# SEMPERFIDELIS NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES

# DoD Announces Use of Masks, Other Public Health Measures



A U. S. Marine receives the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at Goettege Memorial Field House on Camp Lejeune, N.C., January 28, 2021.

The Vaccine - U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Rachel Young-Porter

On February 4, 2021, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III signed a memo that, effective immediately, directs all individuals on military installations and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces, to wear masks in accordance with the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

# Individuals must wear masks continuously while on military installations except:

- (1) when an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;
- (2) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;
- (3) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes;
- (4) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

Individuals must consistently wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and that comports with all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Categorical or case-by-case exceptions to these requirements for Service members and their families in environments other than office spaces that are necessary for military readiness, that are related to living on a military installation, or that are related to mask wearing by children (so long as such exceptions are consistent with CDC guidelines for mask wearing by children) may be granted in writing by Department of Defense (DoD) Component heads and should include appropriate alternative safeguards whenever feasible, such as additional physical distancing measures or additional testing consistent with DOD testing protocols.

DoD Components will comply with applicable labor relations obligations to the extent such obligations do not conflict with the agency's ability to conduct operations during this emergency.

The memo can be found here: <a href="https://media.defense.gov/2021/Feb/04/2002576265/-1/-1/1/DOD-ANNOUNCES-USE-OF-MASKS-AND-OTHER-PUBLIC-HEALTH-MEASURES.PDF">https://media.defense.gov/2021/Feb/04/2002576265/-1/-1/1/DOD-ANNOUNCES-USE-OF-MASKS-AND-OTHER-PUBLIC-HEALTH-MEASURES.PDF</a>

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at **1-800-273-8255**.

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# **Center for Disease Control and Prevention Guide to Masks**

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people. Effective February 2, 2021, masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Here are some do's and don'ts.

# DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

# DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape



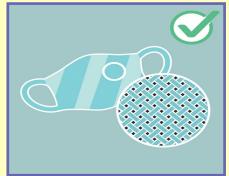
Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators

# Wear your Mask Correctly

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on your mask.
- Put the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fit the mask snugly against the sides of your face, slipping the loops over your ears or tying the strings behind your head.
- If you have to continually adjust your mask, it doesn't fit properly, and you might need to find a different mask type or brand.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.

# Look for

- Multiple layers of tightly woven, breathable fabric
- Nose wire
- Mask should block light when held up to bright light source





# The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

# Providing More Options to Get COVID-19 Vaccine

2/18/2021 Article courtesy Tricare

Are you and your family looking to get a COVID-19 vaccine near you? If so, you'll soon have more options for where you can go to get it. As part of the ongoing response to COVID-19, the federal government has launched the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination. This new program is a collaboration between the federal government, states, territories, and 21 national pharmacies and independent pharmacy networks to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.

"Vaccination is a critical step in protecting your health and slowing the spread of COVID-19," said Colonel Markus Gmehlin, acting chief of the Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency. "This program will provide TRICARE beneficiaries with more opportunities to get vaccinated at a location near them."

Here are some details about distribution and how you can get the vaccine with your TRICARE benefit.

# How does the program work?

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program will supply COVID-19 vaccines to retail pharmacies in phases. As part of the initial phase, 1 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be sent to a select group of pharmacies. These pharmacies will then administer vaccinations to those who are eligible. Some pharmacies have already begun offering a limited amount of the vaccine through this program. Other pharmacies are set to begin offering doses soon. As stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "As vaccine supply increases, more retail locations will be added."

# Will my local pharmacy offer the COVID-19 vaccine?

Pharmacies that are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program may vary by state and territory. Pharmacies participating in the program may include TRICARE network pharmacies and non-network pharmacies. You can find a list of pharmacies that are currently participating in your area on the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html.

# How can I get the vaccine with my TRICARE benefit?

The availability of the vaccine may vary by location. If you're a TRICARE beneficiary, you'll eventually be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine at:

Your local military hospital or clinic

- Local or state health department COVID-19 vaccination sites
- Your civilian provider
- Pharmacies participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

"At this stage of the program, the vaccine supply is limited," said Gmehlin. "So, it's important to make sure you contact your local pharmacy in advance to see if the vaccine is available and if you can schedule an appointment to receive it."

There is no cost-share if you get the COVID-19 vaccine at a TRICARE network pharmacy.

Planning to get the vaccine at a non-network pharmacy? There's no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine itself. Keep in mind, TRICARE doesn't cover other vaccines and most prescription drugs at non-network pharmacies.

Remember, there may be a cost based on your health plan for an office visit with a provider, or if you need follow-on care.

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If you're eligible for TRICARE, you can get the COVID-19 vaccine at any military hospital or clinic that offers it. This is true even if you don't get your routine care there. Phase 1A of the Department of Defense (DoD) COVID-19 vaccination plan is currently underway at many military hospitals, clinics, and DoD installations. This phase includes vaccinating health care workers, first responders, and residents of Armed Forces Retirement Homes. Keep in mind, some military hospitals and clinics may be in different phases of the vaccination plan. So, make sure you check first to see if the vaccine is available at your location.

TRICARE is committed to supporting you and your health. Stay up to date on vaccine guidance through the TRICARE and Military Health System websites. You can also check with your local health department and talk to your health care provider about when you may qualify to receive the vaccine as well as where you can go to get vaccinated. The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is the latest of several resources introduced to help you and your family.

Visit <u>www.cdc.gov</u> or the <u>TRICARE FAQs</u> - https://tricare.mil/FAQs for current COVID-19 information.





# DoD Population Schema

CDC Phase	DoD Phase Level The final phase/tier is defined as the highest phase/tier for which a person qualifies.		
	Phase 1	Sub-tier 1	
	Phase 1 All healthcare providers, healthcare support personnel, and emergency services & public safety personnel		
Phase 1a	Healthcare and support personnel at Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) outpatient clinics, and ambulatory care facilities (including but not limited to dental clinics, medical homes, blood donation facilities, and counseling centers)		
	May include military, civilian, contractor personnel, students, and other hospital non-clinical staff authorized to receive vaccinations from DoD and who support patient care and are at heightened risk of exposure to individuals who have contracted COVID-19		
Phase 1b	Phase 1b Critical National Capabilities/ Personnel preparing to deploy to locations outside the United States/ DoD Beneficiaries ≥ 75 years/ Frontline essential workers		
Phase 1c	Phase 1c All DoD Beneficiaries ≥ 65-74 years/ those ≥ 16-64 with increased risk for severe illness as defined by CDC Essential workers not previously included in Phase 1a or 1b		
Phase 2	Phase 2 All persons aged ≥ 16 years not previously recommended for vaccinate	tion	

# **Understanding the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program For Covid-19 Vaccination**

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is a collaboration between the federal government, states and territories, and 21 national pharmacy partners and independent pharmacy networks to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination across the United States. This program is one component of the Federal government's strategy to expand access to vaccines for the American public. The program is being implemented incrementally based on the available vaccine supply, with select retail pharmacy locations providing COVID-19 vaccine to eligible individuals. As vaccine availability increases over time, the program will expand to ultimately include all 40,000+ pharmacies.



# Why Pharmacies?

Pharmacists are highly trusted and trained healthcare providers who have direct access to and knowledge of their patient populations. Pharmacists are trained to counsel patients, administer vaccine, and provide vaccine education, and pharmacies are readily accessible in communities — with most Americans living within five miles of a pharmacy. Recognizing this, the federal government made them a key part of its COVID-19 vaccination strategy. While the program will ultimately expand to include more than 40,000+ pharmacies, it is important to know that early on, when vaccine supply is still limited, many pharmacies may not have vaccine or may have very limited supply.

# **How it Works**

As the program begins initial implementation, certain retail pharmacies nationwide are receiving limited COVID-19 vaccine supply directly from the federal government. They will use this supply to vaccinate state-selected priority groups at no cost.

- The program will begin with per capita allocations by each jurisdiction that will be divided among the selected pharmacy partners based on number of stores and reach. As the program expands and supply becomes more readily available, the allocation may be adjusted to reflect partner size (number of store locations nationwide), reach (percent of the total US population living within 5 miles of a store location), and ability to vaccinate (throughput).
- States and territories select which populations are eligible for vaccination through the program according to their vaccination plans. Individuals who are interested in getting vaccinated at their local pharmacy should call or check the pharmacy's website to find out if they are eligible and if vaccine is available.
- Most pharmacy partners are using online scheduling systems to schedule vaccination visits for those eligible based on their limited available vaccine supply.

## **Program Benefits**

As the program scales up to eventually include COVID-19 vaccination at all 40,000+ retail locations, it will:

- Make it easier for individuals to access free COVID-19 vaccine at a pharmacy in their community
- Improve vaccine uptake while decreasing the logistical and operations burden on state, local, and territorial health departments

Each partner plays a critical role in ensuring the success of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.

- Pharmacy partners will select retail locations to receive vaccine based on various factors, including equitable access, demand, supply, and market saturation.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is collaborating with states and territories to help ensure fair access to COVID-19 vaccine nationwide and is working with pharmacy partners to shift vaccine inventory as needed.

The program relies on a collaboration with public health (CDC and state, local, and territorial health departments) to encourage individuals to go to pharmacies and get vaccinated. As the program rolls out, intense community outreach will be critical to educate people about the importance of vaccination and where vaccines are available in the communities.

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# Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Partners



Retail pharmacies participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program will vary by state and territory. Individuals who are interested in getting vaccinated at their local pharmacy should check the pharmacy's website to find out if COVID-19 vaccine is available and if they are eligible for vaccination.

- Walgreens (including Duane Reade)
- CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (including Long's)
- Walmart, Inc. (including Sam's Club)
- Rite Aid Corp.
- The Kroger Co. (including Kroger, Harris Teeter, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Ralphs, King Soopers, Smiths, City Market, Dillons, Mariano's, Pick-n-Save, Copps, Metro Market)
- Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale Corp.
- Albertsons Companies, Inc. (including Osco, Jewel-Osco, Albertsons, Albertsons Market, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Star Market, Shaw's, Haggen, Acme, Randalls, Carrs, Market Street, United, Vons, Pavilions, Amigos, Lucky's, Pak n Save, Sav-On)
- Hy-Vee, Inc.
- Meijer Inc.
- H-E-B, LP
- Retail Business Services, LLC (including Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company, Hannaford Bros Co, Stop & Shop)
- Southeastern Grocers
- Topco Associates, LLC (including Acme Fresh Markets, Associated Food Stores, Bashas, Big-Y Pharmacy and Wellness Center, Brookshire's Pharmacy, Super One Pharmacy, FRESH by Brookshire's Pharmacy, Coborn's Pharmacy, Cash Wise Pharmacy, MarketPlace Pharmacy, Giant Eagle, Hartig Drug Company, King Kullen, Food City Pharmacy, Ingles Pharmacy, Raley's, Bel Air, Nob Hill Pharmacies, Save Mart Pharmacies, Lucky Pharmacies, SpartanNash, Price Chopper, Market 32, Tops Friendly Markets, ShopRite, Wegmans, Weis Markets, Inc.)
- CPESN USA, LLC
- GeriMed (long-term care and retail pharmacies)
- Good Neighbor Pharmacy and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation's pharmacy services administrative organization (PSAO), Elevate Provider
- Health Mart Pharmacies
- Innovatix (long-term care pharmacies)
- LeaderNET and Medicine Shoppe, Cardinal Health's PSAOs
- Managed Health Care Associates (retail and long-term care pharmacies)

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html





# Armed Forces Retirement Home Now Welcoming Retired Enlisted Reserve and National Guard Members Apply for Residency in 2021!

Are you seeking to live in a vibrant and affordable independent-living retirement community with other military retirees? Are you retired from the service, with the majority of your duty time spent as an enlisted member or warrant officer? Then The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) may be just for you!

With locations in Washington, D.C. and Gulfport, MS., the Home now also welcomes retired reservists and National Guard members to apply for residency.

Experience the same camaraderie you enjoyed during your time in uniform, and join your fellow retirees in a dynamic community that also offers exceptional care and extensive services!

Rooms are currently available at both locations with no waiting period, down payment, or contract required! The monthly rate for independent living is just 46.7% of the resident's gross monthly income or \$2,050.00, whichever is less.

All residents must be able to live independently upon moving to AFRH. We also provide advanced levels of care to our current residents as they age in place.

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

Services include recreational activities and resident day trips, a full-service library, barber shop, beauty salon, 24/7 security, computer center, mailboxes, ATM, campus PX/NEX and convenient transportation available to local hospitals and appointments. Residents also have access to additional services such as on-site physical and occupational therapy, in-room internet and cable TV, podiatry, and counseling.

In Washington, D.C., AFRH offers residents a scenic, wooded campus just minutes from downtown - home to museums, monuments, and a host of local entertainment, sports and other cultural options. In Gulfport, MS., AFRH offers residents a beautiful view of the Gulf of Mexico, with an outdoor swimming pool, walking path to the beach, reflecting pool, art studio and modern media room.

Veterans who are not retired may also be eligible to live at AFRH if they have a service-connected disability of 50% or greater, or if they served in a war theater (such as in Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan) and now have an injury, disease, or disability.

Married couples are welcome to apply for residency at AFRH:

- If both individuals meet all military and other eligibility requirements in their own right, or
- If the eligible veteran is retired and married their current spouse prior to military retirement.
- Please call us for details regarding married couples' fees discounts are available!

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

For further information or to request an application visit <a href="https://www.afrh.gov/apply">https://www.afrh.gov/apply</a> or contact the Office of Public Affairs at <a href="mailto:admissions@afrh.gov">admissions@afrh.gov</a> or 1-800-422-9988.





# SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS

# **MEMORANDUM**



SMMC The "New" Corps Memo 8 January 2021

<u>SMMC MEMO 01-21</u>

"Old breed? New breed? There's not a damn bit of difference so long as it's the Marine breed." – Chesty Puller

The "New" Corps. Over the course of time there has been a tendency of the older generation of Marines to view the newer generations as not measuring up. Interestingly, those Marines were told the same thing when they were "boots". Each line in the sand calls into question the ability of aspiring leaders to serve with as much honor, courage, and commitment as the last. These "lines in the sand" stretch from Iwo Jima, Chosin Reservoir, and Hue City all the way to Fallujah, Marjah, Sangin, and countless other battles. Like previous generations, this "New Corps" has made their own historic contributions to our legacy and proven their mettle in the crucible of combat.

I entered the Marine Corps in 1988 at the end of the Cold War and immediately learned the value of lessons passed on from one generation of Marines to the next. President Ronald Reagan was still in office and many of my instructors at Infantry Training Battalion were Vietnam veterans. When I arrived at my first duty station, many of my battalion's leaders were also Vietnam Vets. While their tales of combat were inspiring, those warriors were skeptical of us and thought my generation was soft because we grew up in the 1980's. Regardless of their personal feelings, and to their credit, those combat experienced leaders focused their efforts on training us to a high standard. Ultimately, my generation served together with many of them to achieve success in Desert Storm. They understood that giving the individual Marine challenging training, firm leadership, and instilling a disciplined approach to all tasks were essential if we were to be successful on the battlefield, regardless of how our generation was labeled.

As the Vietnam veterans began to leave the ranks, my generation assumed greater responsibility for training the next generation of Marines. Even though the number of combat veterans dwindled, those that went before had prepared us to take up their task. As I became a more seasoned NCO, my appreciation for the lessons I received from that earlier generation grew. I committed myself to sharing their experiences, as well as my own, with those I had the privilege to lead.

On September 11th, the world changed. At that moment, the majority of the Marine Corps had little practical combat experience. The question we asked was, did each Marine of the new generation have the grit, determination, and resolve to fight and win? We didn't know for sure, just as the Vietnam generation could not be sure about me and my generation. Yet in both cases, leaders set a high standard and expected each Marine to not only meet it, but to exceed it.

Over the years I have experienced many new efforts designed to improve our Corps. Examples like the publication of Leading Marines and the stand-up of the Squad Leader Development Program illustrate the kinds of investments the Marine Corps has made over the decades in raising the performance of our most critical resource, the individual Marine. I see the implementation of talent management as the next logical adaptation in our approach to unlocking the potential in each Marine.

Talent management is an extension of our time-honored methods of bringing the best out of the Marines we lead. By developing the capacity for greater responsibility and passing on our lessons learned from one generation to the next we are ensuring our ability to fight and win in an era of great power competition.

I have learned from the very beginning of my service, that each preceding generation will be inherently critical and demanding of the next. They will relentlessly challenge their successors to be better and do better, in order to develop their warfighting spirit. Without fail, they will breed brilliance in the basics and perfection in warfighting skills. They will be ceaseless in their commitment to teaching, coaching, and mentoring their Marines. They will take seriously their responsibility to train their replacements because they know that one day they will leave the battlefield in the hands of those they have lead.

As the Commandant steers our Corps to meet the challenges of the future, we must focus on developing talent within our Corps. We must ensure those we trust to lead understand their role in forging the next iron links in the chain of Marine generations that stretches all the way back to 1775.

Semper Fidelis,

Juan E. Black

TROY E. BLACK 19th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps



# 2021 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
24 Apr	West Point USMA	845-938-4217 (virtual event)
10 Jul	Horsham AGS, PA	215-323-7135
27 Aug	Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA	253-966-5884
11 Sep	Camp Pendleton	760-725-5704
11-12 Sep	Fort Leonard Wood, MO	573-596-0947\flwrso@mail.mil
25 Sep	Camp Lejeune, Marston Pavillion	910-451-0287
15 Oct	Fort Knox, KY	502-624-1765\7236

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.

# A Note From The Semper Fidelis Staff

Our team has received a number of letters, phone calls, and emails recently from retired Marines expressing frustration due to their rank or other personal information being reflected incorrectly on the Semper Fidelis newsletter address label. Here's a little background information that we hope will explain the situation. For many years the Marine Corps, as well as all the other services, has been relying on the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) to provide the most current and accurate information pertaining to retiree addresses. In April 2020, the DMDC decommissioned operations of the system platform that provided that information, the Retiree Address Finder (RAF), to the military services. Consequently, and in order to still provide retired Marines and survivors with important benefits information, we have had to rely upon the address information resident in the Marine Corps Total Forces System (MCTFS) in order to mail out the Semper Fidelis newsletter. This information isn't nearly as current as what we previously received from DMDC, based on the frequency with which the DMDC information is updated, and the variety of sources that contribute to those updates (DEERS being one of those). Not all DoD systems share information, so MCTFS potentially will not have the most accurate information for retired Marines. Anytime a retired Marine contacts our office with updates to their personal and/or contact information we will assist to make that update (our contact information is on the last page of the newsletter). We are happy to report there is a joint effort by all the service Secretaries, to the office of the Secretary of Defense, requesting that DMDC re-establishes the systems needed in order to support our effort to provide relevant benefits information to our retired Marines and their families. If this situation has affected you, we do apologize and ask for your continued patience as we work through this.

Thank you & Semper Fidelis



# **2021 Retired & Annuity Pay Dates**



Entitlement Month	Retiree Pay Date	Annuitant Pay Date
March 2021	April 1, 2021	April 1, 2021
April 2021	April 30, 2021	May 3, 2021
May 2021	June 1, 2021	June 1, 2021
June 2021	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2021
July 2021	July 30, 2021	August 2, 2021
August 2021	September 1, 2021	September 1, 2021
September 2021	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2021
October 2021	November 1, 2021	November 1, 2021
November 2021	December 1, 2021	December 1, 2021
December 2021	December 30, 2021	January 3, 2022



Form **1099-R** 



# RETIREES: CORRECTED PRINT 1099-RS IN THE MAIL AS OF FEBRUARY 1

Notice: 2020 Retiree IRS 1099-Rs mailed in early January contained a Payer's Federal Identification Number (FIN) that is missing the last digit because of a printing error. DFAS has reissued the 1099-R with the correct Payer's Fin.

For retirees who receive 1099-R statements through the mail, on February 1, 2021, DFAS mailed the 2020 1099-Rs with the correct Payer's FIN. Use this corrected 2020 1099-R with the Payer's FIN of 34-0727612 when filing your taxes.

Please consider current postal travel times when anticipating the delivery of your corrected 1099-R.

You can also download a correct 2020 IRS 1099-R from myPay. It is available now. See the <u>Managing Your</u> <u>Retirement - Taxes webpage</u> for more information: <u>https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/manage/taxes/</u>

The Payer's FIN on the annuitant 1099-Rs is correct.

Questions: Contact DFAS by calling the Customer Care Center at 1-800-321-1080.

# **USMC REUNIONS**



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
115th OCC/B Co TBS 2-81 40 Year Reunion Steve Emerson Katie Haddock (Ridenuer)	13-16 May 2021 Quantico, VA	(813) 763-7505 (202) 468-1463	https://www.facebook.com/115th-OCS-Bravo-2 -81-TBS-USMC-106618874236279 steveemerson@ec.rr.com KTHaddock@gmail.com
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
3rd Bn 11th Marines Assoc "Battery Adjust XV" Brian Seals Ed Peterson	25-29 Aug 2021 Washington, DC	(765) 580-2734	bseals2013@gmail.com 3d66451@aol.com Facebook: 3rd Bn 11th Marine Association
VMF-311, VMA-311 Jim Galchick	Sep 2021 New Orleans, LA	(330) 337-9383	jgalchick@neo.rr.com www.vmfvma311reunion.org
Marine Assoc Degree Compl Program (MADCOP) Capt Tom Mulloy (Ret.)	18-19 Sep 2021 Pensacola, FL	(703) 550-4044	PJCMADCOP@yahoo.com
Marine Air Traffic Control Assoc LtCol Steve Harris (Ret.)	19-26 Sep 2021 San Antonio, TX	(803) 460-0953	sandkh2@gmail.com
Lima 3/1 Desert Storm Kevin Conlin	25 Sep 2021 Las Vegas, NV	(631) 627-9949	Goraiders5044@gmail.com Facebook: Lima 3/1
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	colmcathey@gmail.com http://www.tbs2-68usmc.com
TBS Class 3-72 Charlie Co 50th Reunion Col Joseph N. Mueller, USMCR (Ret.)	Oct 2021 Quantico, VA		jnm21213@yahoo.com
Vietnam CoVan Advisor Reunion Col Regan Wright (Ret.)	Oct 2021 or Apr 2022 Planning stages	(619) 224-1800	oneputt868@aol.com

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

# **USMC REUNIONS**



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
ANGLICO Association: Open to all eras, former, attached, and present. Jack Olson	7-10 Oct 2021 Biennial San Diego, CA	(760) 212-1520	jackolson79@gmail.com owens.reginald33@gmail.com
TBS Class 6-70 Fox Co 50th Col Tom Kanasky, Jr. USMCR (Ret.) Col Mitch Youngs USMC (Ret.)	21-24 Oct 2021 Quantico, VA	(203) 366-3156 (703) 493-9435	tlkanasky@earthlink.net mitchyoungs@verizon.net
TBS 3/67 and 41st OCC Reunion Robert Wright	21-24 Oct 2021 San Diego, CA	(510) 333-3165	rbwright1@mac.com
USMC A4 Skyhawkers Mark Williams	21-24 Oct 2021 Las Vegas, NV	(425) 327-6050	usmcskyhawker21@gmail.com
38/39th OCC - Basic Class 8199 3-66 & 4-66 Walt Flynn Lonnie Myers	25-29 Oct 2021 Las Vegas, NV	(617) 974-8199 (541) 910-1061	whflynnjr@comcast.net myersl@eou.edu
TBS Class 6-71 Fox Co 50th Reunion Col Doug Holdstein (Ret.)	Jan-Feb 2022 Planning stages	(910) 270-4144	jholdstein@gmail.com
2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion	13-15 May 2022 Quantico, VA		taskforceleatherneck@gmail.com Facebook: 2dMEBAfghanistan https://mca-marines.org/task-force-leatherneck-reunion/
TBS Class 5-71 E Co LtCol Robert Lange (Ret.)	Jun 2022 Quantico, VA Planning stages	(949) 644-8229	rlange@brandtgp.com Seeking planner/ financial assistance available to defray organizing costs.
AWS 1-82 Classmates & Staff 40th Reunion LtCol Paul LeBlanc (Ret.)	Jun-Jul 2022 Planning stages	(619) 417-4306	pepelb@aol.com
10th Marine Regiment (all years) MSgt John Fontenoy (Ret.)	2022 Planning stages		10thmarinereunion2020@gmail.com
TBS Class 4-73 Delta Co 50th Reunion Col Bill Anderson USMCR (Ret.) Col Bob Donaghue USMCR (Ret.)	2023 Planning stages	(540) 850-4213 (617) 840-0267	binche57@yahoo.com ip350haven@comcast.net



# **FLY AWAY WITH CATHY JEAN**

TBS Class 5-71 E Co, LtCol Robert Lange offers the following: "Anyone who takes the challenge to "carry the spear' as the organizer for this reunion earns a free FAA checkout in the world's lowest time, best kept, best equipped 1963 Cessna L-19 Bird Dog 'Cathy Jean'"



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# COLONEL

CLARK, JR., JOHN L. Jan 84/Jan 21 DAUSMAN, JACK E. Jan 81/Dec 20 FOERSCH, WARREN J. Jul 08/Dec 20 HART, ELWIN B. Jun 74/Jan 20 LOUDER, JOSEPH J. Jul 81/Jan 20 THOMPSON, ROBERT H. Feb 83/Feb 21 SCHNEIDER, DONALD E. Nov 80/Oct 20

# LIEUTENANT COLONEL

ARMAN, PHILLIP T. Oct 77/Nov 20 BRAUN, RICHARD G. Aug 80/Nov 20 BULAWKA, MICHAEL Jul 01/Oct 20 DARRON, ROBERT R. Sep 75/Mar 20 DIETMEIER, RICHARD E. Jul 87/Dec 20 EDWARDS, ROBERT F. Apr 78/Dec 20 ENGSTROM, JAMES K. Jan 01/May 20 FISHER, ALBERT T. Dec 74/Nov 20 FISHER, LAWRENCE W. Aug 73/Dec 20 HARTNEY, ALAN H. Jun 86/Dec 20 HEBERT, RICHARD F. Feb 71/Dec 20 HEISER, KARL R. Nov 75/Jan 21 HITCHCOCK, PAUL L. Aug 68/Dec 20 MAHONEY, ROGER E. Oct 95/Dec 20 MARSHALL, EDWARD L. Dec 94/Aug 20 MAURER, JEFFREY W. Oct 02/Mar 20 SACKETT, WILLIAM H. Sep 75/Jan 21 ZASIO, ARTHUR R. Sep 94/Jan 21

# **MAJOR**

ARNOLD, WILLIAM P. Jul 75/Nov 20 BEAN, THEODORE T. Dec 78/Dec 20 BUICE, ROBERT E. Mar 97/Jan 21 BURGESS, BRIAN R. Dec 06/Dec 19 CORNISH, CHESTER L. Sep 68/Jan 21 FALLMAN, JAMES E. Jan 95/Dec 20 GRAY, JAMES A. Aug 01/Jan 21 JACKSON, JR., WILLIAM L. Aug16/Jan 21 MILBURN, MICHAEL P. Aug 11/Nov 20 ROGERS, JR., CHARLES W. Mar 79/Jan 21 TOWNSEND, THOMAS A. Sep 74/Nov 20

# **CAPTAIN**

ACKER, BRUCE J. Dec 76/Jan 21 BESCH, EDWIN W. Nov 67/Nov 20 CLIFFORD, GERALD R. Jun 76/Dec 20 FIELDS, BOBBY J. Jul 79/Dec 20 GLAUSIER, ROBERT E. Feb 70/Dec 20 LLEWELLYN IV, CHARLES S. Jun 13/Jan 21 MASSINGILL, THOMAS C. Jun 88/Dec 20 WELDON, NOLAN W. Jan 74/Jan 21 WINTER, WARREN W. Oct 79/Sep 20

# **FIRST LIEUTENANT**

COWARD, JAMES W. Oct 77/Dec 20 YOUNG, JESSIE B. Jun 74/Nov 20

# **SECOND LIEUTENANT**

DULLES, ALLEN M. Jun 53/Nov 20

# **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER**

GAEDE, LEONARD E. CWO2 Sep 71/Jan 21 HONADLE, NORMAN W. CWO5 Nov 01/Dec 20 KELLISON, CHARLES R. CWO4 Jul 82/Jan 21 LYONS, KENNETH E. CWO3 Oct 91/Dec 20 MAGALLAN, JOSE CWO4 Jul 79/Dec 20 PAGUE, ALAN L. CWO4 Aug 11/Jan 21 SANDLIN, JR., ROBERT E. CWO3 Jul 81/ Jan 21

# **SERGEANT MAJOR**

CAMPBELL, STEVE A. Feb 95/Jan 21 GUSMAN, GUADALUPE Oct 76/Dec 20 LEIJA, HECTOR S. Aug 99/Jan 21 LYNN, HAROLD J. Apr 04/Jan 21 MONTROY, LARRY A. Sep 87/Dec 20 SMITH, CHARLES F. Oct 97/Nov 20 THOMPSON, JR., JOHNNEY B. Nov 77/Dec 20



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# **MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT**

ALBRITTON, PERCY C. Jun 73/Jan 21 BASTA, JAMES A. May 76/Dec 20 BRUCE, CHARLES T. Feb 11/Nov 20 BURGESS, JAMES A. Jul 69/Jan 21 CARTER, JR., THOMAS H. Oct 88/Dec 20 COLASANTI, ROBERT J. May 91/Jan 21 DOYLE, ESTHER M. Oct 86/Jan 21 DUERDEN, ROBERT F. Feb 96/Jan 21 FRITTS, EDWARD C. Oct 99/Jan 21 HEDRICK, JR., CHARLES P. Aug 89/Dec 20 KITER, RICHARD C. Dec 71/Dec 20 KRUK, RONALD E. Jul 81/Dec 20 LANGDON, ROBERT R. Jun 90/Dec 20 LEGAN, HOWARD S. Jul 85/Jan 21 ODOM, WILLIAM F. Sep 79/Nov 20 PACHECO, JESUS C. Oct 85/Jan 21 SMITH, JACOB L. Nov 83/Dec 20 TOTH, JR., JOHN M. Jul 75/Aug 20

# **FIRST SERGEANT**

ANTHONY, LEWIS J. Apr 00/Dec 20 GLENN, CLIFFORD D. Apr 04/Jan-21 HALL, RICHARD G. Mar 95/Feb 21 HARPER, JOHN W. Dec 78/ Dec 20 PRINCE, HUGH C. Jan 72/Mar 20 ROBINSON, JR., GEORGE E. Aug 77/Jan 21 SHERIDAN, ROGER N. Jun 82/Jan 21 SMITH EBEN N. Jan 65/Jul 20 WALKIEWICZ, JR., FRANK G. Jun 85/Jan 21

# **MASTER SERGEANT**

BOSS, EUGENE H. May 94/Dec 20 BROY, JR., HERBERT P. Feb 79/Dec 20 BYLER, GARY W. Sep 91/Nov 20 CAGANICH, GEORGE J. Dec 61/Dec 18 CORBIN, KENNETH D. Dec 84/Feb 20 CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS A. Feb 71/Dec 20 DOWLING, JR., JOHN J. Nov 76/Nov 20 DRAKEFORD, GEORGE Apr 74/Oct 20 DUNCAN, JOHN A. Jul 72/Dec 20 FRYE, SAMUEL M. Sep 69/Jan 21 GIBSON, RICHARD H. Nov 97/Jan 21 GIRONE, JOSEPH May 64/Apr 19 GUSTAVE, JOHN N. Jul 69/Jan 21 JONES, AUBREY L. Aug 90/Jan 21 JONES, LYNN Sep 21/Dec 20 JUERSIVICH, JOHN P. May 84/Jan 21 LESTER, JAMES S. Oct 87/Dec 20 LEWIS, KENNETH Apr 98/ Nov 20 LINDBERG, CHARLES W. Dec 67/Jan 21 MACIAS, DANIEL C. Oct 87/Nov 20 MILLER, JR., HENRY C. Aug 05/Jan 21 POINDEXTER, ZEBEDEE E. Jun 92/Dec 20 REID, STEVEN F. Jul 80/Jan 21 ROMINSKI, JASON C. Aug 09/Dec 18 SNIPES, RICHARD E. Nov 96/Dec 20 STIEFEL, JR., WILLIAM M. Jan 78/Dec 20 STORMS, JERRY D. Aug 85/Jan 21 THORN, WILLIAM E. Dec 81/Dec 20 UNDERWOOD, ALVIN R. Jan 81/Jan 21 WILLIAMS, CODY D. Oct 97/Jan 21 WILLIAMS, ROBERT L. Oct 88/Jan 21 WILLIAMS, ROSE M. May 03/Dec 20



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# **GUNNERY SERGEANT**

ALLEN, CHARLES A. Oct 77/Dec 20 BAILEY, CARL A. Jun 75/Dec 20 BARTELS, KENNETH W. Jan 87/Sep 20 BECK, ELDON B. Aug 68/Dec 20 BESTWICK, MICHAEL H. Mar 73/Nov 20 BETTINCOURT, DAVID C. Dec 79/Dec 20 BINDER, ROBERT E. Jul 71/Oct 20 BONSER, W. E. Oct 68/Dec 20 BROTHERTON, LEWIS G. Sep 71/Dec 20 BRYAN, JOSEPH B. Dec 68/Dec 20 BULL, NORMAN K. Apr 76/Sep 20 CAVANAUGH, CRESCENT P. Oct 73/Jan 21 CHRISTIAN, ROBERT D. Jul 71/Nov 20 CLARK, HOWARD Jul 81/Dec 20 CRIVIER, MICHAEL J. Jan 98/Jan 21 DOZIER, ALVEN J. Jan 80/Dec 20 GOODMAN, CHARLES R. Sep 91/Jan 21 GRAY, JR., HOMER R. Nov 92/Jan 21 GUNSALUS, LUIS DE Jan 74/Dec 20 HADDOWGREEN, CHARLES F. Jun 82/Dec 20 HAYNES, JAFUS Jan 73/Sep 18 HEISEY, EDGAR A. Jun 77/Dec 20 JACKSON, BENNY L. Apr 86/Nov 20 JENKINS, KENNETH L. Oct 70/Jan 21 JOE, LEROY P. Dec 93/Dec 20 JOHNSON, LARRY G. Sep 78/Dec 20 JOHNSON, WAYNE P. Jun 87/Jan 21 JULIAN, HAROLD F. Oct 84/Dec 20 KLUGE, JR., FREDERICK W. Jul 97/Dec 20 KOLBET, DAVID W. May 99/Dec 20 LANZILLO, JOSEPH W. Aug 96/Dec 19 LEAL, JR., RAFAEL Dec 79/Dec 20 LINSALATO, JOHN L. Sep 93/Jan 21 MILLER, CURTIS L. Jun 86/Dec 20 MIRANDA, WILLIAM A. Mar 75/Jan 21 MOORE, DANNY P. Jul 89/Jan 21 NOTARO, THOMAS L. Jul65/Sep 20 O'CONNOR, PAUL M. Sep 02/Dec 20 RUFFIAN, WILLIAM C. Sep 72/Dec 20

# **GUNNERY SERGEANT** (continued)

ORKISH, JOHN M. May 75/Dec 20 POTTER, GEORGE A. Jul 71/Jan 20 REDEAUX, JAMES R. Sep 99/Jan 21 RICHWAY, Phillip J. Feb 90/May 20 SCHARF, DAVID E. Nov 14/Dec 20 SCHMITT, JR., JOHN T. Aug 76/Nov 20 SCOTT, JAMES M. Feb 99/Sep 20 SHIPLEY, DONALD R. Sep 81/Jan 21 STEFFEE, CLIFFORD E. Dec 68/Dec 20 STEWARD, LEWIS E. May 73/Dec 20 STEWART, NOAH May 72/Dec 20 SUTHERLAND, BUSTER F. May 76/Nov 20 TOCA, JR., ALDEN R. Aug 71/Nov 20 WATSON, WOODROW Dec 95/Jan 20 WAYNE, HARMON T. Aug 69/Jul 20 WREN, JR., JOHN W. Aug 82/Dec 20

# STAFF SERGEANT

BENJAMIN, STEPHEN A. Oct 89/Jan 21 BRITAIN, HAROLD L. Apr 75/Jan 21 BUENO, GENARO S. Dec 70/Dec 20 CASH, JOHN W. Mar 79/Nov 20 CHRISTIAN, MARLOW F. Oct 70/Jan 21 CULVER, JR., ASA E. Jul 65/Nov 20 DELAROSA, EDMUNDO Jan 82/Dec 20 FERA, ALEXIS M. Apr 89/Dec 20 KECKLEY, CARL H. May 75/Nov 20 LANE, RONALD W. Oct 94/Dec 19 MARTINEZ, JESUS Jul 73/Jan 21 MORTHLAND, DALE K. Mar 79/Nov 20 PETERS, FLETCHER A. Sep 95/Dec 20 PUGH, PETER T. Nov 89/Jan 21 SANDERS, FREDRICK R. Dec 69/Dec 20 SMITH, WILLIE A. Jul 93/Jan 21 WILSON, JAMES A. Jun 20/Jan 21



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# SERGEANT

ANDERSON, ROBERT E. Sep 92/Nov 20 BASILIO, ARMANDO C. Apr 60/Nov 20 BEATTY, JR., DONALD L. Jan 70/Nov 20 BRASHER, SCOTT M. Sep 06/Nov 20 BRITTON, SHERRILL P. Jan 70/Dec 20 DAULTON, GREGORY M. Jul 70/Nov 20 DAVENPORT, WILLIE C. Mar 68/Dec 20 ELLIOTT, JAMES E. Oct 68/Dec 20 GARRISON, THOMAS M. Mar 89/Dec 20 LOPEZ, MANUEL Feb 67/Dec 20 RHOADES, WILLIAM D. Dec 68/Jan 21 WHETSTONE, LESLEY Nov 81/Nov 20

# **CORPORAL**

ARMSTRONG, JR., JESSE E. May 55/Dec 20 BAIOCCHI, RICHARD Sep 53/Jan 21 BIFFINGER, WILLIAM B. Nov 68/Dec 20 BRADLEY, STEVEN J. Jul 13/Dec 20 CAMERON, BILLY R. Jan 69/Dec 20 CARROLL, RICHARD B. Jul 62/Sep 20 CRAIG, MICHAEL D. Jul 68/Dec 20 MARSHALL, EUGENE Feb 72/Dec 20 PARISHER, BOBBIE G. May 59/Jan 21

# LANCE CORPORAL

ANDRUS, THOMAS G. Aug 68/Dec 20 BRASKO, ROBERT N. May 80/Dec 20 DAVIS, COY L. Aug 70/Oct 20 DAVIS, GEORGE D. Feb 73/Nov 20 DOUTHIT, JR., CHAS E. May 67/Nov 20 LOCKRIDGE, HENRY V. Dec 70/Nov 20 MANNING, JR., ARTHUR J. Dec 57/Dec 20 MENEESE, ALONSO A. Nov 69/Dec 20 MUTCHLER, THEODORE A. Sep 69/Jan 21 PUGH, MICKEY Mar 55/Sep 20 SILLMAN, MILO H. Nov 53/Jan 21

# PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

ANTONGIORGIMILLAN, NOEL Dec 53/Nov 20 BURKART, ROBERT J. Sep 66/Dec 20 CAGLE, CHARLES H. Sep 69/Dec 20 DAYRINGER, THOMAS A. Aug 64/Nov 20

# 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:

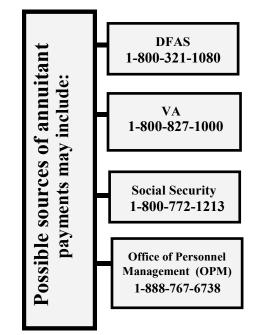
- 1. Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death and stop annuity pay.
- 2. Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant's death certificate to:

# 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
- Department of Veterans Affairs: 1-800-827-1000 (annuitants in receipt of Dependency) and Indemnity

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.

You may also report the death online at <a href="www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html">www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html</a>. Additional information from DFAS is available at <a href="www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html">www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html</a>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

https://www.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

Gold Star Wives of America: 1-888-751-6350, www.goldstarwives.org

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC. Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524

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

National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, www.nmfa.org

Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, <a href="www.militarywidows.org/">www.militarywidows.org/</a> home.aspx

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, www.taps.org

# SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO DO:

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





# Directory Assistance Pages

#### AMC PASSENGER TERMINAL:

http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/

# **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY:** (703) 607-8000

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

# **ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS:**

www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/

• Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany): (011-49) 8821-9440

• Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii): 1-800-367-6027

## ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES (GULFPORT):

Gulfport, MS: (228) 897-4418

https://www.afrh.gov/gulfport-residents

# ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES (WASHINGTON):

Washington, DC: (202) 541-7501

https://www.afrh.gov/washington-residents

## **AWARDS:**

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired on or before 31 December 1998 should submit their inquiry to:

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

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

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA) 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134 (703) 784-9342/9343 Fax: (703) 784-9866

#### BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS:

701 S. Courthouse Rd., Bldg. 12, Suite 1001 Arlington, VA 22204-2490 (703) 604-6884/6885; Fax: (703) 604-3437 www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.htm

## $\mathbf{C}$

# **CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY:**

https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater

#### **COLD WAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:**

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480, USAHRC

1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Ft. Knox, KY 40122-5408

Fax: 1-800-723-9262 or (502) 613-9510

https://www.hrc.army.mil

(Type "Cold War Certificate" in the search box)

# COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION: SECNAV CRSC Board

720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023 1-877-366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610

CRSC@navy.mil

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

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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:**

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

U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955, Fax: 1-800-469-6559

## **DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely Disabled:**

P.O. Box 998011; Cleveland, OH 44199-8011 (216) 522-6170

#### $\mathbf{E}$

**E-BENEFITS:** 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/

#### $\mathbf{M}$

**MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION:** 715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA22134 1-866-622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162 mca@mca-marines.org

Leatherneck Magazine

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

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

# **Directory Assistance Pages**

## MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON:

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

#### MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION:

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