

## TRICARE 2020 Health Plan Changes

(Costs and Fees)

TRICARE health plans will change on January 1, 2020. This includes enrollment fees for some beneficiaries and out-of-pocket costs. Premiums for the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (www.tricare.mil/chcbp) change on October 1 each year. Cost changes reflect decisions in Congress, cost-of-living adjustments, changes to the cost of health care services and drugs, and more. Every beneficiary's situation is different and TRICARE offers enrollment options to help meet everyone's health care needs. Eligibility for TRICARE is determined by the information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.



Important points to remember about costs:

- Copayments are per occurrence or per visit.
- Cost-shares are a percentage of the allowed amount for certain types of services.
- Active duty service members do not have any out-of-pocket costs for care.

Note: When enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR), TRICARE Young Adult (TYA), or the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP), Group A beneficiaries follow Group B deductibles and applicable copayments or cost-shares.

Starting January 1, 2020, some copayments for your prescription drugs will increase. If you get your prescriptions through the TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a retail network pharmacy, you'll pay anywhere from \$2 to \$7 more. Congress made this change in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018.

There's still no cost to fill your prescriptions at military pharmacies. And these cost changes don't apply to active duty service members (ADSMs). "Military pharmacies remain to be your lowest cost option," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Melissa Pammer with the Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency. "Your next lowest cost is if you use the TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery."

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## TRICARE® Costs and Fees 2020

TRICARE beneficiaries fall into one of two groups: Group A or Group B

- You're in Group A if your initial enlistment or appointment or that of your uniformed services sponsor began before Jan. 1, 2018.
- You're in Group B if your initial enlistment or appointment or that of your uniformed services sponsor began on or after Jan. 1, 2018. Note: When enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR), TRICARE Young Adult (TYA), or the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP), Group A beneficiaries follow Group B deductibles and applicable copayments or cost-shares.

#### TRICARE PRIME® (JAN. 1-DEC. 31, 2020)

Includes TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, the US Family Health Plan (USFHP), and TYA Prime plans.

**Annual Enrollment Fees** (TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, and USFHP only)

No yearly enrollment fee for active duty service members (ADSMs), active duty family members (ADFMs), and transitional survivors (surviving spouses during the first three years and surviving dependent children) worldwide.

For retirees, their families, and most others\*

- Group A: \$300 per individual/\$600 per family
- Group B: \$366 per individual/\$732 per family

Annual Deductible: There is no annual deductible.

#### TRICARE PRIME OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

ADSMs, ADFMs, and transitional survivors				
Covered service	Group A	Group B		
All covered services	\$0	\$0		
Retirees, their families, and all others				
Covered service	Group A	Group B		
Preventive Care Visit	\$0	\$0		
Primary Care Outpatient Visit	\$20	\$20		
Specialty Care Outpatient Visit	\$31	\$31		
Urgent Care Center Visit	\$31	\$31		
Emergency Room Visit	\$62	\$62		
Inpatient Admission (Hospitalization)	\$156/ admission	\$156/ admission		

#### **TRICARE Prime Point-of-Service Option**

When you see a TRICARE-authorized provider other than your primary care manager for any nonemergency services without a referral, you pay:

- A yearly deductible before TRICARE cost-sharing will begin: \$300 per individual/\$600 per family.
- For services beyond this deductible, you pay 50% of the TRI CARE-allowable charge.

#### TRICARE SELECT® (JAN. 1-DEC. 31, 2020

Includes TRICARE Select, TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Select, TRS, TRR, TYA Select, and CHCBP plans.
Annual Enrollment Fees (TRICARE Select and TOP Select only)

No yearly enrollment fee for ADFMs. For retirees, their families, and others:

- Group A: No yearly enrollment fee
- Group B: \$471 per individual/\$942 per family

#### **Annual Deductible**

You must spend your deductible amount before TRICARE cost-sharing begins.

ADFMs and TRS members				
Pay grades E-4	and below			
Group A		Group B		
Individual	Family	Individual	Family	
\$50	\$100	\$52	\$104	
Pay grades E-	-5 and above	e		
Group A		Group B		
Individual	Family	Individual Family		
\$150	\$300	\$156	\$313	
Retirees, their families, TRR members, and all others				
Group A		Group B		
Individual	Family	Individual	Family	
\$150	\$300	Network†: \$156	Network†: \$313	
		Out-of-Network†: \$313	Out-of-Network†: \$626	

- For certain beneficiaries in Group A, their enrollment fee remains frozen at the rate when the survivor or medically-retired member is classified in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System in either category and enrolls, as long as there is a continuous TRI-CARE Prime enrollment. See www.tricare.mil/costs for more information.
- † Network means a provider in the TRICARE network.
   Out-of-network means a TRICARE-authorized provider not in the TRICARE network.

#### TRICARE Select Out-of-Pocket Costs: Network and Out-of-Network-

Covered Services	ADFMs and TRS members		Retirees, their families, TRR members, and all others		
	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	
Preventive Care Visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Primary Care Outpatient Visit	Network: \$22 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$15 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$30 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$26 Out-of-Network: 25%†	
Specialty Care Outpatient Visit	Network: \$33 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$26 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$45 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 25%†	
Urgent Care Center Visit	Network: \$22 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$20 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$30 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 25%†	
Emergency Room Visit	Network: \$89 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$41 Out-of-Network: 20%†	Network: \$118 Out-of-Network: 25%†	Network: \$83 Out-of-Network: 25%†	
Inpatient Admission (Hospitalization)	\$19.55 per day or \$25 per admission (whichever is more) Network and Out-of-Network	\$62 per admission Network	\$250 per day or up to 25% hospital charge (whichever is less); plus 20% separately billed services Network	\$182 per admis- sion Network	
<ul> <li>Subsistence charge refers to the rate charged for inpatient care obtained in a military hospital or clinic.</li> <li>All final claims reimbursed under the TRICARE Diagnosis Related Group (DRG)-based payment system are to be priced using the rules, weights, and rates in effect as of the</li> </ul>		20%† Out-of-Network	\$953 per days or up to 25% hospital charge (whichever is less); plus 25% separately billed services Out-of-Network	25%† Out-of-Network	
date of discharge.	\$19.55 per day (subsistence charge); Military Hospital or Clinic				

<sup>\*</sup> Network means a provider in the TRICARE network. Out-of-network means a TRICARE-authorized provider not in the TRICARE network.

#### PREMIUM-BASED HEALTH PLANS

When enrolled in a premium-based health plan (TRS, TRR, TYA Prime, TYA Select, or CHCBP), you pay a monthly or quarterly premium and follow Group B deductibles and applicable copayments or cost-shares.

Quarterly Premium (Oct. 1, 2019–Sept. 30, 2020)			
Premium-Based Plan Individual Family			
Continued Health Care Benefit Program	\$1,553	\$3,500	

Monthly Premium (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2020)			
Premium-Based Plan	Member only	Member and family	
TRICARE Reserve Select	\$44.17	\$228.27	
TRICARE Retired Reserve	\$444.37	\$1,066.26	
TRICARE Young Adult Prime	\$376	Not available	
TRICARE Young Adult Select	\$228	Not available	

<sup>†</sup> Percentage of TRICARE maximum-allowable charge after deductible is met.

#### **Catastrophic Cap**

The catastrophic cap is the most you or your family may pay out of pocket for covered TRICARE health care services each calendar year. This protects you because it limits the amount of out-of-pocket expenses you pay for TRICARE covered medical services. Note: The TYA member's catastrophic cap is based on the sponsor's status but follows Group B. The CHCBP catastrophic cap follows Group B.

Sponsor or Beneficiary Type	Group A	Group B
ADFMs	\$1,000/family	\$1,044/family
Retirees, their families, and others	\$3,000/family	\$3,655/family
TRS members	(Follow Group B)	\$1,044/family
TRR members	(Follow Group B)	\$3,655/family



#### **PHARMACY COSTS** (JAN. 1, 2020–DEC. 31, 2021)

ADSMs have no prescription drug costs when using a military pharmacy, TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery, or a TRICARE retail network pharmacy for covered drugs. Costs for all others are shown below.

At TRICARE retail network and non-network pharmacies, you may get up to a 30-day supply of your covered prescription. With all other pharmacy options, you may get up to a 90-day supply. Your options for filling your prescription depend on the type of drug your provider prescribes. Some drugs are only covered through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. Overseas, some limitations may apply.

To learn more, visit **www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE** or call Express Scripts, Inc., which administers the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, at **1-877-363-1303**.

Pharmacy types	rmacy types Formulary drug costs No		Non-formulary drug costs	Non-covered
	Generic	Brand-name		drug costs
Military pharmacy 30 day supply	\$0	\$0	Generally not available without medical necessity	Not available
TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery 90 day supply	\$10	\$29	\$60	Not available
TRICARE retail network pharmacy 30 day supply	\$13	\$33	\$60	Full cost of drug
Non-network pharmacy (in the U.S. and U.S. territories: American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)	TRICARE Prime options: 50% cost-share applies after the point-of- service (POS) deductible is met  All other beneficiaries: You pay for formulary drugs (\$33 or 20% of total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible) and non-formulary drugs (\$60 or 20% of total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible).		Full cost of drug	
Overseas pharmacy (outside the U.S. and U.S. territories)  Visit www.tricare.mil/overseas- pharmacy for more information.	ADSMs and ADFMs using TOP Prime or TOP Prime Remote: \$0 (you may have to pay the full cost up front and file a claim for reimbursement)  ADFMs using TOP Select and TRS members: 20% cost-share after yearly deductible is met  Retirees, their families, TRR members, and all others enrolled in TOP Select: 25% cost-share after the yearly deductible is met		Full cost of drug	



#### **VOLUNTARY DENTAL PROGRAMS**

There are two voluntary dental options separate from TRICARE health care options: the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (offered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management). Below are the TDP rates. To learn more about dental programs and eligibility, visit www.tricare.mil/dental.

#### TRICARE Dental Program Monthly Premiums (May 1, 2019–April 30, 2020)

Sponsor status	Sponsor-only premi- um	Single premium (one family member, not the sponsor)	Family premium (more than one family member, not the sponsor)	Sponsor-and-family premi- um
Active duty	N/A	\$11.54	\$30.00	N/A
Selected Reserve	\$11.54	\$28.85	\$75.01	\$86.55
Individual Ready Reserve	\$28.85	\$28.85	\$75.01	\$103.86

#### TRICARE Dental Program Out-of-Pocket Costs (May 1, 2019–April 30, 2020)

Services, deductibles, and maximums	TRICARE Dental Program
Diagnostic, preventive (including sealants)	0%
Basic restorative	20%
Endodontic, periodontic, oral surgery	Pay grades E-1 through E-4: 30%; All others: 40%
Prosthodontic, implant, orthodontic	50%
Yearly deductible	\$0
Non-orthodontic service maximum*	\$1,500 (per person, per contract year, May 1–April 30)
Orthodontic lifetime maximum	\$1,750 (per person, per lifetime)
Dental accident maximum	\$1,200 (per person, per contract year, May 1–April 30)

<sup>\*</sup> Orthodontic diagnostic service charges are applied towards the non-orthodontic service maximum, but other diagnostic and preventive service charges are not.

#### LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

## **GO TO www.tricare.mil/contactus**



TRICARE Costs

www.tricare.mil/costs



TRICARE Plan Finder

www.tricare.mil/planfinder



TRICARE East Region

Humana Military 1-800-444-5445 HumanaMilitary.com www.tricare-east.com



TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP)

International SOS Government Services, Inc.

www.tricareoverseas.com For toll-free contact information, visit this website.



TRICARE Pharmacy Program

Express Scripts, Inc 1-877-363-1303 1-540-6261 (TDD/TTY) www.tricare.mil/pharmacy www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE



TRICARE Dental Program

United Concordia Companies, Inc.

1-844-653-4061 (CONUS)

1-844-653-4060 (OCONUS)

1-717-888-7400 (OCONUS

TOLL)

https://www.uccitdp.com/

## Social Security News: Cost of Living Adjustment

The purpose of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is to ensure that the purchasing power of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits is not eroded by inflation. It is based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the last year a COLA was determined to the third quarter of the current year. If there is no increase, there can be no COLA. Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2018 through the third quarter of 2019, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 1.6 percent COLA for 2020.

The COLA will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits)

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their <u>my Social Security</u> account. People may create or access their <u>my Social Security</u> account online at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount</u>.

The maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$137,700. The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will increase to \$18,240. (Social Security deducts \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,240.) The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2020 will increase to \$48,600. (Social Security deducts \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$48,600 until the month the worker turns age 66.) There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year.

#### Your COLA Notice

In December 2019, Social Security COLA notices were made available online to most beneficiaries in the Message Center of their <u>my Social Security</u>. This is a secure, convenient way to receive COLA notices online and save the message for later. You can also opt out of receiving notices by mail that are available online.

No government agency or reputable company will solicit your personal information or request advanced fees for services in the form of wire transfers or gift cards. Avoid falling victim to fraudulent calls and internet "phishing" schemes by not revealing personal information, selecting malicious links, or opening malicious attachments. Learn more about the ways to protect your personal information and account at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/security.html">https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/security.html</a>. If you are unable or unwilling to create an online account, you may still create an account in person by visiting your local Social Security office.

**Contact Social Security Toll-Free:** 1-800-772-1213

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call Social Security toll-free TTY number **1-800-325-0778**, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Online Social Security office locator: https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp



# COLA COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS 2020



The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2019, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) through the third quarter calendar year 2019. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members. Where applicable, the appropriate section of United States Code (U.S.C.) is cited.

#### **COLAs for Retired Pay**

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

Retired Pay Based on		
Rates of Pay Effective	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2019	1.6 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 – December 31, 2019	1.6 percent	1401a©

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

Retirement Effective	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2019	1.6 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2019	1.6 percent	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2019	1.6 percent	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2019	0.2 percent	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2019	0.0 percent	1401a(d)

3. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, and also elected to receive a career status bonus under the provisions of Section 354 of Title 37 U.S.C. is specified according to the date of their retirement, as follows:

Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
0.6 percent	1401a(e)
0.6 percent	1401a(e)
0.6 percent	1401a(e)
0.0 percent	1401a(e)
0.0 percent	1401a(e)
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#### **COLA**

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#### **COLAs for Survivor Annuities**

- 4. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2019, under the provisions of Subchapter I of Chapter 73, Title 10, U.S.C., to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974, will be increased by **1.6 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434 (e)).
- 5. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of Subchapter II of Chapter 73, Title 10, U.S.C., will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451 (g)).
- 6. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953, will be increased **1.6 percent** (ref: Public Law (P.L.) 100-456, section 653(c)).
- 7. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, P.L. 105-85, November 18, 1997, will be increased **1.6 percent** from \$262.96 to **\$267.17** effective December 1, 2019. (ref: P.L. 105-85, sec 644).

#### **Increase in the SBP Low-Cost Premium Threshold**

- 8. Previous amounts with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) formula apply will be adjusted effective December 1, 2019, in conjunction with the adjustments in retired pay made under the provisions of Section 1401a of Title 10, U.S.C. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(B)). The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will perform necessary calculations to determine actual premiums based on the individual circumstances of each case.
- 9. The amount with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) is applied will be increased **3.1 percent effective January 1, 2020**, from \$843 to \$869. The threshold premium is \$21.73. Therefore, the Low-Cost Threshold premium is \$21.73 plus 10% of the difference between retired pay and the threshold amount. The breakeven base amount is \$1,862.15. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(A)).

#### **Increase in the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)**

10. In accordance with provisions of Section 1450(m) of Title 10, U.S.C., as amended by section 621 of P.L. 115-91 and section 622 of P.L. 115-232, the maximum amount of SSIA payable will be increased by 1.6 percent effective December 1, 2019. The new SSIA rate will be \$323. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1450(m))

#### DFAS releases 2019 tax statement schedule

INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 5, 2019) –2019 tax statements for military, retiree, annuitant and federal civilian employee customers serviced by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will be distributed online via the myPay (<a href="https://mypay.dfas.mil/">https://mypay.dfas.mil/</a>) pay management accounts mid-December 2019 through January 2020.

Tax statements sent through the U.S. Postal Service will be mailed no later than Jan. 31, 2020. In many cases, the electronic online forms are available much earlier and more securely than those sent to customers electing delivery by mail.

DFAS continues to provide IRS Forms 1095-B or 1095-C for military, retiree and federal civilian employees who receive healthcare insurance coverage through the Tricare or Federal Employee Health Benefit programs.

#### 2019 tax statement myPay schedule:

Form/Document	Date available on myPay
Retiree 1099R	Dec. 19, 2019
Annuitant 1099R	Dec. 21, 2019
Navy Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) W-2	Jan. 7, 2020
Reserve Army, Navy, Air Force W-2	Jan. 7, 2020
Active/Reserve Marine Corps W-2	Jan. 11, 2020
Army Non-Appropriated Fund Employee W-2 *	Jan. 11, 2020
Federal Civilian Employee W-2 (DoD/Non-DoD)	Jan. 18, 2020
Active Army, Navy, Air Force W-2	Jan. 22, 2020
Army Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) W-2	Jan. 23, 2020
Savings Deposit Program (SDP) 1099INT	Jan. 24, 2020
Military/Military Retiree IRS Form 1095	Jan. 29, 2020

Agency officials encourage everyone paid by DFAS to select **electronic-only delivery** of their documents to increase the security of their vital personal information. For some, the deadline for selecting electronic-only delivery for 2019 tax statements has passed, but ensuring future documents are kept within **myPay**'s secure environment until needed can reduce opportunities for this information to fall into the hands of identity thieves.

While many DFAS customers have relied on their individual **myPay** accounts to receive important tax documents, some military members, retirees and federal civilian employees occasionally require alternative methods. The agency's **askDFAS** application provides several secure online forms to request W-2s, 1099Rs and 1095s. Customers can go to <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xnXJc">https://go.usa.gov/xnXJc</a> to request a tax statement mailed to their home address.



#### Getting Your 1099-R

Military retirees and annuitants receive a 1099-R tax statement either electronically via myPay or as a paper copy in the mail each year. Members can also request additional copies of their 1099-R tax statements in several different ways.

myPay: Get your 1099R right away. myPay is your fastest and most secure option to obtain a copy of your 1099R and to manage your retirement account every day. Login to myPay, and print your 1099R out in the comfort of your own home.



<u>Telephone Self-Service</u>: Not a myPay user yet? No need to wait on the phone, use a computer or speak to anyone. Telephone self service requests are logged instantly and are sent to your current address of record within three business days.

Ask DFAS: Need to update your mailing address and have your 1099R reent? Submit a request to a DFAS customer care representatives through the internet. You can update your mailing address, enter your email address and request your 1099R. Your transaction will be logged instantly and it will be in the mail to you within 7 to 10 business days.



Written Request: Do you prefer traditional mail? Send DFAS a written request by fax or mail, but make sure you leave DFAS time to reply. It may take us 30 to 60 days to process requests received by this means.

<u>Call DFAS</u>: Members with unique situations can speak directly to a customer care representative. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold.

#### What to Expect in Your Year-End Mail from DFAS

For those of you who still request postal mail from DFAS, each December DFAS mails a package that includes your 1099R, which is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form for reporting retirement or annuity distributions, along with a special print edition of the DFAS newsletter with important news you need to know for the coming year.

DFAS will also send a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) change Retiree Account Statement (RAS), which shows the change in your gross and net pay that occurs when Congress passes a COLA to your pay. This RAS also includes other changes, including premium changes for any insurance allotments, such as TRICARE.

It's important to note that the Statement Effective Date on the COLA change RAS is the first of December, so the Year-to-Date Summary figures are only for 11 months (it does not include your December payment). Therefore, the Year-to-Date Summary figures on this RAS will not match the figures on your 1099R.

You will also receive a second RAS in the year-end mail with your updated federal income tax withheld based on the updated tax tables for 2019. This RAS will have an effective date of January 1, 2019. If you have opted to receive electronic mail, you will not receive this mailing. Your 1099R and COLA change RAS' are conveniently available to print or download from *myPay*.

#### myPay users: TAKE NOTE!

#### DO YOUR PART TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR INFORMATION SAFE

Your user ID and password gives you access to your pay information and tax statements. Providing this information to others (i.e., third parties) opens the door for potential unauthorized and fraudulent misuse of your personal and financial data.

Think about what your myPay account contains. Bank account, allotment, addresses, and other personal information...all the things identity thieves need to deny you the security and pay you've earned. Some myPay users have given their login information during the tax season to others as way to provide W-2s, 1099Rs or other information needed to prepare tax returns. Doing so allows these third parties to avoid the security that is a major part of myPay's ability to protect them.



- Check whether you have authorized third-party access to your myPay account
- Use complex passwords and change them frequently to help ensure your information is secure
- Choose vigilance over minor convenience -- do not share your myPay access credentials with third parties
- ♦ You must take your responsibility to protect your myPay account seriously. Financial or personal information losses **ARE NOT** reimbursed by the U.S. Government and unauthorized use can be punishable under federal law (18 U.S.C. § 1030).
- ♦ Have you granted limited access to your account?
- ♦ Keep track of who you've allowed to review your information.
- Keep these permissions updated using your personal settings page and, if necessary, change passwords.



#### Helpful myPay Videos on YouTube

If you need to get started with myPay, reactivate your account, or change your email or mailing address or banking direct deposit, DFAS provides step-by-step videos on YouTube to show you how.

The videos are available at the DFAS YouTube channel at: <a href="www.youtube.com/DFAS">www.youtube.com/DFAS</a>
Or go direct to a specific video:

Getting started in myPay: www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0rVZBrv57U

Change your password: <a href="www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM8rQYwhsyl">www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM8rQYwhsyl</a>

Request your Login ID: www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7 g2H5sTjE

Change your email address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgyA F2IShI

Change your mailing address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8phpCKbaBg

Change your bank direct deposit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivxL1fxWJiA

The channel also features a video produced to introduce customers to the design and navigation changes made to myPay in May: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IR31getufg

#### Thanking Vietnam Veterans and Their Families – Long Overdue!

By Retired Army Maj. Gen. Jim Jackson

The Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) is very excited and grateful to the U.S. Marine Corps and all its subordinate organizations who are Commemorative Partners with us and who regularly thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families.

Each of these veterans, their families, and especially the retirees, deserve our appreciation and recognition for their service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War era. Most were not thanked when they returned from that conflict or service across the world. The Marines are doing the right thing – thanking them and welcoming them home!

Americans have been uniting to thank and honor veterans who served during the Vietnam War years—and their families for many years now. But we have many more to find, thank and honor! Spearheading this effort since 2012 is United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The commemoration was authorized by Congress, under DoD auspices, and launched at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 2012. Our goal is to thank and honor America's 6.5 million living veterans of the 9 million who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975 — regardless of location — and the families of all who served.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates we are losing more than 500 of these heroic veterans every day. We must act now to do what should have been done 50 years ago. We must find, thank and honor each of these veterans and their families for their service to the nation and we need your help to engage communities across the country so they can be recognized in their home towns where they live and work.

#### National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Of special significance, two years ago President Donald Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing a National Vietnam War Veterans Day that will be celebrated every March 29, in perpetuity. It's time to put this on all our calendars.

The commemoration office is also coordinating with governors of all U.S. states, commonwealths and territories, and the mayor of the District of Columbia, to host similar events on or around this day. All of them have already hosted events for Vietnam veterans and their families.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. — also known as "The Wall" — has played, and will continue to play, a significant role in our nation's honoring of our Vietnam veterans on March 29th. The Wall is an arresting reminder to its more than 5 million annual visitors of the service and sacrifice of the more than 58,000 Americans. There is something haunting, cleansing and healing about this memorial. If you've never visited this memorial, we encourage you to experience this hallowed site.

#### **Commemorative Partner Program**

The Commemorative Partner Program is an organizationally-based, hometown-centric initiative established to reach the veterans and their families in their hometowns. Those who have joined as partners have committed to conducting events or activities annually for three years in their local communities that recognize, thank and honor our veterans and their families. The nearly 12,000 partners include a mix of dedicated local and national businesses, corporations, veterans and military organizations, associations, educational institutions, community groups, towns, cities and states. They have held more than 17,000 events to date and have thanked and honored approximately 2.6 million Vietnam era veterans, plus more than 41,000 of their families have received special recognition in memory of their veterans (the Certificate of Honor program, which includes a pin for Surviving Vietnam Veteran Spouses, is found on our website https:// www.vietnamwar50th.com/ commemorative partners/ certificate of honor program/).

We heartily thank ALL of our partners for their continued efforts to recognize more veterans and families. We are now seeking assistance to find those Vietnam era veterans who are unable to attend events. Many are in care facilities, nursing homes, hospices, hospitals, or just in their homes and unable to travel.





Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

The Commemoration is also providing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations during commemorative events, to living veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the specified timeframe above, regardless of location of service. Each veteran who served during the dates above is eligible to receive one lapel pin. The pin is a tangible sign of our Nation's thanks and is inscribed on the back with the words "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You."

Veterans and their families can locate upcoming commemorative events in or near their hometowns at <a href="https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/">https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/</a>. Locate your state and city or town to reveal details of an upcoming event, including contact information.

If there are no events in your area, check back frequently as new events are added every week. Veterans who need help finding an event can email the Commemoration at <a href="whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-cpp-events-application@mail.mil">whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-cpp-events-application@mail.mil</a>.

The Vietnam War Commemoration heartily thanks the Marines, and especially its awesome retirees, for its support of our mission – finding, thanking and honoring Vietnam veterans and their families. Your participation, and that of thousands of our other Commemorative Partners around the Nation, is deeply appreciated. We have much more work to do…please help us find and honor these veterans.

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Jim Jackson is the Director of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.



On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed into law The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 (PL 115-15), designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. March 29, 1973 is the day the Military Assistance Command Vietnam was deactivated. Go to <a href="https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/">https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/</a> assets/1/7/Marine\_Corps\_Patch\_Poster.pdf to view and download a service patch poster of major Marine Corps units in the Vietnam War.



## **2020 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates**



To help you plan for 2020, below is a list of the days you should expect to receive your retired or annuitant pay. Retired and annuitant pay is due on the first of the month. However, if the first falls on a weekend or holiday, retirees get paid on last business day of the prior month and annuitants get paid on the first business day of month. For example, payment to retirees for December 2019 will be paid on December 31, 2019. However, annuitants will be paid on January 2, 2020. Please see the chart for each month in 2020.

Entitlement Month	Retiree Pay Date	Annuitant Pay Date
January 2020	January 31, 2020	February 3, 2020
February 2020	February 28, 2020	March 2, 2020
March 2020	April 1, 2020	April 1, 2020
April 2020	May 1, 2020	May 1, 2020
May 2020	June 1, 2020	June 1, 2020
June 2020	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
July 2020	July 31, 2020	August 3, 2020
August 2020	September 1, 2020	September 1, 2020
September 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2020
October 2020	October 30, 2020	November 2, 2020
November 2020	December 1, 2020	December 1, 2020
December 2020	December 31, 2020	January 4, 2021



Do Yourself a Favor: Be Crime Smart.

Learn more how to protect yourself at: https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety

BEWARE -- Bogus SmartDocs messages may be "spoofed". Phishing emails are after your information. Here are some examples of email scams received by DFAS customers:

Update your *myPay* information Remittance of Unclaimed Funds Show Your Love-Finance Benefits Scam

If you've received emails supposedly from DFAS that you think are attempts to defraud you, call DFAS customer service number 1-800-321-1080 to verify if DFAS is attempting to contact you regarding a payrelated issue.



#### March

- 14 | NAF El Centro, CA | NAF El Centro Annual Air Show
- 21 · 22 | Lancaster, CA | LA County Air Show
- 28 · 29 | MacDill AFB, FL | MacDill Air Fest

#### October

- 3.4 | NAS Point Mugu, CA | Naval Base Ventura County Air Show
- 10 · 11 | San Francisco, CA | San Francisco Fleet Week
- 16 · 17 | NAS Pensacola, FL | Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show

#### **April**

- 4 · 5 | NAS Kingsville, TX | Wings Over South Texas Air Show
- 18 · 19 | JB Charleston, SC | JB Charleston Air and Space Expo
- 25 · 26 | Vero Beach, FL | Vero Beach Air Show

#### May

- $2 \cdot 3 \mid \text{MCAS Cherry Point, NC} \mid \text{MCAS Cherry Point Air Show and Open House}$
- 9 · 10 | Dyess AFB, TX | Dyess Big Country Air and Space Expo
- 16 · 17 | McGuire AFB, NJ | Power in the Pines Open House and Air Show
- 20 | Annapolis, MD | U.S. Naval Academy Air Show
- 23 · 24 | Jones Beach, NY | Jones Beach Air Show
- 30 · 31 | Scott AFB, IL | Scott AFB Air and Space Show



#### June

- 13 · 14 | Eau Claire, WI | Chippewa Valley Air Show
- 20 · 21 | Millington, TN | Memphis Air Show
- 27 · 28 | Dayton, OH | Dayton Air Show

#### July

- 4 · 5 | Traverse City, MI | National Cherry Festival Air Show
- 11 | Pensacola Beach, FL | Pensacola Beach Air Show
- 18 · 19 | Cold Lake Alberta, CN | Wing Cold Lake Air Show
- 25 · 26 | Milwaukee, WI | Milwaukee Air and Water Show

#### August

- 1 · 2 | Seattle, WA | Boeing SeaFair Air Show
- 15 · 16 | Brunswick, ME | Great State of Maine Air Show
- 29 · 30 | Ypsilanti, MI | Thunder Over Michigan

#### September

- 5 · 7 | Cleveland, OH | Cleveland National Air Show
- 12 · 13 | Baltimore, MD | Maryland Fleet Week and Air Show Baltimore
- 19 · 20 | NAS Oceana, VA | NAS Oceana Air Show
- 26 · 27 | MCAS Miramar, CA | MCAS Miramar Air Show

# **USMC REUNIONS**



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
1st Marine Division Association	29 - 31 Jan 2020 Camp Pendleton	(760) 763-3268	june.oldbreed@fmda.us www.1stmardivassociation.com
MCAGCC all units 1978-1982 Maj Stew Rayfield (Ret.)	7 - 9 Feb 2020 Twentynine Palms, CA		ironmajor@gmail.com
TBS Class of 3-70 Reunion Paul Perra	9 - 14 Feb 2020	(978) 381-4746	pperra@icloud.com
Iwo Jima 75th Anniversary Commemorative Committee	12 - 16 Feb 2020		gchatsan@gmail.com www.iwojimareunion.com
Rapid Deployment Task Force (RDJTF)	2 - 3 March 2020	(813) 417-4627	clloyd02@verizon.net
Don E. Davis Squadron Reunion Aviators and Families of Same	19 - 22 Mar 2020 Jacksonville, NC	(904) 404-6863	mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com https://www.avlogmarines.org https://www.facebook.com/MCAA-Don-Davis- Squadron-267597997026531/? ref=bookmarks
East Coast Drill Instructors Assoc. Parris Island Chapter SgtMaj Kenneth D. Miller (Ret.)	2 - 5 April 2020 MCRD Parris Island	(828)757-0968	usmcpidi@charter.net www.parrisislanddi.org
Marine Corps Distinguished Shooter's Association	22 - 24 April 2020		www.marinedsa.org
TBS Class 1-80, Alpha Co Reunion LtCol Jerry Sneed (Ret.) Ken Wilcox	27 - 30 Apr 2020 Panning stages Quantico, VA	(504) 717-7037 (865) 705-8933	jwsneed70@gmail.com kl.wilcox@hotmail.com
TBS 5-62	29 Apr - 2 May 2020		tbs.may62@aol.com harveross67@gmail.com
TBS Class 6-70 Fox Co Col Tom Kanasky, Jr. (Ret.) Mitch Youngs	30 Apr - 3 May 2020 Quantico, VA	(203) 366-3156 (703) 493-9435	tlkanasky@earthlink.net mitchyoungs@verizon.net
Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion	1 - 3 May 2020		taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com  Facebook: 2dMEBAfghanistan https://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc/ servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp? cmd=ViweReunion%type=Reunion&ID=671

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 (<a href="http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/">http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/</a>) for information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming events.

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Marine Corps Aviation Association John R. Dailey "Zorro" Squadron Jim Brubaker	10 - 12 May 2020 San Diego, CA	Phone TBD	brubakerjr@hotmail.com
Marine Barracks Marine Corps Security Force Co Col Paul Adams (Ret.)	19 - 21 June 2020 NWS Concord, CA	(651) 278-7118	paul91103@comcast.net Facebook: Marine Barracks/Marine Corps Security Force Co NWS CA
3rd 155 Howitzer Btry/Mike Btry 4th Bn 12th Marines SgtMaj Gordon Niska (Ret.)	13 - 17 Sep 2020 Branson, MO	(770) 868-8694	sniska@windstream.net
Marine Air Traffic Control Assoc. MATCA LtCol Stephen (Steve) Harris (Ret.)	23 - 27 Sep 2020 San Antonio, TX	(509) 499-81337	sandkh2@gmail.com
TBS Class B-2-68 Bravo Co Col Michael Cathey (Ret.)	30 Sep - 3 Oct 2020 Quantico, VA	(703) 868-2198	colmcathey@gmail.com http://www.tbs2-68usmc.com
E 2/5 Vietnam Pat Lisi	5 - 9 Oct 2020 Las Vegas, NV	(435) 215-3090	patlisigmac@gmail.com
Vietnam CoVan Advisor Reunion Col Regan Wright (Ret.)	Late April 2021 San Diego, CA Planning stages	(619) 224-1800	oneputt868@aol.com
TBS Class 6-71, "Fox Co" 50th Reunion Col Doug Holdstein (Ret.)	Jan - Feb 2022 Planning stages	(910) 270-4144	jholdstein@gmail.com
AWS 1-82 Classmates & Staff 40th Reunion LtCol Paul LeBlanc (Ret.)	Jun - July 2022 Planning stages	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com

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## **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

DILL, GLENN V. Sep 93/Aug 19 FLETCHER, MORRIS O. May 97/Aug 19 SNELLING, EDWARD W. Dec 78/Apr 19 TUCKER, JOHN L. Jun 90/Jan 19 WESSEL, WALLACE Sep 75/Aug 18

#### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

BUESCHER, ALLAN S. Nov 90/Jun 19 FIBICH, JR., MICHAEL J. May 75/Apr 19

#### **MAJOR**

HATCH, ROBERT D. Oct 68/Mar 19 LARK, SCOTT E. Sep 66/Nov 19 MCGRATH, ALVIN L. Sep 80/Jan 19 PLOWMAN, CHARLES B. Apr 92/Jun 19

#### **CAPTAIN**

HUTSLER, WILLIAM C. Jan 71/Aug 19 SHIFFLETTE, LEONARD R. Apr 70/Sep 19 THOMPSON, JIMMIE R. Aug 76/Feb 19 TRUE, CHARLES G. Aug 75/Aug 19

#### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

BUSH, ENSOR E. CWO4 May 92/Aug 18 FIELDS, CHARLES CWO2 Sep 79/Jun 18 FLEMING, DARRYL G. Aug 98/Nov 19 KOEHLER, MATTHEW F. CWO2 Sep 72/Mar 19 RUDOLPH, RONALD R. CWO3 Nov 97/Dec 18

#### **MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT**

AMENDT, HERBERT M. May 82/Aug 19 AYER, PAUL M. Aug 89/Jan 19 BIGGAR, RAYMOND W. Jul 74/Sep 19 GUNIA, ROBERT R. Oct 76/Aug 17 JORDAN, AARON L. Dec 99/Jul 18 SORENSON, GARY A. Jan 93/Apr 19

#### **FIRST SERGEANT**

SARRACCO, FRANK C. Dec 75/Mar 19 SCHAFF, GEORGE E. May 79/Jul 19

#### **MASTER SERGEANT**

CANZONERI, JOSEPH F. Sep 70/Jun 18 DAVIS, JR., GOLDIE R. Oct 78/Feb 19 FAUST, JR., HAROLD P. Jan 71/Jul 19 HOLBROOK, RICHARD A. Sep 95/Aug 19 LODGE, JR., MARTIN P. Nov 87/Jul 19 SWISHER, ROBERT D. Jul 79/Apr 19 TEKAMPE, MICHAEL E. Jan 88/Jul 19 WOODS, JR., GROVER L. Jun 05/Aug 19

#### **GUNNERY SERGEANT**

GREIG, JOHN R. Oct 93/Aug 19 HOWZE, JR., LEONARD G. Feb 92/Mar 18 MONTGOMERY, JOHN H. May 75/Aug 19 MOORE, KENNETH J. Aug 77/Apr 19 SMITH, FRANK E. Jan 72/Mar 19 TUCKER, WILLIAM E. Feb 85/Jun 18

#### STAFF SERGEANT

HOAGLAND, MARVIN L. Dec 73/Nov 17 PIERCE, JR., HAROLD E. Dec 75/May 19

#### LANCE CORPORAL

REAGAN, DAVID Dec 80/May 07

#### 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 (4 August 2017):

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.

The Rapids Appointment Scheduler is an alternative to the Rapids Site Locator. The site will assist you in locating an ID card center and schedule an appointment. Visit: https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/

## **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 Kimberly Piluk, (858) 577-1428 smbmiramarmecs.iandr@usmc.mil

MCB Camp Pendleton California Erica Shaw, (760) 725-5704 erica.shaw@usmc.mil or

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 robert.bugawan@usmc.mil

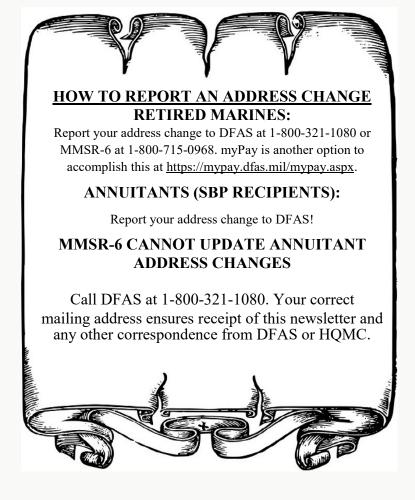
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MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina (252)466-5548

MCAS/MCRD South Carolina (843) 228-7701

MCB Henderson Hall Virginia (703) 693-9197

MCB Quantico Virginia (703) 784-3351 retiredactivities@usmc-mccs.org



## Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant's death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's annuity pay if payment is erroneously received. \*\*\*While the VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery.

Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant:

- 1. Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death and stop annuity pay.
- 2. Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant's death certificate to:

## DFAS - U.S. MILITARY ANNUITANT PAY 8899 E. 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

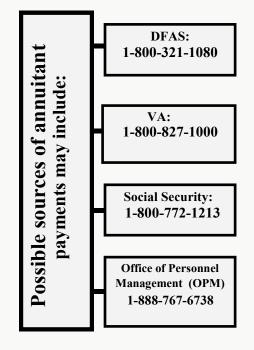
Fax: 1-800-982-8459

- 3. Inform any financial institutions receiving payments about the death of the annuitant. (Provide a copy of the death certificate when it becomes available).
- 4. If applicable, contact the following agencies/departments immediately to report the death:
- Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System: 1-800-538-9552

If you believe you are the victim of an error or injustice which affects your military record, you may apply for a Correction of Military Records by completing and submitting a DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record. Examples of corrections include: upgraded discharge, promotions, retired pay, household goods, pay date change, bonus, and MGIB programs. DFAS pays military members when the Board for Corrections of Naval Records (BCNR) rule in their favor. If you received a decision from the BCNR and you do not agree with it, write the Board and explain your reasoning. Reference the appropriate address on page 2 of the DD Form 149. If you would like to check the status of your request contact the BCNR directly at (703) 604 - 6884 (Navy/Marine Corps). If you believe DFAS paid you incorrectly for your Correction of Record, provide documentation with a handwritten signature explaining why you are protesting the amount to:

#### **DFAS-IN**

Dept. 3330, Attn: COR/Claims 8899 East 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46249-3300 DFAS Inquiry Line: (317) 212-6167 (Hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, EST)



## Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies

1. REPORT THE DEATH TO DFAS at 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 <a href="www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html">www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html</a>. Additional information from DFAS is available at <a href="www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html">www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html</a>.

For families located overseas, the commercial number is **216-522-5955**, select option 3 to be directed to the appropriate representative.

NOTE: DFAS will forward a confirmed death listing to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-6) for inclusion in an upcoming issue of this newsletter under the Taps column.

- 2. Within 7-10 business days after reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a letter containing the following documents:
  - a. SF1174 Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service
  - b. Annuity account forms and instructions (if the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan)
  - c. W-4P Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments
  - d. Direct Deposit form

Complete the forms you received with your letter and return them with a copy of the retiree's death certificate that includes cause of death to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Retired Pay 8899 E 56th Street Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

If you need assistance completing your claim forms, please call 800-321-1080.

- 3. REPORT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION, *if applicable*. Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected SBP. If you are uncertain whether an election was made, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.
- 4. UPDATE YOUR MILITARY ID CARD. Your status has changed, and as the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect it due to the Marine's death. Access your nearest ID site at <a href="www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl">www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl</a> or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the sites closest to you.
- 5. NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION at 1-800-SSA-1213 (www.ssa.gov) to apply for the \$255 death benefit, *if applicable*.
- 6. CONTACT THE VA at 1-800-827-1000 FOR BURIAL AND OTHER VA BENEFITS, such as VA disability payments. Acopy of the sponsor's DD 214 is required. Visit <a href="www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a> for more information.
- 7. CONTACT THE U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT at 1-888-767-6738 if the sponsor was receiving civil service pay.

# MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

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

 $https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/webcenter/portal/MF\_MPS\_CA/MilitaryFuneralHonors?\_afrLoop=1698068779136830\#!\%40\%40\%3F\_afrLoop\%3D1698068779136830\%26\_adf.ctrl-state\%3D1bpb10pnxz\_137$ 

#### MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC

A family member will need to contact ANC directly. The following link provides information on eligibility, required documents, and additional resources for scheduling and attending funerals at ANC. Marine Barracks Washington provides Military Funeral Honors for Marine burials at ANC.

http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral

#### **Agencies Providing Aid and Assistance To Surviving Spouses**

Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000

Gold Star Wives of America: 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, <u>www.nmcrs.org</u> National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, www.nmfa.org

Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, <u>www.militarywidows.org/</u>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.myimpactwithnmcrs.org/getsmart** 









#### **MCAS Yuma**

Inns of the Corps Yuma (928) 269-2262

#### **MCB Camp Pendleton**

Pacific Views Lodge (760) 763-7805/7806/7807

#### **MCB Camp Pendleton**

Inns of the Corps - Ward Lodge (760) 725-5304

#### MCAS Miramar

Inns of the Corps Miramar (858) 271-7111

#### **MCAGCC Twentynine Palms**

Inns of the Corps Twentynine Palms (760) 830-6583

#### MCB Hawaii

Inns of the Corps Hawaii (808) 254-2806

#### MCB Camp Lejeune

Inns of the Corps Lejeune (910) 451-3041

The Innsofthecorps.com is currently unavailable for online temporary lodging facility reservations. While system upgrades are being completed, please telephone directly the property at which you wish to stay; contact information is above. Website functionality is expected to return by March 2020.

#### **MCAS Beaufort**

Inns of the Corps Beaufort (843) 522-1663

#### MCB Quantico

Inns of the Corps Quantico (703) 630-4444

#### MCB Camp Butler Okinawa

Inns of the Corps Butler Westpac Phone from USA: 011-81-611-745-2455

#### MCB Camp Butler Okinawa

Inns of the Corps Butler Courtney
Phone from USA: 011-81-611-722-9578

#### MCB Camp Butler Okinawa

Inns of the Corps Butler Hansen Phone from USA: 011-81-611-723-4511

#### **MCAS Iwakuni**

Inns of the Corps of Iwakuni Phone from USA: 011-81-827-79-3221





## Directory Assistance Pages --

#### 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 on or before 31 December 1998 should submit their inquiry to:

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

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

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA) 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134 (703) 784-9342/9343

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 www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.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

CRSC@navy.mil

http://www.secnav.navy.mil/mra/CORB/pages/crscb/default.aspx

#### D

#### **DD 214s:**

Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired on or before 31 December 1998: National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138 (314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195 PR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

Marines discharged/retired/separated on or after 1 January 1999 Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030 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

#### $\mathbf{E}$

**E-BENEFITS:** <a href="https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/">https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/</a> appmanager/eb/veterans

**FEDVIP:** Office of Personnel Management's Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program **1-877-888-FEDS** (1-877-888-3337) https://www.benefeds.com/

#### $\mathbf{M}$

**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 BARRACKS WASHINGTON:

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

#### MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION:

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

#### MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR):

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

#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HQ:

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

#### MARINE CORPS RECORDS CORRESPONDENCE (MMRP-12):

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030 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 contact NPRC: (314) 801-0800.

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

#### NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER:

(314) 801-0800, https://www.archives.gov/personnelrecords-center/military-personnel

#### 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 VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:

#### SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS:

Air Force Afterburner: http://www.retirees.af.mil/ Library/Afterburner/

- **Army Echoes:** <u>https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes</u>
- 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/

- 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.tricareoverseas.com
- Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator: https://tricare.mil//bcacdcao

**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

#### IJ

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 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

1-800-697-6947

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- Enlisted smb.manpower.mmsr2e@usmc.mil

MMSR-4: (703) 784-9308/09
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<a href="mailto:smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil">smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil</a>

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* 

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