

SEMPER FIDELIS

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES



VA MISSION ACT 2018

The Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act signed into law on June 6, 2018, by President Donald Trump contains sought after changes to the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability (Choice) Act of 2014. Focusing on the quality and availability of health care for veterans, the revamped law streamlines the VA's Community Care Programs, improves VA healthcare delivery, and expands the VA Caregiver Program.

Refines Community Care Programs

- Consolidates seven VA community care programs into one streamlined program.
- Removes arbitrary 30-day/40-mile barriers to veterans' care in the community.
- Authorizes access to walk-in community clinics for enrolled veterans who have previously used VA healthcare services in the last two years.
- Keeps the cost of community care in line with the cost of VA health care to ensure a veteran does not pay more for outside care.
- Requires the VA to monitor the program and report to Congress on the care provided to veterans.
- Requires the VA to establish and submit to Congress a strategy to ensure all VA and community care programs are operating efficiently and effectively based on a number of factors including veterans' satisfaction, access guidelines, and quality standards.

- Strengthens the process for VA and partnering health care providers who prescribe opioids to veterans.

Improves VA Healthcare Delivery

- Removes barriers for VA healthcare professionals to practice telemedicine.
- Strengthens peer-to-peer support for veterans undergoing care for trauma or located in rural areas.
- Establishes mobile deployment teams for underserved and rural facilities to provide specialized and routine health care.
- Allows the VA to provide transplant procedures on a live donor.
- Allows the VA to modernize assets and infrastructure.

Expands Caregivers

- Expands eligibility for VA's Caregiver Program to veterans of all generations.
- Requires the VA to implement an information technology system to better support, assess, and monitor the program.

Additionally, the MISSION ACT:

- Creates a new process for reviewing VA's assets and disposing of under-utilized, outdated, or vacant facilities.
- Creates an education program for veterans about their health care options and a training program for VA employees and contractors to better understand how to administer non-VA health programs.
- Establishes a scholarship program and a specialty education loan repayment program to better recruit VA doctors, dentists, and other health professionals.
- Requires VA to make information public about its vacancies, separation actions, new hires, and other personnel actions.

My Health, My Care:



24/7 online Access to VA

**For assistance call the VA Help Desk:
(1-877-327-0022) Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Central Time)
1-800-877-8339 (TTY)**

SEMPER FIDELIS NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES

Volume 62 No. 2

April—July 2018

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

The Semper Fidelis newsletter is published with appropriated funds on a quarterly basis.

Access it online:

<https://www.manpower.usmc.mil>

Select "News and Features"

Under "News"

Select "Semper Fidelis Online"

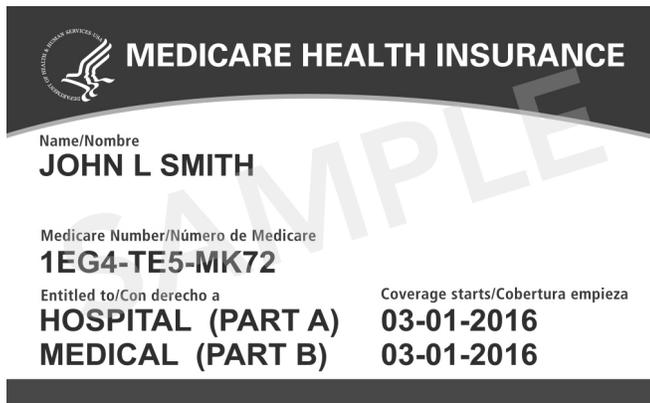
INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- 3) Medicare News
- 4) Tricare East Phone Guide
- 5) Tricare West and Overseas Directory
- 6) Tricare Customer Service
- 7) Military Retiree Appreciation Days
- 9) Reunions
- 12) Explaining Tricare Cost Increases
- 13) Taps
- 15) Tricare Retiree Dental
- 22) Directory Assistance Pages

New Medicare cards are in the mail

Your new card will have a new Medicare Number that is unique to you, instead of your Social Security Number. This will help to protect your identity.

YOUR NEW CARD WILL LOOK LIKE THIS:



Medicare will never solicit you to request your Medicare card and number without your permission.

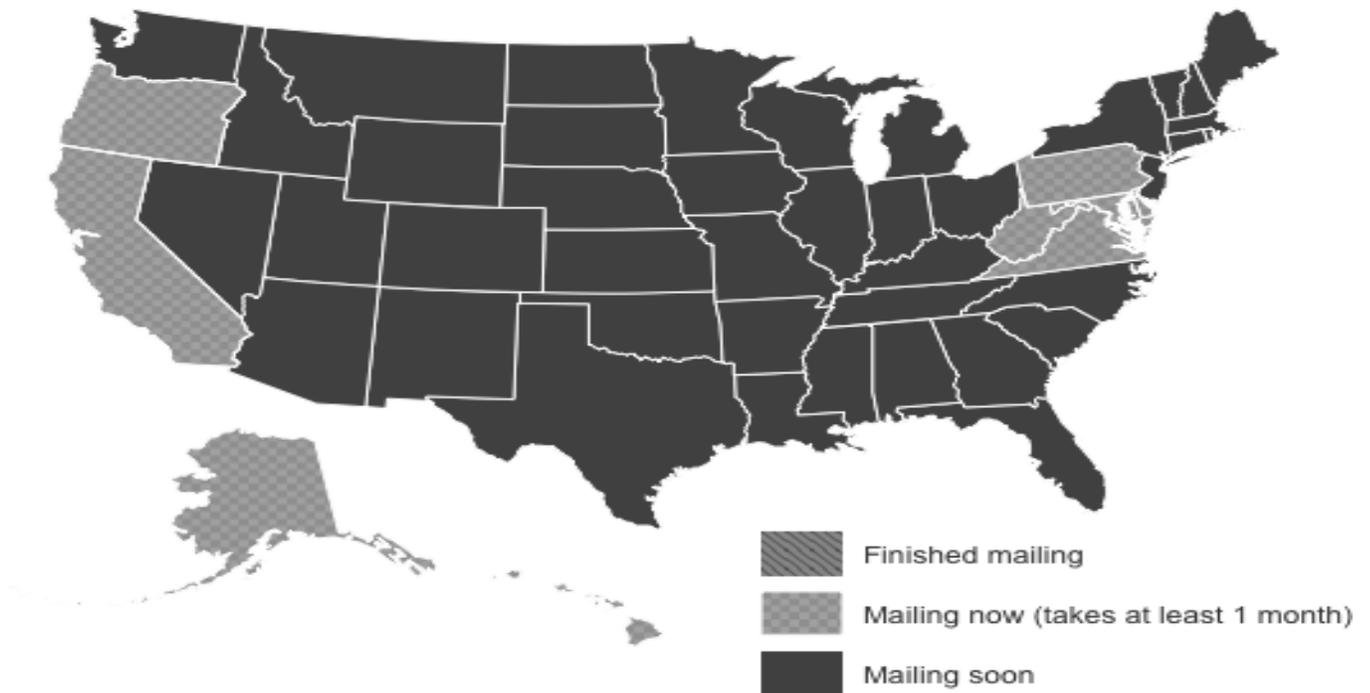
3 things to know

1. Your new card will automatically come to you. You don't need to do anything as long as your address is up to date. If you need to update your address, visit your My Social Security account: <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>
2. Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.
3. Your new Medicare Number is a unique combination of numbers and letters. Your new number uses numbers 0 thru 9. The letters S, L, O, I, B, and Z are never used.

Watch out for scams

Scam artists may try to get personal information (like your current Medicare Number) by contacting you about your new card.

If someone asks you for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to report.



If you want to know when new cards start mailing to your area, visit Medicare.gov/NewCard, and sign up to get email alerts from Medicare.

TRICARE EAST PHONE MENU SHORTCUT GUIDE

When you dial 1-800-444-5445:

Identify who you are

- Sponsors and beneficiaries: Say or press (1)
- Medical providers: Press (2)

Main menu options

- Extension: Enter the 7 digit extension
 - Behavioral health, pharmacy, dental or TRICARE For Life: (1) You will be given a menu to select the specific option that best fits your needs
 - Claims: (2)
 - Pay by phone: (3)
- Check eligibility status, referrals status or find a medical provider: (4) You will be given a menu to select the specific option that best fits your needs.
- New enrollment Primary Care Managers (PCM): (5)
- All other questions: (6)
- Repeat menu: (9)



Note on all menus: To go back to the previous menu, select (8). To repeat a menu, select (9).

Some options request that you voluntarily identify yourself or the family member you are calling about. In those cases, you will hear the federally mandated Privacy Act message. Choose (1) to repeat, (2) to continue or (9) to hear the full list of routine uses for your information.

After continuing, please voluntarily identify yourself or family member.

Previously authenticated callers may use FastPath (see note below) and are asked for only part of this information.

- Enter sponsor ID or DOD benefits number
- Enter date of birth (example: for June 2, 1985 enter 06021980)
- You may also be asked for your ZIP Code

Note: Please inform a beneficiary services representative if you do not wish to use the FastPath identification function.

Self-service includes:

TRICARE payment options

For payments, please have payment amount and credit card information. You may choose to have the payment confirmation sent to your smartphone (text).

Eligibility status option

Hear information or send information to your smartphone (text link) on enrollment/eligibility status, name of PCM (if applicable) and deductibles met.

Referral status option

Hear information or send status information on existing referrals to your smartphone (text link).

Find-a-medical-provider option

You will need the medical specialty, zip code and distance to drive.

1-800-444-5445

HumanaMilitary.com

Humana
Military



TRICARE WEST AND OVERSEAS DIRECTORY

Health Net Federal Services, LLC (HNFS) manages the TRICARE West Region, which includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa (except the Rock Island Arsenal area), Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri (except the St. Louis area), Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas (areas of Western Texas only), Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



Website and Telephone Number

Health Net Federal Services, LLC (HNFS)

TRICARE West Region

1-844-866-WEST (1-844-866-9378)

www.tricare-west.com

- Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. (Pacific time)
- Provider locator services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

HNFS Web Admin Support

(www.tricare-west.com registration)

1-800-440-3114

OVERSEAS

Eurasia-Africa Area

European and African continents, all Middle Eastern countries, Pakistan, Russia and several former Soviet Republics. This includes Baltic States, Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

International SOS
+44-20-8762-8384
1-877-678-1207
(Stateside)
www.tricare-overseas.com

Latin America and Canada Area

Central and South America, the Caribbean Basin, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
International SOS
+1-215-942-8393
1-877-451-8659 (Stateside)
www.tricare-overseas.com

Pacific Area

Guam, Japan, Korea, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, India and Western Pacific remote countries.
International SOS
+65-6339-2676 (Singapore)
+61-2-9273-2710 (Sidney)
1-877-678-1208/1209
(Stateside)
www.tricare-overseas.com

TRICARE Customer Service

Tricare customer service representatives are available to assist you with any questions you may have, including inquiries about claims, TRICARE programs, behavioral health matters, and more. Find additional resources online, via chat, by phone or US Mail at your convenience.



Online chat

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



1.800.444.5445

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Secure messaging

Available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week
Often same day response/referral

Provider chat:

<https://infocenter.humana-military.com/provider/service/Account/Login>

Beneficiary chat:

<https://infocenter.humana-military.com/beneficiary/service/Account/Login>

BEWARE: Cancer Screening Kit Scam

Please be aware of a telephone scam affecting TRICARE beneficiaries in which callers are trying to sell cancer screening kits. The calls from this scam operation have come from "(516) 253-2565," however, other numbers may be used. It's been reported the callers have a considerable amount of personal identifiable information, which could trick beneficiaries into thinking the call is real. Remember – TRICARE does not call beneficiaries to offer or sell services. You should not release any personal identifiable information, such as birth date, Social Security number, banking or credit card information to unknown sources.

For additional information on fraud and abuse reporting, visit Tricare's [Reporting Fraud and Abuse](#) page and health.mil/fraud.



2018 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS



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 their ID Cards.

Date	Location	Contact
4-Aug	Fort Wainwright, AK	907-353-2095
16-Aug	Altoona, IA	515-240-4169
17-Aug	Rosemount, MN (Twin Cities)	763-516-2931
7-Sep	Ft McCoy, WI	608-388-3716
7-Sep	Ft Leonard Wood, MO	573-596-0947
15-Sep	MCB Camp Pendleton, CA	760-725-5704
20-Sep	Redstone Arsenal, AL	256-842-2421
21-Sep	Ft Belvoir, VA	703-806-4551
22-Sep	Little Rock AFB, AR	501-987-6095
22-Sep	Selfridge, MI	586-239-5580
22-Sep	Ft Campbell, KY	270-798-5280
22-Sep	Ft Drum, NY	315-772-6339/6434
22-Sep	Ft Sill, Ok	580-442-2645
28-Sep	Carlton, MN	608-388-3716
29-Sep	Ft Lee, VA	804-734-6555
29-Sep	Ft Bliss, TX	915-569-6233
29-Sep	Camp Lejeune	910-451-8224
6-Oct	Carlisle Barracks, PA	717-245-4501
6-Oct	Scott AFB, IL	618-256-5092
12-Oct	USAG Vicenza, Italy	0039-0444-61-7747
12-Oct	Ft Knox, KY	502-624-1765
13-Oct	Rock Island, IL	563-445-0191
16-Oct	USAG-Bavaria	0964-183-8709
17-Oct	USAG-Ansbach	0981-183-3301
18-Oct	Rheiland-Pfalz/Ramstein	0631-411-8838
19-Oct	Schinnen, Netherlands	0032-65-44-7267
19-Oct	Ft Bragg, NC	910-396-5304/8591
20-Oct	NSB New London, CT	860-694-3284
20-Oct	USAG BENELUX-Brussels	0032-65-44-7267
20-Oct	Schofield Barracks, HI	808-655-1514
20-Oct	Ft Riley, KS	785-239-3320
20-Oct	Ft Polk, LA	337-531-0402
20-Oct	Camp Humphreys, Korea	315-753-8839
25-Oct	USAG-Stuttgart	07031-15-3442
26-Oct	Ft Meade, MD	301-677-9603
27-Oct	Ft Hamilton, NY	718-630-4552
27-Oct	Ft Leavenworth, KS	913-684-5583/2425
2-Nov	Ft Benning, GA	706-545-1805
3-Nov	JBPH Hickam AFB	808-474-0032
3-Nov	Ft Gordon, GA	706-791-2654
9-Nov	NAWS, China Lake, CA	760-939-0978
17-Nov	Yongsan, Korea	0503-323-3735 (DSN) 315-723-3735
7-Dec	MCB Hawaii	808-257-7795

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

MARADMIN 245/16



As a friendly reminder...DoD vehicle decals (DD Form 2220), like the example shown above, are no longer required for proof of installation vehicle registration, and will no longer be issued.

The MARADMIN can be read in its entirety at:

<http://www.marines.mil/News/Messages/Messages-Display/Article/897933/marine-corps-vehicle-registration-program-eliminating-the-use-of-vehicle-decals/#.WszilHYFaWU.email>

★ 2018 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates ★

<u>Entitlement Month</u>	<u>Retiree Pay Date</u>	<u>Annuitant Pay Date</u>
July 2018	1 August 2018	1 August 2018
August 2018	31 August 2018	4 September 2018
September 2018	1 October 2018	1 October 2018
October 2018	1 November 2018	1 November 2018
November 2018	30 November 2018	3 December 2018
December 2018	31 December 2018	2 January 2019

REUNIONS

YEAR OF THE REUNION



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Nat'l Montford Point Marines Ron Johnson	25-29 July 2018	(504) 202-8552	www.montfordpointmarines.org
MACS 9 Thomas Boyle	8-11 Aug 2018	(319) 631-1912	tb Boyle621@aol.com
Marine Corps Mustang Assn LtCol Richard J. Sullivan USMC (Ret.) James R. Casey	8-12 Aug 2018	(508) 954-2262	sul824@verizon.net http://www.marinecorpsmustang.org BusinessMngr@MarineCorpsMustang.org
Marine DET, FASTCo B NWS Marine Det, Marine Barracks (Navy Mine Depot) Marine DET, MCSFCo Yorktown David Greene	10-12 Aug 2018	(585) 738-0640	marinebarracksyorktown@gmail.com
1st Bn 9th Marines Association Doc Brian Granvall	15-19 Aug 2018		bgranvall@gmail.com
USMC MOS 0241 Reunion	18 Aug 2018		pkjacques@comcast.net skip03@comcast.net
VMF/VMA-311 All Eras Jim Galchick USMC (Ret.)	22-26 Aug 2018	(330) 337-9383	jgalchick@neo.rr.com vmfvma311reunion.org
Subic Bay Marines AJ Allen	22-25 Aug 2018	(208) 941-3345	aj@mikebrowngroup.com
Women Marines Assoc. 30th Biennial Convention/Conference	30 Aug-3 Sep 2018	(540) 446-6231	convention@womenmarines.org
MABS-49 Col Chuck McGarigle (Ret.)	8 Sep 2018	(609) 291-9617	mabsreunion@comcast.net
All years of Viet Nam Veterans for Marines & Corpsmen of Lima Co 3rd Bn, 7thMar Jim Casper Ron Wieglanda	10-14 Sep 2018	(484) 955-8442 (503) 369-7185	usmc0311_5@msn.com rhwieglanda@gmail.com
1st Bn 3rd Marines Don Bumgarner	11-16 Sep 2018	(562) 897-2437	dbumc13usmc@verizon.net
West Coast DI Association (WCDIA) Gregg Stoner	13-16 Sep 2018		GreggStoner22@aol.com www.westcoastdi.org
2nd Bn, 26th Marines BLT 2/26 50 Years After the Battle of LZ Margo	14-16 Sep 2018		https://www.dmzrats.com DMZRats@gmail.com

REUNIONS

YEAR OF THE REUNION



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Tankers Association	19-23 Sep 2018		bdiggs60@gmail.com www.USMCTankers.org
26th Mar Association (Rgt, MEU & Supporting) Sonny Hollub	20-23 Sep 2018	(512) 825-4730	sonnyusmc@gmail.com
Marine Corps Engineer Association(MCEA) Charlie Dismore	27-29 Sep 2018	(512) 394-9333	cdismore@charliedismore.com www.marcorengasn.org
The Basic School, H Co, Class 4-64	27-29 Sep 2018		jlestrange727@gmail.com
Navy-Marine Corps Retired Judge Advocate Assn 36th Reunion BGen David Hague	5-7 Oct 2018		david.hagueusmc@gmail.com
HMM-161 50th Reunion Vietnam Ron Winter	11-14 Oct 2018	(860) 550-3274	
2nd Bn 8th Marines 1990-1995 1stSgt Cliff Conrad	17-21 Oct 2018		mc99992004@hotmail.com
C-1, 105th OCC (Oct-Dec 1977) 1st Platoon (plus staff) Debbie Thurman	18-21 Oct 2018	(434) 258-3424	debbie.thurman54@gmail.com
Raging Bulls (Beirut & Grenada 1982-1984) Doug Doerr	19-21 Oct 2018	(703) 472-4615	dougrdoerr@gmail.com
HMM-162 (Beirut/1983)	20-21 Oct 2018		ace162beirut83@razzalink.com
VMFA 235, 77-78	22-25 Oct 2018		WJSanvidge@me.com
TBS Class (10-68) Lima Co Patrick Owen	Oct 2018 (planning stages)	(717) 418-4105	oweninvest@comcast.net
USMC A4 Skyhawkers Mark Williams	1-4 Nov 2018		rogerwilco14@gmail.com
Marine Tactical Recon Squadron 3 (VMFP-3)	8 Nov 2018		lou_davis@msn.com https://reunionmanager.net/reunion_registration_mobile.php?class_id=410456
The Basic School, N Co, Class of 12-68 50th Reunion	13-15 Nov 18		ed.browder@yahoo.com

REUNIONS

YEAR OF THE REUNION



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
Basic School Class 3-67 41st Officer Candidate Class Maj Fred Lash USMC (Ret.)	15-18 Nov 2018	(703) 644-5132	fredanddonnalash@verizon.net
Marine Corps Musicians Association Tom Stevens	4 Apr 2019		stevyt@verizon.net www.marinemusicians.org
VMFA-212 'Lancers' 1975-81 and Beyond JD Loucks	3-5 May 2019		JDLoucks@aol.com VMFA212Reunion@aol.com
VMA (AW) 225-50th Reunion Danang, Vietnam 1969-1971 Maurice Chevalier	15-19 May 2019		Mochev@twc.com
Marine Corps Disbursing Association MGySgt Kevin Gascon (Ret.)	19-23 May 2019		mojorisin68@hotmail.com www.usmcdisbursers.com
Marine Corps Mustang Muster (MCMA) Joint Muster w/2nd & 3rd MarDiv	1-5 June 2019 Branson, MO	(817) 800-3575	http://www.marinecorpsmustang.org Facebook - MCMA https://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-Mustang-Association
Marine Corps Old Breed Rugby Annual Gatherings Sam Pelham			pelhamp@usmc-mccs.org http://www.facebook.com/groups/MarineCorpsOldBreedRugby/
Plt 3008 Parris Island 1964-65 Alvin Miller			agm1996@att.net
Plt 3042 San Diego 1968 Gary Berry			tagpresident@verizon.net

Note to Reunion Planners: Send your reunion events as soon as possible to our organizational mailbox (smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil) to ensure timely inclusion in this publication. We apologize for the inconvenience with any delayed or missed events due to an unforeseen change in the distribution of this publication. Visit the MCCS web site (<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/>) for information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming events.

Explaining TRICARE Annual Cost Increases

Population growth, aging, and price increases for medical goods and services drive many health care costs in the U.S. In any given year, these price increases are related to rising drug costs, using new medical technology, increasing provider rates or other factors.

In response, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which tracks health care costs for the federal government, estimates health care expenditures to grow 5.5 percent each year through 2026.

TRICARE is not immune to these cost increases that vary and change annually. On Jan. 1, 2018, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) adjusted TRICARE costs. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 set some of these rates. Others were based on unique factors, like the annual cost of living adjustment or average costs of covered health care services.

Near the end of 2017, with the help of several military and veteran service organizations, DHA was able to recalculate and correct costs before Jan. 1, lowering 2018 Tricare patient costs for several types of care by \$3 to \$8. However, other costs increased, like the retiree specialty mental health outpatient copayment, which changed from \$12 to \$30.

As always, TRICARE costs depend on your plan and who you are (for example, whether you are an active duty family member or retiree). To make managing your health costs more predictable and transparent, DHA introduced more copayments under the new TRICARE Select program when using a TRICARE network provider. Copayments are fixed-fees; they let you know the out-of-pocket cost of a covered service before receiving a bill.

Visit the TRICARE website to view health plan costs and to download a detailed Costs and Fees Sheet at: <https://tricare.mil/publications>.

Health Matters (East) Newsletter: 2018 — Issue 1

This 12 page East Region newsletter for TRICARE beneficiaries includes these TRICARE articles: Welcome to the New TRICARE East Region, Enrollment Changes for 2018 and Beyond, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select: A Program Comparison, TRICARE Enrollment Fees, Understanding Disenrollment, TRICARE Payment Types, Beneficiary Self-Service, Introducing Fixed Copayments: Costs Now Simpler and More Transparent, Ask Humana Military, Qualifying Life Events, Improvements in Preventive Care Coverage with TRICARE Select, and What Active Duty and Retired Reservists Need to Know: TRICARE Reserve Select and TRICARE Retired Reserve.

https://tricare.mil/-/media/Files/TRICARE/Publications/Newsletters/East/E_NL_2018_Issue1.ashx

Health Matters (West) Newsletter: 2018 — Issue 1

This 12-page West Region newsletter for TRICARE beneficiaries includes these TRICARE articles: Welcome to the New TRICARE West Region, Enrollment Changes for 2018 and Beyond, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select: A Program Comparison, TRICARE Enrollment Fees, Understanding Disenrollment, TRICARE Payment Types, Online Tools for Managing Your TRICARE Benefit at www.tricare-west.com, Introducing Fixed Copayments: Costs Now Simpler and More Transparent, Choose Wisely with Choosing Wisely, Qualifying Life Events, Improvements in Preventive Care Coverage with TRICARE Select, and What Active Duty and Retired Reservists Need to Know: TRICARE Reserve Select and TRICARE Retired Reserve.

https://tricare.mil/-/media/Files/TRICARE/Publications/Newsletters/West/W_NL_2018_Issue1.ashx



TAPS

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.

COLONEL

BAILEY, EDWARD A. Dec 69/Mar 18
 CLARK, ARTHUR B. Jan 80/Apr 17
 HARNDEN, WILLARD J. Nov 88/Mar 18
 HOFFNER, CHARLES W. Apr 80/Sep 17
 JOHNSON, JOHN E. Jan 91/Oct 17

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

CONVERSE, GEORGE S. Jul 96/May 18
 HUSTON, HAROLD V. Jun 78/Mar 18
 INGRAHAM, JOHN D. Jul 77/Jan 18

MAJOR

BOULTON, JERRY D. May 76/Feb 18
 FENSTERMACHER, DENTON S. Nov 69/Apr 18
 LAWRENCE, ROBERT L. Nov 72/May 18
 STEWART, RICHARD L. Jul 82/Jun 17
 TOWNSEND, JR., GEORGE B. Jun 70/Feb 18

CAPTAIN

BALIUS, RONALD A. Sep 78/Dec 17
 OWENS, MORRIS C. Apr 62/Aug 17

FIRST LIEUTENANT

DETCHE, JAMES A. May 71/Feb 18
 JOHNSON, WESLEY D. Oct 67/Sep 17

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

TOMKA, THOMAS G. CWO5 Nov 08/Dec 17
 GREEN, ERNEST E. CWO3 Nov 95/Apr 18

SERGEANT MAJOR

BALDERRAMA, BRUNO Aug 75/Mar 17
 BOIRE, MAURICE W. Oct 67/Jan 18
 DINDIO, JR., ANTONIO. Dec 63/Dec 15
 ZINGARO, NICHOLAS A. Aug 85/Sep 17

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

JOHNSON, JIMMY D. Aug 90/Dec 17
 MATHIEU, JR., CHARLES J. Jul 73/Mar 18
 OLIVER, RAFAEL C. Feb 86/Jul 17
 SIRIGNANO, WILLIAM. May 74/Oct 17
 WILLIAMS, JAMES L. Aug 09/Apr 18

FIRST SERGEANT

BARNETT, ROBERT W. Apr 97/Mar 18
 JOHNSON, JACK H. Jun 75/Jun 17
 WOODS, JAMES A. Jan 74/Jan 18

MASTER SERGEANT

BRANAMAN, BILLIE U. Mar 71/Apr 18
 ENGLAND, ERIC R. Mar 74/Apr 18
 FLETCHER, CHARLES W. Dec 83/Mar 18
 GILLESPIE, ANTHONY R. Jun 02/Apr 18
 GONZALEZ, PABLO Oct 77/Jul 17
 MELL, ROBERT L. Jul 84/May 18
 NIX, JOE M. Aug 78/Mar 18
 PRUITT, WILLIAM M. Jul 72/Oct 17
 RANKIN, MARK A. Sep 94/Nov 17
 VANMOERKERQUE, EDWARD J. Aug 88/Sep 17

GUNNERY SERGEANT

CARR, THOMAS W. Jul 00/Feb 18
 HALL, HOOVER J. Dec 83/Nov 17
 HEAL, ROBERT D. Jul 61/Feb 18
 LEMONS, WARD E. Oct 95/Mar 18
 MAUFFRAY, ARTHUR J. Sep 75/Nov 17
 MCGILL, J.C. Aug 68/Apr 18
 MCLAUGHLIN, DAVID E. Apr 92/Apr 18
 PERRIN, JAMES T. Mar 01/Sep 17
 SANCHEZ, JOAQUIN A. Sep 76/May 18
 TAKAHASHI, RICHARD F. Jul 75/Oct 17
 THOMAS, LARRY R. Dec 86/Nov 17
 TOMACELLI, GARY L. Mar 95/Dec 17
 WILLIAMS, STEVEN D. Nov 95/Feb 15



TAPS

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.

STAFF SERGEANT

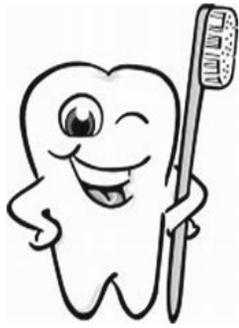
CROUSE, WILLARD W. Dec 76/Apr 18
 DEAN, ALBERT. Aug 64/Apr 18
 HOUGE, MACK C. Oct 61/May 18
 JOAO, HARRY D. Sep 88/Feb 18
 LOVAN, ARTHUR J. Dec 75/Feb 18
 TAYLOR, JOSEPH. Jan 03/Mar 18

CORPORAL

ACCURSO, JR., JAMES P. Nov 52/Nov 17

LANCE CORPORAL

BIBBINS, BLAKE L. Sep 12/Jan 18
 RICHARD, CHARLES L. Apr 50/Mar 18



FREE BROCHURE HELPS TRAVELERS FIND SAFE DENTAL CARE ABROAD

Travelers planning a trip outside the United States can find advice on seeking safe dental care abroad in a new brochure available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) and the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP).

"The Traveler's Guide to Safe Dental Care" provides guidance on preventive measures travelers can take before leaving home to minimize the potential of a dental emergency. It also features criteria for selecting a dental professional abroad if an emergency arises. The guide provides a series of questions travelers can ask to determine if an overseas dental office uses appropriate precautions to prevent disease transmission, such as:

- Do staff members wash their hands with soap between patient visits?
- Do staff members wear gloves for all procedures?
- Are new needles used for each patient?
- Is sterile water used for surgical procedures?

Copies of "The Traveler's Guide to Safe Dental Care" are available from OSAP by calling (800) 298-6727. For more information, visit the OSAP web site at <https://www.osap.org/page/TravelersGuide?>

Information courtesy of the [Academy of General Dentistry](#).

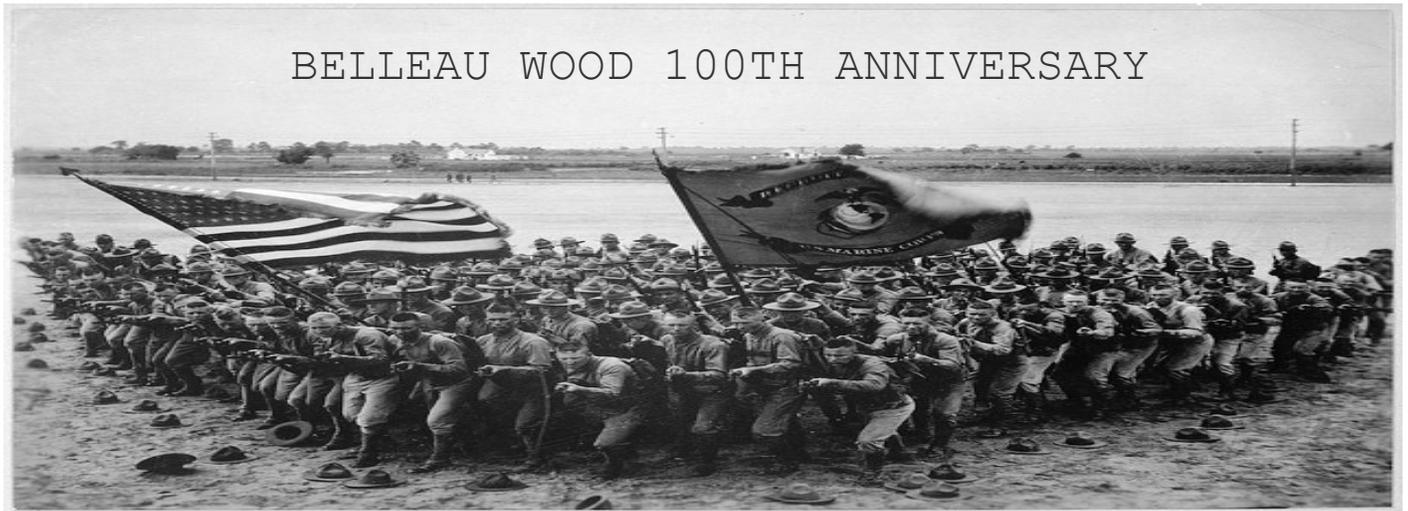
2019

REMINDER NOTE

Beginning on January 1, 2019, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan (TRDP) will be replaced by the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) which offers dental benefits comparable to the TRDP and a choice of ten dental carriers including Delta Dental. Enrollment in the FEDVIP will begin November 12, 2018 and run through December 10, 2018. You must select a FEDVIP dental plan to continue your dental care benefits.

Under the FEDVIP program, there are no waiting periods (except for orthodontics in most plans), and you will receive your full FEDVIP benefits beginning on January 1, 2019 with whichever FEDVIP plan you select during the November/December 2018 open season.

To find more information on FEDVIP please visit TRICARE.benefeds.com



BELLEAU WOOD 100TH ANNIVERSARY

ALMAR 019/18

23 MAY 18

This November marks 100 years since the end of “The Great War.” When Germany signed the armistice agreement in France on 11 November 1918, nations throughout the world celebrated as four years of brutal fighting and unimaginable loss and destruction came to an end. A major turning point in World War I occurred on a 200-acre wooded stretch of French countryside called Belleau Wood. For 20 days in June 1918, American and Allied forces fought valiantly there. Thousands made the ultimate sacrifice taking a final stand for freedom on that hallowed ground.

For our Corps, Belleau Wood has become a symbol of Marine courage and tenacity. Many consider this battle the birth of the modern day Marine Corps. Today, we pause to honor the Marines who fought at Belleau Wood a century ago. We pay highest tribute to the sacrifices they made and the remarkable warrior spirit they embodied. Few battles bond Marines so tightly to our Corps’ history. It is a great privilege to carry on the legacy Marines forged at Belleau Wood. May we never forget the price of freedom and the warriors who have paid that price in full.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert B. Neller, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Marine Time Machine: The Battle of Belleau Wood

A video by [Lance Cpl. Taryn Escott](#)



Marine Time Machine is a short video series that highlights different periods of Marine Corps history.

Watch this episode about the Battle of Belleau Wood, one of the most well known battles in Marine Corps history at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/605365/marine-time-machine-battle-belleau-wood>

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 TRI-CARE 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/rs/>

USMC Retired Services Offices

MCAS Yuma Arizona

Tony Steen, (928) 269-3159
 Fax: (928) 928-269-3723
anthony.steen@usmc.mil

MCAGCC Twentynine Palms California

Philip C. Cisneros, (760) 830-7550

MCAS Miramar California

(858) 577-4806

MCB Camp Pendleton California

Erica Shaw, (760) 725-5704
erica.shaw@usmc.mil

Freddie Darnell, (760) 725-6090

freddie.darnell@usmc.mil

MCLB Barstow California

Patrick Rewerts, (760) 577-6533
patrick.rewerts@usmc.mil

MCRD San Diego California

Ray P. Bromley, (619) 524-5301
retiredmcrdsd@yahoo.com

MCLB Albany Georgia

Raymond Breaux, (229) 639-5278
breauxr@usmc-mccs.org

MCB Kaneohe Bay Hawaii

Jeffrey Esposito, (808) 257-7795
jeffrey.esposito@usmc.mil

MCAS Iwakuni Japan

Gary K. Saiki, 011-81-827-79-5762
gks20142000@yahoo.com or
 Robert Bugawan
rbugawan@yahoo.com or
robert.bugawan@usmc.mil

MCB Camp SD Butler Okinawa Japan

Ben Garcia
 DSN: 315-645-3159,
 011-81-611-745-3159
garciab@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org

MCB Camp Lejeune North Carolina

Luis J. Alers-Dejesus, (910) 451-0287
 Fax: (910) 451-0677
luis.alers@usmc.mil

MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina

(252) 466-5548

MCAS/MCRD South Carolina

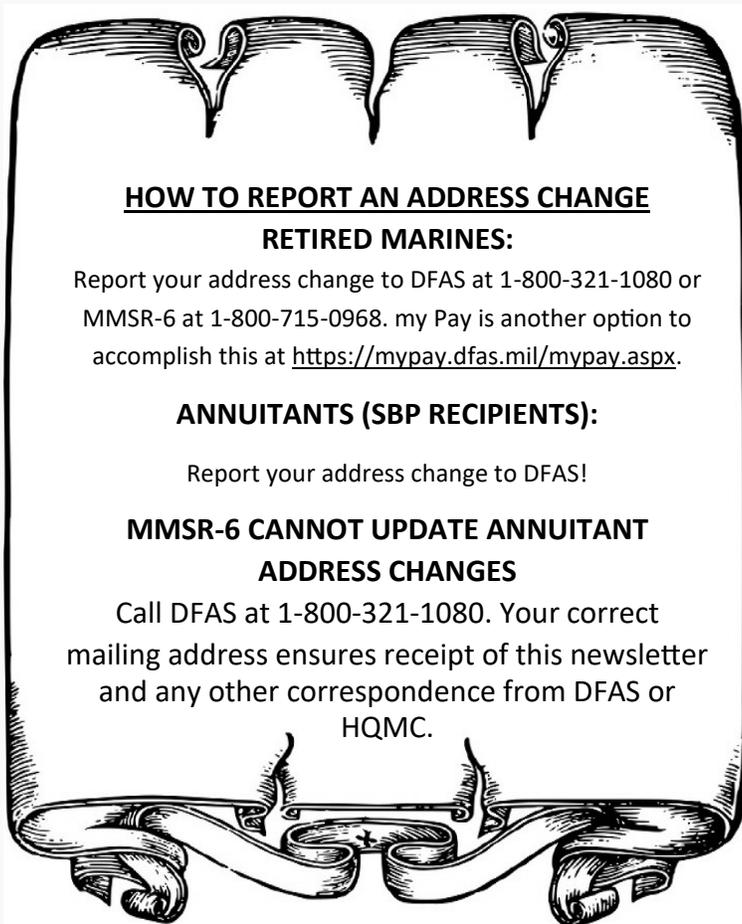
(843) 228-4574

MCB Henderson Hall Virginia

(703) 693-9197

MCB Quantico Virginia Kimberly Bennett,

(703) 784-3351
kimberly.bennett@usmc.mil



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)

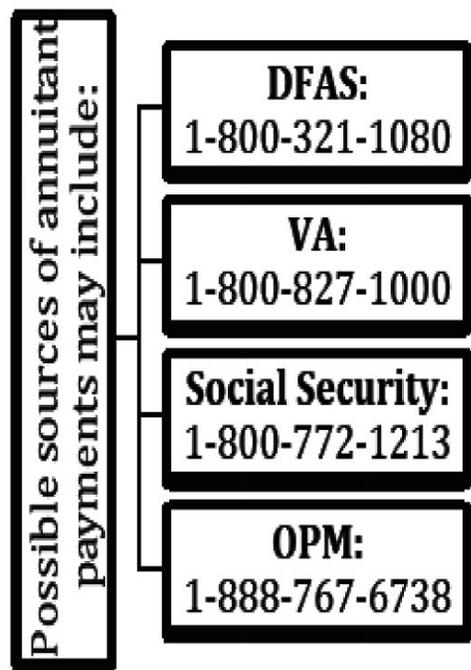
Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant's death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's annuity pay if payment is erroneously received.

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**



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
 (Hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, EST)

Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies

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

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. **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
 Gold Star Wives of America: 1-888-751-6350, www.goldstarwives.org
 Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524
 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, www.nmcrcs.org
 National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, www.nmfaf.org
 Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx
 Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, www.taps.org



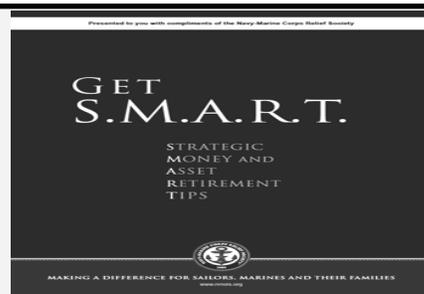
SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO DO:

- Gather important documents for claims processing (e.g., birth certificate, will, etc.)
- Begin to make funeral and burial arrangements
- Start claim process for applicable benefits (e.g., SBP, VA life insurance, Social Security)
- Determine immediate and short-term financial needs and income sources
- Arrange for help with legal affairs of the deceased
- Notify joint account agencies (e.g., credit cards, banks, auto registration home/auto insurance)
- Review survivor's own legal documents for possible revision
- Obtain multiple certified death certificates (6-12 copies)

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

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

Download your free **GET S.M.A.R.T.** guide at:
www.myimpactwithnmcrcs.org/getsmart



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?_afLoop=1698068779136830#!%40%40%3F_afLoop%3D1698068779136830%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D1bpb10pnxz_137

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC

A family member will need to contact ANC directly ANC does not schedule funerals or military funeral honors. 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/



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):** 1-800-367-6027

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 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

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 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/asnmra/corb/CRSCB

D

DD 214s

Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired before 31 December 1998:

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138

(314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195

MPR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

Marines discharged/retired/separated after 1 January 1999:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

1-800-268-3710; smb.manpower.mmrp@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE:

1-800-321-1080, www.dfas.mil

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

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

M

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

MARINE CORPS BARRACKS

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

MARINE CORPS EDUCATION COMMAND

Marine Corps University, History Division
3078 Upshur Ave., Quantico, VA 22134
(703) 432-4874, www.history.usmc.mil

MARINE COPRS JUNOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR)

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

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

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
1-888-533-4558; Fax: (314) 538-4571
Marines who have been discharged/separated/retired before 1 May 1994 must contact NPRC.

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

N

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS:

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172
1-877-653-1775; www.usmcmuseum.org

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>

Q

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

S

SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS:

- **Army Echoes:** <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>
- **Air Force Afterburner:** <http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>

- **Coast Guard Evening Colors:** www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews

- **Navy Shift Colors:** www.navy.mil
(Click "Links" and "Shift Colors")

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

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN:

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

T

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 <https://tricare.mil/>

Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:
<https://tricare.mil/bcacdcao> or nearest military treatment facility.

East: 1- 800-444-5445; <https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/>

West: 1-844-866-9378; <https://www.tricare-west.com>

Overseas: 1-888-777-8343; <https://www.tricare-overseas.com>

TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM UNITED OCONUS:

1-888-475-0486

TRICARE for LIFE: 1-866-773-0404; www.tricare4u.com

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program: 1-877-363-1303;
<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: 1-877-363-1296;
<https://tricare.mil/homedelivery>

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan: 1-888-838-8737,
www.trdp.org

U

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

V

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

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

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

1-800-669-8477, www.insurance.va.gov

VA SGLI/VGLI: 1-800-419-1473

VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:
1-800-697-6947

SEMPER FIDELIS

Your official source of retirement news

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS (MMSR-6)
JAMES WESLEY MARSH CENTER
3280 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VA 22134-5103

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

Access your newsletter online at <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil>

Click on “Semper Fidelis Online” under “News and Features”

Separation and Retirement Branch (MMSR)

Steven M. Hanscom, *Branch Head*
Major Clarissa N. Blair, *Assistant Branch Head*



Retired Services and Pay Section (MMSR-6)

Vincent P. Tate, *Human Resources Manager*
vincent.tate@usmc.mil

Ethel M. McMullen, *Writer-Editor*
ethel.mcmullen@usmc.mil

Human Resources Specialists
Beverly T. Britt
Katharina L. Constance
Rose M. Thomas

Marine Admin Staff
GySgt Antwon L. Parker
Sgt Johnny Thammavongsa
LCpl Shenoah White

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