Agent Orange was a tactical herbicide the U.S. military used to clear leaves and vegetation for military operations mainly during the Vietnam War. Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange may have certain related illnesses.

Blue Water Navy Veterans who served aboard ships in the open waters off the coast of Vietnam during the Vietnam War are now presumed to be exposed to Agent Orange.

Blue Water Navy - Nehmer vs. U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will readjudicate claims for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

This review is part of the Veterans Benefits Administration’s implementation of the November 5, 2020, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California decision to readjudicate previously denied claims as applied in Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will automatically have their claims readjudicated.

Readjudication means the VA will review the evidence of record and provide replacement decisions in the cases of Veterans who were previously denied service connection for one or more herbicide related conditions on the basis that military service was not performed on the landmass of the Republic of Vietnam or on its inland waterways. This review will also apply to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam era Veterans. VA is dedicated to ensuring all Veterans receive the benefits they have earned.

VA ensures that we have the proper resources in place to meet the needs of the Veteran community. Eligible survivors of deceased Veterans may also benefit from the policy and may be eligible for benefits based on the Veterans’ service.

Veterans who have a condition caused by herbicide exposure during military service can learn more about Agent Orange exposure at this website:  https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/.

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.

NOTE: The newsletter is posted online before it is mailed.

Semper Fidelis accepts unsolicited material for publication for regular columns such as Second Career and Reunions, but reserves the right to reject any unsolicited material deemed inappropriate or illegible for publication.

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.

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

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.
WHITE LETTER NO. 02-21

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All Commanding Generals
   All Commanding Officers
   All Officers in Charge
   All Senior Enlisted Leaders

Subj: MARINE CORPS RETIREES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5420.169K

1. This White Letter supersedes and cancels White Letter 4-06. In 1996, the 31st Commandant acknowledged the importance of retired Marines and the role they play as an integral part of our Total Force. Our retired community has made, and will continue to make, tremendous contributions to our country and Corps. Retired Marines represent our Corps in civic organizations, military service organizations, community programs, and assist in our recruiting efforts. Over 700 retired Marines have voluntarily served on active duty since 9/11, with many deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan and other foreign shores.

2. The Department of the Navy Retired Activities Program (RAP) provides a connecting file to retired Marines and their families. Four critical elements of the RAP are: the Navy and Marine Corps Retiree Council, with national geographic representation; Retiree Seminars/Retiree Appreciation Days at most bases and stations; Retired Activities Offices (RAOs)/Retired Liaison Officers (RLOs); and the Semper Fidelis and Shift Colors newsletters for retired Marines and Sailors, respectively.

3. RAOs/RLOs provide a particularly important link to retirees living in proximity to our bases and stations. RAOs are staffed, in most cases, by volunteer retirees and MCCS employees who render assistance and guidance in accessing important programs, benefits and entitlements.

4. I charge our installation commanders to review your retiree program and, if warranted, breathe new life into it. If external support is needed, the Retired Services and Pay Section in the Separation and Retirement Branch at HQMC (MMSR-6) are the subject matter experts and stand ready to assist with any retired issue.

David H. Berger
New, Helpful DFAS Status Notifications Start this Year

DFAS Cleveland - DFAS is excited to announce one of the latest improvements for retirees and their SBP annuitants. Over the coming year, DFAS is rolling out the use of status notifications to keep you in the loop as forms or documents you submit move through the retired pay or annuitant pay processing cycles.

How Do Status Notifications Work?

Status notifications are a three-step process that will update you when DFAS receives forms or documents for processing from you by mail or fax (or in some specific cases, through AskDFAS). You will receive separate status notifications when your form or document is:

1. Received and queued in the DFAS work system
2. Assigned to be worked
3. Completed - Either a notification the processing is complete or a notification that DFAS is sending you a request for additional information.

What is the Benefit of a Status Notification?

The implementation of these status notifications will give you peace of mind that DFAS received your form or request. Status notifications will also provide you with the timeframe when DFAS completed your request or notify you if additional information is required. If DFAS does need additional information, you will know to watch for mail from DFAS, with specific information about what DFAS needs to complete your request.

What You Need to Do to Receive Status Notifications from DFAS

To be eligible to receive these status notifications, please ensure your email address is available and updated in myPay. You will receive the notification via SmartDoc email, so you must have a valid email address in myPay. To add or ensure your email address is up-to-date, please visit https://mypay.dfas.mil/.

When Will Status Notifications Begin?

The first rollout of status notifications involved submissions related to the Survivor Benefit Plan, including the DD Form 2656-6 for SBP changes and the DD Form 2656-7 SBP annuity startup form as well as School Certifications, the Direct Deposit Form-SF 1199, and change of address requests. These were followed by requests related to federal tax changes (for retirees or annuitants), state tax changes (for retirees) and the designation of beneficiary for Arrears of Pay (AOP). Status notifications for additional categories of requests will be added throughout the coming year.

Watch for more information on status notifications and other improvements from DFAS in upcoming issues of Semper Fidelis and on the DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay website: https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.
WASHINGTON – 27 April 2021-Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas announced the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending the REAL ID full enforcement date by 19 months, from October 1, 2021 to May 3, 2023, due to circumstances resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has significantly impacted states’ ability to issue REAL ID-compliant driver’s licenses and identification cards, with many driver’s licensing agencies still operating at limited capacity. DHS will publish an interim final rule in the coming days to effectuate this enforcement date change.

“Protecting the health, safety, and security of our communities is our top priority,” said Secretary Mayorkas. “As our country continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the REAL ID full enforcement deadline will give states needed time to reopen their driver’s licensing operations and ensure their residents can obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card.”

Beginning May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver’s license, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel.

All 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and four of five U.S. territories covered by the REAL ID Act and related regulations are now compliant with REAL ID security standards and are issuing REAL ID compliant driver’s licenses and identification cards. However, many state licensing agencies have extended the deadline for renewing expiring licenses due to a widespread shift to appointment-only scheduling protocols during the pandemic that has significantly limited states’ capacity to issue REAL ID-compliant driver’s licenses and identification cards. As a result, only 43 percent of all state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards are currently REAL ID-compliant. DHS and various states also need time to implement requirements mandated by the REAL ID Modernization Act, including changes that will streamline processing by allowing the electronic submission of certain documents. DHS continues to work closely with all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories to implement REAL ID Act requirements. For more information on REAL ID visit www.dhs.gov/real-id.

**Next Generation Uniformed Services ID Card**

The Department of Defense is transitioning from its current paper-based Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card to a more secure, next generation USID card. The Next Generation USID card will incorporate an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud, and will be printed on a plastic cardstock. Initial issuance of the Next Generation USID card began on July 31, 2020 at select DoD ID card facilities. USID cards are issued to retired and reserve members, dependent family members of Uniformed Services members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy to facilitate access to benefits, privileges, and DoD bases. The Next Generation USID card does not change the populations who are eligible to receive the current card.

Currently-issued USID cards remain valid through their expiration date. In an effort to limit the impact on ID card issuance facilities, cards will not be reissued solely for the purpose of obtaining the Next Generation USID card. Since sites are currently operating under constrained conditions as a result of COVID-19 to keep both cardholders and operators safe, individuals with an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date on their current USID card should wait until summer 2021 to have their Next Generation USID card issued.

The complete transition to the new ID card is targeted for January 2026. Contact your nearest ID card facility or use ID Card Office Online, a site locator and appointment scheduler, at the link below:

Following the release of a recent Department of Defense (DoD) directive, the Navy Exchange (NEX) and Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) will open their doors to active DoD civilians in the United States, U.S. territories and possessions on May 1, 2021. The expansion to new authorized shoppers is expected to increase the contribution to quality of life programs and greatly benefit the entire military community. In order to shop at a NEX or MCX on May 1, a customer will simply need to present a valid civilian Common Access Card (CAC) at the point of sale or at the door, where applicable. A DoD or Coast Guard civilian employee who has not been issued a CAC may shop at the military resale activity on the installation where they are employed by presenting an official proof of employment document dated within 12 months, and a valid government photo identification card.

The DoD directive, dated April 12, extends in-store shopping access to active DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees at all military resale activities. Additionally, the directive grants military exchange online access to active and retired DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees by mid-October 2021. In September 2020, NEX and MCX transitioned to a unified online e-commerce portal for their joint patrons.

“The mission of the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) is as true today as it was when we were first established in 1946, to provide quality goods and services at a savings and to support Navy quality of life programs,” said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, CEO, NEXCOM. “This new authorized shopper expansion will help strengthen the support given to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, directly benefitting the fleet and family in sustaining a ready and resilient force.”

“Our civilian Marines are an integral part of our ability to support mission and keep our Marines and families fueled, prepped and supplied. This has never been demonstrated better than during the pandemic. The expansion of this benefit affords us the ability to also keep our civilian Marine support fueled, prepped and supplied as they work and interact daily on our bases and stations,” said Cindy Whitman Lacy, CEO of the Marine Corps’ Business and Support Services Division. “Enabling readiness is at the core of what we do. This new authorized shopper expansion to these civil servants who directly support services mission every day will also allow us to generate more dividends to support Marines, Sailors and Families.”

For those DoD or Coast Guard civilian employees who have not been issued a CAC, they may shop at military resale activity on the installation where they are employed with a valid government identification and official proof of employment document dated within the year. Acceptable proof of employment documents include Letter of Employment, SF-50, Personnel Action Report (Commander Navy Installations Command NAF), DA3434 (Army NAF), AF2454 (Air Force NAF), NAF-MCCS 500 (Marine Corps NAF), NX-129 (Navy Exchange Service Command NAF), or Exchange Form 1200-100 (Army and Air Force Exchange Service NAF). All of the new authorized civilian shoppers are restricted from purchasing alcohol offered in the package store, tobacco, and uniform items.

The new directive allows DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees in the United States and locally hired in the U.S. territories and possessions to shop in military exchange stores. While access for locally-hired DoD civilian employees in foreign countries is still limited by host nation laws and international agreements, those DoD civilian employees will be authorized to shop at military exchanges in the United States and the U.S. territories and possessions when they are traveling.

Online exchange access is expected to be available by mid-October for active and retired DoD and Coast Guard civilian employees with a U.S. mailing address, including territories and possessions and APO and FPO addresses. The online exchanges cannot ship to local addresses in foreign countries. Online access to the NEX and MCX availability dates will be posted on MyNavyExchange.com once online verification of eligibility is enabled.
Will you be turning age 65 this year? You’re on your way to an important milestone in your life. You’re also a step closer to becoming eligible for Medicare and TRICARE For Life (TFL). Once you have Medicare Part A and Part B, you’ll automatically have TFL. Of course, if you have family members—like a younger spouse or children - enrolled in a TRICARE plan, you may be wondering if your TFL eligibility may impact their coverage.

“One of the key things to know about TFL is that it’s an individual entitlement,” said Anne Breslin, TRICARE For Life program manager at the Defense Health Agency. “This means coverage is only for the beneficiary who is eligible for Medicare and TRICARE. Therefore, family members who aren’t eligible for Medicare remain eligible for TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select.”

Here’s a look at what you need to know about TFL and what happens to your family’s TRICARE coverage once you become eligible for TFL benefits.

**Who qualifies for TFL?**

First, it’s important to understand how TFL works with Medicare and who’s eligible for it. TFL is Medicare-wraparound coverage. This means that Medicare pays first for health care services covered by both Medicare and TRICARE. TFL then pays the remaining amount. When you get care that’s covered only by TFL (for example, TRICARE covered services received overseas), TRICARE processes your claim as the primary payer.

To be eligible for TFL, your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, record must reflect your eligibility for TRICARE and your entitlement to Medicare Part A and Part B. You may be eligible for Medicare if you’re:

- Age 65 or older
- Under age 65 with certain disabilities
  - (If you have Medicare due to a disability, you can continue your TRICARE Prime enrollment [if you qualify]. If you do, your Prime enrollment fees are waived. You can also get a refund for any Prime enrollment fees that you paid. Check with your regional contractor for details.)
- Any age with end-stage renal disease or,
  - Lou Gehrig's disease or,
  - Mesothelioma.

You’ll need to sign up for Medicare a few months before the month you turn age 65. As stated in the *TRICARE and Medicare Turning Age 65 Brochure*, “Your birth date determines when you become entitled to Medicare and when you should sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B.”

Does your birthday fall on the first day of the month? If so, you become eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month before you turn age 65. You should sign up for Medicare between two and four months before you turn age 65.
If your birthday falls after the first day of the month, you become eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month you turn age 65. Sign up for Medicare between one and three months before the month you turn age 65.

**Now, what happens to my family’s coverage once I have TFL?**

Nothing. The good news is your family’s existing TRICARE coverage doesn’t change. Your spouse can remain in his or her TRICARE plan. And if you have children, they remain in their current plan until they change plans or lose TRICARE eligibility.

Medicare and TFL are individual entitlements. However, becoming eligible for Medicare is one of many TRICARE Qualifying Life Events (QLEs) that apply to your family members. A QLE opens a 90-day period for you and your family to make eligible enrollment changes outside of TRICARE Open Season. For example, if your spouse wanted to switch from TRICARE Prime to TRICARE Select, this is the time to do so. You can learn more about QLEs in the TRICARE Qualifying Life Events Fact Sheet.

Keep in mind, there aren’t any enrollment forms or fees for TFL coverage. But you must pay Medicare Part B premiums to remain eligible for TFL. If you and your spouse had enrollment fees for your TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage, your spouse’s enrollment fee will be reduced when you have TFL.

“Your spouse’s enrollment fee changes from the family rate to the individual rate once you have TFL,” said Breslin. “However, if you and your spouse have one or more children who are also enrolled in a TRICARE plan, the enrollment fee stays at the family rate.”

When retired service members and their families become eligible for TRICARE For Life, typically at age 65, they are no longer able to enroll in TRICARE Prime.

Do you have questions about enrollment fees? You can check out the TRICARE Compare Cost Tool or contact your TRICARE contractor to learn more.

As you or a family member becomes eligible for Medicare and TFL, it’s important you know how TFL works. The TRICARE For Life Handbook, TRICARE and Medicare Turning Age 65 Brochure, and TRICARE and Medicare Under Age 65 Brochure are useful resources to help you learn more about eligibility, costs, what’s covered, and more.

Publications are available online at: [https://www.tricare.mil/Publications](https://www.tricare.mil/Publications)

Is TRICARE For Life Right for You?

TRICARE For Life is the plan for you if:

- You're eligible for TRICARE
- You have both Medicare Part A and B

Coverage is available worldwide and you can see any provider you want. However, you'll pay more if you get care from Veteran's Administration providers or providers who opt-out of Medicare, because they're not allowed to bill Medicare.
The 2021 Marine Barracks Washington Parade Season is here!

The Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., starts at 8:45 p.m. Gates are open from 7 to 8 p.m. The ceremony, held every Friday evening during the summer, has become a universal symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and Esprit de Corps of the United States Marines.

Parade reservations for the evening parade are under a limited capacity restriction. Due to updated guidance from the DoD and CDC, masks are no longer required for guests who have been fully vaccinated. Marine Barracks Washington requires individuals who are not fully vaccinated (2 weeks following the final dose) to wear a mask and maintain 6 ft. distance from personnel that are not from the same domicile family. Persons displaying any of the following symptoms are asked to not attend the parade: nausea, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea.

May 21, 2021 - Captain Ryan Davis, protocol officer, left, and Colonel Teague A. Pastel, right, render a salute during the Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington.

The guest of honor for the evening was Her Excellency Karen E. Pierce, DCMG British Ambassador to the United States, and the hosting official for the evening was Lieutenant General Lewis A. Craparotta, commanding general, Training and Education Command. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Jason Kolela)

**75th Anniversary 2021 SHOW SCHEDULE**

February 26, 2021 - El Centro, CA. The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, diamond pilots perform the low break cross maneuver during a training flight.

(U.S. Navy photo by MCS 2nd Class Christopher Gordon)

### JUNE
- 19 · 20 | Niagara Falls, NY
- 26 · 27 | Duluth, MN

### JULY
- 3 · 4 | New Century, KS
- 10 | Pensacola Beach, FL
- 24 · 25 | Fargo, ND
- 31 | Eielson AFB, AK

### AUGUST
- 1 | Eielson AFB, AK
- 14 · 15 | Owensboro, KY
- 21 · 22 | Chicago, IL
- 28 · 29 | London, Ontario, Canada

### SEPTEMBER
- 18 · 19 | NAS Oceana, VA

### OCTOBER
- 2 · 3 | Huntington Beach, CA
- 9 · 10 | San Francisco, CA
- 16 · 17 | Loveland, CO
- 23 · 24 | Fort Worth, TX

### NOVEMBER
- 5 · 6 | NAS Pensacola, FL

The Blue Angels Show and Practice Schedules are subject to change without notice.

Demonstration sites are selected in support of Department of Defense objectives and in the interest of the armed services, with safety as the primary consideration. Performances greatly assist in recruiting and retention goals for the military services, enhance esprit de corps among uniformed men and women, and demonstrate the professional skills and capabilities of the naval services to the American public and U.S. allies.

The mission of the Blue Angels is to showcase the precision and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country through flight demonstrations and community outreach. Since 1946, the Blue Angels have performed for more than 500 million fans.

For more information about the Blue Angels, including the 2021 and 2022 air show schedules, visit [http://www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).
United States Environmental Protection Agency

Regulation of Skin-Applied Repellents

Before they can be marketed, most skin-applied repellents must be registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA registration of skin-applied repellent products indicates that they have been evaluated and approved for human safety and effectiveness when applied according to instructions on the label. EPA’s evaluation includes assuring that the product does not pose risks to vulnerable populations, including children and pregnant women. You will see an EPA Registration Number on the product label (for example, 123456-1) of any EPA-registered product. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the use of products containing EPA-registered active ingredients.

Unregistered Products

Some insect repellent products for sale in the United States do not currently require EPA registration. In the 1990s, EPA evaluated the active ingredients in these unregistered products for safety. They determined that the active ingredients posed minimal risk to human health in the percentages found in products on the market. Based on this minimal risk determination, EPA decided that products made from these ingredients should be exempt from registration. Note that products made from these ingredients have not been evaluated for effectiveness.

Examples of ingredients used in unregistered repellents are:

- Citronella oil
- Cedar oil
- Geranium oil
- Peppermint and peppermint oil
- Soybean oil

Illegal Products

Be aware that there are illegal products in the market that do not qualify for the exemption, nor are they registered. Repellents that do not bear an EPA registration number have not been evaluated by EPA, and EPA cannot advise consumers about the effectiveness of these products. If you find products without an EPA registration number and want to see if they might qualify as products that don’t require registration, check the minimum risk pesticide website, https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/conditions-minimum-risk-pesticides, to see the criteria for such products. However, be aware that it is not simple to determine the status of products in many cases.

Tips for Everyone

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent as directed.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years old.
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.

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Experience camaraderie and esprit de corps at a Retiree Appreciation Day.
To view these events and others visit: [http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html](http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html).

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Online Security and Safety

How do you know if you are at an official website of the United States government?

**Official websites use .gov as their extension.**

A .gov website belongs to an official government organization in the United States.

A lock (🔒) or https:// means you’ve safely connected to the .gov website.

Share sensitive information only on official, secure websites.

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Do you have a question?

**Contact: USA.gov**

Ask a real person any government-related question for free. They'll get you the answer or let you know where to find it. They provide addresses, phone numbers, and web sites of government offices.

**Call 1-844-USAGOV1**

(1-844-872-4681)

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**ATTENTION: Changing your withholding tax via myPay**

Using the myPay application (https://mypay.dfas.mil/#!/), retirees can verify or update their IRS Form W-4 (Employee’s Withholding Certificate) to ensure sufficient federal income tax is withheld from their pay.

If you need to change your federal withholding, you can do it easily in myPay. Or you can fill out and fax or mail an IRS Form W-4 if you are a military retiree, or an IRS Form W-4P if you are an SBP annuitant. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published Form W-4, Employee’s Withholding Certificate, for the 2021 tax year. Be sure to use the 2021 version when submitting changes to your federal tax withholding. The forms are available at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf or at DFAS forms page https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/forms/.

**Note:** Updating this information is not required for current military retirees. DFAS customer service representatives cannot provide tax advice or recommendations on withholding.
## USMC REUNIONS

### ORGANIZATION/POC | DATE | PHONE | EMAIL/WEB
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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 USMC (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  
ed66451@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 Completion Program (MADCOP)  
Pensacola Jr. College  
Capt Tom Mulloy, USMC (Ret.) | 18-19 Sep 2021  
Pensacola, FL | (703) 550-4044 | PJCMADCOP@yahoo.com
Marine Air Traffic Control Assoc.  
LtCol Steve Harris USMC (Ret.) | 19-26 Sep 2021  
San Antonio, TX | (509) 499-8137 | 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, USMC (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
26th Marine Assoc. Annual Reunion  
26’ers of all times: Iwo Jima to current  
(Regiment, MEU, and SupUnits)  
Sonny Hollub | 30 Sep - 4 Oct 2021  
San Diego, CA | (512) 825-4730 | www.26thMarines.com  
sonneusmc@gmail.com
ANGLICO Assoc. Biennial reunion: open to all eras, former, attached and present  
ANGLICO personnel  
SgtMaj Reginald Owens, USMC (Ret.) | 7-10 Oct 2021  
San Diego, CA | (760) 212-1520 | owens.reginald33@gmail.com
TBS Class 3-72 Charlie Co  
50th Reunion  
Col Joseph N. Mueller, USMCR (Ret.) | Oct 2021  
Quantico, VA | | jnm21213@yahoo.com

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(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.usme-mccs.org/reunion/) for information on how to organize your reunion and lists of upcoming events.

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## USMC REUNIONS

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<td>TBS Class 6 - 70 Fox Co 50th Col Tom Kanasky, Jr. USMCR (Ret.)</td>
<td>21-24 Oct 2021</td>
<td>(203) 366-3156</td>
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<td>(510) 333-3165</td>
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<td>USMC A4 Skyhawkers Mark Williams</td>
<td>21-24 Oct 2021</td>
<td>(425) 327-6050</td>
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<td>38/39th OCC - Basic Class 8199 3-66 &amp; 4-66 Walt Flynn Lonnie Myers</td>
<td>25-29 Oct 2021</td>
<td>(617) 974-8199</td>
<td><a href="mailto:myersl@eou.edu">myersl@eou.edu</a></td>
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<td>2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Afghanistan (2009-2010) 10-Year Reunion</td>
<td>13-15 May 2022</td>
<td>(760) 623-5918</td>
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<td>USMC WX Service Reunion Kathy Donham Dave Englert</td>
<td>19-24 Jun 2022</td>
<td>(252) 342-8459</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kathy.donham@hotmail.com">kathy.donham@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Jun 2022 Planning</td>
<td>(949) 644-8229</td>
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<td>Jun-Jul 2022 Planning stages</td>
<td>(619) 417-4306</td>
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<td>TBS Class 4-73 Delta Co 50th Reunion Col Bill Anderson USMCR (Ret.)</td>
<td>2023 Planning stages</td>
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COLONEL
GLOWICKI, WALTER F. Sep 76/Jan 21
RILLING, GEORGE A. Jun 88/Jan 21
SHOUP, JOHN D. Jul 82/Jan 21
TINLING, JEROME B. Sep 88/Feb 21
WARREN, ROBERT F. Sep 69/Feb 21

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ABAJIAN, MICHAEL C. Aug 88/Mar 21
CORLEY, JR., WILLIAM B. Aug 93/Jan 21
EVANS, DONNIE C. Jul 84/Jan 21
GAMBLE, WILLIAM N. Jun 92/Feb 21
KAENZIG, WILLIAM W. Jun 68/Jan 21
KINNEY, RICHARD D. Jul 94/Feb 21
SGAMBELLURI, ADOLFO P. Jun 80/Feb 21

MAJOR
BRIGHT, ROBERT C. Jul 77/ Feb 21
CARROLL, CHARLES W. Nov 64/Feb 21
DUKE, WILLIAM E. Jul 76/Feb 21
HITCHCOCK, GENE R. Oct 71/ Feb 21
LOWE, JR., JAMES W. Jul 80/Mar 21
LYTLE, JOHN T. Aug 97/ Mar 21
RHODES, JAMES C. Sep 69/Jan 21

FIRST LIEUTENANT
ANDERSON, ROBERT A. Jun 69/Feb 21

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
DEBNAR, ALBERT A. CWO2 Nov 70/Jan 21
SIMCOX, CLARKE J. CWO4 Jul 74/Feb 21

SERGEANT MAJOR
ATHEY, JR., ALVIN S. Oct 02/Mar 21
BECKERMeyer, JR., JOHN R. Dec 08/Feb 21
DAY, FRANK H. Aug 73/Feb 21
HAYES, GERALD O. Oct 86/Jan 21

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT
CARLSON, JOHN C. Jun 00/Feb 21
DRUMMOND, ERIC A. May 11/Jan 21
GOMILLION, HARVEY L. Jul 20/Mar 21
REDDAN, WILLIAM F. Apr 20/Jan 21
TONDREAU, EMILE A. Jul 96/Feb 21
WHITE, JOSEPH C. Sep 20/Feb 21
WIGGINS, EDWIN D. Feb 93/Feb 21

FIRST SERGEANT
BURTON, JR., CHARLES K. Oct 81/Jul 19
KELLY, LEWIS S. Jun 72/ Feb 21
RAWSON, STANLEY A. Mar 82/Feb 21
SANDLER, LESTER Jun 66/Jan 21

MASTER SERGEANT
BARTLETT, GARY R. Oct 80/Feb 21
BORROWMAN, CARL E. Mar 12/Mar 21
BROOKS, JOSEPH Nov 67/Feb 21
NELSON, REGINALD D. Sep 80/Jan 21
PALMIERI, JACK T. Nov 95/May 21
PENAFLOR, RICHARD G. Nov 85/Mar 21
SMITH, WILLIAM E. May 67/Jan 21
VANCE, THOMAS E. Jun 68/Feb 21
VOLL, ALAN E. Jul 07/Dec 20
WALKER, DANNY G. Oct 92/Mar 21
WALKER, JAMES S. Jun 04/ Feb 21
WALLS, ANDREW P. Jul 68/Feb 21
WALTON, GROVER W. Sep 75/Mar 21
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GUNNERY SERGEANT
ABBOTT, DAVID G. Jun 76/Feb 21
BREWSTER, WILLIAM L. Apr 75/Mar 21
DOUTHETT, RONALD L. Jan 75/Jan 21
HALL, RICHARD M. Feb 68/Mar 21
HULL, JR., RICHARD A. Oct 04/Jan 21
KUBIK, DONALD E. Sep 75/Feb 21
MANDL, LOUIS L. Jul 75/Jan 21
ROWE, GARY E. Sep 95/Mar 21
THRWEATT, JOHN L. Aug 71/Jan 21
WHISENHUNT, LEWIS A. Feb 80/Oct 20

STAFF SERGEANT
OZMUN, JR., ROY R. Oct 98/Jan 21
REYNA, NICHOLAS S. Jan 02/ Feb 21
WHALEY, JAMES F. Feb 68/ Feb 21

SERGEANT
KIRKWOOD, JOHN S. Dec 68/ Mar 21
LEBLANC, ROBERT L. Dec 69/ Mar 21
SCHULDT, WILLIAM W. Mar 69/ Jan 21

CORPORAL
CARR, THOMAS J. Oct 70/ Jan 21
TIPTON, REX D. Dec 59/ Feb 21

LANCER CORPORAL
FLINT, WALTER W. Oct 53/ Feb 21
PARKER, RICHARD L. Nov 76/ Dec 20
SZYARTO, JOSEPH A. Dec 68/ Mar 21

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
CABEY, JR., ALFRED A. May 54/ Feb 21
FINNEY, JR., STANFORD Jul 71/ Feb 21
ROSS, CHARLES R. May 63/ Feb 21
SIMMONS, KENT D. May 59/ Jan 21

PRIVATE
JUGON, ROBERT F. Oct 59/ Jan 21

ID Card Notice
Effective immediately: In an ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on identification (ID) card site operations, DoD policy extends the USID card expiration date.

- USID card extensions are based upon personnel categories. Personnel categories other than retiree and retiree dependents will have different extension expirations.
- The USMC retiree and retiree dependents ID cards with an expiration date between January 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021, are extended until January 31, 2022.
- USID cards with an expiration date after July 31, 2021, must be replaced prior to the expiration date and are not covered under this extension policy.
- USID cards with extended expiration dates must be replaced prior to the end date of the approved extension date.

Visit the DoD Response to COVID-19 - DoD ID Cards and Benefits website (https://www.cac.mil/Coronavirus/) to learn more about the USID card extension policy.

Do not wait until your ID card nears the extended expiration date for renewal. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment at your nearest ID card facility. Please contact the ID Office to determine if walk-ins are accepted.

To schedule an appointment to have an ID card reissued, visit the ID Card Office Online website (https://idco.dmde.osd.mil/idco/), and select the ID Card Office Locator & Appointments option.
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

Possible sources of annuitant payments may include:

- DFAS 1-800-321-1080
- VA 1-800-827-1000
- Social Security 1-800-772-1213
- 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.

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

   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 or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the sites closest to you.

5. NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION at 1-800-SSA-1213 (www.ssa.gov) to apply for the $255 death benefit, if applicable.

6. CONTACT THE VA at 1-800-827-1000 FOR BURIAL AND OTHER VA BENEFITS, such as VA disability payments. A copy of the sponsor’s DD 214 is required. Visit 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](http://www.nmcrs.org)


Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, [www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx](http://www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx)

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, [www.taps.org](http://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):
  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

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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

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

E

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

F

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/

M

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION:
715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134
1-866-622-1775, ext. 100; Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

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

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

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<td>3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115</td>
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