The passing of Hershel "Woody" Williams at age 98 marks not just the death of a hero, but the end of a line of heroes of the Greatest Generation.

Williams was the last surviving World War II recipient of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor. The son of dairy farmers from Quiet Dell, West Virginia, Williams received the medal for his heroic actions in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

He said later that, when asked where bravery comes from, he was never able to answer the question satisfactorily. "I feel that our upbringing had some influence on our bravery because we were taught in the Depression years, if you didn't have it, you had to make it," Williams said. "And the only way you could make it was to work at it. Our upbringing gave us the confidence that developed into bravery."

Williams was discharged in 1945, but stayed in the Marine Corps Reserve until his retirement. He continued to serve through his foundation, the Woody Williams Foundation, which honors families who have lost a loved one in service to their country. In 2020, the Navy commissioned the expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams in his honor.

"May all those who serve aboard this ship that will bear my name be safe and be proud," Williams said at the commissioning. "And may she have God's blessings for a long life of service to the greatest country on earth."
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.

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If you, or someone you know needs help, support is available 24/7. Service members and their families can call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647, or chat at militaryonesource.mil.

Service members, veterans, and their loved ones can also call the Military and Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat at veteranscrisistline.net, or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.
New from DFAS: Helpful Customer Information Guides for Retirees and Annuitants
By DFAS Cleveland 26 April 2022

DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay is working hard to provide better communication and helpful tools to make managing your retired pay or SBP annuity pay easier. Our new Retiree Customer Information Guide and Annuitant Customer Information Guide outline the tools we developed to simplify finding basic information about your pay or submitting a request for a change to your account.

The Customer Information Guides are available to download in a PDF from the Retired Military & Annuitants homepage: https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary
The new guides explain how to use many of our time-saving tools, including Form Wizards, Online Upload Tools, Status Notifications, and our website.

Form Wizards
We currently have several Form Wizards available and are working on more. The Form Wizards “take the form out of the form” by walking you through the information needed to help ensure that all necessary fields are completed properly.
The Form Wizards also have a helpful link to submit the form through an askDFAS online upload tool. Plus, some offer the option of signing electronically.

askDFAS Online Upload Tools
Many forms or requests can be submitted online via the DFAS.mil website using the askDFAS online upload tools. The new askDFAS submission tools were established to improve the way requests are submitted and eliminate the time sending requests through mail or fax.
Upload your form in a PDF directly from your home computer. Just fill in the information requested on the askDFAS online upload tool page and upload the form you want to submit in a PDF.

askDFAS Online Forms
Send DFAS information or a request via one of our AskDFAS online forms:
Retirees and annuitants can get 1099-Rs sent to their mailing address on record or to a one-time, temporary mailing address by submitting the request online on askDFAS.

Use our convenient online form to report the death of a military retiree.

askDFAS FAQs
Read helpful questions and answers about retired pay or SBP annuitant pay, or submit a question of your own. Please note, these are general questions and answers, not those specific to an individual situation.

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Email Status Notifications
Email Status Notifications are underway! We are starting to send status notifications with progress updates on your requests.

We send you updates when:
1. When we receive your request.
2. When your request has been assigned for processing.
3. When the request has been completed.

There are two ways to receive notifications:
1. If you send a form to us using one of the askDFAS Online Upload Tools, we send updates to you using the email address you provide on the upload tool.
2. If you send a form or request to us using fax or mail, we send updates to you using the email address registered in your myPay account. You can review and update your email address in myPay at any time.

myPay
https://mypay.dfas.mil

The fastest and most secure way to manage your retired pay or SBP pay account is through myPay. myPay is available using the internet from your computer or your mobile device browser. myPay provides convenient access to a range of information about your payments, and lets you easily update your contact information or your tax withholding, check your SBP coverage and your AOP beneficiary (retirees), submit your annual certification (annuitants), or download your tax documents. Retirees and annuitants can log in to myPay, and print a 1099-R from the comfort of their home. Also, when you have an email address in myPay, you can receive important email messages from DFAS about your pay account and information from your Branch of Service.

Get Your Customer Information Guide:
https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary

The links below provide information to Marines who have separated and need support from the DFAS TSP team. These links provide a secure method to share your Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and supporting documents to get your TSP accounts updated. You will be provided a case number and receive email updates on the status of your case until completion.

Marine TSP Contribution Inquiry or Address Update:

Marine Request for Separation Date sent to TSP
May 13, 2022 - Marine Barracks Washington
 Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon execute their “long line” sequence during a Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. The hosting official was General Eric Smith, the 36th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the guests of honor were General Thomas R. Morgan (Ret.), 21st Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Walter E. Boomer (Ret.), 24th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Terrence Dake (Ret.), 27th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Magnus (Ret.), 30th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John M. Paxton Jr (Ret.), 33rd Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Mark Morales)

Friday Evening Parade Schedule
To reserve tickets for the Friday Evening Parade, select your desired date below to be directed to the reservation website. Reservations are not required to attend the Sunset Parades.

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United States Navy Blue Angels
2022 Air Show Schedule

For information about individual air shows, please go to each air show's official website. For more information about the Blue Angels, including the 2022 air show schedule, visit http://www.blueangels.navy.mil.


For more photos and video from Navy Blue Angels, visit www.DVIDSHUB.net/NFDS.

July
16-17 Ypsilanti, MI
23-24 Milwaukee, WI
30-31 Dayton, OH

August
06-07 Seattle, WA
13-14 MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI
20-21 McMinnville, OR
27-28 OFF WEEKEND

September
03-04 Cleveland, OH
10-11 Knoxville, TN
17-18 NAS Oceana, VA
24-25 MCAS Miramar, CA

October
01-02 Minden, NV
08-09 San Francisco, CA
15-16 OFF WEEKEND
22-23 NAS Jacksonville, FL
29-30 Houston, TX

November
05-06 Peachtree City, GA
11-12 NAS Pensacola, FL

Greetings to all.

My time here at the Separation & Retirement Branch has come to an end. I now claim the title of USMC civilian retiree. I look forward to future days and the changes that are coming. It was both a privilege and an honor to work with America’s finest men and women.

Warmest regards.

Ethel M. McMullen
Writer & Editor, Semper Fidelis Newsletter
Preparing for a Tornado

- Know your area’s tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.

- Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar like a freight train.

- Sign up for your community’s warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and NOAA Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.

- Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.

- Identify and practice going to a safe shelter such as a safe room built using FEMA criteria or a storm shelter built to ICC 500 standards. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room or basement on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

- Plan for your pet. They are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family’s emergency plan.

- Prepare for long-term stay at home or sheltering in place by gathering emergency supplies, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods, water, medical supplies and medication.

- Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.

- Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

- Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle if you are in a car. If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

- Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, and local authorities for updated information.

- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.

- Contact your healthcare provider if you are sick and need medical attention. Wait for further care instructions and continue to shelter in place.

- Wear appropriate gear during clean-up such as thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

Save your phone calls for emergencies and use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.
How to Display The American Flag

The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people. When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.

The flag shouldn’t be flown in inclement weather unless it’s an all-weather flag.

Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.

In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.

Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area. If the flag is damaged or worn out, it should be disposed of with dignity.

The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.

Source: United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1—The Flag Dignity.

When displaying the flag...

From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.

Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.

On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.

With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.

Flag Flying Days

JANUARY
New Year’s Day - January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - 3rd Monday in January

FEBRUARY
Lincoln’s Birthday - February 12th
President’s Day - 3rd Monday in February
Washington’s Birthday - February 22nd

MARCH and APRIL
Easter Sunday - Variable
Patriots Day - 3rd Monday in April

MAY
V-E Day - May 8th
Peace Officers Day - May 15th
Mother’s Day - 2nd Sunday in May
Armed Forces Day - 3rd Saturday in May
Memorial Day - Last Monday in May

JUNE
Flag Day - June 14th
Father’s Day - 3rd Sunday in June

JULY
Independence Day - July 4th

AUGUST
Purple Heart Day - August 7th
V-J Day - August 14th
National Aviation Day - August 19th

SEPTEMBER
Labor Day - 1st Monday in September
Patriot Day - September 11th Half Staff
Constitution Day - September 17th

OCTOBER
Columbus Day - 2nd Monday in October
Navy Day - October 27th

NOVEMBER
Election Day - 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday
Veterans Day - November 11th
Thanksgiving Day - 4th Thursday in November

DECEMBER
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - December 7th
Christmas Day - December 25th
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CONSIDER INCLUDING THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE PROGRAM (FEDVIP) IN YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN TODAY

FEDVIP is a voluntary, enrollee-pay-all dental and vision program available to certain retired uniformed service members, active duty family members, and survivors. FEDVIP offers a variety of dental and vision options, providing great flexibility when selecting the right coverage for you and your family.

The Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004 provided the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) the opportunity to establish arrangements under which dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents.

This Program allows dental insurance and vision insurance to be purchased on a group basis which means competitive premiums and no pre-existing condition limitations for enrollment. Premiums for enrolled Federal and Postal employees are withheld from salary on a pre-tax basis. Enrollment takes place during the annual Federal Benefits Open Season in November and December.

**New and newly eligible employees can enroll within the 60 days after they become eligible.** Eligible employees and annuitants can choose among six nationwide and four regional dental plans, and from four nationwide vision plans. Nationwide plans also offer international coverage.

If you do not have access to a computer, call 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337), TTY number 1-877-889-5680 to enroll or change your enrollment.

Sergeant Major Canley passed away in Bend, Oregon, with his family at his bedside.

Sergeant Major Canley was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2018 for his actions in 1968 during the battle Hue City, Vietnam. While serving as the company gunnery sergeant for Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Sergeant Major Canley and his Marines fought off multiple attacks as they patrolled the city streets to relieve another company of Marines. According to the award citation, Sergeant Major Canley repeatedly rushed across gunfire-swept terrain to carry wounded Marines to safety during firefights with the enemy forces. After his company commander was severely wounded during a fight, Sergeant Major Canley took command of his company for three days and led the Marines through battle in Hue City.

Under his leadership, Alpha Company Marines destroyed fortified enemy positions throughout the city as Sergeant Major Canley continued to carry wounded Marines to safety. On February 4, 1968, Sergeant Major Canley led a group of Marines into an enemy-occupied building to eliminate their stronghold. In an effort to draw out the enemy and expose their position, Sergeant Major Canley moved into an open area, receiving machinegun fire. His Marines located and destroyed the threat and completely took over the building from the enemy. Two days later during a fierce firefight at a hospital compound, Sergeant Major Canley twice scaled a wall in full view of the enemy to carry wounded Marines to safety.

"Sergeant Major Canley was a leader and a warfighter who undoubtedly contributed to the battles won in Vietnam. His first priority was and has always been his Marines – a true example of Semper Fidelis." Sergeant Major Troy Black, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

Because of his undaunted courage, selfless sacrifice and unwavering devotion to duty, Sergeant Major Canley was awarded the Medal of Honor. His other awards also include the Bronze Star with Combat "V," the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V," and the Combat Action Ribbon.

“The actions in the face of danger Sergeant Major Canley took are incredible and remarkable,” said Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Troy Black. “Sergeant Major Canley was a leader and a warfighter who undoubtedly contributed to the battles won in Vietnam. His first priority was and has always been his Marines – a true example of Semper Fidelis. I’m saddened by the loss of such a great Marine, yet I’m grateful for the legacy he established for generations of warriors.”

Sergeant Major Canley was born on December 20, 1937, in Caledonia, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1953 and retired in 1981 as a sergeant major. He deployed on three combat tours to the Vietnam War and served as a rifle platoon leader, company gunnery sergeant and company first sergeant.

Sergeant Major Canley’s legacy will live on through the USS John L. Canley currently preparing for its christening scheduled for June 25 in San Diego. The ship is a 90,000-ton expeditionary sea-base and will be forward deployed in the Western Pacific.

Sergeant Major Canley will be buried with full military honors at the Arlington National Cemetery at a later date to be determined.
## USMC REUNIONS

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| 13-20 Aug 2022 Washington D.C.       |                             | (760) 763-3268 | june.oldbreed@fmda.us |
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http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/retiree_council/Pages/default.aspx

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1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310
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The Secretary of the Navy established the Navy & Marine Corps Retiree Council to consider issues of significant importance to retired military personnel and their family members, to facilitate interaction between Department of Navy leadership and the Navy and Marine Corps retired community, and to facilitate participation in other aspects of the Retired Activities Program.

The Council may review the effectiveness of current programs and policies affecting retirees and may make recommendations concerning improvements to privileges, benefits, assistance to retirees, quality of life, and any other matters relating to retired personnel.

SECNAV Instruction 5420.169K details Council membership and responsibilities and broadly empowers the Council to make recommendations on any matter relating to retired personnel.
2022 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS

Retiree Appreciation Days are held throughout the year at various installations across the United States and Europe. Retirees and their family members are offered information on benefits and service.

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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.
USMC Retired Services Offices

MCAS Yuma Arizona
http://www.mccsyuma.org/index.cfm/military-family/transition-readiness-program/
geraldine.tirado@usmc.mil
(928) 269-3159

MCAGCC Twentynine Palms California
nicole.horta@usmc.mil
(760) 830-6344

MCAS Miramar California
http://www.mccsmiramar.com/retired-assistance-office/
smbmiramar@mccs.usmc.mil
(858) 307-1428

MCB Camp Pendleton California
https://www.mccscp.com/retired/
ernesto.bulli-cruz@usmc-mccs.org
(760) 725-5704
(760) 277-4643

MCLB Barstow California
https://www.mccsbarstow.com/irr
irr.mclbb@usmc-mccs.org
(760) 577-6675

MCRD San Diego California
http://www.mccsmdrd.com/retired-services-office/
Perliya.rodriguez@usmc.mil
(619) 524-5298/5732

MCLB Albany Georgia
http://www.mccsalbany.com/index.cfm/marine-family/retirees/
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(229) 639-5278

MCB Camp Lejeune North Carolina
https://www.mcelejeune.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Retired-Affairs/
luis.alers@usmc.mil
Luis J. Alers-Dejesus, (910) 451-0287
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MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina
https://mcescherrypoint.com/programs/personal-professional-development/retired-services/
omb.ppd@usmc-mccs.org
(252) 466-7149

MCAS/MCRD South Carolina
https://www.mccssc.com/mil-fam/crme.shtml
parr_smb_mcrdpi_crme@usmc.mil
MCRD (843) 228-4574
bfrt_crme_trs@usmc.mil
MCAS (843) 228-7701

MCB Quantico Virginia
mcss_quantico_tamp@usmc.mil
(703) 784-2659

MCB Camp SD Butler Okinawa Japan
https://www.mcsokinawa.com/retirement_activities/
rao@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org

MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
https://mccshawaii.com/trp/
tennille.shields@usmc.mil
(808) 257-7796
Ask the Retired Services Officer

The Marine Corps’ Retired Services and Pay Office provides retired Marines, their dependents, and surviving beneficiaries, with a broad array of services and support. Retired Services Officers (RSOs) research questions, provide reliable answers, and refer personnel to appropriate service providers, thus helping retirees and their families obtain the rights, benefits, and privileges to which they’re entitled.

This column addresses an example of the questions and issues commonly addressed by RSOs.

Q: My child is heading off to college. How does this affect my military retiree benefits and entitlements, like TRICARE?

A: First, congratulations on your child’s acceptance and entrance into post-secondary education. It’s important that you and your child know how this affects your child’s status as a military dependent. Other factors also play a role.

**TRICARE benefits.** If your child is enrolled full-time in an accredited college in pursuit of an associate’s degree or higher, and if you’re providing more than half of your child’s financial support, your child may be eligible for TRICARE until their 23rd birthday or graduation, whichever comes first. However, continuation of your child’s TRICARE benefits is not automatic – you must ensure that your child’s student status is reflected in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Report System (DEERS). Your child will likely also need a current dependent ID card. Contact the Defense Manpower Data Center for info about eligibility and ID cards: 1-800-538-9552 or (TTY/TDD) 1-866-363-2833. If your child relocates to attend school, you may want to switch their service to a local healthcare provider. Contact TRICARE for more info.

**Other retiree benefits.** Your child’s student status continues their eligibility to shop at the commissary and exchange. It also means they can continue to participate in Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. Your child will need a valid retiree dependent ID card to access these benefits. Depending on location, you or your child may want to take advantage of military lodging options. Check DOD Lodging and Vacation with Military Lodging & Hotels • Military OneSource for options and other key info.

**VA disability compensation.** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) generally counts children 18-23 years old as dependents if they’re enrolled full-time at college and unmarried. You’ll need to fill out VA Form 21-674 to continue receiving dependent benefits. Call 1-800-827-1000 to consult with a VA representative.

Volunteer opportunities exist at several Retired Services Offices in CONUS and OCONUS. Check the listing of offices printed elsewhere in this edition of *Semper Fidelis*. 
TAPS

The Marine Corps wishes to extend heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones and friends of our fallen comrades. Because of the Privacy Act, we cannot release addresses of the next of kin. The following list includes the Marine’s name, last grade held that was reported to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, month and year of retirement, and month and year of death.

Note: In an effort to reduce erroneous listings, Semper Fidelis will only announce deaths that have been confirmed from DFAS. Telephonic reporting of deaths to MMSR-6 are first confirmed before posted in this column.

**COLONEL**

PINO, EUGENIO G. NOV 04/MAR 22
RAMSPERGER, SEPP D. JUL 92/MAY 22

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL**

SANDERS, JAMES W. JUL 84/OCT 21
WILLIAMS, BILLY L. NOV 86/APR 22

**MAJOR**

CALDWELL, MAURICE A. JAN 89/JAN 22
SCAPLEHORN, WILLIAM E. OCT 73/APR 22
TYRE, TROY A. JUL 09/APR 22

**CAPTAIN**

THOMAS, JOHN H. FEB 73/FEB 21
TOWNSEND, LYNN M. FEB 89/DEC 21

**CWO3**

HUNTLEY, HARLEY L. FEB 76/AUG 21
JOSEPH, DONOVAN E. AUG 06/MAR 22

**SERGEANT MAJOR**

GRIEBAU, GUENTHER JUL 82/AUG 21

**MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT**

ASBERY, JOHNNY N. JUL 84/MAY 22
LEWIS, J. H. JUL 68/MAY 22
RASKIN, THEODORE S. SEP 80/OCT 21

**FIRST SERGEANT**

WILKERSON, ALBERT E. FEB 82/FEB 22
ZEPEDA, ADOLPH F. DEC 78/APR 22

**MASTER SERGEANT**

PRICE JR., ROBERT T. NOV 83/APR 22
ROGERS, JACK A. NOV 21/FEB 78
TAYLOR, ROBERT P. JUL 88/MAY 22
WASKOW, ROBERT J. JUN 89/MAY 22

**GUNNERY SERGEANT**

ARDEN, BRUCE T. AUG 89/FEB 22
GUGEL, EVERETT J. AUG 69/JAN 22
SPENCE, THERMON E. MAR 76/APR 22
WOLFE, GEORGE E. APR 75/MAY 22

**STAFF SERGEANT**

ATIGA, FONO L. JAN 80/JAN 22
DAVIS, ANTHONY E. FEB 97/FEB 22

**SERGEANT**

MCLELLAN, J. L. AUG 69/FEB 22

**CORPORAL**

WARREN, E. N. MAR 68/JAN 22

**LANCE CORPORAL**

STOKE, DONALD F. DEC 69/NOV 21
Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

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

Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant’s death can help avoid delay and prevent possible financial hardship for the surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent’s annuity pay if payment is erroneously received.

***While the VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery.

Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant:

1. Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death and stop annuity pay.
2. Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant’s death certificate to:
   
   **DFAS - U.S. Military Annuitant Pay**
   
   8899 E. 56th Street
   
   Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300
   
   Fax: 1-800-982-8459

3. Inform any financial institutions receiving payments about the death of the annuitant. (Provide a copy of the death certificate when it becomes available).
4. If applicable, contact the following agencies/departments immediately to report the death:
   
   - **Social Security Administration:** 1-800-772-1213 [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
   - **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System:** 1-800-538-9552
   - **Department of Veterans Affairs:** 1-800-827-1000 (annuitants in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation) [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

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 (888) 332-7411** to stop retirement pay and avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later.


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

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

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

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

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

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

3. **REPORT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION, if applicable.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected SBP. If you are uncertain whether an election was made, call DFAS at (800) 321-1080.

4. **UPDATE YOUR MILITARY ID CARD.** Your status has changed, and as the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect it due to the Marine’s death. Access your nearest ID site at [https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco](https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco) or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at (800) 336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the sites closest to you.

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

6. **CONTACT THE VA at (800) 827-1000 FOR BURIAL AND OTHER VA BENEFITS, such as VA disability payments.** A copy of the sponsor’s DD 214 is required. Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for more information.

7. **CONTACT THE U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT at (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: (866) 826-3628 or (703) 432-9524

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


Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: (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)
A

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): (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 1 January 2001 should submit their inquiry to:
National Personnel Record Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
Phone: (314) 801-0800

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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 RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408
Fax: (800) 723-9262 or (502) 613-9510
https://www.hrc.army.mil
Search "Cold War Certificate"

COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION
SECNAV CRSC Board
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023
(877) 366-2772, Fax: (202) 685-6610
CRSC@navy.mil

D

DD 214s
Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired on or before 31 December 1998:
National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
(314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195
PR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

Marines discharged/retired/separated on or after 1 January 1999:
Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10
2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030
(800) 268-3710; smb.manpower.mmrp@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
(800) 321-1080, www.dfas.mil
U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955, Fax: (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

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Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program
(FEDEVIP)
(877) 888-FEDS ((877) 888-3337)
www.BENEFEDS.com/military

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTICP)
(800) LTC-FEDS ((800) 582-3337)
www.LTCFEDS.com/Military

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MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION
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(866) 622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

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

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

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8th and I, Washington, DC, www.barracks.marines.mil
SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS

- Army Echoes: https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes
- Coast Guard Evening Colors: www.uscg.mil/pcp-retnews
- Navy Shift Colors: www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Media-Center/Publications/Shift-Colors/

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
(800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

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

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

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

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

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program

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