstein@gmail.com

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Veterans of the Korean War Eligible for *Revisit Korea Program*



September 12, 1950 - A group of Marines going aboard the U.S.S. Pickaway for lunch near Pusan, Korea during Korean War. Photo Courtesy Harry S. Truman, Presidential Library & Museum

In 1975, the Republic of Korea's (ROK) government began the *Revisit Korea Program* as a means of expressing its appreciation to all United Nations veterans of the Korean War and their family members. The ROK government appropriates funds for this special program, and the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) in Seoul administers it. If interested Korean War veterans are required to make their own airline reservations (assisted by the staff of Military Historical Tours) and pay their airfare. The veterans are reimbursed 50 percent of their flights costs and companions 30 percent. The MPVA funding covers all ground transportation within Korea, lodging, and meals.

Four trips are being offered in 2019: July 22-28; Sep 25-Oct 1; Oct 20-26; and Nov 8-14. *Note: 2020 will be the last year for the Korea Revisit Program for combat veterans who served in Korea during the war. For more information visit: <https://www.mpva.go.kr/english/front/news/galleryView.do?intseq=368>



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COLONEL

BLACK, DOUGLAS M. Mar 98/Dec 18
LAHR, ROBERT J. Sep 75/Mar 19
MOHR, JOHN W. Sep 92/Jan 19
SABATER, JR., JAIME Jan 86/Apr 19
SHINNICK, JOHN D. Oct 89/May 18
SMITH, FREDERICK A. Jul 90/Jan 19
SPEED, BILLY L. Jun 86/Apr 19
STOLARIK, ROBERT J. Aug 89/Sep 18

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

BECKER, DANIEL E. Jan 97/Mar 18
BRATON, JOHN T. Sep 86/Sep 18
CHOTT, PAUL D. Mar 85/Nov 18
HART III, JOHN G. Oct 83/Jan 19
JOHNSON, ROBERT L. Sep 81/Dec 18
KERSHNER, JERRY L. Feb 81/Mar 17
MARKS, ROY M. Jan 81/Sep 18
MURPHY, MICHAEL J. Oct 04/May 19
NESBIT, CHARLES L. Jun 78/Aug 18
PALMER, ROBERT P. Jul 73/Dec 18
ROLLINS, JOHN J. Sep 66/Apr 19
RUZICKA, JOSEPH G. Sep 04/Feb 19
SHRADER, PAUL A. Oct 75/Mar 19

MAJOR

BRUCE, LOWELL L. Sep 66/Nov 18
HOFSTRA, JACK Aug 80/Jan 18
HOLMAN, JR., ARTHUR F. Aug 77/Dec 18
HUNTER, PAUL R. Oct 69/Feb 19
MEAD JR, HOWARD R. Jun 68/Apr 19
MOORE, THEODORE M. Jan 77/Nov 18
MUTH, HAROLD F. Apr 70/Nov 18
ROBERTS, JOHN W. Jul 75/Mar 19
WASIELEWSKI, MARTIN J. Feb 98/Jan 18
WEIR, CHARLES J. Jul 70/Jan 18
WILSON, WILLIAM H. Aug 78/May 16

CAPTAIN

CRITZER, ROGER A. Nov 79/Feb 18
DAVIS, KENNETH V. Nov 75/Nov 18
DRIVER, JOE H. Apr 80/Nov 18
FARRA, ELWOOD D. Apr 69/Nov 18
HIESTER, JR., WELLINGTON A. Dec 70/Apr 18
JOHNSON, JR., RICHARD May 74/Jan 19
KNOX, EARL L. Jun 73/Feb 18
LEATHERS, JAMES P. Jun 74/Apr 18
SCHIRALDI, ANTHONY P. Sep 69/Jun 18
SCHUMACHER, HERBERT J. Sep 71/Jan 19
WEINS, CHARLES J. May 70/Nov 18
WHITWORTH, JACK R. Nov 70/Mar 19

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

PORTER, JAMES R. CWO2 Apr 95/Mar 18
WINFIELD, ROBERT L. CWO2 Sep 70/Feb 19
OTLEY, LYMAN G. CWO4 Nov 88/Oct 18

SERGEANT MAJOR

BROKATE, RANDALL W. Aug 06/Sep 18
CROMWELL, LAWRENCE R. Oct 92/Mar 19
DIGREGORIO, LOUIS M. Sep 90/Dec 18
JOHNSON, CHARLES L. May 78/Apr 19
LOSSIE, JR., JOHN Jul 72/Mar 18
SCHUM, RAYMOND A. Sep 66/Apr 19

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

ALGOOD, CHARLES E. Mar 75/Jan 19
ASHBY, MICHAEL D. Feb 88/Mar 19
BENDALL, THOMAS D. Dec 79/Feb 19
BEVERLY, WILLIAM R. Aug 96/Feb 19
DAVIS JR, JOHN A. Sep 87/Feb 18
DEMAIN, FRANCIS G. May 81/Dec 18
DUNCAN, DONALD C. Jan 73/Sep 18
KINCAID, N J. Aug 68/Sep 18
RUSSELL, ALBERT D. Oct 97/Jan 18
SCHEPERS, JOSEPH M. Feb 03/Jan 19
WOOD, ROBERT C. Feb 70/Dec 18
ZERBATO, SILVIO J. Mar 76/Mar 19



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FIRST SERGEANT

CRENSHAW, JACKIE G. Jul 69/Jan 19
 DESHOTEL, R Sep 68/Nov 18
 JACKSON, JAMES A. Dec 84/Mar 18
 JENKINS, K W. Aug 66/Dec 18
 SMITH, ALVIN E. Jun 64/Dec 18

MASTER SERGEANT

ALLS, VERNON R. Mar 80/Feb 19
 CARSWELL, PETER N. Sep 79/Nov 18
 DONOVAN III, CORNELIUS J. Jul 75/Oct 18
 FIENE, LORIN D. Jul 87/Oct 18
 FREELAND, MICHAEL L. Jan 16/Dec 18
 GESS, JAMES M. Apr 83/Dec 18
 GOLDE, DONALD K. Jul 89/Jun 17
 GUTIERREZ, LUIS May 86/Nov 18
 LEHMANN, JR., FRANK H. Oct 79/Sep 16
 RAMEL, LARRY A. Sep 69/Sep 17
 SIMS, JOE F. Oct 88/Jan 18
 WOJCIECHOWSKI, ROBERT Dec 84/Jan 18

GUNNERY SERGEANT

ADDISON, RAY L. Dec 64/Sep 18
 ADKINS, GEORGE L. Oct 76/Dec 18
 AMLONG, BRANDON J. Apr 12/Feb 19
 AUBER, VINCENT W. Aug 70/Jan 18
 BARGER, KENNETH E. Jun 96/Feb 19
 CARLSON, WALTER S. Nov 75/Nov 18
 CARTER, LARRY W. Nov 95/Jan 19
 DEWITT, CLIFFORD D. Jun 76/Dec 18
 DUNCAN, COTHRAN W. Apr 73/Sep 17
 GOODMAN, ARTHUR V. Sep 74/Nov 17
 HATTON, DONALD W. Aug 75/Mar 18
 KRAFT, LEE H. Nov 63/Dec 18
 LAUCH, JOHN R. Oct 74/Feb 19
 LILLY, WILLIAM E. Jul 73/Apr 19
 LUCIDI, AUGUST J. Feb 79/Jul 18
 MAGNER, JAMES A. Sep 78/Dec 18
 MCCARTHY, ROBERT Jun 68/Apr 18

MELLOTT, GEORGE A. Dec 63/Jul 17
 MOORE, JR., WILLIAM L. Aug 81/Dec 17
 NEELANDS, MICHAEL A. Oct 89/Nov 18
 OLIVER, JOHN D. Apr 92/Nov 18
 PEDRO, JR., PETER Jan 75/Nov 18
 SANCHEZ, JOAQUIN A. Sep 76/May 18
 SCHEELER, JOHN E. Apr 70/Aug 18
 SCHULDT, GERALD F. Aug 83/Jan 19
 SMITH, JEFFREY D. Nov 93/Jan 19
 SOWARDS, JR., WILLIAM C. Feb 73/May 18
 STOUT, PAUL L. Jan 68/Jan 19
 TAVIS, WALTER J. Sep 92/Mar 19
 TINCKNELL, THOMAS C. Feb 77/Jul 18
 WILLIAMS, CALVIN A. Jan 90/Feb 12

STAFF SERGEANT

FLOYD, BILLY. Mar 70/Dec 18
 KANE, GERALD F. May 73/Dec 18
 LEVICK, WALTER J. Aug 72/Feb 19
 LOUGHIN, JR., W W. Sep 66/Jul 18
 MARKLE, DOUGLAS R. Sep 89/Jun 15
 MARLING, JAMES B. Jul 86/Apr 18
 POINDEXTER, JR., GEORGE. Sep 98/Apr 19
 THOMPSON, GREGORY M. Jan 15/Aug 17

SERGEANT

JACKSON, CHARLES L. Jan 71/Oct 18

CORPORAL

CARROLL, JR., MELVIN H. Dec 72/Jul 18
 MATHIAS, HOWARD W. Jan 70/Dec 18
 NOWAK, EDWARD F. Aug 66/Oct 18
 SHAW, CHARLES B. Jun 70/Nov 18

LANCE CORPORAL

BORRELL, BRADLEY J. Mar 69/May 18
 COFFIN, LARRY W. Aug 64/Jan 19
 HARRIS, RAYMOND A. Apr 77/Mar 19
 LABORDE, KEITH D. Feb 69/Apr 18
 NORRIS, SAM L. Mar 98/Nov 18

Armed Forces Retirement Home Now Accepting Applications



The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) – which offers affordable independent living to eligible veterans in its Washington, D.C., and Gulfport, Mississippi locations, is now accepting applications for immediate residency.

The 2019 rate for independent living is 46.7% of the resident's gross monthly income or \$1,990.00, whichever is less.

Veterans must be able to live independently upon admission to the AFRH. This means being able to care for personal needs, attend a dining facility for meals, and keep all medical appointments.

For those accepted into independent living, we also offer higher levels of care – including assisted living, long-term care, and memory support.

85% of our residents spent a career in the military, retiring honorably in the enlisted ranks following 20 or more years of service to our Nation. Military veterans from each service branch live at the Home. The largest group represented served during the Korea and Vietnam eras.

[In Washington, DC](#), AFRH offers residents a scenic, wooded campus just minutes from downtown - home to museums, monuments, and a host of entertainment, sports and other cultural options.

Amenities include a nine-hole golf course and driving range, walking paths, stocked fishing ponds, and modern recreation facilities.

[In Gulfport, Mississippi](#) AFRH offers residents a beautiful view of the Gulf of Mexico, with an outdoor swimming pool, walking path to the beach, reflecting pool, art studio and modern media room.

Many veterans choose to live at an AFRH for the superior medical, dental and vision care offered, with amenities that include: private rooms with a shower, cable TV, three delicious daily meals prepared by licensed nutritionists in our modern dining facility, a wellness program and deluxe fitness center, movie theater, bowling center and hobby shops.

Services include recreational activities and resident day trips, a full-service library, barber shop, 24 / 7 security, beauty salon, computer center, mailboxes, ATM, campus PX/BX and off-campus shuttle and public transportation.

AFRH resident eligibility

Veterans (male or female) who are any of the following:

- At least one-half of whose service was not active commissioned service (other than as a warrant officer or limited-duty officer).
- 60 years of age or over; and were discharged or released under honorable conditions with 20 or more years of active service.
- Have a service-connected disability incurred in the line of duty in the Armed Forces.
- Served in a war theater during a time of war declared by Congress or were eligible for hostile fire special pay and are suffering from injuries, disease or disability.

Those who served in a women's component of the Armed Forces before June 12, 1948 and are determined to be eligible for admission because of compelling personal circumstances will also be considered.

Married couples who meet eligibility requirements above are welcome, as are non-military spouses of career-retired applicants. Please call us for details!

Veterans who have been convicted of a felony or are not free of drug, alcohol, or psychiatric problems are ineligible to become a resident. For further information or to request an application, visit: <https://www.afrh.gov/apply> or contact the Office of Public Affairs at: admissions@afrh.gov or call **1-800-422-9988**.

AFRH is fully accredited by The Joint Commission and the Commission on Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

Keeping Your Uniformed Services ID Card Secure

You are responsible for keeping your ID card in good condition, and you are the only person allowed to use the card. Any person willfully altering, damaging, lending, counterfeiting, or using these cards in an unauthorized manner is subject to fines or imprisonment or both. Using an ID card to obtain benefits and privileges to which a person is not entitled to is considered fraudulent and is unauthorized. Examples of authorized photocopying include photocopying of DoD ID cards to facilitate medical care processing, check cashing, voting, tax matters, compliance with appendix 501 of title 50, U.S.C. (also known as "The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act"), or administering other military-related benefits to eligible beneficiaries.



Read more about DEERS ID Card related issues at:

<https://www.cac.mil/Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/Managing-Your-ID-Card/>

Updating Information on Your ID Card

Updating information on your card starts with updating information in DEERS. Once you are registered in DEERS, you are responsible for keeping your DEERS records updated when your personal eligibility information changes. This includes changes in military career status, addresses, and family status (marriage, divorce, birth, and adoption).

To update DEERS information, you may call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at [1-800-538-9552](tel:1-800-538-9552) or for the Deaf (TTY/TDD): [1-866-363-2883](tel:1-866-363-2883), Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time, except federal holidays.

Schedule Your Military ID Card Appointment Online

The Rapids Site Locator used for locating ID card facilities is experiencing technical difficulties and will not complete a search when inputting information. DMDC is aware of the situation.

The Rapids Appointment Scheduler is an alternative to the Rapids Site Locator. The site will assist you in locating an ID card center and allows you to schedule an appointment. Visit: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>

Your Military Identification Card

Two Forms of Identification Are Now Required:

To replace or renew your military ID card, two forms of identification are required:

1. **A VALID PHOTO ID** Acceptable photo identification includes a driver's license, valid military ID card, valid passport or permanent resident alien card. All photo IDs must be current; expired photo IDs are not accepted.
2. **A SECONDARY ID.** A secondary ID may include one of the photo IDs listed above or a Social Security card (not a Medicare card), a voter registration card, birth certificate, or student ID if you are a college student. To avoid delays, call your nearest ID card center for hours of operation and availability.

Military ID Cards for Family Members:

Indefinite military ID cards are now issued to eligible family members who are 75 or older.

The 2007 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the issuance of indefinite military ID cards for incapacitated dependent children over 21. To qualify for an indefinite ID card, a determination of permanent incapacitation must be made by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and a current financial dependency determination (over 50%) is required. **A financial redetermination will also be required every four years.**

Dependent wards, parents and parents-in-law, including those over 75 with permanent military ID cards will also require a financial redetermination every four years.

Full-time students over 21, may be eligible for military ID card benefits until 23 provided they are enrolled full-time in a college or university and are dependent on the member for over 50% of their financial support. It is the service member's responsibility to ensure eligible family members are updated in DEERS and to notify DEERS of any changes in eligibility. For more information, call MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310.

The Retired Marine's Military ID Card:

When a military service member retires, the ID card issued will have an expiration date on the front and back, coinciding with his/her 65th birthday. ID cards will be replaced if they are lost, stolen, or damaged; they will also be replaced for a name change due to marriage, divorce, or to replace an older version of the ID card. If applicable, divorce decrees and/or marriage certificates may be required. A retired member's ID card must also be replaced when turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare Part B. With Medicare Part B enrollment, a retired Marine is automatically enrolled in TRICARE for Life, which will require updating the medical eligibility dates on the back of the ID card. If the dates on the back of your ID card have expired, replace the ID card (and have the Medicare Part B card with you when updating the military ID card).

Eligibility for a Military ID Card By Mail:

If you are requesting to have a military identification card by mail, you must have a notary's signature on the back of the photograph. According to Air Force Instruction 36-3026 (17 June 2009):

PORTRAIT-STYLE PHOTOGRAPHS, 8X10 OR 5X7, REQUIRE SIGNATURE NOTARIZATION ON THE
BACK AND INCLUDE WEIGHT, HEIGHT, EYE COLOR, AND HAIR COLOR.

You must live more than 300 miles from a military ID card center. Include a statement why you are unable to travel to an ID card center. Submit a copy of your current military ID card (front and back), a photocopy of your driver's license, and either your birth certificate, or Social Security card, to HQMC (MFP-1), 2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5013.

ID CARD SITE (RAPIDS) LOCATOR: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi>

USMC Retired Services Offices

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Tony Steen, (928) 269-3159
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MCAGCC Twentynine Palms California

Philip C. Cisneros, (760) 830-7550

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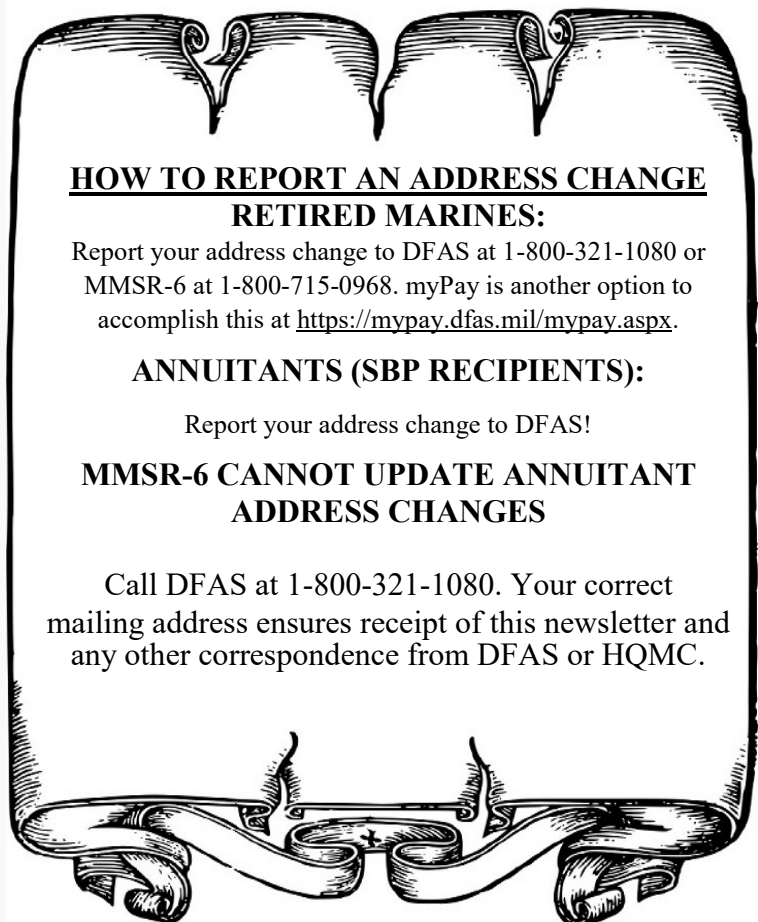
(843) 228-4574

MCB Henderson Hall Virginia

(703) 693-9197

MCB Quantico Virginia

(703) 784-3351
retiredactivities@usmc-mccs.org



Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ANNUITY PAY ENDS WITH THE DEATH OF THE ANNUITANT (BENEFICIARY)

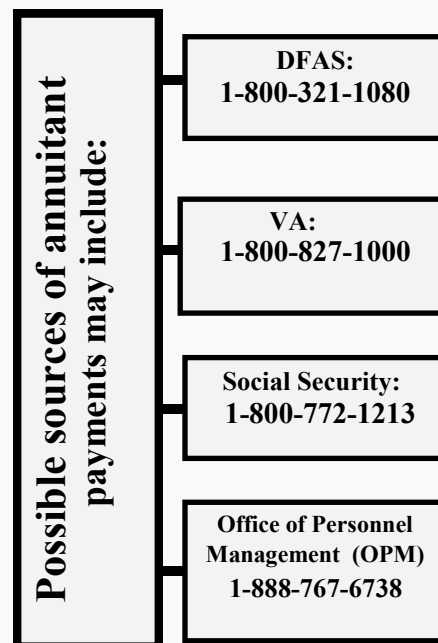
Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay if payment is erroneously received. ***While the VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery.

Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant:

1. Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death and stop annuity pay.
2. Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant’s death certificate to:

DFAS - U.S. MILITARY ANNUITANT PAY
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300
Fax: 1-800-982-8459

3. Inform any financial institutions receiving payments about the death of the annuitant. (Provide a copy of the death certificate when it becomes available).
4. If applicable, contact the following agencies/departments immediately to report the death:
 - **Social Security Administration:** 1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov
 - **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System:** 1-800-538-9552



If you believe you are the victim of an error or injustice which affects your military record, you may apply for a Correction of Military Records by completing and submitting a DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record. Examples of corrections include: upgraded discharge, promotions, retired pay, household goods, pay date change, bonus, and MGIB programs. DFAS pays military members when the BCNR and you do not agree with it, write the Board and explain your reasoning. Reference the appropriate address on page 2 of the DD Form 149. If you would like to check the status of your request contact the BCNR directly at (703) 604-6884 or 6885 (Navy/Marine Corps). If you believe DFAS paid you incorrectly for your Correction of Record, provide documentation with a handwritten signature explaining why you are protesting the amount to:

DFAS-IN
 Dept. 3330, Attn: COR/Claims
 8899 East 56th Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46249-3300
 DFAS Inquiry Line: (317) 212-6167
 (Hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, EST)

Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies

1. **REPORT THE DEATH TO DFAS at 1-888-332-7411** to stop retirement pay to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later.

You may also report the death online at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html. Additional information from DFAS is available at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html.

For families located overseas, the commercial number is **216-522-5955**, select option 3 to be directed to the appropriate representative.

NOTE: DFAS will forward a confirmed death listing to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-6) for inclusion in an upcoming issue of this newsletter under the Taps column.

2. Within 7-10 business days after reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a letter containing the following documents:
 - a. **SF1174** Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service
 - b. Annuity account forms and instructions (if the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan)
 - c. W-4P Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments
 - d. Direct Deposit form

Complete the forms you received with your letter and return them with a copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that includes cause of death to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
 U.S. Military Retired Pay
 8899 E 56th Street
 Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

If you need assistance completing your claim forms, please call 800-321-1080.

3. **REPORT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION, if applicable.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected SBP. If you are uncertain whether an election was made, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.
4. **UPDATE YOUR MILITARY ID CARD.** Your status has changed, and as the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect it due to the Marine's death. Access your nearest ID site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the sites closest to you.
5. **NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION** at 1-800-SSA-1213 (www.ssa.gov) to apply for the \$255 death benefit, *if applicable*.
6. **CONTACT THE VA** at 1-800-827-1000 **FOR BURIAL AND OTHER VA BENEFITS, such as VA disability payments.** A copy of the sponsor's DD 214 is required. Visit www.va.gov for more information.
7. **CONTACT THE U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT** at 1-888-767-6738 if the sponsor was receiving civil service pay.

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

The funeral director (preferred) or a family member can contact the HQMC Military Funeral Honors Section at (866) 826-3628 or (703) 432-9524 to request Military Funeral Honors for a veteran. The funeral director (or family member) must be able to provide the Marine's complete name, SSN, rank, status (retired or veteran), date of birth, date of death, and place of death/interment. In addition, a copy of the Marine's DD-214 needs to be provided for verification of "honorable service". If a DD-214 is not readily available, it can be requested through the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. The following link provides additional details:


https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/webcenter/portal/MF_MPS_CA/MilitaryFuneralHonors?_afLoop=1698068779136830#!%40%40%3F_afLoop%3D1698068779136830%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D1bpb10pnxz_137

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC


A family member will need to contact ANC directly. The following link provides information on eligibility, required documents, and additional resources for scheduling and attending funerals at ANC. Marine Barracks Washington provides Military Funeral Honors for Marine burials at ANC.

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral>

Agencies Providing Aid and Assistance To Surviving Spouses



Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000
 Gold Star Wives of America: 1-888-751-6350, www.goldstarwives.org
 Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524
 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, www.nmcers.org
 National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, www.nmfa.org
 Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx
 Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, www.taps.org



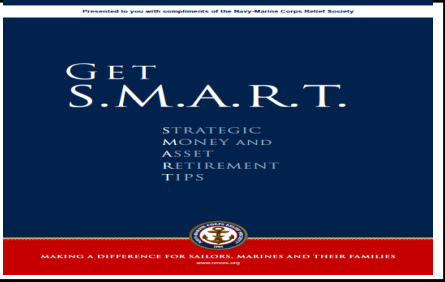
SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO DO:

- Gather important documents for claims processing (e.g., birth certificate, will, etc.)
- Begin to make funeral and burial arrangements
- Start claim process for applicable benefits (e.g., SBP, VA life insurance, Social Security)
- Determine immediate and short-term financial needs and income sources
- Arrange for help with legal affairs of the deceased
- Notify joint account agencies (e.g., credit cards, banks, auto registration home/auto insurance)
- Review survivor's own legal documents for possible revision
- Obtain multiple certified death certificates (6-12 copies)

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

No doubt your financial requirements and responsibilities are very different from when you were on active duty. The Society provides retirees a useful guide: Strategic Money and Asset Retirement Tips.

Download your free **GET S.M.A.R.T.** guide at:
www.myimpactwithnmcers.org/getsmart





TSP Automated Response System

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

From a touch-tone telephone, you can find out the latest information about the TSP (such as share prices and rates of return), as well as information about your TSP account. You can also request certain account transactions. You will need your TSP account number and your 4-digit TSP Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you do not have your TSP account number, you may wish to have your most recent leave and earnings statement or pay stub available when speaking with an agent.

Talk to a Participant Service Rep

Available Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Eastern time

Press 3 to speak to a Participant Service Representative (PSR) when calling the ThriftLine. PSRs handle questions about loans, contribution allocations, interfund transfers, designations of beneficiaries, and withdrawals. From the 50 States, including the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and Canada, call the following numbers toll free:

- **Thriftline Telephone: 1-TSP-YOU-FRST (1-877-968-3778)** Note: Call volume is highest on Monday and Tuesday mornings. You may experience longer wait times if you call on these days.
- **TDD: 1-TSP-THRIFT5 (1-877-847-4385)** (for hearing-impaired participants)
- **International callers** who cannot use the toll-free number should call **(404) 233-4400** (not toll free).

Inns of the Corps

MCAS Yuma: Dos Rios Inn
(928) 269-2262, Fax: (928) 269-6639

MCLB Barstow: Oasis Lodge
(760) 577-6418, Fax: (760) 577-6542

MCB Camp Pendleton:
Ward Lodging
(760) 725-2134/2313
Fax: (760) 725-5609

MCB Camp Pendleton:
South Mesa Lodge
(760) 763-7805/7806/7807
Fax: (760) 237-3559

MCAS Miramar: Miramar Inn
(858) 271-7111, Fax: (858) 628-9466
Reservations: 1-800-628-9466

MCAGCC Twenty-nine Palms:
Sleepy Tortoise Inn
(760) 830-6583, Fax: (760) 830-1647

MCB Hawaii: Lodge at Kaneohe Bay
(808) 254-2806, Fax: (808) 356-4506

MCAS Iwakuni: Monzen and Nishiki Lodges
011-81-611-753-3221

MCB Camp S.D. Butler: WestPac Lodge
011-81-611-745-2455

MCB Camp Lejeune: Hospitality Inn
(910) 451-3041, Fax: (910) 451-0360

MCRD Parris Island: The Osprey Inn
(843) 228-2744 (primarily for personnel on TAD)

MCRD San Diego: Devil Dog Inn
(619) 524-4401, www.mcrdsd-billeting.org

MCAS Beaufort: De Treville House
(843) 522-1663, Fax: (843) 522-1663

MCB Quantico: Crossroads Inn
(703) 630-4444, Fax: (703) 630-4499
Reservations: 1-800-965-9511



Read more about it at: innsofthecorps.com/



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AMC PASSENGER TERMINAL:
<http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/>

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: (703) 607-8000
www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS:
www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany):**
 (011-49) 8821-9440
- **Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii):** 1-800-367-6027

**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES
 (GULFPORT):**

Gulfport, MS: (228) 897-4418
<https://www.afrh.gov/gulfport-residents>

**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES
 (WASHINGTON):**

Washington, DC: (202) 541-7501
<https://www.afrh.gov/washington-residents>

AWARDS:

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired on or before 31 December 1998 should submit their inquiry to:

National Personnel Record Center
 Military Personnel Records
 1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
 Phone: (314) 801-0800

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired on or after 1 January 1999 should submit their inquiry to:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA)
 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134
 (703) 784-9342/9343
 Fax: (703) 784-9866

B

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS:
 701 S. Courthouse Rd., Bldg. 12, Suite 1001
 Arlington, VA 22204-2490
 (703) 604-6884/6885; Fax: (703) 604-3437
www.donhq.navy.mil/bcncr/bcncr.htm

C

CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY:
<https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater>

COLD WAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480, USAHRC
 1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Ft. Knox, KY 40122-5408

Fax: 1-800-723-9262 or (502) 613-9510

<https://www.hrc.army.mil>

(Type "Cold War Certificate" in the search box)

COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION:

SECNAV CRSC Board

720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023

1-877-366-2772; Fax: (202) 685-6610

CRSC@navy.mil

<http://www.secnv.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/crscb/default.aspx>

D

DD 214s:

Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired on or before 31 December 1998:

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138

(314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195

MPR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

Marines discharged/retired/separated on or after 1 January 1999:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

1-800-268-3710; smb.manpower.mmrp@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE:

1-800-321-1080, www.dfas.mil

U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955; Fax: 1-800-469-6559

DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely Disabled:

P.O. Box 998011; Cleveland, OH 44199-8011

(216) 522-6170

E

E-BENEFITS: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/appmanager/eb/veterans>

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MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION:

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134

1-866-622-1775, ext. 100; Fax: (703) 640-0162

mca@mca-marines.org

- **Leatherneck Magazine**

1-800-336-0291, ext. 115; Fax: (703) 640-0823

leatherneck@mca-marines.org

- **Marine Corps Gazette**

1-800-336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147

gazette@mca-marines.org

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MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON:

8th and I, Washington, DC, www.barracks.marines.mil

MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION:

Marine Corps University
2044 Broadway Street, Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 432-4874, www.history.division@usmcu.edu

MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR):

1019 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 784-3706, www.mcjrotc.org

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:

3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554, (703) 207-9588: JFoster@MCLeague.org
(Membership Manager)

MARINE CORPS RECORDS CORRESPONDENCE (MMRP-12):

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

MCCS COMMUNITY SERVICES: www.usmc-mccs.org

MEDICAL RECORDS: Marines who have been discharged/separated/retired on 1 May 1994 or later:

VA Records Management Center
P.O. Box 5020; St. Louis, MO 63115-8950
1-888-533-4558; Fax: (314) 538-4571

Marines who have been discharged/separated/retired before 1 May 1994 must contact NPRC.

MEDICARE: 1-800-633-4227; www.medicare.gov

N**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS:**

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172
1-877-653-1775; www.usmcmuseum.org

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER:

1-800-NAVY-INN, www.navy-lodge.com

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY:

875 N. Randolph Road Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203
1-800-654-8364; <http://www.nmcrs.org>

Q

QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY: (703) 221-2183;
www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.asp

S**SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS:**

- **Air Force Afterburner:** <http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>
- **Army Echoes:** <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>

- **Coast Guard Evening Colors:** www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews

- **Navy Shift Colors:** www.navy.mil
(Click "Links" and "Shift Colors")

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: 1-800-772-1213,
www.ssa.gov

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN:

www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html

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THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN: 1-877-968-3778; Fax: (216) 367-3605; TSP mailbox: ccl-mc-tsp@dfas.mil
International callers: (404) 233-4400
<https://www.tsp.gov/index.html>

TRICARE: <https://tricare.mil/>

- **East:** 1-800-444-5445; <https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/>
- **West:** 1-844-866-9378; <https://www.tricare-west.com>
- **Overseas:** 1-888-777-8343; <https://www.tricare-overseas.com>
- **Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:** <https://tricare.mil/bcacdcao>

TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM UNITED OCONUS:
1-888-475-0486

TRICARE for LIFE: 1-866-773-0404; www.tricare4u.com

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program: 1-877-363-1303;
<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: 1-877-363-1296;
<https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan: 1-888-838-8737,
www.trdp.org

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UNIFORM SUPPORT CENTER: 1-800-368-4088; Fax your DD 214 to 1-800-551-6289 before placing order.

V

VA: 1-800-827-1000, www.va.gov

VA EDUCATION: 1-888-442-4551, www.gibill.va.gov

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

1-800-669-8477, www.insurance.va.gov

VA SGLI/VGLI: 1-800-419-1473

VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:

1-800-697-6947

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MMSR-6: (703) 784-9311; 1-800-336-4649

Fax: (703) 784-9834

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