

SEMPER FIDELIS

NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES



Photo by Cpl Antonio Mazzamuto

New memorial pays tribute to Corpsmen's sacrifices in service alongside Marines

By LtCol Jenny Hawkes USMCR (Ret)

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – A statue memorializing U.S. Navy hospital corpsmen was unveiled at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, 109 Montford Landing Rd., here, on Oct. 12, 2022. The event was attended by hundreds of military and civilian officials, military veterans and family members, and community supporters. Former SECNAV Retiree Council member Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (AW) Raymond L. Applewhite was instrumental in making it happen.

“The Memorial is a long overdue recognition of the service and sacrifice that Navy corpsmen have paid and continue to pay as they serve alongside their Marine Corps brothers and sisters,” Applewhite said. “The Fleet Marine Force corpsmen are diamonds in the rough. They have a long, storied history of brave and heroic duty in combat with the Marines.”

Per Navy.mil, Navy hospital corpsmen are the most highly decorated rate in the U.S. Navy. As of 2022, Corpsmen account for 22 Medals of Honor, 199 Navy Crosses and 984 Silver Stars. Per the Corpsmen Memorial Foundation website, about 2,000 corpsmen have been killed in action while serving with the Marine Corps: 1,170 in World War II, 109 in Korea, 639 in the Vietnam War, 15 in the Marine Barracks in Beirut and over 55 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Corpsmen Memorial is in good company. Other memorials at the Gardens commemorate the 10 million men and women who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, including three million who served in theater; the 20,000 Black Americans recruited into the Marine Corps and trained at Montford Point Camp (now known as Camp Johnson) at Camp Lejeune between 1942 and 1949; and the 273 Marines killed in the terrorist attack their barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, on Oct. 23, 1983. An additional memorial features a beam taken from the rubble of the Twin Towers after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Gardens is also the future home of the Carolina Museum of the Marine.

“Needless to say, some corpsmen made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Applewhite. “The training they receive make them eligible for duty whenever and wherever the Marines deploy.” Applewhite’s name is on file as potentially being the first African American Navy Instructor at Field Medical Service School at Camp Johnson during his assignment there from 1974-1977.

It’s fitting, then, that the Corpsmen Memorial found a home in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, very near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Corpsmen such as Applewhite have trained in the area for duty with the Marines since 1950. Said Applewhite, “This memorial means that the Fleet Marine Force corpsmen now have a memorial in place at the Gardens that will forever represent the corpsmen’s mutual respect, admiration and total commitment to ‘take care’ of their Marines!”

Applewhite is a supporter of the Corpsmen Memorial Foundation. The Foundation officially formed in January 2008 and has advocated and raised funds for the Corpsmen Memorial ever since. Prospective supporters can learn more at <https://fmfcmf.org/>. The statue for the Corpsmen Memorial was designed by Abbe’ Godwin, who also sculpted the Gardens’ Beirut Memorial statue.

Applewhite, who retired from the Navy in 1993, served two tours on the SECNAV Retiree Council: 2014-2017 and 2019-2022. To learn more about the Council, visit <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/21st-Century-Sailor/Retired-Activities/SECNAV-Retiree-Council/>. Access the Council’s Facebook page by searching for Navy and Marine Corps Retirees, then like and follow for frequent news updates.

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at **988 and then press 1.**

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Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures

By Veterans Affairs January 24, 2023

Photo by Sgt Anthony L. Ortiz

“Airborne hazard” refers to any sort of contaminant or potentially toxic substance that we are exposed to through the air we breathe. While on active duty, military service members may have been exposed to a variety of airborne hazards including:

- The smoke and fumes from open burn pits
- Fuel, aircraft exhaust, and other mechanical fumes
- Sand, dust, and particulate matter
- Smoke from oil well fires
- General air pollution common in certain countries

VA understands that many Veterans are especially concerned about exposure to the smoke and fumes generated by open burn pits.

In Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas of the Southwest Asia theater of military operations, open-air combustion of trash and other waste in burn pits was a common practice. The Department of Defense has now closed out most burn pits and is planning to close the remainder.

Depending on a variety of factors, you may experience health effects related to this exposure. Factors that may indicate you have a greater or lesser risk of short or long-term health effects include:

- Types of waste burned
- Wind direction and other weather-related factors
- Proximity, amount of time, and frequency of exposure
- Presence of other airborne or environmental hazards in the area

Researchers, including experts at VA, are actively studying airborne hazards like burn pits and other military environmental exposures. Ongoing research will help us better understand potential long-term health effects and provide you with better care and services. Many health conditions related to these hazards are temporary and should disappear after the exposure ends. Other longer-term health issues may be caused by a combination of hazardous exposures, injuries, or illnesses you may have experienced during your military service including blast or noise injuries.



Map of countries and bodies of water currently included in the VA Airborne Hazards and open Burn Pits Registry.

Presumptive Conditions for Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures

The following are presumptive conditions:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

Join the Registry

We encourage all Veterans who are eligible to participate in VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR). By joining the registry, you can provide information that can help us better understand the long-term effects of burn pit exposures. Even if you have not experienced any symptoms or illnesses you believe are related to burn pit exposure, your participation could help VA provide better care to all Veterans

- Participation in the registry does not mean you are applying for VA disability benefits or health care. To apply for VA disability compensation, please go to compensation. To apply for VA health care treatment, please go to health care.
- You can save and submit your registry questionnaire and notes from the optional health evaluation support your claim.
- You do not have to participate in the registry to be enrolled in VA health care or file a VA claim.
- You can participate even if you do not recall any exposure to airborne hazards during your military service at an eligible location.
- Visit the registry page to learn more about eligibility and how to get started.

Open Burn Pits – What Was Burned

Waste products commonly disposed of in open burn pits include:

- Chemicals, paint, medical and human waste
- Metal and aluminum cans
- Petroleum and lubricant products
- Plastics, rubber, wood, and food waste

Exposure to smoke created by burning these materials may cause irritation and burning of eyes or throat, coughing, breathing difficulties, skin itching or rashes. Many of these conditions are temporary and resolve on their own when the exposure ends. However, if you were closer to burn pit smoke or were exposed for longer periods of time, you may be at greater risk for longer-term health conditions.



Changes to TRICARE Expected in 2024

By TRICARE Communications December 22, 2022

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – A new TRICARE contract that facilitates beneficiary health care in the civilian sector, known as T-5, is expected to start in 2024. The changes will improve the delivery, quality, and cost of health care services for service members, retirees, and their families.

There will continue to be two regional contractors. On December 22, 2022, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) announced that Humana Government Business and TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corporation will be the regional contractors, also known as managed care support contractors. If you live in the TRICARE East Region, Humana Government Business (Humana Military) will administer your health plan and provide TRICARE coverage. If you live in the TRICARE West Region, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corporation will administer your health plan and provide TRICARE coverage.

“I am pleased that our new T-5 TRICARE contracts will continue to focus on enhancing the experience of care and great health care outcomes for our service members, retirees, and their families,” said Lt Gen Ronald Place, Director, Defense Health Agency.

Six states move to West Region

The biggest change is the shift six East Region states will make to the West Region. This will affect approximately 1.5 million beneficiaries. The states moving from the East Region to the West Region are:

- Arkansas
- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Wisconsin

Moving these six states into the West Region will create a more even balance to the TRICARE population each regional contractor manages. The move will also streamline processes and standards for both regions.

What does this mean for you? The DHA has targeted January 2024 for the changes to take place. Throughout 2023, the same regional contractor will continue to manage your TRICARE health plan:

East Region—Humana Military

West Region—Health Net Federal Services, LLC

You don't need to take any action right now. How you get your health care won't change during the transition period through 2023. If you live in one of the states that's going from the East Region to the West Region, the DHA and TRICARE regional contractors have a variety of communications planned throughout the year. You'll learn how the transition will occur—and any action you need to take—so your TRICARE benefits can continue seamlessly.

Be sure to check the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to confirm all your information is current. This will help make sure you won't miss important communications regarding your TRICARE benefit.

New contract focuses on care

Built into the new contract is an ongoing commitment to improving access to and quality of health care services. The regional contractors will do this in a variety of ways, including:

- Supporting innovation and health care industry best practices
- Creating efficient ways to reduce health care costs
- Providing a foundation for future health care demonstrations and pilots
- Improving how military hospitals and clinics and civilian care can work together to enhance patients' health care experience

Some of the changes to the TRICARE health plan will happen behind the scenes, but every change will help support you by providing:

- More efficient referral transfers between the two regions
- Greater provider network flexibility
- Improved beneficiary choice
- Enhanced telehealth appointments

“The DHA wants to improve your health care experience and provide a seamless and timely transition for you and your family,” added Place.

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Quarterly newsletters provide information about your TRICARE benefit. Get future issues of *Health Matters* Newsletters, plus more benefit updates and news, by <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USMHSTMA/subscriber/new> for email updates from TRICARE.

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USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Hotel 2/7 Vietnam Veterans (1965-1970) Jerry Norris	8-11 June 2023	(940) 631-7233	postalm16@hotmail.com
TBS Class 4-73 Delta Co 50th Reunion Col Bill Anderson, USMCR (Ret.) Col Bob Donaghue, USMCR (Ret.) Arlington, VA	15-18 June 2023	(540) 850-4213 (617) 840-0267	binche57@yahoo.com ip350haven@comcast.net
Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS.MACCS) Reunion	21-24 June 2023	(260) 667-0602	fwalter@frontier.com
1st Marine Division Association 76 Annual Reunion Las Vegas, NV Dennis J. Coady (Anyone who served with our supported the Blue Diamond is welcome)	13-20 August 2023	(760) 763-3268	June.oldbreed@fmda.us
National Montford Point Marine Association Inc. 2023 Convention National VP, Ron Johnson Jacksonville, NC	23-26 August 2023	(540)-202-8552	http://www.montfordpointmarines.org
26th Marine Association Stone Castle Hotel & Conference Center 3050 Green Mountain Drive Branson, MO 65616	25-27 August 2023	(512) 825-4730	Www.26Marines.com, sonnyusmc@gmail.com
1977 Louisiana (Bayou) State Platoon 3065 (Swamp Rats) SSgt C. Leduff First Reunion, Baton Rouge, LA	7-9 September 2023	225-281-6838	rayjbroussardjr@gmail.com, morganjos607@gmail.com
Marine Corps Engineer Association MCEA LtCol Carlson, George (Ret.) Radisson Hotel Branson, MO 65616	28-30 September 2023	931-307-9094	treasurer@marcorengasn.org
TBS Class 5-1983 Echo Company 40th Anniversary Reunion Quantico and Old Town Alexandria, VA	6-8 October 2023	McBride (215)-208-9686 McLaughlin (757)-746-0299	TBS 5-83 Echo Company Reunions Facebook
Minefield Maintenance (MFM) Section Marine Barracks Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Leatherneck Bar Las Vegas, NV	13-15 October 2023	(928) 750-1369	Rjarchie.1371@gmail.com
Marine Air Transport Association (MCATA)	18-22 October 2023	(630) 251-2346	www.mcata.com, president@mcata.com bagsh18@gmail.com
Marine Corps Musician Association Host Band: Marine Ban San Diego Pechanga Resort Casino Krista Hackler	19-23 October 2023	843-941-3693	aprilh5500@gmail.com
HMM-162 (Rein), Air Combat Element (ACE), 24 MAU, Beirut, Lebanon, John P. (Jack) Cress Jacksonville, NC	21-24 October 2023	(831) 229-6773	ace162beirut83@razzolink.com

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TBS Class 3-67/41st OCC Arlington, VA	26-29 October 2023	(559) 273-9549	pdisario@comcast.net
ANGLICO Association Reunion Carnival Cruise Lines, Jack Olson. Joe L. Luque Cape Carnival, FL	30 October to 3 November	1-800-764-7419 1-219-552-5121 1-661-725-3415	Jackolson79@gmail.com Jlluque47@gmail.com
ANGLICO Association Biennial Reunion Ebassy Suites, Marine Corps Ball, Jack Olson, Joe L. Luque West Palm Beach, FL	30 October to 5 November	1-219-552-5121 1-661-725-3415	www.anglicoassociation.vet Jackolson79@gmail.com Jlluque47@gmail.com
Marine Corps Vietnam 3rd MarDiv 1965-1972 CAP/CAG Units 2023 Reunion Hilton Doubletree Riverfront Jacksonville, FL	8-13 November 2023	630-310-0013	Bulldog_8762@yahoo.com
TBS Class 7-83 Golf Co Col Steve Labadie, USMCR (Ret.) LtCol Jim Brader, USMCR (Ret.) Quantico, VA	8-10 March 2024		https://sites.google.com/view/tbs-7-83/home

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APPRECIATION DAYS 2023 MILITARY RETIREE



Retiree Appreciation Days are held throughout the year at various installations across the United States and Europe. Retirees and their family members are offered information on benefits and service.

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
16 Jun\0800	NSA Mid South, Millington, TN	901-874-5195
03 Aug\0900	NRNW Naval Base Kitsap, Silverdale, WA	360-315-3052
08-09 Sep\0830	Fort Leonard Wood, MO	573-596-6637
09 Sep\0800-1100	Camp Pendleton, CA	760-763-1779
09 Sep	Buckley SFB, CO	720-847-6693
09 Sep	Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA	570-615-7019
21 Sep\0830	Fort Detrick, MD	301-619-3357
23 Sep\0900	Camp Lejeune, NC	910-451-0287
23 Sep	Fort Drum, NY	315-772-6434
25 Sep\0800	NAS Lemoore, CA	559-998-4524
6 Oct\0830	JB Fort Meyers, Henderson Hall, VA	703-696-5948\3689
07 Oct\0800	Fort Campbell, KY	270-798-5280
07 Oct\0830-1300	JB Ellington-Houston, TX	281-935-6494\210-221-9904
13 Oct\0900-	USAG Vicenza, Italy	011-39-0444-71-4831
20 Oct\0930	Fort Knox, KY	502-624-7236
21 Oct	USAG-Schinnen, Netherlands	32-68-25-5581
21 Oct\1000	USAG Benelux, Belgium	011-32-65-32-6293\31-45-534-0260
21 Oct\0800	Fort Bragg, NC	910-396-5304
21 Oct\0900	Fort Polk, LA	337-531-0363
21 Oct\0800	JBSA Fort Sam Houston & Brooke AMC, TX	210-221-9004\9793
27 Oct\0900	Fort Belvoir, VA	703-806-4551
27 Oct\0930	Fort Rucker, AL	334-255-9124\9739
28 Oct\0900	Fort Hood, TX	254-287-5210
04 Nov\0900	Fort Gordon, GA	706-791-2654\4774

Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day. To view these events and others visit: https://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html#USA.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL		MCCOOLIII, JAMES F.	Jul 88/Mar 23
MCCARTHY, DENNIS M.	Aug 05/Feb 23	PALKA, FRED	Aug 82/Feb 22
STEWART, VINCENT R.	May 19/Apr 23	PARKER, WILLIAM K.	Aug 78/Mar 23
MAJOR GENERAL		PERRY, CLARENCE R.	Sep 77/Jan 23
SHAFFER, RAYMOND A.	Sep 85/ Feb 23	PREBLE, LEE A.	Jul 76/Jan 23
BRIGADIER GENERAL		TAYLOR, NORMAN B.	Oct 95/Mar 23
VANSTOCKUM, R. R.	Jul 67/Apr 22	VIDANO, ALBERT J.	Feb 78/Feb 23
COLONEL		WILLIAMS, STANLEY M.	Aug 76/Mar 23
ANGLIN, EMMETT O. JR.	Nov 69/Feb 23	WITHERS, MERLYN H.	Apr 91/Jul 22
BUJAN, CHARLES D.	May 79/Aug 22	MAJOR	
CAZARES, ALFRED F. JR.	Oct 88/Mar 23	BECK, DUANE C.	May 98/Mar 23
DANDREA, THOMAS M.	Jul 80/Apr 23	CERVANTES, MOSES	Mar 80/Apr 23
DAVIS, JAMES W. JR	Sep 01/Feb 23	CHIARO, PAUL D.	Jul 98/Jan 23
DEWOLFE, DOUGLAS S.	Dec 21/Mar 23	COLLINS, RICHARD L.	Jun 74/Jan 23
DRESELY, JOHN W.	Jul 83/Oct 22	CROSS, THOMAS P.	Jun 15/Mar 23
HOLZBAUER, JOSEPH R.	Jul 98/Mar 23	HEARN, GEORGE C.	Jul 79/Aug 22
KAIRIS, JEROME D.	Oct 09/Jan 23	HENDERSON, PORTER K.	Jul 82/Feb 23
MACAULARY, ALAN C.	Aug 84/Apr 22	HUNTER, BOBBY G.	Oct 73/Apr 23
MILLER, GARY W.	Sep 01/Apr 23	JAMES, JOSEPH L.	Jul 78/Feb 23
MOSS, RODDEY B.	Jul 79/May 22	MCGLUMPHY, MACK L.	Oct 83/Jan 23
SCHARFEN, JOHN C.	Jul 73/Jan 23	MCNUTT, BENJAMIN H.	Jun 90/Mar 23
SHAW, PHILLIP E.	Oct 88/Jan 23	NESHYBA, VICTOR P.	Sep 89/Feb 23
SHEEHAN, JAMES P.	Jul 89/Feb 23	RAHILL, JAMES W.	Mar 71/Jul 22
SMILLIE, CHARLES V. JR	Jun 80/Apr 23	RENS, LAWRENCE A.	Feb 88/Dec 22
LIEUTENANT COLONEL		ROBERTS, DOUGLAS A.	Jul 84/Mar 23
BELLIS, CHARLES A. JR.	Oct 91/Mar 23	WEISS, WILLIAM J. JR	Nov 98/Feb 23
CHARLES, ROGER G.	Feb 90/Feb 22	WILLIAMSON, LEON	Dec 79/Jan 23
DOLSON, THOMAS C.	Nov 78/Mar 23	WOOLDRIDGE, LARRY A.	May 78/Feb 23
GASCOIGNE, DONALD G.	Sep 75/Jan 23	WOOD, DONALD E.	Jan 84/Dec 22
HARDING, WILLIAM, W. JR	Jun 78/Jan 23		
HARE, ANDREW E.	Oct 69/Feb 22		
HARSHBARGER, FREDERICK F. JR.	Jan 80/Feb23		
HUMSTON, DOUGLAS E.	Aug 97/Dec 22		
JOHNSON, ALFRED T.	Nov 90/Sep 21		
KASNEY, BILLY D.	Mar 02/Feb 22		
LOWERY, JOHN S. JR	Nov 86/Mar 23		

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CAPTAIN

DAWSON, CHARLES H. III
 DENNIS, ROBERT L.
 DURHAM, KENNETH G.
 GOOLDEN, DAVID L.
 GRAY, PETER V.
 MEISNER, DONALD E.
 MYERS, JOHN L.
 NELLOR, JOHN A.
 POLLMAN, ANTHONY G.
 PRENDERGAS, THOMAS J.
 ROHLEDER, WILLIAM P.
 SONGNE, LLOYD D.
 STEVENS, JOHN M.

Jul 83/Mar 23
 Oct 89/Jul 22
 Sep 73/Oct 22
 Nov 81/Jan 23
 Oct 80/Apr 23
 Oct 74/Jan 23
 Feb 75/Apr 23
 Mar 71/Feb 23
 Sep 15/Feb 23
 Jan 77/Mar 23
 Dec 83/Mar 23
 Jul 81/Nov 22
 Feb 72/Jan 23

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4

BOFENKAMP, BRENT S. May 84/Mar 23
 DINGER, BRUCE A. Apr 04/Feb 23
 DIXON, DONALD G. Jun 96/Mar 23
 WISE, RICHARD D. Jun 86/Nov 22

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2

CORPUS, LAZARO JR Dec 77/Apr 14

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DALE, ROBERT E. Sep 66/Feb 23
 FULLER, RAYMOND A. Jul 72/Feb 23



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SERGEANT MAJOR

DUDLEY, RICHARD E. Sep 86/Mar 23
 GREENE, MALCOLM A. Apr 00/Feb 22

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

BARKER, WILLIAM L. Apr 01/Feb 23
 BEARD, JAMES E. JR. Jul 95/Jan 23
 CHRISTENSON, ALAN C. JR. Feb 22/Jan 23
 CRKVENAC, JOHN III May 81/Apr 23
 DAILEY, CHARLES W. May 87/Jan 23
 DOWER, WILLIAM L. Jun 84/Jan 23
 EMERSON, ROBERT D. Aug 83/Jan 23
 ESQUIBEL, GILBERT L. Jan 90/May 22
 LINVILLE, FRANKIE L. Jun 91/Apr 23
 MENDIOLA, JESSE A. Oct 02/Mar 23
 MONTGOMERY, ROBERT L. Jul 72/Feb 23
 MULLEN, BRIAN V. Feb 11/Mar 23
 RADIKE, ROBERT W. Jun 89/Dec 22
 STREED, DAVID P. Nov 90/May 22
 WEBSTER, PAUL C. JR. Jan 99/Mar 23
 ZITO, ANTHONY R. Oct 90/Mar 23

FIRST SERGEANT

ADKINS, JOHN T. Oct 69/Feb 23
 BEATTY, MARK T. Apr 77/Feb 23
 EVANS, JAMES E. Jul 94/Feb 23
 FOLK, JOHN M. Sep 00/Apr 23
 HEBB, GARY E. Nov 89/Feb 23
 HEINZ, JOHN W. JR. Jul 91/Mar 23
 HENNINGER, A. V. Mar 64/Feb 22
 JOHNSON, RONALD E. Feb 93/Feb 23
 LAWSON, JAMES E. Jun 77/Feb 23
 MOORE, GEORGE F. Jun 03/Feb 23
 RANDALL, ALLEN R. Feb 84/May 22
 ROBISON, STEVEN M. May 15/Jun 22
 SCHUMACHER, HAROLD E. Nov 94/Feb 23
 SHANNON, MICHAEL D. Sep 87/Mar 23
 SMITH, RANDALL D. Oct 86/Jan 23
 WILLIAMSON, DONALD R. Aug 82/Mar 23

MASTER SERGEANT

BEHNKE, CHRSTOPHER A. Feb 18/Jan 23
 BRENTANO, LARRY C. Oct 97/Jan 23
 BROWN, JAMES M. JR. Aug 70/Mar 23
 BYRD, WILLIAM M. Jan 96/Jan 23
 CARDOZA, CARLOS V. Nov 21/Mar 23

CLARK, THOMAS D. Jun 82/Mar 23
 COCO, CHARLES F. JR. Feb 72/Jan 23
 COLLINS, STERLEN D. May 86/Mar 23
 COX, THOMAS L. Aug 88/Nov 22
 DAVIS, WILLIAM Jul 87/Feb 23
 DERAMUS, TOMMY L. Jul 71/Mar 23
 DIETRICH, CHARLES P. May 91/Mar 23
 DONALDSON, HAROLD W. Oct 84/Jan 23
 FENTON, JAMES J. Sep 78/Mar 23
 FOLEY, DONALD E. Sep 73/Feb 23
 GAUDIN, CURTIS L. Nov 83/Jan 23
 GETHERS, GEORGE Nov 77/Apr 23
 HARDY, WILLIAM F. JR. Feb 75/Aug 22
 JORDAN, DONALD J. Dec 85/Feb 23
 KEHRT, JERRY B. Nov 04/Aug 22
 KENNEY, JAMES L. Jan 81/Feb 23
 LINCOLN, AUBREY E JR. Sep 68/Nov 22
 LINDE, ARNOLD C. Dec 68/Mar 23
 LONG, ELDON M. Jan 89/Feb 23
 LUGO, WILLIAM May 74/Feb 23
 MALONE, DANIEL C. Jun 91/Jan 23
 MARBREY, W. E. Sep 69/Dec 16
 MASSIE, ROBERT R. Aug 99/Mar 23
 PORTER, CLARENCE T. Dec 79/Feb 23
 SCHOOL, CHARLES S. Dec 73/Feb 23
 SETTLES, L. Apr 68/Mar 23
 SHAW, HERBERT L. Aug 83/Apr 23
 SMILEY, JOHN G. Jul 77/Jan 23
 SPENCER, CHARLES I. Jul 79/Mar 23
 SPOTTS, ALLAN D. Apr 89/Feb 23
 STOLARIK, STEPHEN J. JR. May 91/Jan 23
 THORNTON, LEONARD R. JR. Jan 83/Nov 22
 TYLER, MICHAEL D. Aug 83/Feb 23
 VICORY, JACK L. Jul 69/Dec 22

GUNNERY SERGEANT

AYERS, DAVID R. May 94/Nov 15
 BLOSSER, CLAUDE W. II Jan 82/Jul 22
 CHRISTIANSON, BUDFORD M. Mar 85/Mar 22
 CLINE, RUSSEL L. Apr 73/Feb 23
 COUSLER, WILLIAM A. Oct 74/Dec 22
 DOYAL, LARRY D. Dec 90/Feb 23
 FALK, RICHARD M. Jan 08/Feb 23
 FLEMING, MICHAEL D. Feb 82/Apr 23

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The Marine Corps wishes to extend heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones and friends of our fallen comrades. Because of the Privacy Act, we cannot release addresses of the next of kin. The following list includes the Marine's name, last grade held that was reported to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, month and year of retirement, and month and year of death.

Note: In an effort to reduce erroneous listings, Semper Fidelis will only announce deaths that have been confirmed from DFAS. Telephonic reporting of deaths to MMSR-6 are first confirmed before posted in this column.

GUNNERY SERGEANT

FOUNTAIN, CLARENCE B. JR Jun 69/Dec 22
 FOY, DAN B. Nov 99/Feb 23
 GENTRY, ROY B. JR Sep 85/Jan 23
 GODFREY, DAVID E. Mar 18/Mar 23
 GROSS, KARL J. Mar 00/Aug 22
 HARRISON, ROBERT C. JR. Dec 72/Jan 23
 HARTMAN, JOHN L. Feb 85/Dec 22
 HERON, THOMAS J. Jul 00/Oct 22
 HILL, JERRY R. Jun 96/Feb 23
 HUTTON, FRANCIS A. JR. Mar 72/Sep 22
 JOHNSON, JAMES E. JR Jan 92/Aug 22
 KAUTZ, CLAUDE E. JR Jan 78/Jan 23
 KRAMER, JOSEPH R. Sep 80/Jan 23
 LEATHERBURY, SAMUEL E. Sep 94/Apr 23
 LEM, WAH G. Jun 73/Mar 23
 LOGUE, PETER G. Mar 87/Feb 23
 MCMANUS, WILLIE M. Jan 79/Nov 19
 MILLER, RUSSELL W. May 99/Feb 23
 MOORE, THOMAS H. JR Jun 83/Mar 23
 NEWHOUSER, BUDDY E. Jul 76/Dec 22
 NOBLE, JOHN L. Nov 84/Mar 23
 OJEDA, MARSHALL Apr 82/Feb 23
 ORNDOFF, RICHARD G. Jan 70/Feb 23
 PICKENS, FREDRICK L. Mar 80/Feb 23
 REAVIS, C. Aug 64/Mar 22
 RICHARD, JOHN M.. May 68/Dec 22
 TRUDEAU, DENNIS L. Jun 83/Mar 23
 VIGIL, PAUL A. Jul 81/Jan 23
 WEST, DENNIS C. Jul 93/Jan 23
 WHEELER, THOMS B. Mar 95/Feb 23
 WOOD, JASON C. Dec 13/Mar 23

STAFF SERGEANT

BABAUTA, JESUS C. Mar 69/Jan 23
 BROWN, JEFFERY D. Sep 16/Feb 23
 CASSOU, CLIFFORD J. JR Aug 88/Aug 22
 CEJKA, DANIEL F. Aug 79/Jan 23
 CRAIG, ROBERT J. Feb 92/Feb 23
 HEALY, JAMES R. May 75/Mar 23

LOPEZ, THOMAS E. Jul 96/Feb 23
 O'BRIEN, JIMMY A. Sep 74/Feb 23
 MAMARIL, ALBERT Jul 73/Mar 23
 ROGERS, EUGENE K. Feb 65/Dec 22
 STOESS, JOSEPH R. Apr 14/Jan 23
 WRIGHT, DARRELL D. Apr 81/Nov 22
 WILLIAMS, GREGORY D. Apr 02/Feb 23

SERGEANT

GORR, RICHARD A. May 59/Feb 23
 PARKER, LEE Oct 75/Dec 22
 TAFT, WILLIAM M. Jul 67/Dec 22
 WILLIAMS, GREGORY D. Apr 02/Feb 23

CORPORAL

BOND, WEYMAN E. Apr 69/Feb 23
 BURDEN, PAUL D. Jan 92/Jan 23
 CRAFTON, ARON III Sep 70/Dec 22
 DKLIPPLE, MICHAEL A. Apr 68/Mar 23
 PHARR, BILLIE W. Jun 70/Jan 23
 QUALLEN, RALPH E. Nov 70/Jan 23

LANCE CORPORAL

BELLAMY, MICHAEL F. Jan 63/Dec 22
 COX, MILTON T. Feb 70/Feb 23
 GABRIEL, THURSTON May 70/May 13
 HEIM, GARY S. Apr 70/Jan 23
 SHAVER, LARRY R. May 67/Mar 23
 SHOTTS, JAMES M. Jul 67/Feb 23
 SKINNER, LARRY E. Feb 71/Jan 23
 SMITH, PAUL L. Sep 85/Jan 23

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

AUSTIN, DAVID L. Mar 76/Mar 23
 HOCKLE, CLARENCE J. Dec 53/Mar 23
 MYERS, HARDOLD T. Nov 66/Jan 23
 ORNELAS, JOE R. Jan 73/Feb 23

PRIVATE

BLUE, PRINCE E. Sep 67/Dec 22

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Managing Your Retired Pay Allotments

By DFAS Cleveland

You can have some of your retired pay go to another institution through an allotment (often known as a payroll deduction). This allows you to pay bills, insurance premiums, mortgages, etc. directly out of your retired pay.

How Many Allotments Can You Have?

You can have a maximum of six discretionary allotments. The following allotments are considered non-discretionary, and they do not count toward your maximum of six:

- Delinquent tax payments (federal, state, or local)
- Repayment of debts owed to the government
- Charity payments for Army Emergency Relief (AER), Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), or affiliates of Air Force Assistance Fund
- Loan Payments for AER, NMCRS, Air Force Aid Society, or American Red Cross

Managing Your Allotments Using myPay

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) allotments to financial institutions can be started, stopped, or changed in myPay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

Non Electronic Funds Transfer allotments for mortgage payments can be changed or stopped in myPay. Certain insurance and certain charitable contributions can also be stopped or changed in myPay. To manage a Home Loan, Navy Mutual Aid Service, Charity, or Insurance allotment please see the charity or institution for more information on how to make your request.

Once you have entered allotment information into myPay, please allow time for the transaction to post. Entering the allotment more than once could cause the system to set up two allotments instead of one, causing overpayments to your allotments.

Managing Your Allotments Using the DD Form 2558

You can now submit your allotment start, change, and stop request to DFAS using our askDFAS online upload tool on DFAS.mil.

Recently, DFAS created a new, more convenient option for submitting allotment requests. To send an allotment request via askDFAS, you will first need to complete and sign the DD Form 2558, Authorization to Start, Stop, or Change an Allotment. The DD Form 2558 is available on the DFAS Forms webpage: <https://www.dfas.mil/raforms>.

Save your completed and signed DD Form 2558 as a PDF and submit it via our askDFAS online upload tool on DFAS.mil. Find out more: <https://www.dfas.mil/askdfas>.

Remember, all allotment requests must include your name, Social Security Number, signature, date, amount of allotment (current and requested), and allotment start, stop or change date.

Once you submit your request, it will take up to three business days to be available in the DFAS system. DFAS can process a typical request in 30 days if we have all of the required information. Allotments take time to show up in myPay. You may not see your request until you receive your next Retiree Account Statement.

Before setting up an allotment, please make sure you have enough disposable pay after taxes and other deductions to cover it. Otherwise, you may not receive your pay or your allotment might be underpaid.

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The Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act: Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season

By DFAS 23, December 2022

SBP premium costs that would have been paid if the member had enrolled at retirement (or enrolled at another earlier date, depending on the member's family circumstances).

For retirees receiving pay, enrollment does require paying the premiums plus interest for the time period since the date they were first eligible to enroll, as well as the monthly premiums moving forward.

The SBP Open Season also allows eligible memThe SBP Open Season allows for **retirees receiving retired pay, eligible members, or former members awaiting retired pay** who are **currently NOT enrolled** in SBP or RCSBP (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) to **enroll**. For a member who enrolls during the SBP Open Season, the law generally requires that the member will be responsible to pay retroactive bers and former members who are **currently enrolled** in either SBP or RCSBP to **permanently discontinue** their SBP coverage. The law generally requires the covered beneficiaries to concur **in writing** with the election to discontinue. Previously paid premiums will not be refunded.

DFAS is working to prepare the forms, policies, and processes required to facilitate this SBP Open Season. We will be not be able to answer specific questions until we obtain official DoD guidance on the new law, policy, and processes.

Please check our special focus webpage for news and information - <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>
In the meantime, we created a special focus webpage to post information and instructions as they become available.

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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY/ENTITY?



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The Emoluments Clause to the Constitution prohibits receipt of compensation for work performed, or foreign gifts without Congressional consent, and applies to all Federal personnel. As a retired Marine, this applies to you! The Justice Department construes the Clause to include not only gifts of travel and food, but also payments such as proportionate profit-sharing. To avoid an Emoluments Clause problem resulting in **suspension of retired pay**, retired Marines should seek advance consent through HQMC consistent with 37 U.S.C. § 908. Interested Marines should contact the Retired Services & Pay Section (MMSR-6) at (703) 784-9311/9312, or through our organizational mailbox: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil.

2023 PARADE SEASON - 8TH and I

"The Oldest Post of the Corps!"

Friday Evening Parade Schedule

To reserve tickets for the Friday Evening Parade, go to <https://www.barracks.marines.mil/Parades/Friday-Evening-Parade-Schedule-Reservation/>, and select from desired dates below. Reservations are not required to attend the Sunset Parades.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>JUNE 2</u> | <u>JULY 7</u> | <u>AUGUST 4</u> |
| <u>JUNE 9</u> | <u>JULY 14</u> | <u>AUGUST 11</u> |
| <u>JUNE 16</u> | <u>JULY 21</u> | <u>AUGUST 18</u> |
| <u>JUNE 23</u> | <u>JULY 28</u> | <u>AUGUST 25</u> |
| <u>JUNE 30</u> | | |



May 13, 2022 - Marine Barracks Washington
 Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon execute their "long line" sequence during a Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Mark Morales)



SUNSET PARADE DATES

- JUNE 6, 2023
- JUNE 13, 2023
- JUNE 20, 2023
- JUNE 27, 2023
- JULY 11, 2023
- JULY 18, 2023
- JULY 25, 2023
- AUGUST 1, 2023



United States Navy Blue Angels



2023 Air Show Schedule



For information about individual air shows, please go to each air show's official website. For more information about the Blue Angels, including the 2023 air show schedule, visit <http://www.blueangels.navy.mil>.

For more information visit: www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

For more photos and video from Navy Blue Angels, visit www.DVIDSHUB.net/NFDS.

June

10-11 Smyrna, TN
 17-18 Columbus, OH
 24-25 Montgomery, NY

July

01-02 Oklahoma City, OK
 08 Pensacola Beach, FL
 15-16 Duluth, MN
 22-23 Milwaukee, WI

August

05-06 Seattle, WA
 12-13 Billings, MT
 19-20 New Century, KS
 26-27 Lincoln, NE

September

02-04 Toronto, ON, Canada
 16-17 NAS Oceana, VA
 23-24 MCAS Miramar, CA
 30 McMinnville, OR

October

01 McMinnville, OR
 07-08 San Francisco, CA
 15-16 Grand Junction, CO
 21-22 Jacksonville Beach, FL
 28-29 Greenfield, IN

November

03-04 NAS Pensacola, FL



USMC Retired Services Offices

MCAS Yuma Arizona

<https://yuma.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness>
geraldine.tirado@usmc.mil
 (928) 269-3159

MCAGCC Twentynine Palms California

<http://mccs29palms.com/index.cfm/marine-family-programs/ppd/information-referral-with-relocation-services/>
plmsppd@usmc.mil
 (760) 830-6344

MCAS Miramar California

<https://miramar.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/military-family-life/retired-affairs>
smbmiramarmccs.iandr@usmc.mil
 (858) 307-1428

MCB Camp Pendleton California

<https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/retired-affairs>
ernesto.bulli-cruz@usmc-mccs.org
 (760) 725-5704
 (760) 277-4643

MCLB Barstow California

<https://barstow.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/military-family-life/information-referral>
irr.mclbb@usmc-mccs.org
 (760) 577-6533

MCRD San Diego California

<http://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/retired-affairs>
Perlita.rodriquez@usmc.mil
 (619) 524-5298/5732

MCLB Albany Georgia

<http://albany.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness>
raymond.breaux@usmc.mil
 (229) 639-9122

MCB Camp Lejeune North Carolina

<https://www.mcieast.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Retired-Affairs/>
luis.alers@usmc.mil
 Luis J. Alers-Dejesus, (910) 451-0287
 Fax: (910) 451-0677

MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina

<https://cherrypoint.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/retired-affairs>
omb.ppd@usmc-mccs.org
 (252) 466-7149

MCAS/MCRD South Carolina

<https://southcarolina.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness/transition-readiness-seminars-crmc>
 MCRD (843) 228-4574
bft crmc trs@usmc.mil
 MCAS (843) 228-7701

MCB Quantico Virginia

<https://quantico.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness>
mccsquanticoppdregistrtrion@usmc.mil
 (703) 784-2659

MCB Camp SD Butler Okinawa Japan

<https://www.okinawa.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/retired-affairs>
rao@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org

MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

<https://hawaii.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness>
MCBH.TRP.INQUIRY.SMB@usmc.mil
 (808) 257-7790

Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

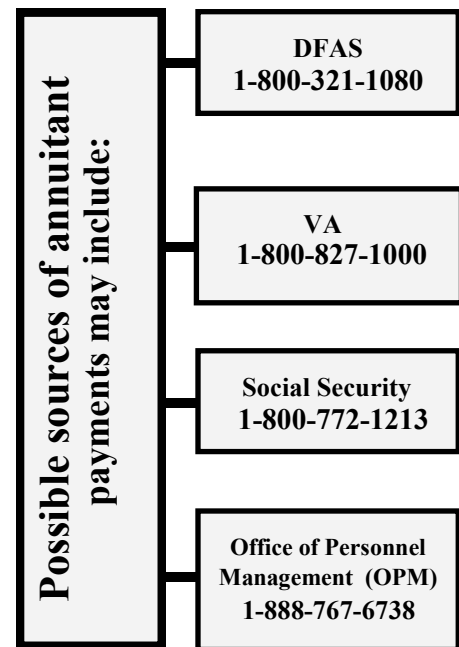
Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay if payment is erroneously received.

***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.

Additional information from DFAS is available at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death/.

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.

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

(877) 907-8585

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS

www.armymwr.com/travel/armed-forces-hotels-resorts

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany)**
(011-49) 8821-9440
- **Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii):** (800) 955-0555

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES (GULFPORT)

Gulfport, MS: (228) 897-4418

<https://www.afrh.gov/gulfport>

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) 604-3434

<https://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/bcncr/Pages/default.aspx>

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: (888) 276-9472 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 Navy Yard,
DC 20374-5023

(877) 366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610

usn.ncr.asstsecnavmrade.mbx.crsc@us.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

<https://nrd.gov/resource/detail/8432677/>

[The+U.S.+National+Archives+%26+Records+Administration;](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

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-10@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

(888) 332-7411, 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)

<https://www.ltcfeds.com>

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**

(888) 237-7683; 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



Directory Assistance Pages

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