Toys for Tots Program: Making a Difference in the Lives of American Families

Toys for Tots began in 1947 as the brain child of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks (pictured left). Actually it was his wife, Diane, who was the real inspiration. She had a few handcrafted dolls and asked Bill to deliver them to an agency that supports children in need.

When Bill reported back to his wife that he could not find such an organization, she instructed him to “start one!” Major Hendricks and the Marines in his reserve unit in Los Angeles, CA collected and distributed 5,000 toys in 1947.

Seeing such successful community engagement in 1947, the Commandant directed all Marine Reserve Sites to implement a Toys for Tots campaign transforming it into a national community action program in 1948.

Bill Hendrick’s civilian job was Director of Public Relations at Warner Brothers Studios. He was friends with many celebrities who he asked to help support the newly created Marine Toys for Tots Program. As a personal friend and as a favor to Bill, Walt Disney designed the first Toys for Tots poster which included a miniature three-car train that was subsequently adopted as the Toys for Tots logo.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charity, was established in 1991 at the behest of the Marine Corps to help run and support the Marine Toys for Tots Program.

The Foundation raises funds, purchases toys, provides promotional and support materials, manages all funds raised and donated, solicits corporate support, educates the public, and handles day-to-day operations.

Presently, the Marine Toys for Tots Program distributes an average of 18 million toys to 7 million less fortunate children annually.

https://www.toysfortots.org/
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Semper Fidelis is published quarterly by MMSR-6 to inform retired Marines and their family members on information of interest on their rights, benefits, and privileges. Items in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the United States Marine Corps or the Department of Defense.

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 veteranscrispline.net, or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.
CRSC & CRDP (2020)

There are two concurrent receipt programs available to Navy and Marine Corps retirees who have VA rated disabilities. They are the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) program and the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program. Retirees who receive VA disability payments have their retired pay “offset” (reduced) by the amount of their VA pay. These concurrent receipt programs “restore” some or all of that retired pay.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) calculates and pays monthly CRDP and CRSC compensation. It is highly recommended that you have a myPay account set up with DFAS to manage your retired pay: http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/mypay.html

In order to be eligible for these programs, disabled retirees must be eligible for retired pay AND be in receipt of VA disability compensation. Medical retirees (TDRL & PDRL) with less than 20 years service are eligible for CRSC only. Twenty year and Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) retirees (15-19 years of service) and Reservists (age 60) are eligible for both CRSC and CRDP, but can receive compensation from only one program. CRSC claimants must apply to the service CRSC Board from which they retired. Use Claim Form DD2860 (Jul 2011) https://www.esd.whs.mil/DirInstr/forms/dd2860_2999/

CRDP is an automatic program and is paid to 20 year and TERA retirees who have VA rated service connected disabilities of a 50% or higher total percentage. There is no application required, nor accepted. DFAS determines eligibility and pays monthly CRDP compensation. CRDP is considered retired pay and payments are taxed.

CRSC is for military retirees with combat-related disabilities of 10% or greater. Combat related determinations are made by the CRSC Board for the branch of service from which the member retired. A combat related determination is made for each VA disability claimed. The retiree must apply using the CRSC application form (DD- 2860 July 2011). The "burden of proof" as to the cause of the disability is on the claimant and the claim must be supported by official documentation. That may include the DD-214, VA Rating Decisions, applicable Service Medical Records (SMR's), and pertinent service personnel records. Reconsiderations are accepted if new official documentary evidence is provided or for any new disabilities rated by the VA. Appeal authority for CRSC is the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR).

CRSC compensation for medical retirees is calculated by DFAS using a complicated formula that takes into account the PEB, VA, and CRSC percentages. CRSC pay cannot exceed what would have been the Years of Service (YOS) retired pay amount. CRSC pay is a benefit and is not taxed.

Claimants may apply for CRSC under one of four categories:

1) Direct result of Armed Conflict (AC),

2) while engaged in Hazardous Service (HS)

3) in the performance of duty under conditions Simulating War (SW)

4) disabilities resulting from the operation of an Instrumentality of War (IN).

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In order for a CRSC claim to be approved, there must be a direct causal relationship between the armed conflict or training exercise that simulates war and the resulting disability. The CRSC board makes combat related determinations only on VA rated service connected disabilities. Slips, trips, and falls, lifting heavy objects, as well as physical training, are not combat-related disabilities. The fact that a veteran incurred a disability during a period of war or simulated war; or in an area of armed or simulated conflict, or while participating in combat or simulated combat operations; is not sufficient to support a combat-related determination. Only the CRSC Board for each branch of service is authorized to make combat-related determinations for CRSC. Combat Zone (CZ) notations in VA and PEB documents are not combat related determinations.

*A reconsideration request to the CRSC Board is required if your VA rating percentage increases due to the VA approval of a new or unclaimed disability.*  

Retroactive payments are paid for CRSC, but CRSC compensation is subject to the **6-year Barring Statute.** DFAS and/or the VA can pay back pay up to six years back from your application, but can go no further back than the VA effective date, age 60 birthdate for reserve retirees, or the CRSC program effective date.

The primary means of communication with the SECNAV CRSC Board is by email at: **CRSC@navy.mil.** If you would like a return phone call, include your phone number in your email. The fax for the CRSC Board is: **(202) 685-6610.** Voice mail is: **(202) 685-1683.**

Please review the CRSC website prior to applying or contacting the Board. The website address is:  

You may scan and email your CRSC claim to: **CRSC@navy.mil.** Mail your CRSC claim via FEDEX, UPS or U.S. Postal Service to:  
Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards  
Combat-Related Special Compensation Board  
720 Kennon Street SE Suite 309  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

**Do not send your entire medical record** as this slows the process of reviewing your application. Submit only those select portions which document the cause of your injury. This could be as little as one or two pages but should confirm “where, when, and how” an injury occurred (i.e. combat engagement, enemy artillery, combat training, etc.).

Article courtesy of Colonel Leif R. Larsen, USMC (ret)  
President, Combat-Related Special Compensation Board  
SECNAV Council of Review Boards (SECNAV CORB)
The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) for retired and retainee pay, survivor annuities, and premium determinations are effective December 1, 2020, unless specified otherwise. These COLAs reflect the required adjustment for cost-of-living as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the four quarters ending with the third calendar quarter of 2020 (July, August, and September 2020). The term "retired pay" includes retainee 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 members of a Uniformed Service before September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

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3. The retired pay COLA for those who first became members of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, and also elected to receive a career status bonus under the provisions of Sections 322 (as in effect before January 28, 2008) or 354 of Title 37 U.S.C. is specified according to the date of their retirement, as follows:

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COLAs for Survivor Annuities

4. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2020, 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 **1.3 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 **1.3 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 **1.3 percent** from $267.17 to **$270.64** effective December 1, 2020. (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, 2020 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 **3.0 percent effective January 1, 2021**, from $869 to **$895**. The threshold premium is **$22.38**. Therefore, the Low-Cost Threshold premium is **$22.38** plus 10 percent of the difference between retired pay.

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 **1.3 percent effective December 1, 2020**.

The new SSIA rate will be **$327.00** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1450(m)).
Marine Corps Recruiting Command Seeks Retired Marines’ Help

Marines,

Happy Holidays and greetings from Quantico. Sergeant Major Brown and I want to thank you for your many years of dedicated and faithful service to our Corps and Country. Once a Marine! Always a Marine! You have each contributed to the rich history and legacy of our Corps — something each of us in uniform today strive to emulate.

As you know, the three important things the Marine Corps does for the Nation are making Marines, winning our nation’s battles, and returning quality citizens to society. You have each played an important part in these missions and the Sergeant Major and I are asking for your service once again.

As Marine Corps representatives and proof sources of the benefits of earning the title Marine in your communities, we respectfully request two things of you.

1. Visit your local Marine Corps recruiters and introduce yourself. Share your experiences and offer your assistance with potential applicants, poolees, parents, and other influencers. Share how the Marine Corps changed your life for the better. We would also be grateful for any referrals of men and women who might have an interest in earning the title Marine.

2. Proudly show your colors and pride in being a Marine. If not already doing so, we ask that you prominently display the classic metallic Marine Corps emblem sticker on the back window of your vehicles…and other places of prominence. We stocked your local recruiting stations with this classic symbol of the bond that draws Marines together. Stop by and let your local recruiters know that Major General Bohm and Sergeant Major Brown sent you to pick up your stickers.

The restrictions experienced during the recent pandemic have increased the difficulty of finding the right men and women to join our Corps. Anything you can do to help our hard-working and motivated recruiters is greatly appreciated. Thank you for remaining forever Semper Fidelis.

God Bless, and Semper Fi,

Jason Q. Bohm
Commanding General

Cortez Brown
Sergeant Major

https://connect.marines.com/
ID Cards & Access Information Sources

How and where to obtain or renew ID cards

DoD ID Card Reference Center  http://www.cac.mil

Site Visitors: All

Purpose: This website provides DoD members and members of the public, information on a variety of topics related to DoD Identification Cards:

- DoD Common Access Cards (CAC)
- Uniformed Services ID Cards (USID)
- ID Card Lifecycle
- DoD ID Card Policies
- Resources

Login required: No, open to public

ID Card Office Online (IDCO)  https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service

Site Visitors: Service Members, DoD Civilians, Contractors, and Retirees

Purpose: ID Card Office Online is a self-service application that allows Service Members, DoD Civilians, Contractors, and Retirees to accomplish personnel functions online that were normally done in-person at an ID card office. The following functions can be performed:

All:
- Request renewal/replacement for Family ID Cards
- Verify current Family Members
- Nominate a new Family Member for inclusion into DEERS

For CAC Recipients:
- Update Your CAC email & certificates
- Activate the PIV Authentication Certificate

Login required: Yes
Login types: CAC, DS-Logon

RAPIDS Site Locator (RSL)  https://rsl.dmdc.osd.mil/rls

Site Visitors: All

Purpose: This website allows you to locate the nearest ID Card Facility/RAPIDS Station based on City, Zip, State, or Country.

Login required: No, open to public
Login types: N/A

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MilConnect Portal  
https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/

**Site Visitors:** Sponsors, spouses, eligible beneficiaries over 18 years, and dependants that are registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

**Purpose:** This website allows beneficiaries to review personal, health care, and personnel information from one reliable source: DEERS. The following functions can be performed:

**Personal/Personnel Information**
- Update personal, work, and duty contact information in DEERS
- View and update GAL Information
- View personnel information
- Find the nearest Military ID card issuing facility

**eCorrespondence**
- View, print or save: TRICARE enrollment card, Dependent 21/23 letters, TRR/TRS information letters
- Health Care Information
- View medical, pharmacy, and dental information
- View and update Other Health Insurance policies
- View claims and fees paid for the prior year
- View current and historical Immunizations

**Miscellaneous**
- Transfer Education Benefits to one or more family members
- Modify transfer requests that have already been submitted
- Service Members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)
- View and update coverage details for SGLI
- Incapacitation Dependency Redetermination
- Uniformed Service Members with incapacitated dependents already receiving benefits can use this portal to complete a streamlined quadrennial financial form to re-determine eligibility for continued benefits

**Login required:** Yes for benefits and personal information, but FAQs available to public

**Login types:** CAC, DS Logon, DFAS Login
What Retirees Need to Know about the New IRS 2020 W-4

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 brought many changes, some of them quite recently. One is that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a new 2020 IRS Form W-4 that is quite different from previous W-4s forms.

Another change is that the 2020 tax tables from the IRS created some withholding changes, even for those who did not request a change to their individual withholding. These changes were made because of guidance from the IRS that provided different withholding based on a retiree’s previous tax status. Because of this guidance, some people saw an increase in their tax withholding. You can verify and update your tax withholding information easily in myPay by clicking on “Federal Withholding” under “Pay Changes” in the menu on the left. You can also mail or fax DFAS a new 2020 IRS Form W-4 to request a change in your federal withholding.

It’s important to note that you are not required to file a new IRS Form W-4, unless you are claiming exemption from federal taxes. Retirees claiming exemption from federal taxes must submit a new W-4 every year. The word “EXEMPT” must be written above the signature date.

On the new IRS W-4 form, Step 1 and Step 5 are the critical steps that need to be filled out. Without this information, DFAS cannot process any updates to your account. Step 1 is Personal Information, including filing status. On the new W-4, taxpayers now must choose either Single, Married, or Head of Household instead of the previous statuses where a taxpayer may have chosen, for example, Married with two deductions (M-02) or Single with no deductions (S-00). For Step 3 and Step 4, you should follow the instructions carefully. Some retirees have sent W-4s with additional income or withholding that causes their net pay to be zero. DFAS cannot process these, so we will leave the tax withholding as is and send a letter. Step 5 is the filer’s signature and date. DFAS cannot process a W-4 that is not signed and dated.

You should keep in mind that DFAS is unable to provide tax advice. If you have tax or withholding questions, consult a tax professional or the IRS website at https://www.irs.gov. You can also use the IRS estimator at: https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator

Include your full name, daytime phone number, social security number and signature on all written correspondence.

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

For annuitants, beneficiaries and survivors:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

For claims for non-receipt of payment:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Cleveland Center
1240 East Ninth Street
Attention: 19th Floor Vault
Cleveland, OH 44199

Online Contact Info for DFAS

AskDFAS - Helpful questions and answers about your retired or annuitant pay

DFAS YouTube channel - How-to videos
https://www.youtube.com/user/WePayDoD

Facebook - News and reminders
https://www.facebook.com/DFASOfficial

Fax:
Retired Pay: 800-469-6559
Annuitant/Survivor Pay: 800-982-8459
Claims for non-receipt of payment: 216-522-6081 or 216-522-6358
To help you plan for 2021, 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 2020 will be paid on December 31, 2020.

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Need help?

DFAS Retired and Annuitant (R&A) Pay is your payroll office. They establish and maintain military retired pay, annuity accounts, and issue monthly payments to both military retirees and their eligible survivors, including the following:

- Regular and Reserve Retirement payments
- Temporary and Permanent Disability Retirement payments
- Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay
- Combat-Related Special Compensation payments
- Survivor Benefit Plan

Contact DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay: online, via mail or fax, or by calling the Customer Care Center at 1-800-321-1080.
## USMC REUNIONS

### ORGANIZATION/POC | DATE | PHONE | EMAIL/WEB
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Vietnam CoVan Advisor Reunion  
Col Regan Wright (Ret.) | 28-30 Apr 2021  
San Diego, CA  
Planning stages | (619) 224-1800 | oneput868@aol.com

2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion  
Col Regan Wright (Ret.) | 7-9 May 2021  
Quantico, VA | | taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com  
Facebook: 2dMEBAfghanistan  
https://mca-marines.org/task

115th OCC/B Co TBS 2-81 40 Year Reunion  
Steve Emerson  
Katie Haddock (Ridenuer) | 13-16 May 2021  
Quantico, VA | (813) 763-7505  
steveemerson@ec.rr.com  
KTHaddock@gmail.com

TBS Class 6-70 Fox Co 50th  
Col Tom Kanasky, Jr. USMCR (Ret.)  
Col Mitch Youngh USMC (Ret.) | 10-13 Jun 2021  
Quantico, VA | (203) 366-3156  
(703) 493-9435 | tkanasky@earthlink.net  
mitchyoungh@verizon.net

TBS Class 5-70 E Co  
LtCol Robert Lange (Ret.) | 17-19 Jun 2021  
Quantico, VA  
Planning stages | (949) 644-8229 | rlane@brandtgp.com  
Seeking planner/financial assistance available to defray organizing costs.

Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 267 Mag 39  
GySgt Rob Catha (Ret.) | 18-20 Jun 2021  
Oceanside, CA | (214) 534-0490 | rjcatha@gmail.com  
Facebook: HMLA-267 MAG 39  
https://gf.me/u/ymc5zk

USMC WX Service Reunion  
Kathy Donham  
Dave Englert | 20-25 Jun 2021  
Overland Park, KS | (252) 342-8459 | kathy.donham@hotmail.com  
englertd@psci.net

Hotel 2/7 Vietnam Veterans (1965-1970)  
Steve Cone | 24-27 Jun 2021  
Jacksonville, FL | (843) 424-8279 | scone1948@yahoo.com

Marine Corps Disbursing Assoc.  
MGySgt Kevin Gascon (Ret.) | 8-12 Aug 2021  
Reno, NV | (760) 458-2655 | mojorisin68@hotmail.com  
www.usmcdisbursers.com

VMF-311, VMA-311  
Jim Galchick | Sep 2021  
New Orleans, LA | (330) 337-9383 | jgalchick@neo.rr.com  
www.vmfvma311reunion.org

E Co 2/7 Vietnam Veterans  
MSgt William Dyer (Ret.) | 26 Sep -2 Oct 2021  
Colorado Springs, CO | (904) 504-1582 | parthree@comcast.net

TBS Class B-2-68 Bravo Co  
Col Michael Cathey USMC (Ret.) | 29 Sep -2 Oct 2021  
Quantico, VA | (703) 868-2198 | colmcathkey@gmail.com  
http://www.tbs2-68usmc.com

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Note to Reunion Planners: Send your reunion events as soon as possible to our organizational mailbox (smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil) to ensure timely inclusion in this publication. We apologize for the inconvenience with any delayed or missed events due to an unforeseen change in the distribution of this publication. Visit the MCCS web site ([http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/reunion/)) for information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming events.
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<td>(510) 333-3165</td>
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<td>21-24 Oct 2021 Las Vegas, NV</td>
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<td>Oct 2021 Quantico, VA</td>
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### Did you know? Using TRICARE For Life with Other Health Insurance

If you have other health insurance, such as a Medicare supplement or an employer-sponsored health plan, you can use TRICARE For Life as long as you have both Medicare Parts A and B.

- TRICARE pays last after Medicare and your other health insurance.
- Visit the Medicare website (https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02179-Medicare-Coordination-Benefits-Payer.pdf) to see which plan—Medicare or your other health insurance—pays first.
- After your other health insurance processes the claim, you will have to file a paper claim with the TRICARE For Life contractor, Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS).
- WPS will process the claim and pay TRICARE’s portion of the claim directly to you.

Send your paper claims (https://www.tricare.mil/FormsClaims/Claims) to WPS along with a copy of:
- your provider’s itemized bill,
- the Medicare Summary Notice, and
- the explanation of benefits from all other health insurances.

Your claim must be filed within one year from the date of care. For more information, visit the WPS website (https://www.tricare4u.com/wps/portal/tdb/welcome/?tut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfIjo8ziAzw8zDwMLQx83E1czQwcXZ0tnAOcjS1CDEz1w8EKDHAARwP9KGL041EQhd_4cP0oQkoKckMjDNIVFQEDFYhB/dz/d5/L2dBISevZ0FBIS9nQSEh/).
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**COLONEL**

ANGLE, PETER F. Apr 89/Sep 20
CLIFF, DONALD K. Jul 82/Sep 20
FRANKEL, ERNEST Jan 83/Sep 20
GRACE, JOHN J. Sep 78/Sep 20
KOPPENHAVER, HOWARD M. Mar 82/Aug 20
LEY, ANDREW J. May 05/Oct 20
MARSHALL, JOHN T. Sep 90/Sep 20
PALMER, RICHARD L. Aug 81/Sep 20
POPE, JAMES F. Jan 91/Jul 20
RUTHERFORD, BRUCE B. May 81/Sep 20
SAMUEL, GORDON A. Jun 92/Oct 20
STUTLER, FRED Jun 86/Sep 20
TABER, RICHARD B. Jul 81/Sep 20
WILCOX, WILBUR D. Feb 71/Sep 20

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL**

BAILEY, GARNETT R. Aug 73/Sep 20
BELGUM, RICHARD J. Dec 88/Sep 20
CASHMAN, MICHAEL E. Apr 95/Sep 20
CLASEN, DARCY L. Jul 84/Sep 20
DIXON, HOWARD V. Dec 89/Sep 20
ESPOSITO, ROBERT J. Feb 79/Sep 20
GOODY, JOHN B. Jul 86/Sep 20
ISALY, DOUGLAS K. Jun 89/Mar 19
LOVELACE, RICHARD J. Aug 93/Sep 20
LYNCH, RICHARD D. Dec 83/Sep 20
MASSEY, WILLIAM W. Feb 72/Sep 20
MAURER, JEFFERY W. Oct 02/Mar 05
MILLER, HUEY P. Jan 78/Sep 20
NILSEN, GEORGE H. Jul 68/Oct 20
NORMAN, J. L. Mar 69/Sep 20
RASDAL, ROBERT W. Aug 71/Jan 20
ROLL, RAYMOND A. Apr 88/Aug 20
SIMS, WILLIAM C. Feb 96/Sep 20
SMITH, WILLIAM W. Jan 76/Sep 20

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL (continued)**

SPARKS, JOHN A. Jul 73/Aug 20
VOGT, JOHN S. Nov 80/Jul 20

**MAJOR**

BAER, ROBERT A. Apr 76/Aug 20
BAKER, WILLIAM H. Apr 71/Aug 20
BOYEN, WILLIAM C. Jun 77/Oct 19
CLEAR, JAMES R. Dec 85/Sep 20
FRAZIER, CATHERINE L. Jan 83/Oct 20
GILES, JAMES H. Dec 94/Aug 20
HARRISON, GREGORY Mar 85/Oct 20
HILL, STEPHEN D. Mar 88/Nov 19
HOWARD, GRADY K. Jun 83/Sep 20
JOHNSON, WILLIAM H. Jul 64/Sep 20
KNOWLES, CHARLES A. Jan 92/Jul 20
MAUGHAN, WILLIAM L. Jul 66/Sep 20
McGRADY, MICHAEL G. Apr 76/Sep 20
NELSEN, HOWARD B. Oct 85/Sep 20
PYLES, DONALD M. Dec 94/Sep 20
ROBERTSON II, GERALD B. Oct 94/Sep 20
SCRUGGS, ROBERT L. Aug 68/Sep 20
SHOCKLEY, JAMES G. Feb 88/Sep 20
SPENCER, ROGER K. Sep 89/Sep 20
TRAQUAIR, WILLIAM C. Nov 14/Sep 20
VOGEL, WILLIAM P. Dec 90/Oct 20
WOLF, WILFRED Jul 97/Sep 20

**CAPTAIN**

ALBIZO, JR., DAVID G. Oct 76/Sep 20
BUNCH, VERLE E. Aug 70/Oct 20
FERREE, DOUGLAS R. Jun 76/Sep 20
LAMBKA, HARVEY L. Jul 78/Jul 20
LITTLE, JR., FOSTER Sep 71/Sep 20
MILLER, EARL F. Apr 64/Aug 20
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MOEN, DALE A. Oct 73/Aug 20
MORRISON, ALLEN W. Sep 70/Aug 20
ROBERTS, LEWIS C. Oct 71/Oct 20
SALUSTRO, ANGELO Oct 77/Oct 20
SCARANGELLO, ANTHONY F. Jun 72/Sept 20
SEDER, ELMER C. Jul 73/Sept 20
STOLTZFUS, DAVID S. Sep 75/Sept 20
SWANEY, DAVID O. Aug 76/Sept 20
WEARE, EVERETT A. Oct 75/Oct 20
WILLIAMS, JR., SAMUEL G. Nov 70/Sept 20
WINTER, WARREN W. Oct 79/Sept 20

FIRST LIEUTENANT
MOLKO, JOHN Dec 76/Oct 20

SECOND LIEUTENANT
JONES, BILLY L. Oct 54/Oct 20

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
BUCKHOUT, EDWIN A. CWO4 Aug 87/Sept 20
CHENEY, DAVID N. CWO4 Dec 01/Sept 20
HARPER, JR., CHARLES A. CWO4 Apr 91/Sept 20
JONES, SAMUEL J. CWO4 Jun 74/Aug 20
MOORE, RUSSELL E. CWO2 Jul 02/Sept 20
MURPHY, JAMES J. CWO4 Sep 99/Sept 20
OLGUIN, RICKE S. CWO4 Nov 98/June 20

SERGEANT MAJOR
CHARLES, BILLY G. Jun 77/Sept 20
HALL, BILLY C. Jun 74/Sept 20
LEM, LOUIE H. Oct 88/Oct 20
TURNER, EDDIE G. Aug 76/Sept 20

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT
ANDERSON, ROBERT S. Jul 69/Oct 20
BETHLEY, CHARLES E. Jul 01/Oct 20
BOONE, ROBERT A. Jan 02/Sept 20
BROUGHMAN, CHARLES L. Apr 02/Oct 20
CHAFFIN, HARRY Mar 76/Sept 20
FLORES, GEORGE A. May 76/Oct 20
GIBSON, BILLY G. Jan 92/Sept 20
HOLDER, ROBERT L. Jan 87/Sept 20
HUNDLEY, JOSEPH F. Sep 87/Sept 20
MANN, BOBBY F. Feb 89/Sept 20
STICKLAND, BENNIE A. Jan 93/Oct 20
WILLIAMSON, THOMAS L. Oct 05/Sept 20
YORDT, MARION R. Jul 92/Oct 20

FIRST SERGEANT
BEYER, GARY P. Nov 80/Sept 20
BUHMeyer, DOUGLAS A. Jun 93/Sept 20
CORYER, JAMES A. Jun 73/Oct 20
CRISWELL, RONNIE L. Dec 97/Oct 20
DAVENPORT, CHARLES C. Jun 73/Oct 20
EDWARDS, HOWARD J. May 73/Aug 20
FOLGOM, GLEN E. Feb 90/Sept 20
HULSEY, AARON L. Nov 82/Sept 20
HUNT, ROBERT J. Nov 86/Oct 20
PLAVNICK, DONALD G. Feb 05/Aug 20
STURGES, JOHN C. Jun 77/Oct 20
TREVINO, DAVID Sep 92/Sept 20
WILKerson, RAYMOND O. Feb 70/Dec 19
WILLET, WILLIAM E. Nov 02/Aug 20

MASTER SERGEANT
ADAMS, ANDREW Dec 79/Aug 20
BURKHART, FREDDIE W. Jun 83/Oct 20
BUSBEE, WENDELL D. Apr 89/Sept 20
CHILDRESS, OWEN T. Jun 72/Sept 20
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DUPUIS, VAN S. Oct 87/Dec 20
ELSTON, JAMES P. Aug 91/Oct 20
FOLEY, EMMETT R. Jun 91/Oct 20
FORTON, RICHARD E. Sep 75/Dec 20
FREED, JOHN A. Jun 92/Oct 20
FURR IV, HARRY W. Feb 86/Dec 20
GOAZ, HARRY P. Aug 69/Dec 20
GOOGE, BOBBY H. Jun 72/Oct 20
GREER, JAMES S. Jul 00/Dec 20
HARRIS, BRUCE J. Sep 92/Dec 20
HAYNES, RAYMOND M. Sep 80/Dec 20
KUHN, JOSEPH A. Aug 00/Oct 20
LOVE, BENNETT F. Jul 91/Oct 20
MICHAUD, JOSEPH E. Aug 86/Dec 20
MICKLE, G. W. Apr 68/Dec 20
PICKUP, ROLAND E. Jun 73/Dec 20
RAY, CHARLES A. Nov 86/Oct 20
RENFROE, BENJAMIN Jan 99/Dec 20
REYES, ROBERT Mar 81/Oct 20
RMINSKI, JASON C. Aug 09/Dec 18
RUSSI, JOHN C. Oct 72/Oct 18
SETTLES, CHARLES L. May 92/Dec 20
SHELDON, RICHARD I. May 72/Oct 20
SHELDIS, LARRY B. Dec 87/Dec 20
SWEENEY, JOHN M. Jul 72/Oct 20
TOLBERT, LUTHER B. Jan 77/Dec 20
TORRES, LUIS A. Oct 10/Oct 20
VANHOOK, WILLIAM C. Jun 77/Dec 20
VARRICHIO, ANGELO L. Sep 77/Dec 20
WATTS, WALTER N. Aug 80/Dec 20
WEST, RICHARD A. Sep 87/Dec 20

GUNNERY SERGEANT
ARWEILER, JOSEPH H. Nov 76/Oct 20
BAILEY, ROBERT L. Jul 75/Aug 20
BARTELS, KENNETH W. Jan 87/Dec 20
BENNETT, EARL C. Sep 72/Dec 20
BINDER, ROBERT E. Jul 71/Oct 20
BLUM, ROBERT F. Jun 65/Dec 20
BOWMAN, DAVID N. Jan 94/Oct 20
BOYETT, JR., CLARENCE E. Jun 63/Dec 20
BOYNES, SAMUEL A. Jul 92/Dec 20
BYNUM, ELTON R. Sep 88/Dec 20
COX, CHARLES E. Jan 94/Dec 20
DICKERSON, WILLIAM A. Jun 86/Dec 20
DINSMORE, NATHAN J. Mar 75/Dec 20
ELLIS, TONY M. May 99/Oct 20
FALL, RALPH K. Mar 71/Oct 20
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FRYE, GERALD D. May 92/Oct 20
GALICZYNISKI, CARL J. Jan 73/Dec 20
GEARY, BYRON C. Jul 74/Dec 20
GILES, KENNETH L. Nov 75/Dec 20
GIVENS, TOMMY L. Sep 05/Dec 20
GUILLOT, JOHNNY O. Aug 60/Oct 20
HAGAN, PHILIP E. Feb 71/Dec 20
HAMBLIN, LAWRENCE F. Nov 75/Dec 20
HAMRIC, JAMES L. Dec 93/Oct 20
HERNANDEZ, JOHNNY R. Oct 91/Dec 20
HORN, KEITH T. Apr 99/Dec 20
HUNDSHAMER, I. W. Aug 61/Dec 20
HUNTER, GARY D. Jun 97/Oct 20
KERLEY, JAMES E. Apr 69/Dec 20
KINSLEY, MARTIN D. Sep 79/Dec 20
KOMM, FREDERICK K. Aug 83/Dec 20
KRAPF, FREDERICK E. Jul 68/Dec 20
LEVINSKY, VICTOR May 68/Dec 20
LISA, JOHN Sep 87/Dec 20
NICHOLAS, DONALD S. Oct 74/Dec 20
NORTH, JR., ROBERT F. Jul 88/Dec 20
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PASSONNO, JR., HAROLD W. Aug 74/Oct 20
PUGH, MICKEY Mar 55/Sep 20
RITTER, REX L. Jul 67/Sep 20

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
BRELSFORD, WILLIAM B. Jul 61/Aug 20
JOHNSON, JAMES F. Mar 70/Sep 20
MILLISON, J. B. Dec 59/Aug 20
SAYERS, ROBERT A. Sep 70/Aug 20
Tainter, GARY G. Sep 69/Sep 20
WHITE, JR., ARCHIE L. Oct 64/Sep 20

PRIVATE
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FRANKLIN, SPENCER L. Feb 70/Oct 20
HATCHER, CRAIG L. Feb 70/Sep 20
LEWIS GEORGE W. Apr 71/Sep 20

News Release: SOCIAL SECURITY
Social Security Announces 1.3 Percent Benefit Increase for 2021

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021. The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2020. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. The maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to $142,800 from $137,700.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting 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 personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2021, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2021 are announced. Final 2021 benefit amounts are communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To learn more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.
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
   - Office of Personnel Management (OPM) 1-888-767-6738

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 and avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later.


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 [https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco](https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco) 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.
MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

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

https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors/

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC

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

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

Agencies Providing Aid and Assistance To Surviving Spouses

Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000


Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, www.nmcrs.org


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)
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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):
  (808) 947-4000

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

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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

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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

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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:
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

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

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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

Semper Fidelis Newsletter for Retired Marines
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@usmu.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

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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/personnel-records-center/military-personnel

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER:
1-800-NAVY-INV; www.navy-lodge.com

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

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

SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS:
• Air Force Afterburner: http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/

Directory Assistance Pages

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


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

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

TRICARE: 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.tricare-overseas.com
• Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator: https://tricare.mil/beacdcao

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

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program:

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

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VA: 1-800-827-1000; www.va.gov
VA EDUCATION: 1-888-442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov
VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS:
1-800-669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov
VA SGLI/VGLI: 1-800-419-1473
VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:
1-800-697-6947
Access your newsletter online at https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Manpower-Reserve-Affairs-MMSR-6/

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*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*  
Fax: (703) 784-9834  
- Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)  
- Identification Cards  
- Semper Fidelis  
- Survivor Benefit Plan  
  smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil

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