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NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES

Presidential Message on the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

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In the long record of American heroism in combat, few episodes capture the indomitable will and the stouthearted spirit of the American warrior better than the triumphs on the island of Iwo Jima in early 1945. Seventy-five years later, we pay tribute to the immeasurable sacrifice of those killed in action on Iwo Jima, and we honor the heroic efforts of all who took part in one of the most costly and significant battles in our country's history.

By February 1945, despite American forces possessing aerial and naval supremacy, the Japanese forces at Iwo Jima were well dug-in and prepared to fight to the last man for the strategically important airfields on this small piece of land. This was the first time in World War II that the Japanese were defending what they considered home soil. For 5 weeks, our Marines and Navy sailors endured a harrowing trial by fire, fighting to secure this remote volcanic island from more than 20,000 determined Japanese soldiers. Nearly 7,000 Americans died in the effort.



The fighting on Iwo Jima was some of the bloodiest and most costly in all of World War II, but it also gave rise to some of the greatest examples of patriotism and heroism in our Nation's history, inspiring Admiral Chester Nimitz's famous statement that "uncommon valor was a common virtue." Few images evoke as much emotion from the American soul as Joe Rosenthal's photo of six Marines raising our Flag atop Mount Suribachi in the opening days of the battle. In addition, 27 Medals of Honor—the highest honor given to members of the military—were awarded for actions of conspicuous gallantry during the battle. Of these, 22 medals went to Marines, making up more than 25 percent of the total Medals of Honor awarded to Marines throughout the entirety of the war.

Among the heroes at Iwo Jima were non-combatants, like Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn. In the days following the battle, Rabbi Gittelsohn delivered a powerful, stirring message at the Fifth Marine Division cemetery on Iwo Jima. There, he stated, "Here lie officers and privates, blacks and whites, rich and poor together. Here are Protestants, Catholics, and Jews together. Here no man prefers another because of his color." For his service ministering to men in the thick of the combat zone, Rabbi Gittelsohn was awarded three service ribbons, and today his words resonate as a powerful testament to the founding principle of our Nation that liberty and democracy are the rights of all men and women of every race, religion, and creed.

On this anniversary, we honor those who answered the call of duty and ensured that the forces of freedom emerged victorious in that fateful battle. As a Nation, we remain forever indebted to the Greatest Generation.



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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.

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Courtesy of Petty Officer 2nd Class Rachael A. Treon, Headquarters Marine Corps 19 Feb 2020

The Marine Corps commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during a 36-day-long observance, February 19 - March 2, 2020.

In ALMAR 02-20, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David H. Berger said commanders across the force should conduct a commemoration within the 36-day observance period.

“We should all pause to remember and honor the legacy they forged, as our Nation pays tribute to our ‘greatest generation,’” said Berger.

The ALMAR states how the force will pause to remember the sacrifices of WWII veterans and their families through activities such as formations, battle studies, wreath layings or simply moments of quiet reflection.

This year’s theme, “We are Iwo,” honors the efforts and sacrifices of all service members, reflects on the power of teamwork, and celebrates the adaptation, resilience and readiness still embodied in today’s Marines.

“With a strategically important landing strip, the island of Iwo Jima represented a critical part of the Pacific island-hopping campaign,” said Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Troy E. Black.

The battle, beginning with three Marine divisions invading the eight-square mile island on February 19, 1945, marked one of the most iconic and identifying battles for the Marine Corps. The United States Navy and the Army Air Corps had conducted ship-borne and aerial bombardment of the island prior to the landing, and reconnaissance of the island indicated there was no enemy present.

Facing little resistance upon the initial landing at Iwo Jima, Marines began to advance, but the Japanese quickly emerged from underground tunnels and began a heavy barrage of fire. Steep trenches of unstable sand and ash on the beaches further deterred advancement and caused deadly pile-ups of men, vehicles and supplies.

“On the fourth day, the Battle of Iwo Jima became an iconic part of American history as Marines raised the flag atop Mount Suribachi.” stated Sergeant Major Black.

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Despite this historic flag-raising, the battle continued to rage throughout March with heavy fighting and significant casualties on both sides.

The United States deemed the island of Iwo Jima “secure” on March 26, 1945, marking the end of the battle. Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded to Marines and Sailors, many post-humously, for their valiant efforts during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

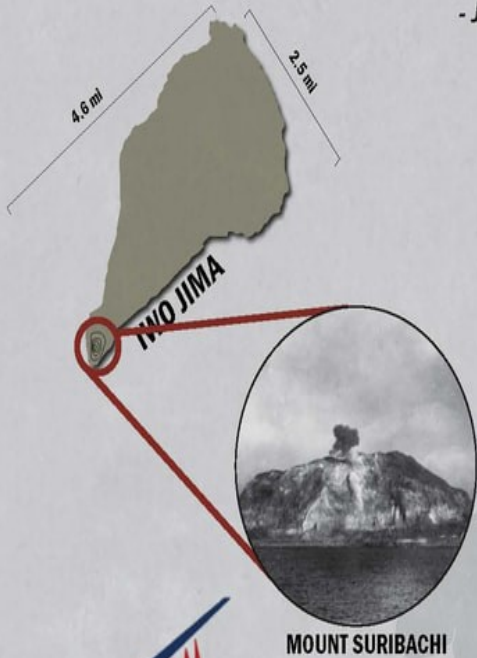
“I believe that the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, was right when he stated, ‘The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years,’” said Commandant of the Marine Corps General Berger. “We owe a debt of gratitude to all who serve and sacrifice. Thank you to all our World War II veterans. Semper Fidelis, Marines.”



FLAG RAISINGS ON IWO JIMA

“The raising of the flag on Suribachi means
a Marine Corps for the next **500** years”

- James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy,
to General Holland M. Smith, USMC



FLAGS RAISED	1	2
	 28 1/2" x 55 1/2"	 58" x 88 3/4"

IMPORTANT DATES	DATE	EVENT
	FEBRUARY 19	D-DAY ON IWO JIMA
	FEBRUARY 23	1ST AND 2ND FLAG RAISED
	MARCH 14	2ND FLAG TAKEN DOWN
	MARCH 26	THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA ENDS
	APRIL 26	BOTH FLAGS RETURN TO THE U.S.



6 FLAG RAISERS*

*For 2nd flag raising

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS



Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council Co-Chair Meets with Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs

By Lieutenant General Pete Osman, USMC
Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council, Co-Chair



When retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt and I met for the first time we both agreed that one of our first objectives was to ensure the uniformed leadership of both the Navy and Marine Corps were kept informed of the deliberations and actions of the Retiree Council. We also wanted to ensure the leadership viewed the Retiree Council as a key means of staying connected to their retired communities. On 13 December, I had an office call with the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Michael Rocco. Although familiar with the Retiree Council, General Rocco was interested in gaining a fuller appreciation of how the Council operates and the issues addressed by the Council.

In our discussions about the Council, I covered the following:

- The Council addresses issues of importance to the retirees and their families, facilitates actions between the Department of the Navy and retirees, and assists with the Retired Activities Program.
- The composition of the Council includes 12 Navy and 8 Marine retirees with equal officer/enlisted representation. In addition the Council is led by co-chairs from the Navy and Marine Corps.
- The Council meets face to face one week each year and has three teleconferences spread across the remainder of the year.
- The Council produces an annual report based on items of interest/concern from the retired community and the Council's own research and deliberations. The report is submitted to the Navy Secretariat for action/response.
- Issues generally fall into three categories: compensation, medical, and outreach.

General Rocco found the brief very helpful, seeing the Council as a key asset in helping senior leadership better appreciate the concerns of retired Marines and their families.

The major concern we discussed is the impact the new Defense Health Agency is having, and will have, on health care for both the active duty and retired populations and their families, particularly with the reduction of Military Treatment Facilities. We both agreed that OSD should pursue efficiencies and cost savings through consolidation efforts in as many areas as possible; however, such efforts need to be tempered with caution as some initiatives could have unintended consequences on service members and their families, to include the retired community. The consolidation efforts could also negatively impact service culture, something certainly worth preserving.

We also discussed the Council's plans to brief the Commandant, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and the current Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in the near future. Additionally we discussed the importance of a consolidated effort amongst all the service Retiree Councils to address retiree issues that can only be resolved by OSD.

General Rocco was very appreciative of the information about the SECNAV Retiree Council and said he looks forward to the Secretary of the Navy's response to the Retiree Council's latest annual Report.

The Retiree Council maintains a web site at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/retiree_council/Pages/default.aspx.



MTF Restructuring

DoD Restructures 50 Hospitals Clinics to Improve Readiness

Courtesy: Military Health System Communications Office 19 Feb 2020

On February 19, 2020, the Department of Defense announced plans to restructure 50 military hospitals and clinics in order to better support wartime readiness of military personnel and to improve clinical training for medical forces who deploy in support of combat operations around the world.

“Military readiness includes making sure Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) are operated to ensure service members are medically ready to train and deploy,” said Tom McCaffery, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. “It also means MTFs are effectively utilized as platforms that enable our military medical personnel to acquire and maintain the clinical skills and experience that prepares them for deployment in support of combat operations around the world.”

The restructuring efforts are focused on strengthening the military medical facilities responsibility for training medical personnel and “for keeping combat forces healthy and ready to deploy according to readiness and mission requirements – all while ensuring the MHS provides our beneficiaries with access to quality health care,” McCaffery added.

These plans were described and explained in a report sent to Congress, titled "Restructuring and Realignment of Military Medical Treatment Facilities." This report was required by law under Section 703(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, which directed the DoD to analyze its hospital and clinic footprint and submit a plan to Congressional defense committees. Of the 343 facilities in the United States initially screened for this report, 77 were selected for additional assessment, with 21 identified for no changes.

Of the 50 facilities ultimately designated for restructuring, 37 outpatient clinics now open to all beneficiaries will eventually primarily see only active-duty personnel. Active-duty family members, retirees and their families who currently receive care at those facilities will transition over time to TRICARE's civilian provider network. The report states that seven of these clinics may continue to enroll active duty family members on a space-available basis. In addition, many active duty-only clinics will continue to provide occupational health services to installation civilian employees related to their employment.

The report acknowledges that transitioning patients from MTFs to the TRICARE network will take time - in some cases several years - and if local TRICARE networks cannot provide access to quality care, DoD will revise implementation plans. "Markets are expected to transition MTF eligibles to the network at different rates and, in certain markets, the transition could take several years," the report states. Detailed implementation plans will be developed through coordination with MTFs, the Defense Health Agency, the Military Departments, and the TRICARE Health Plan.

The final report delivered to Congress contains a summary of all the changes, a description of how each change was made, and supporting data.

For a complete list of military hospital and clinic changes listed in the report, go to <http://www.health.mil/MTFRestructuring>.

SBP-DIC OFFSET PHASED ELIMINATION

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20) modified the law that requires an offset of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments for surviving spouses who are also entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Under the previous law, a surviving spouse who receives DIC is subject to a dollar-for-dollar reduction of SBP payments, which can result in SBP being either partially or fully offset. The repeal will phase-in the reduction of this offset beginning on January 1, 2021, and culminating with elimination of the offset in its entirety on January 1, 2023. For the remainder of calendar year 2020, surviving spouses remain subject to the existing dollar-for-dollar offset of SBP payments by the amount of DIC paid by VA. After January 1, 2021, survivors subject to the “**SBP-DIC Offset**” will potentially see a change in their SBP payments.

To address the changes, DFAS has a new webpage “**SBP-DIC News**” and provides answers to the most frequently asked questions: <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/SBP-DIC-News>.

DFAS will post news on the new web page regarding the status of the implementation of the "Phase-Out of Reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan Survivor Annuities by Amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation," as directed by the FY 20 NDAA. Based on the NDAA, Spouse SBP annuitants who are subject to the DIC offset may see the first change in their SBP annuity payment on February 1, 2021.

Here are a few key points to keep in mind:

- Based on the NDAA, Spouse SBP annuitants who are subject to the DIC offset may see the first change in the SBP annuity payment they receive on February 1, 2021. You do not need to notify DFAS that your SBP payment is affected by this change in the law.
- The most important action SBP annuitants can take at this time is to ensure your annuity account information is up-to-date and includes your correct mailing address so DFAS can contact you, if needed.
- Also, if you're not using myPay, set up an account at: <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and add your email address. Please note: only annuitants who are currently receiving an SBP or Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance payment from DFAS can access myPay.
- DFAS is unable to provide individual estimates of the upcoming changes in spouse SBP annuity payments due to this change in the law. Please do not call the Customer Care Center to request an individual estimate.
- If you previously received a refund of SBP premiums paid due to the SBP-DIC offset, you will not need to pay back that refund because of this change in the law.

The "Repeal of Authority for Optional Annuity for Dependent Children" and "Restoration of Eligibility for Previously Eligible Spouses" in the NDAA **only affect those spouses and children of service members who died on active duty or inactive duty** when the surviving spouse previously elected to transfer the SBP annuity to a child or children. It does not affect previous or future SBP elections by retirees or SBP annuities for a retiree's beneficiaries.

Additionally, you can contact Military One Source at 800-342-9647 or find other counseling options through the Military One Source website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>.

DS Logon and the Benefits of Using It

The DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon) is a secure, self-service login ID. This ID allows individuals affiliated with the DoD or VA to access TRICARE, VA and other websites using a single user name and password. By signing up for a free premium account, you can view your financial and benefits information; Personally Identifiable Information (PII); Personal Health Information (PHI); claim statuses and records.



How do I register for a DS Logon?

As a DoD Retiree you have several options available to you to obtain a DS Logon. You must be enrolled in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to obtain a DS Logon.

Defense Financial Account Service (DFAS) Registration: As a DFAS myPay account holder, you are able to quickly obtain a DS Logon account by authenticating with your DFAS myPay account.

- **Email Registration:** You may use your current DoD Beneficiary ID card to quickly obtain a DS Logon Premium account by using your e-mail on file in DEERS. **In order to use this method to register you must have a valid e-mail on file in DEERS.**
- **Online Remote Proofing:** The online Remote Proofing option can be used by people who do not have a Common Access Card (CAC) or a DFAS myPay Login ID and password in order to complete the Registration or Upgrade processes for DS Logon Premium Account (no cost for Premium). It can also be used to regain access to a DS Logon Account in the case of a forgotten password when answers to the Challenge Questions have been forgotten.
- **RAPIDS:** You may request a DS Logon while getting a DoD ID card issued. You must notify the Verifying Official of your request while processing the issuance of your DoD ID card. You must provide an e-mail address not used by anyone else in your family and a personal identification number (PIN) that will be used to register for your DS Logon account. Once you have requested a DS Logon account, you will receive a DS Logon activation e-mail within 24 hours. The activation code you receive is only good for 7 days.
- **In-person Proofing at a VA Regional Office (VARO):** This process is used to verify your identity in person with the VA. You can visit one of the 50+ VA Regional Offices throughout the country. To locate your nearest VARO, visit the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/> and search the VA Regional Benefits Offices.

View registration procedures, activate an account or upgrade to a premium account by visiting: <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/authenticate.do?execution=e2s1>

For assistance with DEERS, CAC Issues, identity proofing, and DS Logon account information telephone the DMDC Contact Center Phone: **800-538-9552** Monday-Friday 8am – 8pm ET.





DFAS Offers Convenient Options to Make Tax Season Easier

Courtesy DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay

It's tax season again, which means it is time to gather your tax documents. DFAS has a number of convenient options for getting your IRS 1099-R, the tax statement for military retirees and annuitants.

Get Your 1099-R in myPay

The fastest and most secure way to obtain a copy of your 1099-R is through myPay. Retirees and annuitants can log into myPay, and print a 1099-R from the comfort of their home: <https://myPay.dfas.mil>.

If you're not using myPay, now is a great time to get started. With the refresh last year, myPay is now simpler, streamlined and more mobile-friendly. That means it's easier to manage your pay account using the web browser on your computer or with a connected device, like your smartphone or tablet.

Telephone Self-Service for Retirees

If your mailing address on file with DFAS is current, retirees can get a copy of their 1099-R through our telephone self-service option. To use telephone self-service:

- Call **800-321-1080**
- Select option "1" for Self-Serve
- Select option "1" again
- Enter your Social Security Number when prompted
- Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address we have on record.

Online AskDFAS 1099-R Request for Retirees and Annuitants

Retirees and annuitants can get their 1099-Rs sent to their mailing address on record or to a one-time, temporary mailing address by submitting the request online. You will receive your 1099-R in the mail in seven to ten business days. Find instructions at: <https://go.usa.gov/xPh7H>

Mail or Fax a 1099R Request

If you prefer traditional mail or fax, you can send DFAS a written request, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It can take up to 30 days to process requests received by fax or mail. Make sure you include all necessary information in your request.

Find instructions at: <https://go.usa.gov/xPh7M>.

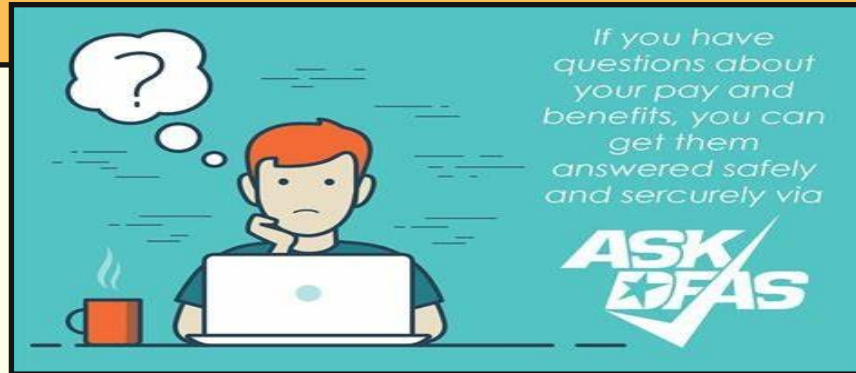
Request a 1099-R by Calling Customer Care

Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Tax season is the busiest time of year, so you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers. For more information, check out: <http://go.usa.gov/xPh7f>.

Please note that DFAS customer service representatives cannot provide tax advice or recommendations on withholding. Please consult a tax professional if you have questions about your taxes.

Making Forms Easier to Fill Out and Submit to DFAS

Courtesy DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay 6 Jan 20



Last year, DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay began rolling out a series of new tools to help retirees and annuitants fill out and submit forms easily and correctly. The tools include helpful PDF Form Wizards, how-to checklists, how-to videos, and **AskDFAS** online upload tools.

DFAS receives a high percentage of forms we are unable to process, often because a form is missing information or a signature. We know it is frustrating when we are unable to fulfill your request because of missing information or signatures. We hope these tools will make the processes easier by reducing the number of incorrect documents that cause delays and by allowing digital submissions.

Helpful Form Tools Available Now

- **Claiming a Retiree's Arrears of Pay SF 1174**

DFAS has a package of helpful form tools for the SF 1174, for claiming a retiree's Arrears of Pay (a retiree's final paycheck after they pass away). The package includes a Form Wizard, an **AskDFAS** online upload tool, and a how-to checklist and video. Find out more:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/1174RetireeAOP>

- **Starting a Survivor Benefit Plan Annuity DD Form 2656-7**

DFAS has a package of helpful form tools for the DD 2656-7, for starting a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity. The package includes a Form Wizard, an **AskDFAS** online upload tool, and a how-to checklist and video. Find out more:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/ApplySBP>

- **School Certifications DD Form 2788**

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) child annuitants 18 years and over need to certify they are in school full-time to continue receiving annuity payment. DFAS has an **AskDFAS** online upload tool for the DD Form 2788 (Child Annuitant's School Certificate) and a how-to checklist. In addition, DFAS is now sending monthly emailed SmartDoc reminders to student SBP annuitants who have a valid email in myPay and an upcoming deadline to submit a School Certification form. Find out more:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/School-Certifications>

- **DFAS Forms Page**

All of the form tools are available from the Forms page on the DFAS website. DFAS is also working on redesigning the Forms page. The new Forms page will make it easier for retirees and annuitants to find the form they need based on the request they are making, instead of needing to know the form number. It will also include links to the helpful form tools, instructions, and links to webpages for additional information.

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms>

DFAS will add more helpful tools throughout 2020. Check the Latest News area of the DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay website for news: www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary



2020 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates



To help you plan for 2020, below is a list of the days you should expect to receive your retired or annuitant pay. Retired and annuitant pay is due on the first of the month. However, if the first falls on a weekend or holiday, retirees get paid on the last business day of the prior month and annuitants get paid on the first business day of month. For example, payment to retirees for December 2019 were paid on December 31, 2019. However, annuitants were paid on January 2, 2020. Please see the chart for each month in 2020.

<u>Entitlement Month</u>	<u>Retiree Pay Date</u>	<u>Annuitant Pay Date</u>
April 2020	May 1, 2020	May 1, 2020
May 2020	June 1, 2020	June 1, 2020
June 2020	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
July 2020	July 31, 2020	August 3, 2020
August 2020	September 1, 2020	September 1, 2020
September 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2020
October 2020	October 30, 2020	November 2, 2020
November 2020	December 1, 2020	December 1, 2020
December 2020	December 31, 2020	January 4, 2021



If you have questions about your TRICARE allotment or enrollment premium, please contact TRICARE.

DFAS can only start, stop, or change a TRICARE allotment with direct instruction from TRICARE.

Tricare East Region (formerly North and South Regions):
 Visit: <http://www.tricare-east.com>
 Call: **1-800-444-5445**

Tricare West Region:
 Visit: <http://www.tricare-west.com>
 Call: 1-844-866-WEST (9378)





2020 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS



NOTICE: To prevent the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), some events listed below may be canceled. Before traveling long distances to attend an event, please call the contact phone number for the event to ensure it will be held as scheduled.

Date	Location	Contact
15- Aug	Tobyhanna, PA	SFC James Dudley (Ret.) retirementservicesofficetyad@gmail.com
20-Aug	Altoona, IA	(515) 277-6113
11-12 Sep	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	(573) 596-0947
12-Sep	Retiree Expo, MCB CamPen	(760) 725-6090
13-Sep	Selfridge ANGB, MI	(586) 239-5580
17-18 Sep	Ft. Sill, OK	(580) 442-2645
19-Sep	Little Rock AFB, AR	(501) 987-6095
26-Sep	Ft. Drum, NY	(315) 772-6339
26-Sep	Ft. Bliss, TX	(915) 568-5204
26-Sep	Ft. Lee, VA	(804) 734-6555
28-Sep	Carlton, MN	(608) 388-3716
2-Oct	J.B. Meyer Henderson Hall, VA	(703) 696-5948
3-Oct	Buckley AFB, CO	(720) 847-6693
3-Oct	Quad Cities RAD, Rock Island Arsenal, IL	(563) 508-5123
3-Oct	Carlisle Barracks, PA	(717) 245-4501
10-Oct	J. B. Ellington Field, TX	(832) 380-7000 x3130
16-17 Oct	Ft. Bragg, NC	(910) 396-5304
17-Oct	Ft. Wainwright, AK	(907) 353-2095
23 Oct	Ft. Knox, KY	(502) 624-1765
23-Oct	Ft. Meade, MD	(301) 677-9600
6-Nov	Ft. Benning, GA	(706) 545-1805
7-Nov	Schofield Barracks, HI	(808) 655-1514
7-Nov	Tinker AFB, OK	(405) 739-2795

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.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM



Since its inception in 1916, the JROTC program has been viewed as a strong program that provides youth with much-needed skills in citizenship and leadership.

The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is looking for a few good men and women to serve as instructors at various high schools throughout the United States. Marines selected to serve in these billets teach MCJROTC cadets discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills required to successfully prepare them to meet future challenges. Instructors receive a stipend from the Marine Corps and the respective school system that as a minimum, when added to retirement pay, can equal full military pay and allowances. MCJROTC instructors must be certified by the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, Quantico, VA.

Applications are accepted not earlier than one year nor later than three years after the effective date of retirement. Marines interested in serving as MCJROTC instructors can view current vacancies and download an instructor application at <https://www.mcjrotc.marines.mil/Applications/>.



The Honor Flight mission is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. All honored veterans travel at no cost to the veteran.

The Honor Flight Network is currently serving veterans from the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War eras. They also serve terminally ill veterans serving during any era.

As of March 18, 2020 the Honor Flight Network will postpone all trips through May 31, 2020 in response to the growing health concerns over the coronavirus, also known as the COVID-19. The Honor Flight Network will assess if an extension beyond May 31, 2020, is needed as more information is provided by health authorities.

If you would like more information on the program and scheduling, visit the Honor Flight website (<https://www.honorflight.org/about-us/>) or contact your Regional Hub (<https://www.honorflight.org/regional-honor-flight-hubs/>) for information on applying as a veteran or guardian for an Honor Flight trip.

Contact Information:
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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

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Arlington, Virginia 22203

USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Marine Corps Distinguished Shooter's Assn	22 - 24 Apr 2020		www.marinedsa.org
TBS Class 1-80, Alpha Co Reunion LtCol Jerry Sneed USMC (Ret.) Ken Wilcox	27 - 30 Apr 2020 Panning stages Quantico, VA	(504) 717-7037 (865) 705-8933	jwsneed70@gmail.com kl.wilcox@hotmail.com
TBS 5-62	29 Apr - 2 May 2020		tbs.may62@aol.com harveross67@gmail.com
TBS Class 6-70 Fox Co Col Tom Kanasky, Jr. USMCR (Ret.) Col Mitch Youngs USMC (Ret.)	30 Apr - 3 May 2020 Quantico, VA	(203) 366-3156 (703) 493-9435	tkanasky@earthlink.net mitchyoungs@verizon.net
Marine Corps Aviation Association John R. Dailey "Zorro" Squadron Jim Brubaker	10 - 12 May 2020 San Diego, CA		brubakerjr@hotmail.com
2nd Force Reunion Association Carl Schmitt	14 -16 May 2020 Jacksonville, NC		carls@2ndforcerecon.org
Marine Barracks Marine Corps Security Force Co Col Paul Adams USMC (Ret.)	19 - 21 Jun 2020 NWS Concord, CA	(651) 278-7118	paul91103@comcast.net Facebook: Marine Barracks/Marine Corps Security Force Co NWS CA
2nd Recon Bn Annual Reunion SgtMaj Wayne Dillon USMC (Ret.)	25 - 28 June 2020 Camp Lejeune, NC	(931) 561-2575	Leatherneck75.wd@gmail.com
10th Marine Regiment (all years) MSgt John Fontenoy (Ret.)	15 - 17 Jul 2020 Camp Lejeune, NC		10thmarinereunion2020@gmail.com
1st 8" Howitzer Battery Stanley Alpha	6 - 8 Aug 2020 Tacoma, WA	(253) 847-0850	stg66@netzero.net
Marine Corps Mustang Assn CWO 4 Jim Casey USMC (Ret.)	11 - 16 Aug 2020 Arlington, VA	(703) 349-0893	BusinessMngr@MarineCorpsMustang.org www.MarineCorpsMustang.org
TBS Class 9-70 India Co Scott Kafer	20 - 23 Aug 2020 MCB Quantico, VA	(202) 403-7680	scottkaf@mac.com mike.hoeflerlin@gmail.com fredh1946@yahoo.com

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USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
3rd 155 Howitzer Btry/Mike Btry 4th Bn 12th Marines SgtMaj Gordon Niska USMC (Ret.)	13 - 17 Sep 2020 Branson, MO	(770) 868-8694	sniska@windstream.net
Marine Air Traffic Control Assoc. MATCA LtCol Stephen (Steve) Harris USMC (Ret.)	23 - 27 Sep 2020 San Antonio, TX	(509) 499-81337	sandkh2@gmail.com
FLC:A/B all sub units	26 Sep -1 Oct 2020 Tucson, AZ	(606) 789-5010 (201) 280-5923	smfishbaugh@mikrotec.com mbaker.flsg@gmail.com
VMA-311, VMFA-311 Jim Galchick	27 - 30 Sep 2020 New Orleans, LA	(330) 337-9383	jgalchick@neo.rr.com www.vmfvma311reunion.org
TBS Class B-2-68 Bravo Co Col Michael Cathey USMC (Ret.)	30 Sep - 3 Oct 2020 Quantico, VA	(703) 868-2198	colmcathey@gmail.com http://www.tbs2-68usmc.com
E 2/5 Vietnam Pat Lisi	5 - 9 Oct 2020 Las Vegas, NV	(435) 215-3090	patlisigmac@gmail.com
TBS Class 1-77 A Co LtCol Paul LeBlanc USMC (Ret.)	15 - 19 Oct 2020	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com
TBS 3/67 & 41st OCC Col Robert Wright USMC (Ret.) Paul Disario	22 - 25 Oct 2020	(510) 333-3165 (559) 273-9549	rbwright1@mac.com pdisario@comcast.net
Vietnam CoVan Advisor Reunion Col Regan Wright USMC (Ret.)	Late Apr 2021 San Diego, CA Planning stages	(619) 224-1800	oneputt868@aol.com
Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion	7 - 9 May 2021		taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com Facebook: 2dMEBAfghanistan https://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ViweReunion%type=Reunion&ID=671
AWS 1-82 Classmates & Staff 40th Reunion LtCol Paul LeBlanc USMC (Ret.)	Jun - Jul 2022 Planning stages	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com

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PITMAN, CHARLES H. Aug 90/Feb 20

BRIGADIER GENERAL

JANNELL, MANNING T. Jul 76/Nov 19

COLONEL

BRITT, WILLIAM C. Mar 80/Dec 19
 GARNES, JR., HILTON O. Mar 08/Jan 18
 KEELEY, JOHN M. May 80/Jan 20
 LAINE, JR., ELLIOTT R. Jul 81/Jan 20
 LERSCH, JR., WILLIAM F. Apr 00/Oct 19
 MUSCHEL, RONALD H. Oct 07/Jan 20
 RICE, KNOWLTON P. Aug 71/Dec 19

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

CHENOWETH, THEODORE H. Jun 89/Jan 20
 FLINN, EDWIN A. Jul 87/Jan 20
 GUTTORMSON, DAROLD L. Jul 74/Jan 20
 KUHN, HAROLD F. Oct 74/Jan 20
 O'BRIEN, ROBERT J. Jan 82/Jan 20
 STAPLES, ESTA L. Jan 04/Dec 19
 VRABEL, MICHAEL J. Nov 67/Jan 20
 WHALLEY, ALBERT Jun 79/Jan 20

MAJOR

HOWLAND, WILLIS T. Jul 64/Jan 20
 JOHNSON, ROBERT C. May 64/Nov 19
 MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM H. Jun 89/Dec 19

CAPTAIN

LEWANDOWSKI, EUGENE S. Jun 73/Jan 20
 PIER, ROBERT P. Sep 71/Jan 20
 SMITH, DON L. Jan 69/Jan 20

FIRST LIEUTENANT

DUNNING, JAMES E. Feb 76/Feb 19

SERGEANT MAJOR

LEE, WILLARD T. Dec 75/Jul 19

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

KIENAST, CHARLES F. Aug 71/Mar 17
 MATTSON, CHARLES D. Jul 98/May 19
 SORENSON, GARY A. Feb 93/Apr 19

FIRST SERGEANT

DANNENBERGER, EUGENE P. Apr 71/Jan 20
 HOLMES, LEONARD A. Sep 90/Jan 20
 SANDERS, RICHARD L. Sep 77/Jan 20

MASTER SERGEANT

ADERHOLD, DONALD L. Jun 77/Oct 19
 ALBIN, BOBBY L. Nov 70/Jan 20
 BLOCKER, WILLIAM J. May 68/Dec 19
 BOWERS, DONALD R. Nov 75/Dec 19
 GAUMONT, JR., RAYMOND G. Feb 07/Dec 19
 GIBSON JR, GERALD E. Sep 75/Jan 19
 GILBRETH, JOHNIE H. Sep 72/Dec 19
 GOLDEN, CHARLES L. Aug 77/Jan 20
 HOLLOMAN, MELVIN E. May 93/Jan 20
 LAMPHEAR, JUDSON S. Nov 01/Sep 19
 LODGINSKI, DONALD P. Jun 69/Oct 19
 PLUMMER, RONALD B. Aug 02/Jan 18
 REITAN, DONALD A. Apr 77/Jan 18
 SHOVELIN, RICHARD J. Nov 80/Jan 20
 WOOLBRIGHT, FLOYD S. Aug 07/Jan 20



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GUNNERY SERGEANT

BENTON, WILLIAM H. Apr 02/Jan 20
 BOWICK, JOHNNY J. Jul 83/Nov 19
 BURNETTE, MONTE H. May 96/Sep 19
 DAVIS, JR., IRA D. Aug 97/Jan 20
 GILLILAND, DONALD J. Nov 80/Dec 19
 GROGAN, EDSEL W. Jan 61/Jan 20
 HILL, FRIEDRICH J. Dec 03/Jan 20
 MADELINE, PHILLIP F. Jul 68/Jan 20
 MCCLOUD, TIMOTHY R. Sep 03/Jan 20
 MILLER, HOWARD Jan 95/Jul 19
 PARKER, ROBERT C. Nov 67/Jan 20
 PHILLIPS, LARRY K. Jul 81/Jan 20
 RANGEL, RANDOLF M. Jun 94/Jan 19
 RIEMER, JAMES W. May 75/Apr 19
 ROBYN, RONALD J. Jan 83/Jan 20
 SESSLER, PATRICK J. Aug 88/Jul 19
 TARVER, CHARLES W. Jul 81/Oct 19
 TAYLOR, RICHARD L. May 78/July 18
 WESTCOTT, JR., GEORGE H. Dec 76/Jan 20

STAFF SERGEANT

ARCHIE, ROBERT D. Jun 94/Dec 19
 AYERS, RICHARD L. Jun 73/Jan 20
 BROZMAN, JR., WILBERT T. Nov 77/Dec 19
 FERREE, ELLSWORTH L. Jul 65/Nov 19
 POVERELLI III, ANTONIO J. Jul 11/Jan 20
 RAMSEY, DONALD B. Dec 88/Jan 20
 THALLAS, JR., FRANK A. Jun 95/Jan 20

SERGEANT

BOULDIN, JOHN K. Nov 02/Jan 20
 DUNLAP, EARL W. Jul 73/Jan 20
 WING, JERRY W. Jul 69/Dec 19

CORPORAL

ALLEN, JIMMIE E. Dec 68/Jan 20
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LANCE CORPORAL

MOODY, RONALD H. May 69/Dec 19
 PEIRCE, LARRY R. Nov 69/Dec 19

GENERAL PAUL X. KELLEY, 28TH COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS LAID TO REST



ARLINGTON, VA

General Paul Xavier Kelley, 91, 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, was laid to rest February 13, 2020, at Arlington National Cemetery. Kelley passed away December 29, 2019, in McLean, Virginia.

General David H. Berger, 38th commandant of the Marine Corps, said Kelley's leadership, passion and courage drove people to follow him, regardless of the situation, as he was known as a Marine's Marine.

"His contributions to our Corps and leadership through a tumultuous period ensured that we have been ready when our nation needed us," said Berger. "Although his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all for years to come."

Excerpt from President Ronald Reagan's Address to the Nation on Events in Lebanon and Grenada - October 27, 1983

May I share something with you I think you'd like to know? It's something that happened to the Commandant of our Marine Corps, General Paul Kelley, while he was visiting our critically injured Marines in an Air Force hospital. It says more than any of us could ever hope to say about the gallantry and heroism of these young men, young men who serve so willingly so that others might have a chance at peace and freedom in their own lives and in the life of their country.

I'll let General Kelley's words describe the incident. He spoke of a "young Marine with more tubes going in and out of his body than I have ever seen in one body."

"He couldn't see very well. He reached up and grabbed my four stars, just to make sure I was who I said I was. He held my hand with a firm grip. He was making signals, and we realized he wanted to tell me something. We put a pad of paper in his hand -- and he wrote 'Semper Fi.'"

Well, if you've been a Marine or if, like myself, you're an admirer of the Marines, you know those words are a battle cry, a greeting, and a legend in the Marine Corps. They're Marine shorthand for the motto of the Corps -- "Semper Fidelis" -- "always faithful."

General Kelley has a reputation for being a very sophisticated general and a very tough Marine. But he cried when he saw those words, and who can blame him?

"I believe the main trait of leaders is to have the milk of human kindness, to be warm and approachable. Then, they can understand those who serve under them, their problems, their families, and the like."

*General Paul X. Kelley
Commandant USMC 1983-1987*

SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT
1**

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

**FACT
2**

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

**FACT
3**

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT
4**

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**FACT
5**

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



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cdc.gov/COVID-19

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:

To request a military identification card by mail the applicant must provide 8"x10" or 5"x7" portrait type photograph.

A notary must verify the applicant's signature on a written statement concerning his or her identity, to include physical attributes: weight, height, eye and hair color, and that he/she is requesting an ID card by reason of physical limitations, distance to ID card facility, no transportation, etc. In instances of medical impairment, a statement from an attending physician is acceptable in lieu of the notarized statement.

Submit copies of two valid (unexpired) forms of identification, one being a photo ID such as a photocopy of your driver's license or passport, and the secondary can be your expired military ID card, voter registration card, Social Security card, or birth certificate. If you do not have two valid forms of ID, contact HQMC (MFP-1) at (703) 784-9188 prior to submitting an ID card by mail request.

Please ensure the sponsor's information is included in the written statement (DoDID number or Social Security number), a phone number and return mailing address so the project officer can contact you, and mail your ID card back to you. The mailing address for Mail-In ID cards is: **HQMC , M&RA (MFP-1), 2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5013.**

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

USMC Retired Services Offices

MCAS Yuma Arizona

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MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina

(252) 466-5548

MCAS/MCRD South Carolina

(843) 228-7701

MCB Henderson Hall Virginia

(703) 693-9197

MCB Quantico Virginia

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

HOW TO REPORT AN ADDRESS CHANGE

RETIRED MARINES:

Report your address change to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 or MMSR-6 at 1-800-715-0968. myPay is another option to accomplish this at <https://mypav.dfas.mil/mypav.aspx>.

ANNUITANTS (SBP RECIPIENTS):

Report your address change to DFAS!

MMSR-6 CANNOT UPDATE ANNUITANT ADDRESS CHANGES

Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080. Your correct mailing address ensures receipt of this newsletter and any other correspondence from DFAS or HQMC.

Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

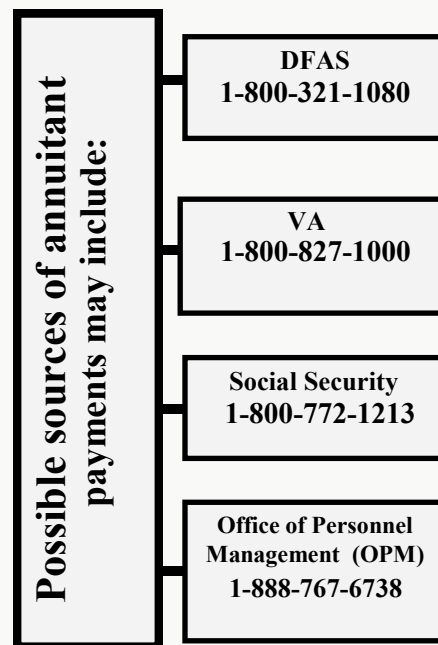
Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay if payment is erroneously received. ***While the VA 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 Board for Corrections of Naval Records (BCNR) rule in their favor. If you received a decision from 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 (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/rs1 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.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors/>

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.nmcrcs.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



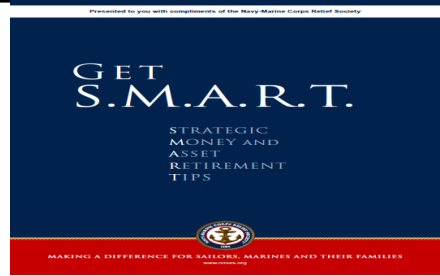
SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO DO:

- 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.myimpactwithnmcrcs.org/getsmart





MCAS Yuma

Inns of the Corps Yuma
(928) 269-2262

MCB Camp Pendleton

Pacific Views Lodge
(760) 763-7805/7806/7807

MCB Camp Pendleton

Inns of the Corps - Ward Lodge
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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)
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CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY:

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

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

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FEDVIP: Office of Personnel Management's Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program

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

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS:

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1-800-654-8364; <http://www.nmcrs.org>

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

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN:

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

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

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

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

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