



TRICARE Pharmacy Copayments To Increase in 2022

As of 1 January 2022, TRICARE pharmacy copayments will change for all beneficiaries, except Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs), dependent survivors of ADSMs, and medically retired service members and their dependents.

Congress and the Department of Defense (DoD) worked together on these changes, which Congress passed into law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. These changes are part of a larger effort to generate discretionary savings for the DoD to fund improvements in military readiness and to modernize the TRICARE health benefit.

With these changes, military pharmacies continue to remain the lowest cost pharmacy options for TRICARE beneficiaries, who have the option to get generic and brand-name drugs for \$0 copayment.

Home Delivery is still an option for certain prescriptions. Please note that certain Brand-Name maintenance medications (long-term medication) can only be filled twice at retail. After two refills, maintenance medications must be filled via home delivery or at a military pharmacy. Acute medications (short-term medication) are available at retail pharmacies.



	Generic Formulary Copayment	Brand-Name Formulary Copayment	Non-Formulary Copayment	Non-Covered
Military Pharmacy <i>(90 Day Supply)</i>	\$0	\$0	Generally not available without medical necessity.	Not Available
TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery <i>(90 Day Supply)</i>	\$10	\$29	\$60	Not Available
Retail Network <i>(30 Day Supply)</i>	\$13	\$33*	\$60*	Full Cost

Active duty service members have a \$0 copay for covered drugs at any pharmacy.

* For all beneficiaries except active duty service members, select brand-name maintenance medications (taken for long-term conditions) may only be filled twice at retail and then must be filled via home delivery or military pharmacy.

TRICARE.mil/costs



Here are the new copayment changes.

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery (Up to a 90-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$10 to \$12
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$29 to \$34
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$60 to \$68

TRICARE retail network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$13 to \$14
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$33 to \$38
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$60 to \$68

Visit the [TRICARE Pharmacy](https://TRICARE.mil/costs) page to learn more.

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255).

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Changes Coming to TRICARE Retail Network Pharmacies

By TRICARE Communications November 3, 2021

Starting December 15, 2021, CVS Pharmacy will join the TRICARE network. At the same time, Walmart, Sam's Club, and some community pharmacies will leave the network.

[Express Scripts](#) is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor. They manage the TRICARE retail pharmacy network under a contract with the Department of Defense. Express Scripts reached a new agreement that adds CVS Pharmacy to the network of pharmacies.

“Beneficiaries will continue to have many convenient and nearby in-network options,” said U.S. Public Health Service Commander Teisha Robertson, a pharmacist with the Defense Health Agency's Pharmacy Operations Division. “Express Scripts' partnership with CVS Pharmacy ensures most beneficiaries have a network pharmacy located near their home or work.”

The current TRICARE retail pharmacy network offers access to over 59,000 pharmacies. With this change, nearly 90% of beneficiaries will have access to a [network pharmacy](#) within five miles of their home.



Walmart and Sam's Club have more than 5,300 locations nationwide. CVS Pharmacy has nearly 10,000 pharmacy locations. You can find CVS pharmacies inside many Target stores.

A group of around 3,000 community pharmacies will also leave the TRICARE network this year. But more than 14,000 community pharmacies will remain in the network.

Keep in mind that using [home delivery](#) or a [military pharmacy](#) are still lower cost options for you. You have to pay copayments when you use home delivery or any retail network pharmacy. Although these copayments are [set to change next year](#), it isn't because of this network change.

If you have a prescription at Walmart, Sam's Club, or any other impacted pharmacy, you need to transfer it to a new network pharmacy before December 15, 2021. If you filled a prescription at one of the impacted pharmacies, you'll receive communication from Express Scripts. These communications will have recommendations on how you can fill your prescriptions at a new network pharmacy. You can also find a network pharmacy near you by visiting the [Express Scripts website](#). CVS Pharmacy will be in the network starting December 15, 2021.

Do you use specialty or limited distribution medications? If so, you'll get a letter from Express Scripts detailing how you can transfer your prescriptions to a new specialty network pharmacy. You may also receive a phone call from an Express Scripts representative. They can help you move your medication to a new specialty network pharmacy that's near you.

If you fill a prescription at Walmart, Sam's Club, or community pharmacy leaving the network on or after December 15, 2021, it will be a [non-network pharmacy](#). This means you'll have to pay the full cost of your prescription up front. You'll also need to [file a claim](#) for partial reimbursement. Check out [Filling Prescriptions](#) to learn more. You can also refer to the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program Handbook](#).

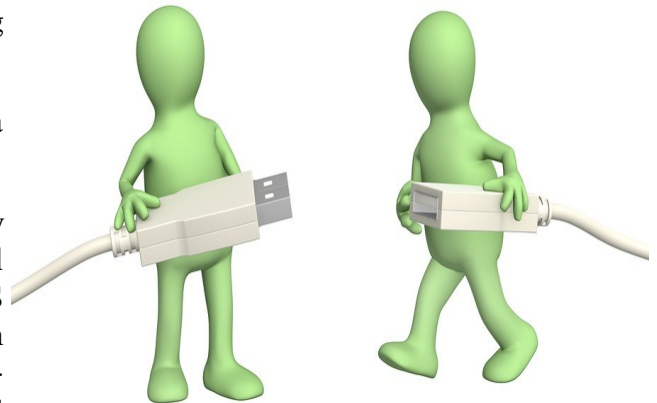
If you need to find a new network pharmacy, you can [search for one on the Express Scripts website](#). You can also call Express Scripts at **1-877-363-1303** to help you find one close to you. Do you have questions about your pharmacy benefit? You can learn more by visiting [Pharmacy](#) on the TRICARE website.

Military Gray Area Retirees Now Have a New Avenue to Stay Connected: A New Kind of myPay Account

For Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Air Force Reserve Gray Area Retirees, there is a new avenue to stay connected and informed between the time they stop drilling and the time they start receiving retired pay.

It's a new kind of myPay account especially for Gray Area Retirees.

If you are a Gray Area Retiree who uses your new **myPay** account to keep your contact information updated, you will benefit from receiving important information from DFAS and your Branch of Service, such as news about changes in laws or policies that impact your retirement benefits, reminders about applying for retired pay, and your Services' Retiree Newsletter.



Plus, with current contact information in your new myPay account, when DFAS receives your completed application for retired pay, DFAS will send email status notifications to you: when we receive the application, when we begin working on the application, and when we complete it. Note: Gray Area Retirees should always work with their Branch of Service to complete their retired pay application.

Who are Gray Area Retirees?

Gray Area Retirees are members who served in the Guard or Reserves and qualified for retired pay, have retired from their service (stopped drilling), but are not yet at the age where they can start receiving retired pay. The time between their retirement from the service and the date when they are eligible to begin receiving retired pay is the “gray area.” The “gray area” applies even if the member is in the Retired Reserve.

A Guard or Reserve member is generally not eligible to start receiving retired pay until they reach age 60. However, some periods of active duty or active service can reduce the age requirement below 60 years of age (Reduced Age Retirement). The earliest age that a Gray Area Retiree can start receiving reduced age retired pay is age 50.

Find Out More

DFAS has additional helpful reference information for military Gray Area Retirees and a downloadable “Gray Area Future Retiree myPay Login Tips” with specific instructions at: <https://www.dfas.mil/grayarea>.

To Apply for Retired Pay or for Questions About Gray Area Retirement:

[U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve - Home \(marines.mil\)](https://www.marines.mil) or
MMSR-5 (Inactive Reserve Separations and Retirement Section)
Email: smb.manpower.mmsr5@usmc.mil

2022 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates

<u>Entitlement Month</u>	<u>Retiree Pay Date</u>	<u>Annuitant Pay Date</u>
December 2021	December 30, 2021	January 3, 2022
January 2022	February 1, 2022	February 1, 2022
February 2022	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2022
March 2022	April 1, 2022	April 1, 2022
April 2022	April 29, 2022	May 2, 2022
May 2022	June 1, 2022	June 1, 2022
June 2022	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2022
July 2022	August 1, 2022	August 1, 2022
August 2022	September 1, 2022	September 1, 2022
September 2022	September 30, 2022	October 3, 2022
October 2022	November 1, 2022	November 1, 2022
November 2022	December 1, 2022	December 1, 2022
December 2022	December 30, 2022	January 3, 2023

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK

5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain



ASK

“Are you thinking about killing yourself?”



KEEP THEM SAFE

Reduce access to lethal items or places.



BE THERE

Listen carefully and acknowledge their feelings.



HELP THEM CONNECT

Save the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number 1-800-273-8255.



STAY CONNECTED

Follow up and stay in touch after a crisis.



www.nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

VA NEWS

Presumptive Conditions and the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

This past summer, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) expanded the list of presumptive conditions for disability claims. Specifically, VA is now processing claims for **asthma**, **rhinitis**, and **sinusitis** based on presumed exposure to particulate matter for veterans who:

- 1) Served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations from August 2, 1990 – present or
- 2) Served in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria, or Djibouti from September 19, 2001 – present, **if conditions presented within 10 years of separation from active service**. VA's decision was, in part, aided by more than 250,000 [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) participants.

The registry is a secure database of health information voluntarily provided by service members and veterans and, while not related to the claims process, is instrumental in enabling VA to improve care and services for veterans.

Registry Participation

Registry participation consists of an online questionnaire followed by an optional, but recommended, medical evaluation. The questionnaire helps you document your deployments and exposures to airborne hazards (which can include sand, dust, smoke from oil well fires, and more—not just burn pits) to create a snapshot of your health. Upon completing the questionnaire, you are encouraged to discuss your exposure history and health with a VA provider in a free, optional medical evaluation. Participants also receive information from VA about registry updates.

Registry Eligibility

Service members and veterans who were deployed in the Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990, or who were stationed in Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

If you meet the registry eligibility criteria, please consider [joining the registry](#) to document your exposure and health information and support the health of other service members and veterans.

Filing a VA Claim

If, within 10 years of separation/retirement, you have symptoms suggestive of any of the three conditions listed above (asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis), such as chronic cough or ongoing runny nose and sinus congestion, please consider requesting an evaluation by a health care professional to make a diagnosis. If your condition fits with the presumptive conditions, you can file a claim by filling out [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) (for first time applicants), or [VA Form 20-0995](#) (for individuals reapplying for these conditions). You can also file a claim if you have another health condition that you feel is related to your military service.

Additional Information

Visit [Health.mil/AHBurnPitRegistry](https://www.health.mil/AHBurnPitRegistry) for helpful Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry materials.

You do not need to be enrolled in VA health care to participate, and the **registry does not affect access to VA health care or compensation benefits**.

For additional information regarding presumptive conditions and applying for VA benefits, visit [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) or call Veterans Benefits Administration Support toll-free at 800-827-1000.



Access the Registry
 Visit the [VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Website](#)

Get Registry Help
 For assistance or questions regarding the registry, please contact:

Registry Help Desk
 1-877-470-5947
 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Eastern Time

While these hazards may have been present in other locations or during other time periods, participation in the registry is currently limited to support specific research and public health studies. Even if you are not eligible for the registry, we encourage all Veterans who are concerned that their military service has impacted their health to talk to their health care provider, [apply for VA health care](#), and [file a claim](#) for compensation and benefits. You do not have to participate in the registry to receive compensation and benefits or health care from VA.

To learn more about other types of military exposures, visit the [military exposures homepage](#).



DVIDS - Video - Airborne Hazards Open Burn Pit Registry Process (dvidshub.net)

Airborne Hazards Open Burn Pit Registry Process



Video by Joni Geels, Military Health System

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW A VIDEO ON THE REGISTRY PROCESS



2021 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)

2022 ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIRED/RETAINER PAY, SURVIVOR ANNUITIES AND PREMIUMS

The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2021, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) through the third quarter calendar year 2021. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members. Where applicable, the appropriate section of United States Code (U.S.C.) is cited.

COLAs for Retired Pay

1. The retired pay COLA for those who first became members of a Uniformed Service before September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

<u>Retired Pay Based on Rates of Pay Effective</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2021	5.9 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 – December 31, 2021	5.7 percent	1401a(c)

2. The retired pay COLA for those who first became members of a Uniformed Service on or after September 8, 1980, including those members covered by the High-3 or Blended Retirement System (BRS), is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

<u>Retirement Effective:</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2021	5.9 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2021	5.7 percent	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2021	4.4 percent	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2021	1.8 percent	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2021	0.0 percent	1401a(d)

3. The retired pay COLA for those who first became members of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, and also elected to receive a career status bonus under the provisions of Sections 322 (as in effect before January 28, 2008) or 354 of Title 37 U.S.C. is specified according to the date of their retirement, as follows:

<u>Retirement Effective</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2021	4.9 percent	1401a(e)
January 1 - March 31, 2021	4.9 percent	1401a(e)
April 1 - June 30, 2021	3.9 percent	1401a(e)
July 1 - September 30, 2021	1.5 percent	1401a(e)
October 1 - December 31, 2021	0.0 percent	1401a(e)

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2021 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)

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COLAs for Survivor Annuities

4. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2021, under the provisions of Subchapter I of Chapter 73, Title 10, U.S.C., to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974, will be increased by **5.9 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434 (e)).
5. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of Subchapter II of Chapter 73, Title 10, U.S.C., will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451 (g)).
6. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953, will be increased **5.9 percent** (ref: Public Law (P.L.) 100-456, section 653(c)).
7. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, P.L. 105-85, November 18, 1997, will be increased **5.9 percent** from \$270.64 to **\$286.61** effective December 1, 2021. (ref: P.L. 105-85, sec 644).

Increase in the SBP Low-Cost Premium Threshold

8. Previous amounts with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) formula apply will be adjusted effective December 1, 2021 in conjunction with the adjustments in retired pay made under the provisions of Section 1401a of Title 10, U.S.C. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(B)). The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will perform necessary calculations to determine actual premiums based on the individual circumstances of each case.
9. The amount with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) is applied will be increased **2.7 percent effective January 1, 2022**, from \$895 to **\$919**. The threshold premium is **\$22.98**. Therefore, the Low-Cost Threshold premium is **\$22.98** plus 10% of the difference between retired pay and the threshold amount. The breakeven base amount is **\$1,969.29**. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(A)).

Increase in the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)

10. In accordance with provisions of Section 1450(m) of Title 10, U.S.C., as amended by section 621 of P.L. 115-91 and section 622 of P.L. 115-232, the maximum amount of SSIA payable will be increased by **5.9 percent effective December 1, 2021**. The new SSIA rate will be **\$346.00** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1450(m))



MWR—Moral/Welfare/Recreation/Tickets and Travel

Before planning your next vacation, check with your local MWR Navy Community Recreation Tickets & Travel office for discounted tickets. Ticket & Travel offices offer tickets to parks, museums, movie theaters, special events and theme parks such as Disneyland Resort, Legoland, Sea World, Universal Studios Hollywood, Universal Studios Orlando, and Walt Disney World. Military discounted rates are available to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists and family members accompanied with a military ID card.

Check out the deals with Navy MWR - Tickets and Travel (navymwr.org)



Patron groups that are authorized to use Navy MWR facilities, equipment and services include active-duty military personnel and their family members, activated reservists, retired military personnel, civilian Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, foreign national employees assigned and working directly for the DoD installations overseas, and DoD contractors working full-time on the installation. On January 1, 2020, the DoD expanded some MWR program eligibility to veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) documented disability rating, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, and primary family caregivers for veterans enrolled in the VA's program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers (MWR category A activities are not included in the eligibility).

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The Semper Fidelis newsletter requests your assistance in composing a better newsletter.

- Submit a short story, article, poem, photo, art or topic idea for the Semper Fidelis newsletter.
- Articles should be submitted in Word format and relevant to the USMC community.
- Due to editorial considerations, we may not be able to publish every submission we receive.
- The identity of the author/contributor will be published with their submission.
- By submitting a contribution to the newsletter, you agree that the text which appears in the newsletter will be publicly available.
- Send submissions along with contact information to our organizational mailbox: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil. Include in the subject line "Semper Fidelis Newsletter Submission".



We'd love to hear from you!

Getting a Flu Vaccine during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The 2021-2022 flu season is here, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends anyone 6 months old and up get an annual flu shot, unless they have a medical condition that prevents them from getting one. While it's not possible to say with certainty what will happen during this flu season, CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be active.

Symptoms

The #flu and #COVID19 are both contagious, respiratory illnesses, but there are differences. They are caused by different viruses and while many symptoms are shared, change or loss of taste or smell is only a symptom of the #coronavirus. <https://go.usa.gov/xGj4u>

Flu Vaccine

While the #flu vaccine won't protect you from #COVID19, it will protect you from the flu which can help reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, or even death. #GetVaccinated <https://go.usa.gov/xGjgC>

Reducing the overall burden of respiratory illness during the #flu season is especially important to protect our most vulnerable populations who are at risk for serious illness from the flu or #COVID19.

#GetVaccinated <https://go.usa.gov/xGjgC>

According to the @CDC/@CDCgov, the #flu vaccine should not be given to people with suspected or confirmed cases of #COVID19. Wait until after the isolation period is over or until you've fully recovered before receiving the flu vaccine. <https://go.usa.gov/xGjgC>

There is no evidence that the #flu vaccine can increase your risk for #COVID19. Getting a flu vaccine this fall is important, not only to reduce your risk from flu, but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources. #GetVaccinated <https://go.usa.gov/xGjgC>

If you have a higher risk for #COVID19 infection, you may also be at a higher risk for #flu complications. It's especially important for you to get a flu vaccine this year. Visit www.tricare.mil/flu for details about your coverage and how to get it.

The #flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. This year, we're taking every opportunity to ensure essential workers, people at an increased risk for #COVID19 illness and those who have an increased risk for flu complications #getvaccinated. <https://go.usa.gov/xGWMM>.

Facemasks

The face masks you're wearing to prevent #COVID19 may also help prevent the spread of the #flu. According to the @CDC/@CDCgov, anyone suspected of having the #flu in a healthcare setting should wear a mask at all times, until they can be isolated. <https://go.usa.gov/xGWth>

Use of face coverings is not typically recommended for people with the #flu who are asymptomatic. But those who have #flu symptoms like coughing or fever should stay home or use a mask if you must be in close contact with other people. <https://go.usa.gov/xGWth>



**GETTING THE
FLU VACCINE**



USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Marine Corps Aviation Assn. Don Davis Squadron (Aviation Logistics Marines) Kevin McCutcheon Gale Rodgers	10-13 Mar 2022 Myrtle Beach, SC		kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com rogers77oki@yahoo.com
Plt 2022 (Graduated 23 March 1987) "D" Co 2nd Recruit Training Bn Parris Island, SC MSgt Jerry Widner, USMC (Ret.)	26-27 Mar 2022 Parris Island, SC	(704) 657-7802	jerrywidnerctp@gmail.com
East Coast Drill Instructors Association Parris Island Chapter Kenneth D. Miller, USMC (Ret.)	SgtMaj 7-10 Apr 2022 Parris Island, SC	(828) 499-0224	usmcpidi@charter.net
The Basic School (TBS) 4-67; 5-67 Ken Pouch	19-22 Apr 2022 San Antonio, TX	(860) 881-6819 (c)	Kpouch5@gmail.com
TBS Class 3-72 Charlie Co 50th Reunion Col Joseph N. Mueller, USMCR (Ret.)	20-23 Apr 2022 Quantico, VA	(818) 815-8331	jnm21213@yahoo.com
Vietnam CoVan Advisor Reunion Col Regan Wright, USMC (Ret.)	27-29 Apr 2022	(619) 224-1800	oneputt868@aol.com wright868@aol.com
2nd Force Recon Co Phil Smith	12-14 May 2022 Bishopville, SC	(540) 498-0733	jarhed73@yahoo.com
2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion LtCol Matt Frazier, USMC (Ret.)	13-15 May 2022 Quantico, VA	(760) 623-5918	taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com Facebook: 2dMEBAfghanistan https://mca-marines.org/task-force-leatherneck-reunion/ the_frazier_family@yahoo.com
10th Marine Regiment (all years) MSgt John Fontenoy, USMC (Ret.)	Summer 2022 Planning stages		10thmarinereunion2020@gmail.com
USMC WX Service Reunion Kathy Donham Dave Englert	19-24 Jun 2022 Overland Park, KS	(252) 342-8459	kathy.donham@hotmail.com englertd@psci.net
National Montford Point Marine Assn. Inc. Convention Ronald Johnson	12-16 Jul 2022 Shreveport, LA	(504) 202-8552	vice_president@montfordpointmarines.org www.montfordpointmarines.org

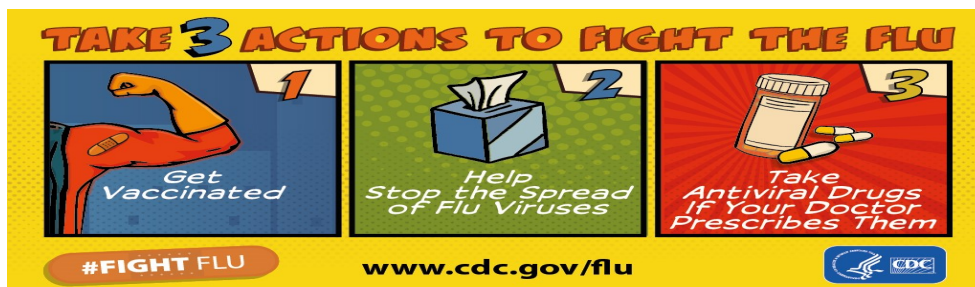
Note to Reunion Planners: Send your reunion events as soon as possible to our organizational mailbox (smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil) to ensure timely inclusion in this publication. We apologize for the inconvenience with any delayed or missed events due to an unforeseen change in the distribution of this 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
VMFA-134 All Years SgtMaj Mike Fesperman, USMC (Ret.) LtCol Tom Mackie, USMC (Ret.)	14-17 Jul 2022 Las Vegas, NV	(805) 657-2162	fsmagf@aol.com tmacf18@gmail.com
AWS 1-82 Classmates & Staff 40th Reunion LtCol Paul LeBlanc, USMC (Ret.)	Jun-Jul 2022 Planning stages	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com
36 th Mustang Muster in Concert with 8 th & I Reunion Assn. CWO-4 Jim Casey, USMC (Ret.)	4-7 August 2022 Arlington, VA	(703) 349-0893	BusinessMngr@MarineCorpsMustang.org www.MarineCorpsMustang.org
USMC Marine Air Support Squadron AN/ TPQ-10 and AN/TPB-1D (5943/5947) Reunion 2022 Roger Lays	4-7 Aug 2022 Planning Stages Branson, Missouri		r_lays@yahoo.com
TBS Class B-2-68 Bravo Co Col Michael Cathey, USMC (Ret.)	28 Sep-1 Oct 2022 Quantico, VA	(703) 868-2198	colmcathey@gmail.com www.tbs2-68usmc.com
USMC F-4 Phantom Reunion Col Rick "Packrat" Packard, USMC (Ret.) LtCol W. F. "Bull" Pratt, USMC (Ret.)	26-30 Oct 2022 Dallas, TX	(352) 988-0410 (210) 441-9889	packard.rick@gmail.com prattwf@gmail.com
11 th Marine Regiment, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I 20 Year Reunion Casey Harsh	31 Mar-1 Apr 2023	(703) 604-4219	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1308875175846955/?ref=share https://www.11thmarinesoif1.com/
37th Annual Marine Corps Mustang Muster & Reunion	Summer 2023 Location TBD		Monitor the organization's website for details at: www.MarineCorpsMustang.org
TBS Class 4-73 Delta Co 50th Reunion Col Bill Anderson, USMCR (Ret.) Col Bob Donaghue, USMCR (Ret.)	2023 Planning stages	(540) 850-4213 (617) 840-0267	binche57@yahoo.com ip350haven@comcast.net

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.



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Navy and Marine Corps Retiree Council

As a Navy or Marine Corps retiree, you're recognized as an individual with a continuing military status. You're part of the Total Force and are entitled to certain rights, benefits, and privileges. You're also subject to responsibilities arising from these entitlements, such as recall to active duty. You remain a vital part of the Navy-Marine Corps team.

To be a contributing member of the team, you need to know about changing programs and policies. That's where the Department of the Navy's Retired Activities Program comes in. It provides an avenue to ensure the relationships between retirees and the Navy and Marine Corps are reinforced and mutually beneficial. It helps keep you informed. The program consists of four principal elements:

- Navy and Marine Corps Retiree Council,
- Retiree Seminars/Retiree Appreciation Days,
- Retired Activities Offices (RAOs)/Retired Liaison Offices (RLOs), and
- *Shift Colors* (Navy) and *Semper Fidelis* (USMC) newsletters for retirees.

The Navy and Marine Corps Retiree Council considers issues of major importance to military retirees and their family members. It facilitates interaction between Department of Navy leadership and the Navy-Marine Corps retiree community and facilitates participation in other aspects of the Retired Activities Program. Council members may review the effectiveness of current programs and policies affecting retirees and make recommendations concerning improvements to benefits, privileges, assistance, quality of life, morale, and any other matters relating to retired personnel.

The Retiree Council reflects the breadth of the Navy and Marine Corps retired community, including retired enlisted and officers from the Navy and Marine Corps' active and Reserve components. Retiree Council members reflect special interests such as medical, legal, and wounded, ill, and injured. The Retiree Council is currently co-chaired by Lieutenant General Pete Osman, USMC (Ret), and MCPON James Herdt, USN (Ret). Captain Martin Menez, USN (Ret), is the Retiree Council Chief of Staff.

In addition to a yearly multi-day conference, the Council meets briefly on a quarterly basis. The Council currently has three committees: Health Affairs, Outreach/Overseas, and Compensation. Council committees identify issues affecting Navy and Marine Corps retirees and their families, then submit point papers to the Secretary of the Navy detailing the issues and suggesting solutions.

Watch for Retiree Council announcements and other news in upcoming editions of *Shift Colors* and *Semper Fidelis*. For general information about the Retiree Council and how to apply, visit <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/21st-Century-Sailor/Retired-Activities/SECNAV-Retiree-Council/>. Retired Marines wishing to apply for Council membership, should submit their application to HQMC (MMSR-6), smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil. For detailed program information, refer to SECNAV Instruction 5420.169K, Department of the Navy Retired Activities Program.





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COLONEL

ALBERIGI, RAY A.	Jun 94/Aug 21
BLANTON, HAROLD L.	Dec 79/Jun20
CALAMARI, ROBERT B.	Apr 94/Aug 21
COOPER, CARL	Apr 80/Aug 21
DICILLO, FRANK	Jul 78/Sep 21
DUMONT, JAMES C.	Sep 20/Sep 21
GATCHEL, THEODORE L.	Jul 91/Aug 21
KELLY, JAMES S.	Mar 90/Jul 21
MILLERD, PHILLIP A.	Mar 20/Aug 21
MORSE, DONALD C.	Jan 11/Aug 21
SEAL, KENNETH A.	Feb 89/Aug 21
STOCKTON, RICHARD C.	Jul 78/Aug 21
WARD, LARRY N.	Sep 81/Aug 21
WILKINSON, BOBBY R.	Jul 77/Aug 21

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

ASPBURY, JR., JAMES T.	Apr 97/Aug 21
BARNES, GEORGE W.	Aug 85/Aug 21
COUCH, CHARLES W.	Jan 98/Jul 21
EDMONDSON, ORVILLE R.	Feb 76/Sep 21
GALLAGHER, RICHARD J.	Sep 91/Sep 21
GARDNER, ROBERT S.	Jan 02/Aug 21
GRAHAM, WALLACE H.	Jun 97/Sep 21
HERTBERG, EDWARD C.	Sep 74/Oct 21
MILLER, JOE E.	Aug 78/Apr 21
MITCHELL, ROBERT L.	Oct 80/Sep 21
REILLY, MICHAEL W.	May 04/Sep 21
SHAFFER, CHARLES J.	Jan 89/Sep 21
STANCIK, GARY M.	Oct 14/Sep 21
TAYLOR, RICHARD B.	Jul 73/Aug 21

TUNGET, EVERETT L.	Jun 73/Sep 21
VERBAEL, RUSSELL D.	Mar 86/Sep 21
WELCH, ROBERT F.	Apr 96/Sep 21
WILKS, RICHARD P.	Feb 94/Sep 21
WILLIAMS, MARTIN J.	Sep 75/Aug 21

MAJOR

BARTLETT, ROBERT O.	Jul 74/Jul 21
CARLSSON, CARL	Oct 01/Sep 21
DEXTER, HAROLD E.	Sep 74/Sep 21
LOVE, THOMAS D.	Jul 78/Sep 21
NIMMOW, DONALD D.	Jul 81/Sep 21
PARSON, JR., MALACHI	Apr 84/May 21
ROBBINS, JAMES R.	Apr 14/Sep 21
TATE, JR., ROBERT	Oct 89/Apr 21
WALSH, HUEY C.	Apr 01/Aug 21
YALE, CARL R.	Aug 72/Sep 21

CAPTAIN

ARNOLD, EVERETT C.	Jan 73/Jul 21
BARKER, ROBERT L.	Feb 76/Aug 21
BONSIGNORE, JOSEPH	Jan 70/Sep 21
BURKE, BRIAN T.	Mar 69/Aug 21
DEMELLO, CHARLES	Jun 88/Aug 21
DOWELL, FREDERICK L.	May 79/Aug 21
EAGLE, JR., MONTE W.	Nov 74/Aug 20
ELLIOT, THOMAS M.	Jun 73/Nov 20
FLOYD, JOHNNY M.	Sep 76/Aug 21
MCMAHAN, STEVEN C.	Feb 92/Sep 21
MESTLER, JR., GEORGE L.	Jul 64/Dec 20
MILLARD, JAMES C.	Sep 70/Sep 21



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CAPTAIN (continued)

MORRIS, ALLEN R. Jan 81/Sep 21
 SMITH, MICHAEL R. Sep 72/Apr 21
 WARD, RONALD E. Aug 70/Sep 21

FIRST LIEUTENANT

ALOGNA, JOHN M. Feb 62/Sep 21
 KENNEDY, DELBERT E. Sep 69/Jun 21
 OWENS, JOHN L. Nov 80/Aug 21

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

FRANK, MILTON M. CWO4 Jun 93/Aug 21
 KNOX, JR., JAMES L. CWO4 Jan 99/Sep 21
 TURCOTT, RICHARD L. CWO4 May 75/Sep 21
 WADE, ALBERT L. CWO4 Mar 83/Sep 21
 COOK, JOHN K. CWO3 Feb 08/Sep 21
 WILK, CHESTER S. WO1 May 68/Aug 21

SERGEANT MAJOR

GOODWIN, CHARLES E. Jun 86/Sep 21
 ROBERTS, ALAN R. Sep 97/Sep 21

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

ALLEN, JR., KENNETH J. Jun 90/Sep 21
 AVANT, CARL M. Dec 97/Jun 21
 BUBE, ANTHONY A. Jul 64/Aug 21
 GREEN, LUCHION Oct 86/Jan 21
 GRIFFIN, GARY L. Dec 08/Sep 21
 HAAS, CARL S. Oct 84/Sep 21
 KING, MARION J. Dec 02/Sep 21
 TANO, LAWRENCE F. Nov 90/Apr 20

TIJERINA, JR., MANUEL May 74/Sep 21
 WIBLE, SR., RICHARD S. Apr 01/Aug 21
 WOOD, HARVEY B. Nov 81/Jun 21

FIRST SERGEANT

FOGLESONG, PAUL H. Nov 91/Oct 21
 HOUSER, DONALD J. Dec 78/Sep 21
 SIMCHICK, JR., STANLEY G. Jan 86/Sep 21
 TOM, BERNARD L. Apr 91/Aug 21

MASTER SERGEANT

BARLESTON, JR., HOMER L. Sep 84/Aug 21
 BLAIS, LEO A. Sep 69/Aug 21
 BRANDKAMP, CHARLES H. Dec 76/Aug 21
 BRINNON, RICHARD E. Nov 71/Aug 21
 COMBS, ROBERT R. Oct 78/Aug 21
 CONLEY, JR., THOMAS G. Nov 87/Sep 21
 DELOSSANTOS, RICHARD Jan 76/Mar 21
 DOWNS, JR., WARREN H. May 76/Aug 21
 ELLIOTT, DOUGLAS A. Jan 85/Jul 21
 GARDNER, ALLEN C. Mar 89/May 20
 HOOVER, CHARLES W. Jul 94/Aug 21
 HUFFMAN, CARY C. Sep 94/Sep 21
 LUKONDI, JR., JOHN Jun 79/Aug 21
 MAIZE, EUGENE Apr 01/Aug 21
 MCLIN, BENJAMIN H. Sep 74/Aug 21
 MILLER, MELVIN J. Sep 75/Sep 21
 PALM II, KENNETH L. Sep 86/Aug 21
 PATTY, ALFRED E. Jun 80/Sep 21
 SCHMITT, JR., PETER J. Jan 85/Sep 21
 SMITH, WILLIE C. Sep 88/Aug 21



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MASTER SERGEANT (continued)

SULLIVAN, BERT W.	Sep 80/Mar 21
VALLEAU, MICHAEL P.	Nov 90/Aug 21
WHITED II, TIM C.	Nov 17/Aug 21
WOODWORTH, GEARY W.	Feb 80/Sep 21
WOZNIAK, LEO J.	Jan 89/Sep 21
MCBROOM, JAMES W.	Dec 81/Sep 21
NEWTON, JAMES L.	Nov 86/Sep 21
SEXTON, GEORGE L.	Feb 74/Sep 21
ZINN, GENE G.	Sep 75/Jul 21

GUNNERY SERGEANT

ALONZO, ROY J.	Dec 03/Apr 21
ANTILLEY, AUBREY A.	Oct 74/Aug 21
BANKS, LAWRENCE M.	Jul 99/Sep 21
BLACKBURN, JR., JOSEPH	Dec 94/May 21
BOOTH, RICHARD E.	Jul 76/Sep 21
BRINKMAN III, JOHN A.	Jun 99/Oct 21
CROWELL, BOBBY D.	Oct 75/Sep 21
DANYSH, FREDRICK P.	Apr 90/Sep 21
DURHAM, IAN M.	Sep 15/Sep 21
EARLEY, LARRY T.	May 90/Aug 21
ENOS, WILLIAM K.	Sep 71/Aug 21
FORD, RANDY J.	Apr 20/Sep 21
HARRIS, KENNETH A.	Nov 93/Sep 21
HOLLAND, DONALD E.	Jan 88/Apr 21
HUGHES, JOSHUA E.	Sep 16/Aug 21
JEFFERS, THOMAS M.	May 03/Sep 21
LOZANO, REYNALDO J.	Jun 92/Aug 21
LEWIS, CHARLES R.	Feb 71/Oct 19
MALAGON, JOHN E.	Jul 96/Sep 21

MARESH, RUSSELL E.	Nov 03/Sep 21
MARKLEY, JAMES R.	Jul 99/Sep 21
MCCARTHY, FRANCIS P.	Dec 79/Sep 21
MISA, JR., JAMES S.	Apr 13/Jul 21
POWELL, PAUL G.	Dec 75/Sep 21
RICKS, JACQUELINE A.	Jul 04/Sep 21
RYKALSKY, THOMAS E.	Jul 78/Aug 21
SMITH, CLARENCE J.	May 97/Aug 21
TEMEYOSA, ROSENDO	Jun 77/Sep 21
THOMAS, BRADLEY H.	Nov 99/Sep 21
VAUGHN, JAMES E.	Aug 75/Sep 21
WASH, JR., HENRY M.	Oct 93/Sep 21
WEIDMAN, HAROLD J.	Sep 79/Aug 21
WILLIAMS, ELDON D.	Feb 89/Sep 21
WILLIAMSON, EDWARD J.	Dec 86/Aug 21
WILLIS, EDWARD R.	Oct 81/Sep 21

STAFF SERGEANT

BRADY, PATRICK J.	Aug 06/Sep 21
CARR, ROBBIE S.	Aug 74/Aug 21
FRANKLIN, MERVIN A.	Dec 67/Jun 21
HUSON, VERNON E.	Apr 72/Jun 21
JACKSON, THADDEUS	Dec 99/Aug 21
JOHNSON, LARRY	Nov 97/Jan 21
MERCIER, JAMIE E.	Apr 15/Aug 21
O'KEEFE, DANIEL J.	Jun 92/Sep 21
SANDERS, MICHAEL J.	Oct 95/Sep 21
SCHLACK, THOMAS H.	Apr 81/Aug 21
TAFT, MICHAEL G.	Feb 92/Sep 21
YEAGER, PARK A.	Apr 75/Aug 21



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SERGEANT

ANDAYA, SEVERO C. Sep 71/May 21
 BOSTICK, RAYMOND L. May 02/Aug 21
 BRAXTON, MACK O. Jun 95/Aug 21
 BROOKS, THOMAS W. May 88/Aug 21
 BROWN, JAMES W. Dec 51/Aug 21
 COOK, FREDDIE D. Aug 66/Aug 21
 JONES, TIMOTHY I. Jul 70/Aug 21
 LAINE, DENNIS E. Sep 67/Jul 21
 LYON, JR., KENNETH J. Aug 09/Sep 21
 SEGURA, ROLANDO Nov 69/Sep 21
 TOLER, DENNIS G. Jul 69/Aug 21
 TROMBLEY, RONALD E. Jun 74/Aug 21

CORPORAL

ALLISON, DANNY C. Oct 71/Aug 21
 BECKERLE, THOMAS J. Feb 70/Aug 21
 BENTON, LEONARD J. Jul 69/Sep 21
 CROOK, JOHN J. Jul 53/Sep 21
 GIBSON, GUY R. Nov 68/Aug 21
 JONES, CARL U. Jan 70/Aug 21
 GROGHAN, R. W. Mar 69/Sep 21
 HARJUNG, MICHAEL J. Aug 70/Sep 21
 PITONIAK, PETER J. Jan 96/Aug 21
 SMITH, KAVIN J. Dec 70/Sep 21
 STROUS, RICHARD R. Aug 67/Aug 21
 WILLIAMS, LLOYD A. Apr 70/Jul 21

LANCE CORPORAL

BEST, JEFFERY M. Jun 78/Aug 21
 BOSTWICK, AUSTIN E. Aug 12/Aug 21

BRENNEMAN, DAVID L. Aug 05/Aug 21
 CAGE, JR., LEROY Jul 69/Aug 21
 DAVIDSON, RICHARD E. May 69/Aug 21
 IVY, MACKS E. Aug 64/Jul 21
 JOHNSON, ALLEN R. Oct 67/Jul 21
 PAULLIN, DANIEL J. Dec 68/Aug 21
 NOVICKA, CHARLES K. Feb 71/Aug 21
 ROESCH, JOHN R. Jul 52/Aug 21

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

JOHNSON, CARROL J. Dec 68/Aug 21
 MOFFIT, T WILLIAM D. Sep 67/Aug 21
 SIZEMORE, DENNIS M. Nov 68/Aug 21

PRIVATE

BERRY, CHESTER A. Apr 67/Sep 21

A HERO'S GRACE
 There are those, among our best,
 who answered the nation's call.

Who left home and love and feathered nests
 to preserve freedom for us all.

They would balk at the label "hero"
 and deny the laurel crest.

But as time follows them
 as it tails us all – to lay us to our rest –
 we have but one last chance
 to stay the cold,
 to raise the bugle bold.

To cast honor over all their days
 and give tribute, in tradition's mold.

That we may reflect on this hero's grace
 and glories left untold.

Military Funeral Honors – A Hero's Tribute
 (militaryonesource.mil)

Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

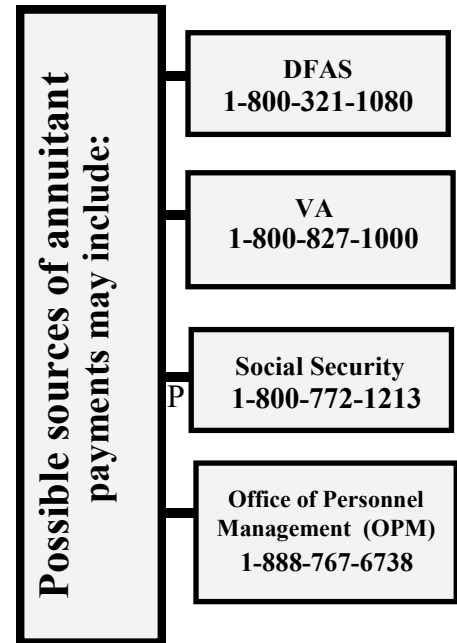
ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ANNUITY PAY ENDS WITH THE DEATH OF THE ANNUITANT (BENEFICIARY)

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
 - **Department of Veterans Affairs:**
1-800-827-1000 (annuitants in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation)
www.va.gov



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 **(888) 332-7411** to stop retirement pay and 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 (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 <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco> or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at (800) 336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the sites closest to you.
5. NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION at (800) SSA-1213 (www.ssa.gov) to apply for the \$255 death benefit, *if applicable*.
6. CONTACT THE VA at (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 (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: (888) 751-6350, www.goldstarwives.org

Military Funeral Honors: (866) 826-3628 or (703) 432-9524

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, www.nmcrcs.org

National Military Families Association: (800) 260-0218, www.nmfa.org

Society of Military Widows: (800) 842-3451, www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: (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)



Directory Assistance Pages

A

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):** (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

For Veteran requests, please complete a [Standard Form 180 \(SF180\)](#) and email it to MMMA-1: HQMCMMMA.AWARDS.VETERANREQUESTS@USMC.MIL
(703) 784-9206
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 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408
Fax: (800)723-9262 or (502) 613-9510
<https://www.hrc.army.mil>
Search "Cold War Certificate"

COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION

SECNAV CRSC Board
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023
(877) 366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610
CRSC@navy.mil
<http://www.secnav.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
PR.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
(800) 268-3710; smb.manpower.mmrp@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

(800) 321-1080, www.dfas.mil
U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955, Fax: (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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Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

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