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NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES

MCRD MAKES HISTORY: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN SAN DIEGO

By LCpl Cristian Torres



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MCRD San Diego 5 Mar 22 - U.S. Marines with Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Battle Color Detachment, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., march in formation during the centennial celebration at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The Battle Color Detachment is comprised of three ceremonial units from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Drum and Bugle Corps, the

MCRD San Diego 7 Mar 22 - A century ago, San Diego was a small border town with a population of approximately 75,000, but today the city booms with tourism, international trade, manufacturing and research, and at the heart of it all, is the beating presence of the U.S. military. The city is now home to the nation's largest concentration of military personnel, and one of its landmark installations celebrated 100 years of history here.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego commemorated its milestone, 100-year anniversary in San Diego, by hosting a centennial celebration featuring two performances by the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment and a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside of the Command Museum, where a centennial exhibit was opened aboard the Depot on March 5th.

"On December 1st 1921, this Marine Corps Base opened for business, and really that's what we are here to celebrate as a fact that for the last 100 years Marines have operated, trained, and prepared for whatever the future might hold here at MCRD San Diego," said U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General Jason L. Morris, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

Hundreds of spectators gathered at Shepherd Field to witness the day's first performance by the Battle Color Detachment who demonstrated the historic pride, discipline and professionalism of the Marine Corps through the finest combination of music and ceremonial drill.

"It's a great honor to be able to perform here."
Staff Sgt. Henry Truzy, Platoon Sgt. for Silent Drill Platoon

"This is a special place, and what better way to celebrate a 100 years of MCRD San Diego than bringing the oldest post of the Marine Corps here to perform in San Diego, said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Henry Truzy, Platoon Sergeant for Silent Drill Platoon, Marine Barracks Washington.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego hosts recruit graduations most weeks of the year, inviting the public to witness the graduation ceremony and the legendary transformation first-hand, as well as take in the sites of the historic base. Today, as MCRD San Diego continues to serve as the Corps' West Coast Recruit Training facility, training recruits from all areas west of the Mississippi, it is imminent that the legacy of MCRD San Diego has forever etched itself in the history of the Marine Corps and the city of San Diego as well.

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

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Is Your DEERS Information Up to Date?

By TRICARE Communications - February 15, 2022

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – When is the last time you checked to see if your information in the [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System](#) (DEERS) is up to date? If it's been a while, take time to log in to DEERS and review your information. Keeping information on you and your family current in DEERS is important. Inaccurate information in the DEERS database could prevent you from being able to use your TRICARE benefits properly.

“TRICARE eligibility and health plan enrollment is maintained in DEERS,” said Dr. Danita Hunter, Chief of Policy and Programs for the TRICARE Health Plan. “Check the DEERS records for you and your family and make sure they're current and accurate. If you see anything wrong, get it fixed right away. Incorrect information in your DEERS record can cause problems with TRICARE claims and other health care benefits.”

You can update contact information yourself. But you'll need to reach out to [Defense Manpower Data Center](#) for other updates and corrections. Follow these steps to help you maintain your information within DEERS.

1. Check your DEERS record

The first step is to check your DEERS record. You can do this online through the [milConnect website](#). What are some things to check? As described in the [TRICARE Qualifying Life Events Fact Sheet](#), your DEERS record lists your service status, family status, and other information like your TRICARE coverage. You want to look at your contact information, including phone number, address, and email, to make sure they're current. You should also review the information for each family member and confirm your personnel, service, and eligibility status is accurate.

Keep in mind, each family member must be registered in DEERS. This means every person has to have a record in DEERS before any TRICARE benefits can be applied to the family member's record. If you're a sponsor, you're automatically registered in DEERS, but you must register your eligible family members.

2. Update your DEERS record

If there is incorrect information on your DEERS record, the second step is to get it updated without delay. There are some updates sponsors and family members can make online or by phone, like updating contact information. If you need to add or remove family members, though, sponsors must do this in person promptly by going to your [nearest ID card office](#). Don't forget to take [supporting documents](#) with you, such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, or divorce decree.

To update and correct information in DEERS, here are all your options:

- **Online:** Log in to the [milConnect](#) website
- **Phone:** Call 1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD: 1-866-363-2883) or fax updates to 1-800-336-4416
- **In person:** Visit a local [RAPIDS ID Card Office](#) (**Note:** Call or check the website for operating hours and to make an appointment)
- **Mail:** Send updates to:

Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office
Attention: COA
400 Gigling Road
Seaside, CA 93955-6771

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3. Maintain your DEERS record

Throughout the year, you may experience [changes](#) requiring you to update your DEERS record. So, the third step is to continue to update your information promptly as soon as a change occurs. You can do this by making sure every time you have a [Qualifying Life Event](#) (QLE), you update your DEERS information. Common examples of QLEs include:

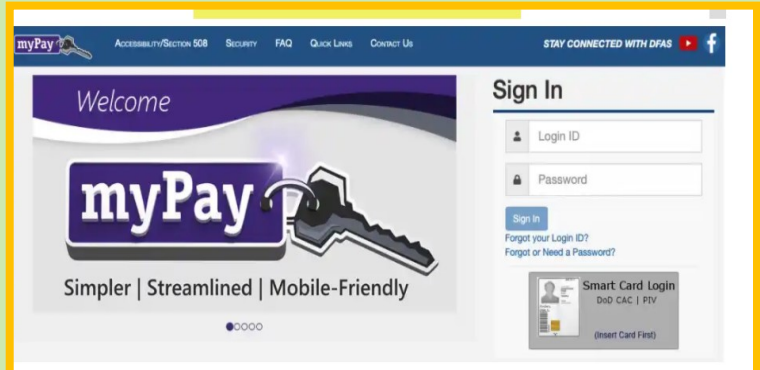
- Retiring or separating from active duty
- Getting married
- Giving birth or adopting
- Moving
- Becoming eligible for Medicare
- Gaining or losing other health insurance

You're responsible for keeping your DEERS information current. **Following these steps will help you avoid any break in your TRICARE coverage.** Check out the DEERS page on the TRICARE website at www.tricare.mil/deers to learn more.

UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS VIA RETIRED SERVICES AND PAY SECTION - you may also contact MMSR6 to update your mailing address:

1. Send an email to our organizational mailbox: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil. Please include your DoD ID number.
2. Telephone 1-800-336-4649

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- Allotments
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 - Direct Deposit
 - Federal Withholding
 - Health Savings Account
 - State Withholding

- Log into [myPay](https://mypay.dfas.mil/#/) (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/#/>)
- Find and select the Mailing Address link under Pay Changes on the Main Menu.
- Click the Edit button and enter the correct address.
- Submit your changes and click Finish.
- Your account will be updated in three to seven business days.

PHARMACY – ELECTRONIC DRUG MONOGRAPHS

BACKGROUND: Through a partnership between Defense Health Agency (DHA) and [VUCA Health](#), DHA Pharmacies have the ability to print QR codes onto prescription vials, which provides beneficiaries with information regarding their prescription and other related resources.

This idea was implemented in Air Force pharmacies in 2019. DHA’s Pharmacy Operations Division (POD) expanded this license to all of DHA’s pharmacies with implementations occurring throughout 2022.



Paper monographs will still be available upon request for those who may not have electronic means to access their prescription information.

- Military Treatment Facility (MTF) pharmacies will now be printing QR codes on prescription vials to provide beneficiaries information and education materials on their prescriptions.



- Paper drug monographs will still be available upon your request.
- Benefits in the use of electronic drug monographs include:
 1. Allowing MTFs to be eco-friendly and cut down on the use of paper.
 2. Increasing the privacy of patient information.
- The QR codes allow you to easily access more information regarding your prescription in an easy-to-understand way.
- Accessing this information is simple. Simply open your phone’s camera, or any other QR code reader, and point it at the QR code about 6 inches away to scan.
- If a MedGuide is available for the prescription, a green box will appear when taken to the QR code’s link.



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Brain, Hearing & Balance Injuries

- Hearing and balance injuries are common among service members
- Your hearing can be damaged by blasts, jet fuel, or long-term noise exposure
- You may or may not have hearing loss with these injuries
- See your doctor or hearing conservation manager for more information

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Head injuries, especially from a blast, have become one of the most common combat-related injuries among deployed service members.

Typical head injury symptoms are:

- trouble hearing speech in noisy settings
- ringing or other sounds in your ears or head
- dizziness when you move your head while walking or bending down

Talk to your doctor if you have any of these symptoms. For more about TBI and hearing loss, visit: <https://hearing.health.mil/Resources/Education/Conditions-and-Concerns/TBI-and-Hearing-Loss>
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REDESIGNATED: 3RD MARINE REGIMENT BECOMES 3RD MARINE LITTORAL REGIMENT

Courtesy Story, 3rd Marine Division @ Marines.mil

MCB HAWAII, Hawaii -The Marine Corps administratively redesignated the 3rd Marine Regiment to the 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment in a ceremony here today.

The occasion marks the establishment of the first MLR in the Marine Corps.

The redesignation of this storied regiment is an important chapter in Marine Corps history and builds on its reputation as a versatile, agile, and lethal warfighting organization.

“Marines on the leading edge of change is nothing new,” said Maj. Gen. Jay Barger, commanding general of 3rd Marine Division. “Adapting and overcoming challenge is part of our history and a critical component of our maneuver warfare philosophy. Marines have always been at the forefront of change when required, generating innovative solutions to challenging operational problems.”

“This redesignation reflects the Corps’ continued effort to ensure that Marines remain capable of fighting and winning on the battlefields of the future.”

Maj. Gen. Jay Barger, 3rd Marine Division commanding general

While the 3rd MLR is not envisioned to be fully operational for several years, its establishment demonstrates progress in the Marine Corps’ Force Design 2030 modernization effort.

The administrative redesignation to the 3rd MLR sets key personnel in place and allows the unit to manage existing facilities and equipment previously managed by the 3rd Marine Regiment. The redesignation also facilitates wargaming and experimentation to better define unit requirements and employment concepts in support of the Marine Corps’ Force Design 2030 modernization goals.

“The MLR will be optimized for conducting Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations in support of the joint force, with allies and partners, in austere and distributed maritime environments,” said Barger. “We are honing our capabilities to integrate and coordinate joint and combined fires and effects, extending the reach of and providing more options to our forces.”

As designed, the 3rd MLR is comprised of a headquarters element and three subordinate commands. These subordinate commands are the 3rd Littoral Anti-Air Battalion, which activated February 11; the Combat Logistics Battalion 3; and the Littoral Combat Team 3. The latter two units will formally align or activate under the MLR in the coming months.

The MLR is tailored to integrate with naval forces and serve as a key enabler for joint forces, allies, and partners. Its low signature in the electromagnetic spectrum will help the MLR remain difficult to detect, allowing it to function within range of the adversary’s weapons systems. From there, the MLR will integrate communications, sensor networks, and weapons systems to strengthen joint kill webs and increase the joint force’s ability to detect and target adversary forces. These actions will complicate an adversary’s decision-making process while providing additional options for friendly forces. Further details of how the MLR will operate are still in development and will continue to be informed by experimentation.

“When our partners and allies need us, we will be ready,” said Barger. “This redesignation reflects the Corps’ continued effort to ensure that Marines remain capable of fighting and winning on the battlefields of the future.”

U.S. Forces Prepare to Join Norway's Biennial Exercise Cold Response 22

From 1stLt. Jasmine Scott

Thousands of U.S. Marines and Sailors are scheduled to participate in Norway's Exercise Cold Response 22, the ninth iteration of this exercise, occurring from March 14 – April 1, 2022.

The exercise is designed to enhance military capabilities and allied cooperation during a high-intensity warfighting scenario in a challenging Arctic environment with rugged terrain and extreme cold weather. This iteration will emphasize and test critical activities ranging from the reception of allied and partner reinforcements and command and control interoperability, to combined joint operations, maritime prepositioning force logistics, integration with The Royal Netherlands Navy, and reacting against an adversary force in a dynamic training environment.

U.S. forces began training in Norway in December as Marine units conducted cold weather training and planning in the lead up to the exercise.

Approximately 200 military vehicles, attack and assault aircraft and other equipment departed Camp Lejeune, N.C., in January as part of II Marine Expeditionary Force's participation in Exercise Cold Response 2022.

U.S. forces traveling to Norway are following COVID-19 mitigation protocols. All deploying troops are vaccinated, and tested before and after travel. Self-sufficient logistics and medical components are structured to support the Marines and Sailors in event of emergencies.

Media interested in covering U.S. participation in the exercise from March 14-April 1, should contact II Marine Expeditionary Force Communication Strategy and Operations' media officer, U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Jasmine Scott at iimefcommstrat@usmc.mil. For imagery and video of II Marine Expeditionary Force in Exercise Cold Response 2022, go to: <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/ColdResponse>.

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Buying Back Your Military Service Time



DFAS Military Service Earnings/Buy Back Estimator

To help you make a decision on whether or not you would like to buy back your military service time, use the new [Military Service Earnings/Buy Back Estimator](#) tool. This tool will project your estimated earnings and the estimated cost of buying back your military service time. **Please note: This tool will only work with CAC enabled computers.**

An official estimate of your earnings can take 60 business days/12 weeks. With the new online estimator, available 24/7, you can quickly receive an **unofficial** estimate of your military earnings and the estimated cost of buying back your military service time. The estimator's results are approximate amounts and may not be used to formally apply to buy back your time.

To understand how buying back your military service will impact you specifically, to include how many years of credit you would receive and if it would affect your disability, it is recommended that you speak with a HR Retirement Counselor. Since every individual's situation is unique and specific, a HR Retirement Counselor can assist in interpreting specific regulations and potential impacts, opportunities, etc. To better assist the HR Retirement Counselor in his/her recommendations specific to your situation, it is recommended that you take a copy of your approximate earnings and buyback amount as projected by the Estimator tool when meeting with the counselor.

To use the estimator, you'll need the following details from your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) or any of the other documents listed on the [Acceptable Documents](#) page:

- Pay Entry Base Date
- Active Service Date (Start Date)
- Separation Grade
- Last Promotion Date
- Separation Date
- Civilian Retirement Plan

General questions: Read the latest FAQ at [Defense Finance and Accounting Service > AskDFAS](#) . For information or questions regarding estimated earnings, please contact the USMC [Military Finance Center](#).

If you choose to pursue buying back your military time, you should follow the steps outlined on the [Military Service Deposit](#) web page to submit an official request. [Defense Finance and Accounting Service > AskDFAS](#) Additional information can be found at the Office of Personal Website: <https://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/fers-information/military-retired-pay/>



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TRICARE Newsroom

TRICARE For Life: Choosing Your Provider Option

By TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, VA – Do you have medical coverage under the [TRICARE For Life](#) (TFL) program? Will you soon be [eligible for TFL](#)? If so, it's important to become familiar with your choices of [Medicare providers](#), whatever your needs may be. There are two main categories of Medicare providers: participating and non-participating. A third category is opt-out providers, which is the most expensive option. If you wish to make the best choice for your coverage, it's important that you learn the differences between each provider type.

Medicare Participating Providers

As described in the [TRICARE For Life Handbook](#), Medicare participating providers accept the Medicare-allowed amount as payment in full. They'll also file claims with Medicare for care you receive. After Medicare pays its portion, it will forward the claim to Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS), which is the TFL contractor. WPS is responsible for processing and paying TRICARE's portion of claims for TRICARE beneficiaries, who also have Medicare. When the care you receive is a benefit of Medicare and TRICARE, you'll have no out-of-pocket costs.

To find a Medicare provider near you, you can: Search the [Medicare Provider Directory](#) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Medicare Non-participating Providers

You may choose to see a Medicare non-participating provider. These providers don't accept the Medicare-allowed amount as payment in full. They may also charge up to 15% above the Medicare-allowed amount for your health care services.

"This shouldn't be a concern for you because TRICARE covers that additional 15%," said Anne Breslin, the TFL program manager at the Defense Health Agency. "No matter whether you see Medicare participating provider or a Medicare non-participating provider, your costs will be the same."

Opt-Out Providers

You can also get care from providers who opt out of the Medicare program. Opt-out providers aren't held to the Medicare or TRICARE-allowed amounts. So, you could have significant out-of-pocket costs if you get care from these providers. Before you choose this option, you should know all the costs for which you'll be responsible.

Opt-out providers don't take part in Medicare, so they can't bill Medicare. Medicare also can't pay for health care services you get from them. When you see an opt-out provider, TRICARE will only pay up to 20% of the TRICARE-allowable amount. You'll be responsible for billed charges, minus the amount paid by TRICARE.

Department of Veterans Affairs Providers

Are you eligible for both TFL and benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)? Like opt-out providers, VA providers can't bill Medicare, nor can Medicare pay for health care services that you get from a VA provider. As described in the [TRICARE For Life Handbook](#), if you see a VA provider for non-service connected care, you'll have significant out-of-pocket costs. TRICARE can only pay up to 20% of the TRICARE-allowable amount. So, care at a VA facility may leave you responsible for the rest of the costs. What you pay depends on whether or not the care you receive is for a service-connected illness or injury. You'll pay nothing when you get non-service connected care from Medicare providers and the care you receive is a benefit of [Medicare](#) and [TRICARE](#).

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If you choose to seek care from a VA provider, you can confirm your coverage details with the [TFL contractor](#). They'll let you know what TRICARE will cover.

Getting Care at Military Hospitals and Clinics

You can get care at any [military hospital or clinic](#) if space is available. You may also be able to use [TRICARE Plus](#), as described in the [TRICARE and Medicare: Turning Age 65 Brochure](#). This program allows certain beneficiaries to enroll at a military hospital or clinic and have priority access to primary care.

Overseas Providers

If you have TFL and live [overseas](#), you may generally use any civilian provider and get care at military hospitals and clinics if space is available. But be prepared to pay up front for services and submit a claim. You'll need to send your claims to the [TRICARE Overseas Program](#) claims processor, International SOS Government Services, Inc. While overseas, TRICARE is the primary payer unless you have other health insurance.

Keep in mind, you may have significant costs for your health care if you get care from VA or opt-out providers. Be sure to ask your provider if they're participating, non-participating, or opt-out. Or, look them up on the [Medicare website](#). To learn more about TFL, go to the [TRICARE For Life](#) page. And check out [TFL episodes](#) from the "Getting to Know TRICARE" podcast.



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Receiving VA disability pay?

It is important to keep your contact information up to date with Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps.

This is especially important if you are receiving only VA disability pay and NOT military retired pay. The Department of Veterans Affairs only shares some information with DoD agencies (DFAS, DMDC and HQMC). Other information, like your mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses are only updated if you contact MMSR-6 directly. Please remember to let us know when you move by emailing our Organizational Mailbox at: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil



2022 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates



<u>Entitlement Month</u>	<u>Retiree Pay Date</u>	<u>Annuitant Pay Date</u>
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

Protect Yourself From Medicare Fraud

Con artists may try to get your Medicare Number or personal information so they can steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. Medicare fraud results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone.

Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card.

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance.
- Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare Number.

Don't do it.

- Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first.



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1-800-MEDICARE
(1-800-633-4227)

TTY number: **1-877-486-2048**

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Your Social Security card is *not an identification document* and, in many situations, you only need to know your Social Security number (you do not need to show the physical card).

Do You Need to Show Your Social Security Card?



Evidence for Work



Several documents can be used instead of your Social Security card.

Other acceptable evidence includes:

- Birth Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-94 or Form I-94A

Evidence for Department of Motor Vehicles or Driver License (REAL ID)



The only state that requires you to show your physical Social Security card is Pennsylvania. For all other states, other acceptable evidence includes:

- W-2 forms
- Form SSA-1099
- Non-SSA-1099 forms
- Pay Stubs

For Other Benefits



You should not need to show your physical Social Security card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply provide your Social Security number for benefits like:

- Housing
- Health Insurance
- Food Assistance

For Tax Purposes



You do not need your Social Security card, you only need to know your Social Security number.

Need a Duplicate Tax Document? Here Are Easy Ways to Get It from DFAS

By DFAS Cleveland

It's tax season again and we want to make sure you are aware of all of the options you have for getting copies of your tax documents from DFAS.

We recommend you take advantage of myPay. A myPay account is your one-stop source for all of your most important retired pay or annuity pay information, including your 1099-R.



- In fact, 1099-Rs for tax year 2021 were available in December in myPay.
- If you requested your 1099-R to be mailed, it was mailed via U.S. Postal Service no later than January 31, 2022.

Your 1099-R and Pay Information in myPay

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



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

The advantage of using myPay is that your 1099-R tax statement is available much sooner in myPay than through postal mail. 1099-Rs generally become available in myPay in late December, while paper copies aren't mailed until later in January. In addition, in myPay you can download or print your current year tax statement, as well as prior year 1099-Rs (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants).

While you're in myPay, you can also easily check to make sure DFAS has your correct mailing address and email address. The self-service options available through myPay simplify the management of your military retirement or annuity and give you access to personalized information about your account.

It's Easy to Get Started with [myPay](#)

If you've never used myPay, you can request an initial password on the myPay_homepage using the "Forgot or Need a Password" link. The password will be mailed to the address you have on file with DFAS and you should receive it in about 10 business days.

Once you receive your password in the mail, you can return to the myPay homepage and log in with your social security number and the password you received in the mail to create your myPay profile.

We have a downloadable step-by-step Get Started Guide to myPay on our website at <https://www.dfas.mil/rapay> and a how-to video on the DFAS YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/DFAS>.

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Reactivating Your myPay

Account

We know that some of you only use [myPay](#) once a year to get your 1099-R during tax season. Then, when you do try to access your account, you discover that your password is expired, lost or forgotten. If this sounds like something that has happened to you, please update your password now. Waiting to update your password might mean longer wait times and potential delays in receiving your tax documents.



If your myPay account is in an inactive status because your password has expired, you can follow the simple steps below to reactivate your account.

1. Go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil> in your web browser on a computer or connected device.
2. Click on the “**Forgot or Need a Password?**” link and enter your Login ID or Social Security Number.
3. Choose to send a temporary password to your email or mailing address of record.
4. When you receive the temporary password, go back to myPay and log in to reactivate your account.

Additional Ways to Get Your 1099-R

If you are not using myPay, DFAS offers other convenient options to get or replace an IRS Form 1099-R.

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

- Call 800-321-1080
- Select option “1” for Self-Serve
- Select option “1”
- Enter your Social Security Number when prompted

Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address DFAS has on record.

Now available: starting this year, you can use the ask DFAS 1099-R online tool to submit a request to have your duplicate 1099-R mailed to a foreign address!

If you prefer traditional mail, you can send us a written request by fax or mail, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It can take up to 30 days to process requests received by fax or mail.

Find instructions for these convenient options at: <https://www.dfas.mil/rettaxes>

Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers.

Changing Your Federal Tax Withholding

If you need to change your withholding, you can do it easily in myPay. Or you can fill out and mail an IRS Form W-4 if you are a military retiree or an IRS Form W-4P if you are an SBP annuitant. The forms are available on the IRS website (<https://www.irs.gov>) and are also linked from the DFAS Forms webpage: <https://www.dfas.mil/raforms>.

Please note: You are not required to file a new Form W-4 or Form W-4P unless you claim exemption from federal tax withholding. If you claim exemption, the IRS requires you file a new W-4 or W-4P at the beginning of EACH tax year.

Military retired pay is paid for many different reasons under many different laws. There are differences in the types of pay a military retiree might receive and the tax laws that apply to them. Whether a portion or all of an individual’s military retired pay is subject to federal income taxes depends on his/her individual circumstances.

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An individual's choice to have no withholding for federal taxes does not impact whether the individual's military retired pay is actually subject to federal income taxes. Ultimately, the IRS will determine the amount of taxes owed on the military retired pay.

See the DFAS retired pay taxes webpage for more information for retirees: <https://www.dfas.mil/rettaxes>

See the DFAS manage your SBP annuity webpage for more information for annuitants: <https://www.dfas.mil/managesbp>

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

The IRS Tax Withholding Estimator

The IRS has an online Tax Withholding Estimator to help you determine how much tax you need to have withheld. The calculator helps taxpayers estimate if the right amount is being withheld from their income to cover their tax liability. The estimator uses a simple, six-step question-and-answer format using information like marital or filing status, income, withholding, adjustments, deductions and credits.

The mobile-friendly estimator is available at: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator>

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR NAME?

MARADMIN 022/22 was released on 21 January 2022, and provides guidance for Administrative Name Changes to a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) as directed by the Under Secretary of Defense (USD) for Personnel and Readiness (P&R). Prior to the release of this MARADMIN, requests for administrative name changes to the DD 214 were submitted to the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR). **Such changes will no longer require approval by the BCNR.** Furthermore, Headquarters Marine Corps ([MMRP-10](#)) will hold administrative responsibility for changes at their level. **Effective immediately**, all administrative name changes to the DD 214 shall be submitted to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMRP-10) for approval. All requests for administrative name changes shall be accompanied by a valid court order recognizing an individual's legal name change. If a name change request is not accompanied by a valid court order recognizing a legal name change, it will not meet the requirements to be changed administratively by this Headquarters. In such cases, the individual will be required to petition the BCNR for such a change.

Submit your request to the MMRP Organization email box: SMB.MANPOWER.MMRP-10@USMC.MIL (preferred submission method).

Alternatively, you can mail your request to:

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMRP-10)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134
1-800-268-3710

Please be aware, that approval of these requests will only result in your name being changed on your DD 214, and not in other official Marine Corps or Department of Defense Systems. Please contact MMSR-6 if you need your name changed in DEERS or at DFAS.

COVID-19 HOME TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com). Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes #4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free

Due to high demand, orders are filled as tests come in: Place your order now and it will ship as soon as USPS receives tests from manufacturers.



NOTE: Image of tests is only representative.

ABOUT THE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests

Visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) to learn more about testing.

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests

Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489)

If you think you had a problem with a COVID-19 test, the FDA encourages you to report the problem through the MedWatch Voluntary Reporting Form (<https://www.fda.gov/safety/medical-product-safety-information/medwatch-forms-fda-safety-reporting>).

Make sure to purchase FDA-approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers. Over-the-counter or at-home tests are available for sale around the U.S. at many reputable and trustworthy retailers and pharmacies.

A list of Authorized At-Home OTC COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests can be found at FDA website: https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#list

Have you received robocalls, text messages, or emails offering COVID-19 tests ?

Be careful!

Scammers are selling fake and unauthorized at-home COVID-19 test kits in exchange for your personal or medical information.

Do not give out your Medicare Number for COVID-19 test kits!

If you suspect fraud, call **1-800-MEDICARE** to report it.

USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
East Coast Drill Instructors Association Parris Island Chapter SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller, USMC (Ret.)	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
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

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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
1st Marine Division Assn. 75th Annual Reunion -Anyone who served with or supported the Blue Diamond is welcome.	13-20 Aug 2022 Washington D.C.	(760)763-3268	june.oldbreed@fmnda.us
Delta Company 1/7 Marines Vietnam Larry Horn (65-66) Richard Brenza (67-68) Poke Stiers, President (68-69) James Tompson (69-70)	16-19 Aug 2022 Savannah, GA	(207) 349-0653 (708) 250-9278 (970) 618-5461 (504) 421-4207	readingboy62@yahoo.com richardbrenza@allstate.com pokestiers@aol.com tompson32@cs.com
USMC Combat Helicopter and Tiltrotor Assn. (All USMC Helo & Tiltrotor Squads) Slick Katz	24-28 Aug 2022 Sparks, NV		skatz@popasmoke.com www.popasmoke.com
19th Annual Marine Corps Translation Teams Assn. Gathering Keyvan Ghovanloo	22-26 Sep 2022 Boston, MA	(518) 495-2128	aghovanloo@aol.com
Marine Corps Engineer Assn. (MCEA) LtCol George Carlson USMC (Ret.)	26-29 Sep 2022 Las Vegas, NV	(931) 307-9094	treasurer@marcorengasn.org www.marcorengasn.org
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.)	25-30 Oct 2022 Dallas, TX	(352) 988-0410 (210) 441-9889	packard.rick@gmail.com prattwf@gmail.com
HMLA East Reunion (167, 269 and 467 - all years) LtCol Steve Jones, USMC (Ret.)	7-11 Dec 2022 Jacksonville, NC	(540) 642-0009	2022.hmla.reunion@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/313204624084728
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.11thmarinesoifl.com/
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

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COLONEL

BLUM, ROBERT J.	Jul 87/Oct 21
CHURCH, JOHN C.	Mar 91/Nov 21
ELSTEN, GARY L.	Jul 95/Nov 21
IRWIN, WILLIAM R.	Jun 87/Sep 21
KRAFT, ERIK B.	Oct 20/Nov 21
ULRICH, FOSTER G.	Oct 94/Nov 21

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

AUSTIN, HENRY W.	Aug 82/Oct 21
AYMOND, JR., JOHN P.	Jul 86/Dec 21
BOSTON, GERALD W.	Jul 82/Nov 21
COSGROVE, WILLIAM P.	Aug 68/Nov 21
DOW, ARNOLD H.	Oct 82/Oct 21
HAHN, JR., JOSEPH L.	Nov 81/Aug 21
HALL, THOMAS H.	Jan 88/Jul 21
HARRIS, JOHN K.	Nov 11/Dec 21
JOHNSON, JAMES E.	Jul 86/Nov 21
JONES, JOEL F.	Dec 08/Nov 21
LAMASCUS, ZANE V.	Sep 77/Nov 21
LIFSET, EDWARD W.	Jul 79/Oct 21
PACELLO, FRANCIS D.	Nov 81/Dec 21
ROACH, JAMES P.	Jun 98/Sep 21
RULE III, JULIUS M.	Jul 93/Dec 21
SCHMIDT, JAMES M.	Nov 80/Nov 21
WATKINS, DAVID C.	Dec 77/Nov 21
WILLKOMM, JAMES W.	Mar 72/Oct 21

MAJOR

AKERS, THOMAS E.	Jun 95/Oct 20
CHILCOTE, DAVID L.	Nov 75/Sep 21
CHOATE, RICHARD J.	Jul 87/Nov 21
DEEMER, JAMES C.	Mar 79/Oct 21
GABRIEL, PHILLIP A.	Nov 98/Oct 21
GARBER, CHARLES P.	Aug 82/Sep 21
GODFREY, ROBERT C.	Sep 80/Oct 21
GOODYEAR, JOHN K.	Jun 79/Oct 21
HEALY, JOHN F.	Jan 82/Nov 21

HOUSTON, JR., ARTHUR L.	May 77/Oct 21
KANE, LEE D.	Sep 86/Sep 21
LEE, JEREMY E.	Jun 17/Nov 21
MASTROBERTI, MICHAEL P.	Jan 78/Jul 21
MONTOYA, CECILIO	Aug 83/Nov 21
O'LAUGHLIN, LARRY L.	Jul 76/Nov 21
PLUMLEE, FRANK B.	Oct 88/Oct 21
RUSSELL, KARL R.	May 88/Sep 21
SANDVOSS, BERT E.	Sep 79/Oct 21
SMITH, BLAKESLEE A.	Nov 78/May 21
THORPE, JAMES G.	Sep 89/Oct 21
YAZEL, KENNETH H.	Sep 82/Oct 21

CAPTAIN

BARRY, LAWRENCE E.	Aug 75/Aug 21
BELL, JACK L.	May 95/Oct 21
ELLIOTT, THOMAS M.	Jun 73/Nov 20
GIBBS, HAYWOOD P.	Apr 74/Nov 21
GIRARDIN, RAYMOND S.	Mar 91/Nov 21
GUTH, ROGER A.	May 70/Sep 21
HUTCHINSON, ARNOLD A.	Jun 78/Oct 21
JAMES, GLENN H.	Jul 91/Oct 21
LIGHTSEY, REGENALD F.	Nov 76/Sep 21
O'HARA, WILLIAM J.	Jul 74/Dec 21
PATTAT, ALBERT W.	Jul 75/Oct 21
PIERCE, JOHN F.	Mar 71/Oct 21
PULLIN, JESSE P.	Aug 79/Sep 21
SHELKEY, LLOYD E.	Sep 73/Oct 21
SUMNER, BURREL E.	Jul 60/Jul 21
TANZEY, THEODORE E.	Apr 74/Nov 21

FIRST LIEUTENANT

LEACH, HAROLD W.	Nov 68/Nov 21
SCHMICK, BRUCE D.	Sep 68/Oct 21



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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

CW05

HASKILL, ROXANNE M. Jul 03/Nov 21

CW04

BOLENBARKER, LUTHER A. Aug 79/Sep 21
 GOBEN, KENNETH M. Aug 01/Oct 21
 HIGGS, JR., WILLIAM A. Nov 82/Oct 21
 MARTIN, TRAVIS E. Jul 78/Oct 21

CW03

HUNTLEY, HARLEY L. Feb 76/Aug 21

CW02

RINOCK, PATRICK L. Sep 11/Oct 21

SERGEANT MAJOR

ALTIERI, DAN N. Jan 18/Sep 21
 BRADLEY, JOHN R. Aug 99/Oct 21
 DOYLE, MICHAEL T. Jan 73/Oct 21
 SCHUETT, HARLAN L. Apr 91/Oct 21
 SHARPE, EVERETT L. Apr 80/Oct 21

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

AURILIO, JR., FRANK L. Nov 84/Nov 21
 BROWN, JR., THOMAS L. Apr 85/Oct 21
 COWART, GARY V. Sep 91/Dec 21
 DUNHAM, MELVIN E. Aug 77/Nov 21
 FRAZIER, THOMAS J. Aug 89/Nov 21
 GATTIS, ROBERT A. May 74/Nov 21
 MARKHAM, FREDRICK A. Oct 81/Sep 21
 MARTIN, ELLIOT C. Mar 11/Nov 21
 NEAL, DESS W. Oct 86/Nov 21
 WHEELER, CARL D. Mar 02/Nov 21
 WOODWARD, EDWIN W. May 01/Oct 21
 WORTMAN, ALFRED J. Nov 79/Oct 21
 ZAHOUREK, CHARLES R. Aug 94/Oct 21

FIRST SERGEANT

BRADFORD, ERNEST E. Feb 74/Nov 21
 BREEDLOVE, William A. Oct 90/Jul 18
 BROWN, DONALD R. Oct 89/Sep 21
 ELLINGWOOD, DONALD D. Jun 94/Oct 21
 JACKSON, RONNIE G. Oct 78/Oct 21
 JOHN, CHARLES T. Nov 94/Oct 21
 MARAZZO, ALFRED D. Oct 00/Dec 21
 MENDEZ, ARTHUR B. Feb 80/Nov 21
 OWEN, JAMES L. Dec 67/Dec 21
 RODRIGUEZ, ALEXANDER H. Jun 79/Oct 21
 ROSSI, GARY J. Feb 91/Oct 21

MASTER SERGEANT

ANDERSON, LARRY B. May 79/Dec 21
 BLAIR, CHARLES J. Jul 68/Oct 21
 BLANKENSHIP, EDWARD M. Sep 76/Oct 21
 BOCKTING, PAUL E. Oct 83/Nov 21
 CHAVEZ, FRANK G. Aug 76/Nov 21
 CONARD, CHARLES P. Jul 87/Dec 21
 CROSS, JR., ALVIN E. Aug 97/Nov 21
 DOBY, STEPHEN D. Nov 12/Jul 21
 DRESSEN, HERBERT Sep 84/Aug 19
 ELLIOTT, GENE T. Jul 67/Oct 21
 ENDRALIN, THOMAS F. Jul 90/Mar 21
 FENDLER, BERNARD J. Jun 71/Aug 21
 HASKINS, TERRY L. Apr 10/Dec 21
 JAIME, JESSE R. Apr 06/Jun 21
 JONES, CARY W. Nov 86/Oct 21
 LAWSON, RODGER M. Dec 79/Sep 21
 LUSTIG, JOHN E. May 79/Nov 21
 MCDUGALD, JR., JASON T. Dec 82/Nov 21
 MELLOTT, LEE C. Jul 85/Nov 21
 MOODY, RICHARD D. Oct 93/Nov 21
 MORRIS, JOSEPH S. May 84/Nov 21
 PAPARELLI, RICHARD W. Sep 87/Oct 21
 PEREZ, JULIAN H. Aug 87/Dec 21
 ROGERS, JACK A. Feb 78/Nov 21
 SCHMIDT, CHRISTIAN H. Jul 84/Oct 21
 SCOTT, JR., DONALD A. Aug 97/Oct 21
 SIEPLE, RONALD F. Jan 83/Oct 21



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THOMAS, ROBERT V.	Sep 89/Sep 21
VESSEY, JR., DANIEL J.	Oct 67/Aug 21
WEILBACHER, ROBERT G.	Jan 71/Nov 21
WHITE, CLAUDE R.	Nov 01/Sep 98

THOMAS, HAROLD O.	Jul 71/Nov 21
TILI, FAGATUA V.	Dec 92/Aug 21
VACHON, GERALD T.	Apr 78/Dec 21
VARAY, JACK D.	Jul 79/Oct 21
WARE, MEREDITH P.	Mar 75/Jul 21
WEBSTER, JR., JOHN L.	Jun 77/Oct 21

GUNNERY SERGEANT

BAUGHMAN, JAMES B.	Jan 06/Sep 21
BERTHELOT, JOSEPH C.	Dec 06/Nov 21
BOOTHBY, Jr., DANIEL T.	Jul 74/Nov 21
BOURBEAU, DAVID E.	Apr 73/Oct 21
BRADLEY, LESLIE A.	Feb 73/Nov 21
CARTER, WINTON W.	Jan 61/Nov 21
DARNELL, BILLY E.	May 75/Oct 21
DELANEY, JOHN F.	Jan 68/Nov 21
FRIER, ULYSSES	Dec 79/Nov 21
GASKINS, WALTER R.	Jan 80/Sep 21
GASTON, HAROLD E.	Aug 75/Nov 21
HAWSE, LAWRENCE E.	Sep 89/Oct 21
HAYDU, JOHN A.	Sep 05/Nov 21
HERBERT, DAVID A.	Mar 93/Sep 21
HERNANDEZ, RAYMOND	Jun 74/Nov 21
HILL, THOMAS G.	Apr 93/Nov 21
HOPKINS, WILLIE E.	Nov 73/Oct 21
JOHNSON, GEORGE E.	Mar 73/Oct 21
JOHNSON, WILLIAM A.	Aug 92/Nov 21
KENDRICK, GLORIA D.	Nov 93/Nov 21
LESSARD, THOMAS R.	Aug 98/Oct 21
MAINVILLE, ROGER M.	Jun 00/Oct 21
MAULDIN, BOBBY L.	Aug 73/Nov 21
MAYHEW, ROBERT E.	Jun 73/Oct 21
MCKINNON, DANIEL M.	Sep 04/Sep 21
NELSON, PATRICK E.	Aug 97/Oct 21
POWELL, ERNEST W.	Mar 73/Oct 21
QUINTERO, DANIEL L.	Mar 05/Jul 21
RESSEN, RICHARD R.	Dec 72/Nov 21
REYNOLDS III, JOHN E.	Jan 95/Sep 21
SMITH, JR., CLYDE	Apr 92/Nov 21
SMITH, ELISHA B.	Jun 75/Dec 21

STAFF SERGEANT

CRAMP, ANDREW S.	Feb 97/Dec 21
GOFF III, GEORGE C.	Nov 92/Nov 21
GRIMSLEY, EDWARD J.	Jul 90/Oct 21
HAMMOND, JAMES A.	Jul 02/Oct 21
HIBBARD, JAMES S.	Oct 54/Sep 21
HOWELL, FRED I.	Mar 95/Nov 21
LOYED, JAMES A.	May 74/Oct 21
MCKINNON, DAN K.	Jul 82/Sep 21
MILES, JR., HARRY E.	Feb 69/Nov 21
PRZEKOP, I. B.	Feb 62/Sep 20
RIOS, PERNELL	Jul 99/Oct 21
YODER, JOHN G.	Aug 86/Jul 19

SERGEANT

KUZAWINSKI, JACOB J.	Sep 69/Oct 21
STEVENS, RICKY D.	Jul 69/Nov 21
WEIR, ALBERT B.	Mar 55/Oct 21

CORPORAL

ADKINS, STANLEY H.	Nov 68/Sep 21
BOOKER, JOHN D.	Nov 68/Oct 21
BURKE, HAROLD B.	Jun 52/Nov 21
LOHMAN, SHERWOOD B.	Jun 75/Sep 21
MASON, JEROLD C.	Jul 08/Oct 21
WEEKS, ALBERT G.	Feb 68/Oct 21
WYNN, ELWAN C.	Sep 67/Oct 21



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LANCE CORPORAL

CARRAWAY, LOUIS W.	Oct 74/Sep 21
CHEFFEN, JIMMY E.	Oct 69/Nov 21
HALEY, THOMAS M.	Aug 65/Nov 21
HAMILTON, CHARLES E.	Dec 74/Nov 21
MCCLURE, JOE C.	Feb 70/Sep 21
MEALEY, ROGER D.	May 69/Oct 21
PHIPPS, LARRY G.	Mar 70/Oct 21
WILLIAMS, PAUL J.	Dec 70/Sep 21

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

HOLBROOK, GEORGE W.	Feb 54/Sep 21
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PRIVATE

DAVILA, RICHARD G.	Jul 58/Sep 21
EASLEY, MARK D.	Jun 61/Oct 21

TALK TO ME

Down the street from me is a former WW-II Coast Guard type. He keeps telling me he is older than the seas he sailed. I usually stop and talk to him for a few minutes when I'm walking my dog in the evening. But, last night, he told me, "Nobody wants to listen."

At first I thought he was making a comment about something from today's news. But that wasn't it. He was talking about his experiences during the war. He said there was nobody around any more that he could trade war stories with. None of his friends had served in any of the armed forces.

After I continued my walk I thought about what he had said. He was right. Unless you were there, nobody wants to hear about "that" time. I truly believe people care that you served. It's just they don't want to hear about it. Don't bring it up.

As I get older and we socialize with an older generation, I also find very few served in the military. And those few that did, most never heard a shot fired in anger. So, why can't I talk about my experiences like the guys talk about their younger adult civilian experiences? Or, how wives took on the full responsibilities of running a family while their husbands were overseas.

I think the reason most don't want to hear about it simply is they're afraid you'll talk about someone getting killed. You see talking about being in combat makes most civilians feel closer to the taking of a life and the death of a human being. Almost as if they feel you're pointing a finger at them and asking why they weren't there.

I've never been accused of making life choices for others unless it was my immediate family. Then it dealt mainly with changes of duty stations. Therefore, I don't put people down just because they never served. But, that doesn't mean I don't wonder how patriotic a man can be that never served one day in the defense of our nation.

That doesn't mean I haven't heard a lot of excuses why they didn't. Seems every time we meet new people at a cocktail party and they find out I was a Marine, out come the excuses. Thankfully, our founding Fathers didn't feel that way.

Major Charles E. Creamer, USMC (Ret.) contributor

Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

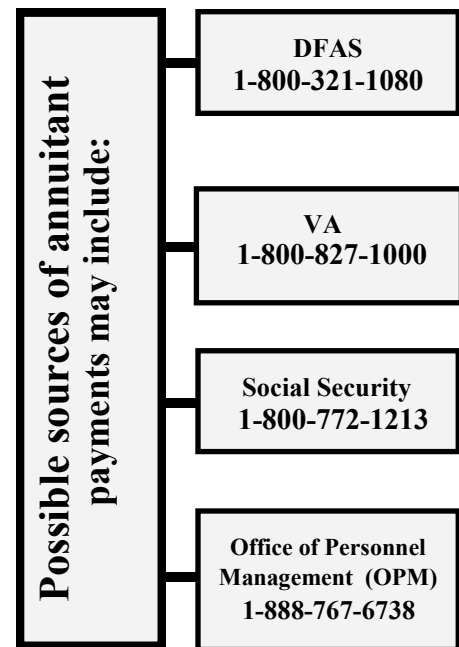
Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay if payment is erroneously received.

***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 1 January 2001 should submit their inquiry to:

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

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.secnnav.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>

F

Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

(877) 888-FEDS ((877) 888-3337)
www.BENEFEDS.com/military

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)

(800) LTC-FEDS ((800) 582-3337)
www.LTCFEDS.com/Military

M

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134
(866) 622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

- **Leatherneck Magazine**
(800) 336-0291, ext. 115; Fax: (703) 640-0823
leatherneck@mca-marines.org
- **Marine Corps Gazette**
(800) 336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147
gazette@mca-marines.org

MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON

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



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MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle VA 22172
(703) 640-7965 OR (800) 397-7585; info@marineheritage.org
<https://www.marineheritage.org/>

MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

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

MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR)

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HQ

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

MARINE CORPS RECORDS CORRESPONDENCE (MMRP-12)

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

MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSOCIATION

3619 Richmond Hwy
Suite 115
Stafford, VA 22554-7771, (877) 289-8780, (703) 289-1204

MCCS COMMUNITY SERVICES: www.usmc-mccs.org

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

VA Records Management Center

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

MEDICARE: (800) 633-4227; www.medicare.gov

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

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

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

(314) 801-0800; <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel>

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER

(800) NAVY-INN; www.navy-lodge.com

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

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

Q

QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY

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

S

SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS

- **Air Force Afterburner:** <http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>
- **Army Echoes:** <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>
- **Coast Guard Evening Colors:** www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews
- **Navy Shift Colors:** www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Media-Center/Publications/Shift-Colors/

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp

T

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN: (877) 968-3778; Fax: (216)

367-3605; TSP mailbox: ccl-mc-tsp@dfas.mil

International callers: (404) 233-4400

<https://www.tsp.gov/index.html>

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

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

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

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program

(877) 363-1303;

<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296;

<https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

U

UNIFORM SUPPORT CENTER: (800) 368-4088;

Fax your DD 214 to (800) 551-6289 before placing order.

V

VA: (800) 827-1000; www.va.gov

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

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

(800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov

VA SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473

VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:

(800) 697-6947

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3280 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VA 22134-5103

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MMSR-4: (703) 784-9308/09
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smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil

MMSR-5: (703) 784-9306/07
Inactive Reserve Separations and Retirements
smb.manpower.mmsr5@usmc.mil

MMSR-6: (703) 784-9311; (800) 336-4649
Fax: (703) 784-9834
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- Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)
- Identification Cards
- Semper Fidelis
- Survivor Benefit Plan

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