The current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program will end 31 December 2018 and will be replaced by the Office of Personnel Management’s Federal Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Vision plans will also be available to eligible TRICARE beneficiaries through FEDVIP.

Beginning in November 2018, retirees and their family members will have their first opportunity to join the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Vision coverage is new to TRICARE beneficiaries and may be very appealing, especially to families. FEDVIP will replace the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) and will be available to those currently using the TRDP, as well as eligible retirees who are not enrolled in dental insurance. FEDVIP operates with an annual Open Season that takes place each year from mid-November to mid-December. In 2018, Open Season will run from 12 November through 10 December. **All TRICARE beneficiaries desiring coverage must make a specific choice of plan during the open season.**

There will not be an automatic transition for current TRDP enrollees. Once you have selected a plan, benefits begin on 1 January 2019. To be sure you don’t miss important dates or details, you can sign up to receive FEDVIP email updates at TRICARE.benefeds.com.

FEDVIP provides a choice of popular dental and vision coverage plans from highly regarded brands. This means that retirees and their family members can select their preferred dental and/or vision provider network. Several plans also offer “high” and “standard” options so potential enrollees can choose coverage and premium rates that best match their needs.

The 3.3 million Federal employees and civilian retirees enrolled give the benefits offered under FEDVIP high marks for quality and value. In fact, the program continues to grow year after year. The choice of brand and network means you can ask your dentist what network he or she prefers, or perhaps see a dentist closer to home or work. The high and standard coverage options mean you will be able to choose a lower premium if you do not anticipate extensive dental work or eye care in an upcoming year. For those times when your family does need complex care, many FEDVIP plans have no waiting periods and generous coverage maximums.

As Open Season nears, OPM and its BENEFEDS contractor look forward to welcoming TRICARE beneficiaries. BENEFEDS is the government-authorized and OPM-sponsored contracted enrollment portal for FEDVIP. To prepare you for the transition and help you stay informed throughout the year, please sign up for alerts and notifications at TRICARE.benefeds.com.
The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has oversight of FEDVIP, a voluntary, enrollee-pay-all supplemental dental and vision program that offers eligible participants a choice between 10 dental and four vision carriers, and both high and standard plan options.

*** You don't need to take action now. ***

If you are currently enrolled in a TRDP plan, you will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during open season. To prevent a gap in dental coverage when your TRDP plan ends, you must select and enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during the next Federal Benefits Open Season.

Open season is your annual opportunity to sign up for FEDVIP dental and vision coverage, and this year it runs from 12 November 2018 to 10 December 2018.

FEDVIP dental plans
- Aetna Dental
- Delta Dental
- Dominion Dental
- EmblemHealth
- FEP BlueDental
- GEHA
- Humana
- MetLife
- Triple-S Salud
- United Concordia Dental

FEDVIP vision plans
- Aetna Vision
- FEP BlueVision
- UnitedHealthcare Vision
- Vision Service Plan (VSP)

Note: Plan details and rates for the 2019 plan year will be available in fall 2018. You must use BENEFEDS to enroll or change enrollment in a FEDVIP plan. BENEFEDS is a secure enrollment website sponsored by OPM. If you do not have access to a computer, call 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337), TTY number 1-877-889-5680 to enroll or change your enrollment or visit https://tricare.benefeds.com/InfoPortal/indexAction for more information.
CLEVELAND — If you receive Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and have the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), you may see a change in your net pay and statements starting in April.

Beginning with the SBP premiums in April 2018, DFAS will start deducting SBP premiums from CRSC when retired pay is not sufficient to cover the full amount of the premiums. This new deduction is due to a change in the law which requires DFAS to deduct SBP premiums from CRSC.

This change affects retirees who receive CRSC and currently pay SBP premiums via direct remittance. Retirees who currently have SBP premiums deducted from their Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) pay will not be affected.

This change will benefit retirees and their survivors by preventing a debt when a retiree forgets to pay the SBP premiums directly. When SBP premiums are not paid during a retiree’s lifetime, it creates a debt which must be repaid from the SBP annuity a survivor receives.

DFAS will begin deducting SBP premiums from the April 2018 CRSC entitlement (paid on 1 May) for SBP premiums due in the month of April for all retirees with CRSC who are currently sending in their premium payments (through direct remittance). Retirees can also request to voluntarily have their SBP premiums deducted from CSRC prior to the April SBP premium.

More detailed information about the required deduction of SBP premiums from CRSC will be posted at https://www.dfas.mil.

If you want to have your SBP premium deducted from your CRSC before the April SBP premium, please call the DFAS Customer Care Center at (800) 321-1080 and tell them you want to have your SBP premium deducted from your CRSC pay. You will need to provide your full name, social security number, and a phone number where you can be reached during the day. You may also send a signed and dated letter to DFAS with this information.

Please note that the SBP premium deduction will be part of the garnishments total on your CRSC statement. Also, until April 2018, you will continue to receive an SBP premium bill, which will show the CRSC SBP premium deduction as a “prior payment received” once the deduction is processed.

Please check DFAS’ website for more information regarding this change. Information will be updated there as more details are available.

Contact DFAS customer service at (800) 321-1080, Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**New Online Form to Report the Death of a Retiree:** You can now use a convenient online form to report the death of a retiree at [https://go.usa.gov/xnzQ9](https://go.usa.gov/xnzQ9).
Call Back Assist is a feature recently implemented at the Cleveland Customer Care Center to improve service to DFAS customers.

Have you ever heard this message when calling the Cleveland Care Center? “Welcome to Call Back Assist, press 1 to leave a callback request or press 2 to continue holding”. This message lets you know that the new Call Back Assist feature is available so you don’t have to wait on the phone as long.

During peak service hours (pay dates and during tax season) it can be a challenge for retirees and annuitants to reach a Customer Service Representative (CSR) at the Cleveland Customer Care Center. If you cannot wait in one of our call queues you may have to hang up and call back. But when you do, you lose your place in line and have to start their wait period all over. To reduce the frustration associated with this situation, the Cleveland Customer Care Center has added a new feature.

“Welcome to Call Back Assist, press 1 to leave a callback request or press 2 to continue holding”. This is the offer for the Customer Care Center Enterprise Solution Call Back Assist (CBA) feature. The CBA system activates anytime a customer experiences a wait time greater than one minute.

If you press “1”, you are requesting a callback instead of waiting on the phone. If you opt for a callback, you will need to enter the phone number that you wish to be called at. Then, you can hang up without losing your place in the call wait line. When it is your turn, the Call Back Assist system will call you and connect them to a CSR.

This program has been in place on a limited basis for some time. It has been so successful that the Cleveland Care Center recently expanded it to include the tier 2 level for Annuity, Garnishment, all Retired Pay, Marines, and Casualty call types. These are the complex calls where the CSR needs to do more research to resolve your inquiry.

When the Customer Care Center responds to a CBA, they will wait until you pick up, offer a greeting and proceed normally like any other call. The Call Back Assist is a great feature that allows the Cleveland Customer Care Center to handle everyone’s call in turn without the inconvenience of making people wait on the phone for extended periods of time.

The Cleveland Customer Care Center also offers an option to obtain your most recent 1099R without speaking directly with a customer care representative. To get your most recent 1099R dial 1-800-321-1080, when you hear the menu press 1 for the self-service menu. If you are an annuitant press 1 and if you are retiree press 2 when prompted. Finally, press 1 again and you will be prompted to enter your social security number. You will then receive a copy of your 1099R in the mail within 7 to 10 business days.

SCHEDULED CALL BACK OPTION

This feature allows customers to select a time and date (up to one week in the future) to receive a return phone call from the Cleveland Customer Care Center when you need to speak to a representative for a more specialized answer.

Here’s how it works. When your call is transferred for a more specialized answer, and the customer care center is busy, you will hear a message giving the option to request a callback or to continue to hold for a representative. When you select the option to schedule a callback, the system will prompt you to select your current time of day. After that, you will enter the time you would like to receive a callback and the phone number to call. The system will verify the phone number before hanging up. It is important to know that the time selection will be a 30-minute range, not a specific time. If the selected time slot is not available, the system will ask you to choose from another available time slot. Once the request is complete, you can hang up. The system will call you during the scheduled time slot and connect you to one of our representatives.

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

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Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day. Find related events at: [http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html](http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html)
INDIANAPOLIS — One option available for retirees to provide financially for their children is to elect the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). SBP for children is calculated and paid differently than for a spouse. The total amount paid is the same, but where the whole amount would go to the member’s spouse, instead that same amount is divided equally among all eligible children.

An eligible dependent child under the plan must be:
- A legal child under the age of 18
- Unmarried
- If older than 18, enrolled in an accredited college or university (children enrolled in higher education are eligible until they reach age 22 or leave school)
- Incapacitated or disabled children are eligible under special rules

DFAS has implemented a new procedure for reapportioning Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) funds for child annuitants. The new procedure was prompted by an opinion issued by the Office of General Counsel (OGC). Under the new procedure, a dependent child’s share will not be reapportioned until evidence is received that the child’s eligibility has ended.

To receive continuing SBP funds, a child annuitant who is over 18 and attending school must submit a Child Annuitant’s School Certification (DD Form 2788), certifying their full-time attendance in school during the term. If the school certification for a child annuitant over the age of 18 is not received within 60 days of the last day of the school term, the child annuitant’s account is suspended and the portion of the funds due the annuitant are held.

Previously, if the child annuitant did not submit proof of eligibility, six months after the account was suspended the funds were reapportioned and paid equally to the eligible siblings of the child annuitant. Now, when a child annuitant’s account is suspended, the funds will be held until the child is proven eligible or ineligible.

A child annuitant can permanently lose eligibility to SBP if they get married, join the military, turn 22 years old, or pass away.

This change in procedure will reduce debts created for child annuitants who were paid money that was due to a sibling.

QUESTIONS? Contact DFAS.

The DFAS retired military and annuitants website at https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html, provides additional information and ways to contact Retired and Annuitant Pay including self-service options or by phone (800) 321-1080.

Important Payment Changes
College-Age Child Annuitants Need to Know

This is guidance on NEW accounts established in myPay and the delivery method of temporary passwords for new accounts.

Retirees: myPay retired pay accounts are established on the 2nd of each month for new retirees. You can continue to access myPay using the login ID and Password established when you were on Active/Reserve duty. If you have never established a login ID / password, click ‘Forgot or Need a Password’. The password will be sent to your mailing address on record with DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay. Upon receipt of your temporary password select the ‘Create an Account’ link to establish your login ID and permanent password. If they do not have your current address, please contact R&A Pay to update your address before requesting a new temporary password.

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

If you are a ‘Gray Area’ retiree and have reached the statutory age, and do not have a myPay password, please click ‘Forgot or Need a Password’ on the myPay home page. Upon receipt of your temporary password select the ‘Create an Account’ link to establish your login ID and permanent password.

If you have not met the statutory age you will not have a myPay account. An error message "your payroll is not associated with this service" indicates that your retired pay account has not been established. New accounts are established in myPay on the 2nd of each month. If you feel that your retired pay account should be established please contact Retired Pay at 1-800-321-1080.
Vietnam’s Tet Offensive: 50 Years Later

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive, one of the largest military campaigns and a turning point of the Vietnam War.

In late January 1968, during the lunar new year (or “Tet”) holiday, North Vietnamese and communist Viet Cong forces launched a coordinated attack against targets across South Vietnam. The Tet Offensive played an important role in weakening U.S. public support for the war in Vietnam, even though the U.S. military inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Wounded being evacuated as 1st Battalion, 5th Marines take the Citadel, Hue, February 1968. Photo by John Olson.


A Traveling Exhibit from the National Archives
Picturing Nam: U.S. Military Photography of the Vietnam War

Photographs are a powerful part of how we remember the Vietnam War. Some of the most iconic photographs of the war were taken by civilian photojournalists working for newspapers, magazines, or the wire services. But there were also military photographers who served in Vietnam. These service members shot hundreds of thousands of photographs that documented American Armed Forces activities. Their assignments sent them everywhere—the jungles and swamps, forward bases, hospital ships, rivers, and air bases—and covered every aspect of the conflict. Most of these photographs have rarely been seen, but they are now accessible through the National Archives. These unforgettable images give an intimate view of the war and those who fought it.

On exhibit:

April 6–May 25, 2018 at the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL

June 16–October 20, 2018 at the Upcountry History Museum, Greenville, SC

November 10, 2018–January 7, 2019 at the West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, LA

September 1–October 20, 2019 at the Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, Temple, TX
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Semper Fidelis Memorandum for Retired Marines
The Secretary of the Navy established the Retiree Council to consider issues of significant importance to retired military personnel and their family members, to facilitate interaction between Department of Navy leadership and the Navy and Marine Corps retired community, and to facilitate participation in other aspects of the Retired Activities Program.

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

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

Sergeant Major Robert E. Cleary, the 10th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, died 11 February 2018, in Virginia Beach, VA. He was 86 years of age.

Cleary was the last Korean War veteran to serve as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, a post he assumed on June 28, 1983.

Born in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, in 1931, Cleary enlisted in the Marine Corps on 24 October 1951. His extensive career after recruit training took him to Korea, and three tours in Vietnam. Sergeant Major Cleary served as a Battalion, Squadron and Division Sergeant Major, as well as the Marine Security Guard Battalion Sergeant Major and the Personnel Sergeant Major before assuming his duties as the 10th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

His personal decorations included the Silver Star Medal; three Air Medals; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat “V,” and gold star in lieu of a second award; Navy Achievement Medal; two Purple Hearts; and the Combat Action Ribbon.
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<td>29 May-1 June 2018</td>
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<td>TBS &quot;H&quot; 8-68 Sam Decoteau</td>
<td>6-10 June 2018</td>
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<td>6-10 June 2018</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:mmd922@comcast.net">mmd922@comcast.net</a></td>
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The “Year of the Reunion” website (http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/) Marines organize reunions and announce upcoming events.
# REUNIONS

## YEAR OF THE REUNION

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<td>Kilo Co., 3rd Bn, 26th Marines</td>
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<td>MASS-3 Vietnam</td>
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The Marine Corps Reunions home page offers some great planning tips and suggestions. Go to [http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/) to get more information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming reunions.
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<td>Women Marines Assoc.</td>
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<td>Navy-Marine Corps Retired Judge Advocate Assoc. 36th reunion BGen David Hague</td>
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MARRA, FRANCESCO Feb 10/Dec 17
MCCARTHY, JR., ALBERT J. Jul 89/Nov 17
MCDONOUGH, PATRICK W. Jun 09/Feb 18

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER**
BROWN, MARVIN D. CWO4 Jul 99/May 17
FROST, JACK A. CWO4 Jan 89/Dec 17
PAGE, RICHARD R. CWO4 Dec 81/ Feb 18
PENDARVIS, ROBERT H. CWO4 Nov 81/Dec 17

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL**
ADKINS, SIDNEY C. Dec 82/Jan 18
ASANOVICH, ELIE M. Oct 82/May 17
HARLAN, GALE Dec 70/Dec 17
HEINZERLING, JR., CONRAD W. Sep 82/Jan 18
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MCCARTHY, THOMAS L. Feb 08/Jan 18
ROACH, JAMES L. May 80/Dec 17
SULLIVAN, WILLIAM M. Aug 72/Dec 17
WYATT, DOUGLAS D. Jul 94/Jan 18

**SERGEANT MAJOR**
BOIRE, MAURICE W. Oct 67/Jan 18
CRAILY, ROBERT E. Sep 87/Feb 18
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MEMMER, HOWARD J. Jul 70/Jan 18
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WILSON, DONALD T. Sep 75/Oct 17

**FIRST SERGEANT**
BALLANCE, ORVAL C. Nov 73/May 17
BARTLEY, CHARLES M. Feb 78/Oct 17
JONES, FLOYD S. Sep 75/Jan 18
MANIFOLD, DALE W. Dec 69/ Feb 18
MAXIK, BERNARD J. Jun 77/ Apr 16
LANG, JAMES J. Jul 74/Jan 18
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LYON, DARRELL W. Sep 92/Jan 18
MAGRO, GEORGE Apr 01/Feb 18
MARTINEZ, JR., WILLIAM Sep 91/Jan 18
MOJEAN, RICHARD L. Jun 72/Oct 17
PAGAN, CHARLES E. May 76/Jan 18
SIMS, JOE F. Oct 88/Jan 18
WALTERS, MELVIN W. Aug 94/Dec 17
WEAVER, BOBBY D. Dec 70/Mar 17

**GUNNERY SERGEANT**
APPLETON, JR., CHARLES W. Feb 73/Jan 18
BAUER, CHARLES F. Apr 81/Jan 18
BISSETT, JAMES R. Jun 80/Feb 18
BOOTHBY, CARROLL G. Jan 72/Sep 17
CARPENTER, JAMES M. Aug 95/Feb 18
CRANDALL, DONALD E. Jan 73/Jan 18
DARBY, DEWEY A. Mar 73/Jan 14
DEANGELIS, ROBERT A. Dec 74/Oct 17
DICKINSON, JR., JAMES K. May 73/Dec 17
DUCLOS, BRUCE R. Jun 90/Jan 18
GLOWANIAK, JR., JOSEPH Apr 77/Jan 18
GREEN, JR., CALVIN E. Aug 92/Nov 17
HIBNER, ALAN J. Dec 97/Jan 18
HUNT, VIRGIL D. Jul 75/Jan 18
JOSIF, PAUL E. Feb 88/Jan 18
KAMMLER, AUGUSTUS J. Oct 72/Jan 18
KUYKENDALL, RONALD D. Sep 77/Dec 17
LANDREVILLE, ALFRED C. Jun 63/Jan 18
LEE, WILLIAM T. May 91/Dec 17
LOVELACE, MICHAEL E. May 96/Dec 17
LOFINK, W. F. Oct 68/Dec 17
MASON, FRED A. Jan 77/Jan 18
MATTOX, WESLEY P. Dec 73/Oct 17
REYES, JOE C. Mar 90/Nov 17
SHOMPER, PAUL S. Jul 78/Feb 18
WATSON, HARRY G. May 72/Nov 17
WILLIAMS, STEVEN D. Nov 95/Dec 15
ZAVALA, RICARDO May 80/Jan 18

**STAFF SERGEANT**
BARNES, HERBERT Aug 66/Oct 17
CHAREST, JR., ALFRED J. Aug 66/Feb 18
FILLPOT, DENNIS G. Dec 90/Jan 18
HOUSER, NORRIS F. Oct 66/Sept 17
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FLODA, ANTHONY J. Apr 69/Jun 17
HOGUE, THOMAS W. Nov 67/Jan 18
HUNT, JAMES H. Aug 74/Jan 18

**LANCE CORPORAL**
BURGE, CHAD A. Jul 99/Jan 18

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS**
CLARKE, ERNEST H. Mar 71/Jul 17

**PRIVATE**
PENZA, THOMAS F. Feb 55/Jan 18
The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) – with locations in Washington, D.C., and Gulfport, MS is now accepting applications for residency.

The Home, which offers affordable independent living in modern facilities, has immediate openings in Washington, D.C. and a waiting time of about 20 months in Gulfport, MS.

AFRH is fully accredited by The Joint Commission and the Commission on Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Veterans must be able to live independently upon admission to the AFRH. This means being able to care for personal needs, attend a dining facility for meals, and keep all medical appointments.

Higher levels of care are available later for residents – including assisted living, long-term care, and memory support.

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

In Washington, DC, AFRH offers residents a scenic, wooded campus just minutes from downtown - home to museums, monuments, and a host of entertainment, sports and other cultural options. Amenities include a nine-hole golf course and driving range, walking paths, stocked fishing ponds, and modern recreation facilities.

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

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

Services include recreational activities and resident day trips, a full-service library, barber shop, 24 / 7 security, beauty salon, computer center, mailboxes, banking services, campus PX/BX and off-campus shuttle and public transportation.
Persons are eligible to become AFRH residents who:

- Served as members of the Armed Forces, at least one-half of whose service was not active commissioned service (other than as a warrant officer or limited-duty officer)

The following categories are considered. Veterans (male or female) who are:

- 60 years of age or over; and were discharged or released under honorable conditions with 20 or more years of active service.
- Are determined to be incapable of earning a livelihood because of a service-connected disability incurred in the line of duty in the Armed Forces.
- Served in a war theater during a time of war declared by Congress or were eligible for hostile fire special pay; were released from service in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions; and are determined to be incapable of earning a livelihood because of injuries, disease or disability.

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

Married couples are welcome, but both must be eligible in their own right.

Veterans who have been convicted of a felony or are not free of drug, alcohol, or psychiatric problems are ineligible to become a resident.

For further information or to request an application, visit: https://www.afrh.gov/apply or contact the Office of Public Affairs at: admissions@afrh.gov 1-800-422-9988

The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) is an independent Agency in the Executive branch of the US Government. The AFRH provides residences and related services for certain retired and former members of the US Armed Forces (24 US Code 10, Subchapter 411). The Chief Operating Officer (COO) is the head of the Agency and its communities and is subject to the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of Defense. The origins of the AFRH go back to the 19th century. The US Navy first established the US Naval Asylum in 1831, and then the US Army established the US Soldiers’ Home in 1851. In 1991, the two distinct Homes merged as one: the AFRH.

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Your Military Identification Card

Two Forms of Identification Are Now Required:
To replace or renew your military ID card, two forms of identification are required:

1. A VALID PHOTO ID. Acceptable photo identification includes a driver’s license, valid military ID card, valid passport or permanent resident alien card. All photo IDs must be current; expired photo IDs are not accepted.

2. A SECONDARY ID. A secondary ID may include one of the photo IDs listed above or a Social Security card (not a Medicare card), a voter registration card, birth certificate, or student ID if you are a college student. To avoid delays, call your nearest ID card center for hours of operation and availability.

Military ID Cards for Family Members:
Indefinite military ID cards are now issued to eligible family members who are 75 or older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ID CARD SITE (RAPIDS) LOCATOR: http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl
HOW TO REPORT AN ADDRESS CHANGE
RETIRED MARINES:
Report your address change to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 or MMSR-6 at 1-800-715-0968. my Pay is another option to accomplish this at https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx.

ANNUITANTS (SBP RECIPIENTS):
Report your address change to DFAS!

MMSR-6 CANNOT UPDATE ANNUITANT ADDRESS CHANGES
Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080. Your correct mailing address ensures receipt of this newsletter and any other correspondence from DFAS or HQMC.
Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay. Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant:

1. If the survivor is an SBP annuitant, 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 correction 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 or 6885 (Navy/Marine Corps). If you believe DFAS paid you incorrectly for your Correction of Record, provide documentation with a handwritten signature explaining why you are protesting the amount to:

DFAS-IN
Dept. 3330, Attn:: COR/Claims
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-3300
DFAS Inquiry Line: (317) 212-6167
# Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies

1. **REPORT THE DEATH TO DFAS** at 1-888-332-7411 to stop retirement pay to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later. You may also report the death online at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html. Additional information from DFAS is available at www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html.

   **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 for the Taps column.

2. **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 of whether an election was made, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

3. **UPDATE YOUR MILITARY ID CARD.** Your status has changed, and as the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect it due to the Marine’s death. Access your nearest ID site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the three sites closest to you.

4. **NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION** at 1-800-SSA-1213 (www.ssa.gov) to apply for the $255 death benefit, if applicable.

5. **CONTACT THE VA at 1-800-827-1000 FOR BURIAL AND OTHER VA BENEFITS,** such as VA disability payments. While the VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery. A copy of the sponsor’s DD 214 is required. Visit www.va.gov for more information.

## ADDITIONAL AGENCIES PROVIDING AID AND ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVING SPOUSES

- Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000
- Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524

**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)

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**The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**

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

Download your free **GET S.M.A.R.T.** guide at: www.myimpactwithmcrs.org/getsmart
MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

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

https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/webcenter/portal/MF_MPS_CA/MilitaryFuneralHonors?_afrLoop=1698068779136830#!/%40%40%40%40%40f_afrLoop%3D1698068779136830%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D1bp10pxz_137

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC

A family member will need to contact ANC directly as we do not schedule funerals or military funeral honors at ANC. 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

Inns of the Corps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Read more about it at: innsofthecorps.com/
AWARDS:
Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired before 31 December 1998 should submit their inquiry to:

National Personnel Record Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
Fax: (314) 801-9195

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

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

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

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

COLD WAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:
Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480, USAHRC
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Ft. Knox, KY 40122-5408
Fax: 1-800-723-9262 or (502) 613-9510
https://www.hrc.army.mil
(Type “Cold War Certificate” in the search box)

COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION:
SECNAV CRSC Board
720 Kennon St, SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023
1-877-366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610
DON_CRSC@navy.mil
www.public.navy.mil/ashmra/corb/CRSCB

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE:
U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955, Fax: 1-800-469-6559

DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely Disabled:
P.O. Box 998011; Cleveland, OH 44199-8011
(216) 522-6170

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

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION:
715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134
1-866-622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

* Leatherneck Magazine
1-800-336-0291, ext. 115; Fax: (703) 640-0823
leatherneck@mca-marines.org

* Marine Corps Gazette
1-800-336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147
gazette@mca-marines.org
 Directory Assistance Pages

- Coast Guard Evening Colors: www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews
- Navy Shift Colors: www.navy.mil (Click “Links” and “Shift Colors”)


SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN:
www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html

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

TRICARE PHARMACY PROGRAM: 1-877-363-1303

TRICARE MAIL ORDER PHARMACY EXPRESS SCRIPTS:
1-877-363-1296

TRICARE FOR LIFE/DUAL ELIGIBLES: 1-866-773-0404

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PLAN DELTA DENTAL:
1-888-838-8737, www.trdp.org

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

TRICARE ONLINE: www.tricareonline.com

TRICARE REGIONAL:
North: 1-877-874-2273; South: 1-800-444-5445; West: 1-877-988-9378; Overseas (to include Pacific, Latin America, Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Europe): 1-888-777-8343

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

VA:
1-800-827-1000, www.va.gov
VA SGLI/VGLI: 1-800-419-1473
VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:
1-800-697-6947

OTHER VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:
1-800-669-8477, www.insurance.va.gov

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SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS:
- Army Echoes: https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes

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

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS:
18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER:
1-800-NAVY-INN, www.navy-lodge.com

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY
875 N. Randolph Road Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203
1-800-654-8364; http://www.nmcrs.org

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VA SGLI/VGLI: 1-800-419-1473
VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:
1-800-697-6947

OTHER VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:
1-800-669-8477, www.insurance.va.gov
WHO TO CONTACT:

**MMSR-2:** (703) 784-9324/25/26
Active Duty Separation and Retirement
- **Officer**
  smb.manpower.mmsr2o@usmc.mil
- **Enlisted**
  smb.manpower.mmsr2e@usmc.mil

**MMSR-4:** (703) 784-9308/09
Disability Separation, Retirement and Limited Duty
smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil

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

**MMSR-6:** (703) 784-9311; 1-800-336-4649
Fax: (703) 784-9834
Retired Services and Pay
- Semper Fidelis
- Identification Cards
- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)
smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil