In the long record of American heroism in combat, few episodes capture the indomitable will and the stouthearted spirit of the American warrior better than the triumphs on the island of Iwo Jima in early 1945. Seventy-five years later, we pay tribute to the immeasurable sacrifice of those killed in action on Iwo Jima, and we honor the heroic efforts of all who took part in one of the most costly and significant battles in our country’s history.

By February 1945, despite American forces possessing aerial and naval supremacy, the Japanese forces at Iwo Jima were well dug-in and prepared to fight to the last man for the strategically important airfields on this small piece of land. This was the first time in World War II that the Japanese were defending what they considered home soil. For 5 weeks, our Marines and Navy sailors endured a harrowing trial by fire, fighting to secure this remote volcanic island from more than 20,000 determined Japanese soldiers. Nearly 7,000 Americans died in the effort.

The fighting on Iwo Jima was some of the bloodiest and most costly in all of World War II, but it also gave rise to some of the greatest examples of patriotism and heroism in our Nation’s history, inspiring Admiral Chester Nimitz’s famous statement that “uncommon valor was a common virtue.” Few images evoke as much emotion from the American soul as Joe Rosenthal’s photo of six Marines raising our Flag atop Mount Suribachi in the opening days of the battle. In addition, 27 Medals of Honor—the highest honor given to members of the military—were awarded for actions of conspicuous gallantry during the battle. Of these, 22 medals went to Marines, making up more than 25 percent of the total Medals of Honor awarded to Marines throughout the entirety of the war.

Among the heroes at Iwo Jima were non-combatants, like Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn. In the days following the battle, Rabbi Gittelsohn delivered a powerful, stirring message at the Fifth Marine Division cemetery on Iwo Jima. There, he stated, “Here lie officers and privates, blacks and whites, rich and poor together. Here are Protestants, Catholics, and Jews together. Here no man prefers another because of his color.” For his service ministering to men in the thick of the combat zone, Rabbi Gittelsohn was awarded three service ribbons, and today his words resonate as a powerful testament to the founding principle of our Nation that liberty and democracy are the rights of all men and women of every race, religion, and creed.

On this anniversary, we honor those who answered the call of duty and ensured that the forces of freedom emerged victorious in that fateful battle. As a Nation, we remain forever indebted to the Greatest Generation.
Some of the information compiled for Semper Fidelis comes from other sources to include experts in their respective fields, i.e., DFAS, VA and TRICARE. Content was current at the time this publication went to press. Any delays in mailing may be due to unforeseen circumstances and we apologize for the inconvenience.

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If you, or someone you know needs help, support is available 24/7. Service members and their families can call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647, or chat at militaryonesource.mil. Service members, veterans, and their loved ones can also call the Military and Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat at veteranscrisisline.net, or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.
The Marine Corps commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during a 36-day-long observance, February 19 - March 2, 2020.

In ALMAR 02-20, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David H. Berger said commanders across the force should conduct a commemoration within the 36-day observance period.

“We should all pause to remember and honor the legacy they forged, as our Nation pays tribute to our ‘greatest generation,’” said Berger.

The ALMAR states how the force will pause to remember the sacrifices of WWII veterans and their families through activities such as formations, battle studies, wreath layings or simply moments of quiet reflection.

This year’s theme, “We are Iwo,” honors the efforts and sacrifices of all service members, reflects on the power of teamwork, and celebrates the adaptation, resilience and readiness still embodied in today’s Marines.

“With a strategically important landing strip, the island of Iwo Jima represented a critical part of the Pacific island-hopping campaign,” said Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Troy E. Black.

The battle, beginning with three Marine divisions invading the eight-square mile island on February 19, 1945, marked one of the most iconic and identifying battles for the Marine Corps. The United States Navy and the Army Air Corps had conducted ship-borne and aerial bombardment of the island prior to the landing, and reconnaissance of the island indicated there was no enemy present.

Facing little resistance upon the initial landing at Iwo Jima, Marines began to advance, but the Japanese quickly emerged from underground tunnels and began a heavy barrage of fire. Steep trenches of unstable sand and ash on the beaches further deterred advancement and caused deadly pile-ups of men, vehicles and supplies.

“On the fourth day, the Battle of Iwo Jima became an iconic part of American history as Marines raised the flag atop Mount Suribachi.” stated Sergeant Major Black.
Despite this historic flag-raising, the battle continued to rage throughout March with heavy fighting and significant causalities on both sides.

The United States deemed the island of Iwo Jima “secure” on March 26, 1945, marking the end of the battle. Twenty-seven Medals of Honor were awarded to Marines and Sailors, many posthumously, for their valiant efforts during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

“I believe that the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, was right when he stated, ‘The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years,’” said Commandant of the Marine Corps General Berger. “We owe a debt of gratitude to all who serve and sacrifice. Thank you to all our World War II veterans. Semper Fidelis, Marines.”
Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council Co-Chair Meets with Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs

By Lieutenant General Pete Osman, USMC
Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council, Co-Chair

When retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt and I met for the first time we both agreed that one of our first objectives was to ensure the uniformed leadership of both the Navy and Marine Corps were kept informed of the deliberations and actions of the Retiree Council. We also wanted to ensure the leadership viewed the Retiree Council as a key means of staying connected to their retired communities. On 13 December, I had an office call with the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Michael Rocco. Although familiar with the Retiree Council, General Rocco was interested in gaining a fuller appreciation of how the Council operates and the issues addressed by the Council.

In our discussions about the Council, I covered the following:

- The Council addresses issues of importance to the retirees and their families, facilitates actions between the Department of the Navy and retirees, and assists with the Retired Activities Program.
- The composition of the Council includes 12 Navy and 8 Marine retirees with equal officer/enlisted representation. In addition the Council is led by co-chairs from the Navy and Marine Corps.
- The Council meets face to face one week each year and has three teleconferences spread across the remainder of the year.
- The Council produces an annual report based on items of interest/concern from the retired community and the Council’s own research and deliberations. The report is submitted to the Navy Secretariat for action/response.
- Issues generally fall into three categories: compensation, medical, and outreach.

General Rocco found the brief very helpful, seeing the Council as a key asset in helping senior leadership better appreciate the concerns of retired Marines and their families.

The major concern we discussed is the impact the new Defense Health Agency is having, and will have, on health care for both the active duty and retired populations and their families, particularly with the reduction of Military Treatment Facilities. We both agreed that OSD should pursue efficiencies and cost savings through consolidation efforts in as many areas as possible; however, such efforts need to be tempered with caution as some initiatives could have unintended consequences on service members and their families, to include the retired community. The consolidation efforts could also negatively impact service culture, something certainly worth preserving.

We also discussed the Council’s plans to brief the Commandant, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and the current Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in the near future. Additionally we discussed the importance of a consolidated effort amongst all the service Retiree Councils to address retiree issues that can only be resolved by OSD.

General Rocco was very appreciative of the information about the SECNAV Retiree Council and said he looks forward to the Secretary of the Navy’s response to the Retiree Council’s latest annual Report.

On February 19, 2020, the Department of Defense announced plans to restructure 50 military hospitals and clinics in order to better support wartime readiness of military personnel and to improve clinical training for medical forces who deploy in support of combat operations around the world.

“Military readiness includes making sure Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) are operated to ensure service members are medically ready to train and deploy,” said Tom McCaffery, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "It also means MTFs are effectively utilized as platforms that enable our military medical personnel to acquire and maintain the clinical skills and experience that prepares them for deployment in support of combat operations around the world.”

The restructuring efforts are focused on strengthening the military medical facilities responsibility for training medical personnel and “for keeping combat forces healthy and ready to deploy according to readiness and mission requirements – all while ensuring the MHS provides our beneficiaries with access to quality health care,” McCaffery added.

These plans were described and explained in a report sent to Congress, titled "Restructuring and Realignment of Military Medical Treatment Facilities." This report was required by law under Section 703(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, which directed the DoD to analyze its hospital and clinic footprint and submit a plan to Congressional defense committees. Of the 343 facilities in the United States initially screened for this report, 77 were selected for additional assessment, with 21 identified for no changes. Of the 50 facilities ultimately designated for restructuring, 37 outpatient clinics now open to all beneficiaries will eventually primarily see only active-duty personnel. Active-duty family members, retirees and their families who currently receive care at those facilities will transition over time to TRICARE’s civilian provider network. The report states that seven of these clinics may continue to enroll active duty family members on a space-available basis. In addition, many active duty-only clinics will continue to provide occupational health services to installation civilian employees related to their employment.

The report acknowledges that transitioning patients from MTFs to the TRICARE network will take time - in some cases several years - and if local TRICARE networks cannot provide access to quality care, DoD will revise implementation plans. "Markets are expected to transition MTF eligibles to the network at different rates and, in certain markets, the transition could take several years," the report states. Detailed implementation plans will be developed through coordination with MTFs, the Defense Health Agency, the Military Departments, and the TRICARE Health Plan.

The final report delivered to Congress contains a summary of all the changes, a description of how each change was made, and supporting data.

For a complete list of military hospital and clinic changes listed in the report, go to http://www.health.mil/MTFrestructuring.
The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 20) modified the law that requires an offset of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments for surviving spouses who are also entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Under the previous law, a surviving spouse who receives DIC is subject to a dollar-for-dollar reduction of SBP payments, which can result in SBP being either partially or fully offset. The repeal will phase-in the reduction of this offset beginning on January 1, 2021, and culminating with elimination of the offset in its entirety on January 1, 2023. For the remainder of calendar year 2020, surviving spouses remain subject to the existing dollar-for-dollar offset of SBP payments by the amount of DIC paid by VA. After January 1, 2021, survivors subject to the “SBP-DIC Offset” will potentially see a change in their SBP payments.

To address the changes, DFAS has a new webpage “SBP-DIC News” and provides answers to the most frequently asked questions: [https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/SBP-DIC-News](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/SBP-DIC-News).

DFAS will post news on the new web page regarding the status of the implementation of the "Phase-Out of Reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan Survivor Annuities by Amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation," as directed by the FY 20 NDAA. Based on the NDAA, Spouse SBP annuitants who are subject to the DIC offset may see the first change in their SBP annuity payment on February 1, 2021.

**Here are a few key points to keep in mind:**

- Based on the NDAA, Spouse SBP annuitants who are subject to the DIC offset may see the first change in the SBP annuity payment they receive on February 1, 2021. You do not need to notify DFAS that your SBP payment is affected by this change in the law.

- The most important action SBP annuitants can take at this time is to ensure your annuity account information is up-to-date and includes your correct mailing address so DFAS can contact you, if needed.

- Also, if you’re not using myPay, set up an account at: [https://mypay.dfas.mil](https://mypay.dfas.mil) and add your email address. Please note: only annuitants who are currently receiving an SBP or Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance payment from DFAS can access myPay.

- DFAS is unable to provide individual estimates of the upcoming changes in spouse SBP annuity payments due to this change in the law. Please do not call the Customer Care Center to request an individual estimate.

- If you previously received a refund of SBP premiums paid due to the SBP-DIC offset, you will not need to pay back that refund because of this change in the law.

The "Repeal of Authority for Optional Annuity for Dependent Children" and "Restoration of Eligibility for Previously Eligible Spouses" in the NDAA only affect those spouses and children of service members who died on active duty or inactive duty when the surviving spouse previously elected to transfer the SBP annuity to a child or children. It does not affect previous or future SBP elections by retirees or SBP annuities for a retiree's beneficiaries.

Additionally, you can contact Military One Source at 800-342-9647 or find other counseling options through the Military One Source website: [https://www.militaryonesource.mil/](https://www.militaryonesource.mil/).
DS Logon and the Benefits of Using It

The DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon) is a secure, self-service login ID. This ID allows individuals affiliated with the DoD or VA to access TRICARE, VA and other websites using a single user name and password. By signing up for a free premium account, you can view your financial and benefits information; Personally Identifiable Information (PII); Personal Health Information (PHI); claim statuses and records.

How do I register for a DS Logon?

As a DoD Retiree you have several options available to you to obtain a DS Logon. You must be enrolled in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to obtain a DS Logon.

Defense Financial Account Service (DFAS) Registration: As a DFAS myPay account holder, you are able to quickly obtain a DS Logon account by authenticating with your DFAS myPay account.

- **Email Registration:** You may use your current DoD Beneficiary ID card to quickly obtain a DS Logon Premium account by using your e-mail on file in DEERS. **In order to use this method to register you must have a valid e-mail on file in DEERS.**

- **Online Remote Proofing:** The online Remote Proofing option can be used by people who do not have a Common Access Card (CAC) or a DFAS myPay Login ID and password in order to complete the Registration or Upgrade processes for DS Logon Premium Account (no cost for Premium). It can also be used to regain access to a DS Logon Account in the case of a forgotten password when answers to the Challenge Questions have been forgotten.

- **RAPIDS:** You may request a DS Logon while getting a DoD ID card issued. You must notify the Verifying Official of your request while processing the issuance of your DoD ID card. You must provide an e-mail address not used by anyone else in your family and a personal identification number (PIN) that will be used to register for your DS Logon account. Once you have requested a DS Logon account, you will receive a DS Logon activation e-mail within 24 hours. The activation code you receive is only good for 7 days.

- **In-person Proofing at a VA Regional Office (VARO):** This process is used to verify your identity in person with the VA. You can visit one of the 50+ VA Regional Offices throughout the country. To locate your nearest VARO, visit the VA website at https://www.va.gov/ and search the VA Regional Benefits Offices.

View registration procedures, activate an account or upgrade to a premium account by visiting: https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/authenticate.do?execution=e2s1

For assistance with DEERS, CAC Issues, identity proofing, and DS Logon account information telephone the DMDC Contact Center Phone: **800-538-9552** Monday-Friday 8am – 8pm ET.
DFAS Offers Convenient Options to Make Tax Season Easier

It’s tax season again, which means it is time to gather your tax documents. DFAS has a number of convenient options for getting your IRS 1099-R, the tax statement for military retirees and annuitants.

Get Your 1099-R in myPay
The fastest and most secure way to obtain a copy of your 1099-R is through myPay. Retirees and annuitants can log into myPay, and print a 1099-R from the comfort of their home: [https://myPay.dfas.mil](https://myPay.dfas.mil).

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

Telephone Self-Service for Retirees
If your mailing address on file with DFAS is current, retirees can get a copy of their 1099-R through our telephone self-service option. To use telephone self-service:

- Call 800-321-1080
- Select option “1” for Self-Serve
- Select option “1” again
- Enter your Social Security Number when prompted
- Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address we have on record.

Online AskDFAS 1099-R Request for Retirees and Annuitants
Retirees and annuitants can get their 1099-Rs sent to their mailing address on record or to a one-time, temporary mailing address by submitting the request online. You will receive your 1099-R in the mail in seven to ten business days. Find instructions at: [https://go.usa.gov/xPh7H](https://go.usa.gov/xPh7H)

Mail or Fax a 1099R Request
If you prefer traditional mail or fax, you can send DFAS a written request, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It can take up to 30 days to process requests received by fax or mail. Make sure you include all necessary information in your request. Find instructions at: [https://go.usa.gov/xPh7M](https://go.usa.gov/xPh7M).

Request a 1099-R by Calling Customer Care
Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Tax season is the busiest time of year, so you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers. For more information, check out: [http://go.usa.gov/xPh7f](http://go.usa.gov/xPh7f).

Please note that DFAS customer service representatives cannot provide tax advice or recommendations on withholding. Please consult a tax professional if you have questions about your taxes.
Last year, DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay began rolling out a series of new tools to help retirees and annuitants fill out and submit forms easily and correctly. The tools include helpful PDF Form Wizards, how-to checklists, how-to videos, and AskDFAS online upload tools.

DFAS receives a high percentage of forms we are unable to process, often because a form is missing information or a signature. We know it is frustrating when we are unable to fulfill your request because of missing information or signatures. We hope these tools will make the processes easier by reducing the number of incorrect documents that cause delays and by allowing digital submissions.

Helpful Form Tools Available Now

- Claiming a Retiree’s Arrears of Pay SF 1174

DFAS has a package of helpful form tools for the SF 1174, for claiming a retiree’s Arrears of Pay (a retiree’s final paycheck after they pass away). The package includes a Form Wizard, an AskDFAS online upload tool, and a how-to checklist and video. Find out more: [https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/1174RetireeAOP](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/1174RetireeAOP)

- Starting a Survivor Benefit Plan Annuity DD Form 2656-7

DFAS has a package of helpful form tools for the DD 2656-7, for starting a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity. The package includes a Form Wizard, an AskDFAS online upload tool, and a how-to checklist and video. Find out more: [https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/ApplySBP](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/ApplySBP)

- School Certifications DD Form 2788

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) child annuitants 18 years and over need to certify they are in school full-time to continue receiving annuity payment. DFAS has an AskDFAS online upload tool for the DD Form 2788 (Child Annuitant's School Certificate) and a how-to checklist. In addition, DFAS is now sending monthly emailed SmartDoc reminders to student SBP annuitants who have a valid email in myPay and an upcoming deadline to submit a School Certification form. Find out more: [https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/School-Certifications](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/School-Certifications)

- DFAS Forms Page

All of the form tools are available from the Forms page on the DFAS website. DFAS is also working on redesigning the Forms page. The new Forms page will make it easier for retirees and annuitants to find the form they need based on the request they are making, instead of needing to know the form number. It will also include links to the helpful form tools, instructions, and links to webpages for additional information. [https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms)

DFAS will add more helpful tools throughout 2020. Check the Latest News area of the DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay website for news: [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary](www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary)
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 the 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 were paid on December 31, 2019. However, annuitants were paid on January 2, 2020. Please see the chart for each month in 2020.

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If you have questions about your TRICARE allotment or enrollment premium, please contact TRICARE.

DFAS can only start, stop, or change a TRICARE allotment with direct instruction from TRICARE.

Tricare East Region (formerly North and South Regions):
Visit: [http://www.tricare-east.com](http://www.tricare-east.com)
Call: 1-800-444-5445

Tricare West Region:
Visit: [http://www.tricare-west.com](http://www.tricare-west.com)
Call: 1-844-866-WEST (9378)
## 2020 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS

NOTICE: To prevent the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), some events listed below may be canceled. Before traveling long distances to attend an event, please call the contact phone number for the event to ensure it will be held as scheduled.

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Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day.

To view these events and others visit: [http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html](http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html)
Since its inception in 1916, the JROTC program has been viewed as a strong program that provides youth with much-needed skills in citizenship and leadership.

The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps is looking for a few good men and women to serve as instructors at various high schools throughout the United States. Marines selected to serve in these billets teach MCJROTC cadets discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills required to successfully prepare them to meet future challenges. Instructors receive a stipend from the Marine Corps and the respective school system that as a minimum, when added to retirement pay, can equal full military pay and allowances. MCJROTC instructors must be certified by the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, Quantico, VA.

Applications are accepted not earlier than one year nor later than three years after the effective date of retirement. Marines interested in serving as MCJROTC instructors can view current vacancies and download an instructor application at https://www.mcjrotc.marines.mil/Applications/.

The Honor Flight mission is to transport America’s veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. All honored veterans travel at no cost to the veteran.

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MAJOR
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MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM H. Jun 89/Dec 19

CAPTAIN
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PIER, ROBERT P. Sep 71/Jan 20
SMITH, DON L. Jan 69/Jan 20

FIRST LIEUTENANT
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SERGEANT MAJOR
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MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT
KIENAST, CHARLES F. Aug 71/Mar 17
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GENERAL PAUL X. KELLEY, 28TH COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS LAID TO REST

ARLINGTON, VA

General Paul Xavier Kelley, 91, 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, was laid to rest February 13, 2020, at Arlington National Cemetery. Kelley passed away December 29, 2019, in McLean, Virginia.

General David H. Berger, 38th commandant of the Marine Corps, said Kelley’s leadership, passion and courage drove people to follow him, regardless of the situation, as he was known as a Marine’s Marine.

“He’s contributions to our Corps and leadership through a tumultuous period ensured that we have been ready when our nation needed us,” said Berger. “Although his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all for years to come.”

Excerpt from President Ronald Reagan’s Address to the Nation on Events in Lebanon and Grenada - October 27, 1983

May I share something with you I think you’d like to know? It’s something that happened to the Commandant of our Marine Corps, General Paul Kelley, while he was visiting our critically injured Marines in an Air Force hospital. It says more than any of us could ever hope to say about the gallantry and heroism of these young men, young men who serve so willingly so that others might have a chance at peace and freedom in their own lives and in the life of their country.

I’ll let General Kelley’s words describe the incident. He spoke of a “young Marine with more tubes going in and out of his body than I have ever seen in one body.”

“`He couldn't see very well. He reached up and grabbed my four stars, just to make sure I was who I said I was. He held my hand with a firm grip. He was making signals, and we realized he wanted to tell me something. We put a pad of paper in his hand -- and he wrote `Semper Fi.'"

Well, if you’ve been a Marine or if, like myself, you’re an admirer of the Marines, you know those words are a battle cry, a greeting, and a legend in the Marine Corps. They’re Marine shorthand for the motto of the Corps -- `Semper Fidelis’ -- `always faithful."

General Kelley has a reputation for being a very sophisticated general and a very tough Marine. But he cried when he saw those words, and who can blame him?

“I believe the main trait of leaders is to have the milk of human kindness, to be warm and approachable. Then, they can understand those who serve under them, their problems, their families, and the like.”

General Paul X. Kelley
Commandant USMC 1983-1987
SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1**
Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

**FACT 2**
For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

**FACT 3**
Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT 4**
There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**FACT 5**
You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

[cdc.gov/COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19)
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:

To request a military identification card by mail the applicant must provide 8"x10" or 5"x7" portrait type photograph.

A notary must verify the applicant’s signature on a written statement concerning his or her identity, to include physical attributes: weight, height, eye and hair color, and that he/she is requesting an ID card by reason of physical limitations, distance to ID card facility, no transportation, etc. In instances of medical impairment, a statement from an attending physician is acceptable in lieu of the notarized statement.

Submit copies of two valid (unexpired) forms of identification, one being a photo ID such as a copy of your driver’s license or passport, and the secondary can be your expired military ID card, voter registration card, Social Security card, or birth certificate. If you do not have two valid forms of ID, contact HQMC (MFP-1) at (703) 784-9188 prior to submitting an ID card by mail request.

Please ensure the sponsor’s information is included in the written statement (DoD ID number or Social Security number), a phone number and return mailing address so the project officer can contact you, and mail your ID card back to you. The mailing address for Mail-In ID cards is: HQMC, M&RA (MFP-1), 2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5013.
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. myPay 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. ***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](http://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.


   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 [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs1](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs1) 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](http://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.** A copy of the sponsor’s DD 214 is required. Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) 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.**
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)
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

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

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.
COLD WAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:
Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480, USAHRC
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Fort 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:
SECONV CRSC Board
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023
1-877-366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610
CRSC@navy.mil

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

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

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

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/

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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

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

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

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/

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Directory Assistance Pages

- **Army Echoes**: [https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes](https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes)
- **Coast Guard Evening Colors**: [www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews](https://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews)
- **Navy Shift Colors**: [www.navy.mil](https://www.navy.mil)
  (Click “Links” and “Shift Colors”)

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**: 1-800-772-1213, [www.ssa.gov](https://www.ssa.gov)

**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN**: [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html](https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html)

**THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN**: 1-877-968-3778; Fax: (216) 367-3605; TSP mailbox: ccl-me-tsp@dfas.mil
  International callers: (404) 233-4400

**TRICARE**: [https://tricare.mil/](https://tricare.mil/)
  - **East**: 1-800-444-5445; [https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/](https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/)
  - **West**: 1-844-866-9378; [https://www.tricare-west.com](https://www.tricare-west.com)
  - **Overseas**: 1-888-777-8343; [https://www.tricare-overseas.com](https://www.tricare-overseas.com)
  - **Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator**: [https://tricare.mil/bcadcao](https://tricare.mil/bcadcao)

**TRICARE for LIFE**: 1-866-773-0404; [www.tricare4u.com](https://www.tricare4u.com)


**TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery**: 1-877-363-1296; [https://tricare.mil/homedelivery](https://tricare.mil/homedelivery)

**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](https://www.va.gov)
  **VA EDUCATION**: 1-888-442-4551; [www.gibill.va.gov](https://www.gibill.va.gov)
  **VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS**: 1-800-669-8477; [www.insurance.va.gov](https://www.insurance.va.gov)
  **VA SGLI/VGLI**: 1-800-419-1473
  **VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS**: 1-800-697-6947

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**MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON**: 8th and I, Washington, DC; [www.barracks.marines.mil](http://www.barracks.marines.mil)

**MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION**: Marine Corps University 2044 Broadway Street, Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 432-4874; [www.history.division/usmc.edu](https://www.history.division/usmc.edu)

**MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR)**: 1019 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001
(703) 784-3706; [www.mcjrotc.org](http://www.mcjrotc.org)

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HQ**: 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203
(National Personnel Records Center: (314) 801-877; 11890 National Museum of the Marine Corps: 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172
1-877-653-1775; [www.usmcmuseum.org](https://www.usmcmuseum.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](https://www.medicare.gov)

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS**: 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172
1-877-653-1775; [www.usmcmuseum.org](https://www.usmcmuseum.org)

**NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER**: (314) 801-0800; [https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel](https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel)

**NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER**: 1-800-NAVY-INN; [www.navy-lodge.com](http://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](http://www.nmcrs.org)

**QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETARY**: (703) 221-2183; [www.cem.va.gov/cem/nchp/quantico.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/nchp/quantico.asp)


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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
Retired Services and Pay
• Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)
• Identification Cards
• Semper Fidelis
• Survivor Benefit Plan
smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil

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