SEMPER FOR NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES



Photo by Sgt Sean Potter

A Remarkable Veterans Day: Veteran of three wars Honored at age 97 with a U.S. Marine Corps Helicopter Flight

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. This Veterans Day, retired U.S. Marine Corps and Army veteran Maj. Billy Hall celebrated the 82nd anniversary of his graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Training with the Marines of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, during an honor flight over Camp Pendleton and the Laguna Beach Veterans Day celebration, Nov. 11, 2023.

Hall and the Marines of the HMLA-267 "Stingers" flew over Heisler Park in a UH-1Y Venom helicopter, waving at the crowd during the Laguna Beach Veterans Day celebration ceremony. Hall enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 1941 at 15 years old, just four months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. As a Marine and Army officer, Hall has seen combat in three wars: World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

"The Marine Corps is the epitome of having the ability to do whatever is necessary, to move in and go wherever you are needed," Hall said. "It is the place to be."

The 82nd anniversary of Hall's graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Training also means that he has been a Marine for one-third of all Marine Corps birthdays; the Corps celebrated its 248th birthday on November 10th. The Marines of HMLA-267 volunteered to fly Hall for the Laguna Beach Veterans Day celebration to honor his service, legacy and dedication to the Corps, and as a tangible salute to the nation's heroes.

"This is truly an honor to be in touch with history and be reminded that once a Marine, always Marine," said Maj. John E. McArthur, a UH-1Y Venom pilot with HMLA-267. "Veterans Day means honoring the services and sacrifices of those before us. I get to do my job because of what they've done before, and we are carrying the torch for them now. It is a huge honor."

Hall deployed to Guadalcanal in 1942 as a radioman and gunner in a Douglas SBD dauntless dive bomber and later in the Grumman TBF Avenger torpedo bombers. By age 17, he had flown more than 100 combat missions and in 1945 completed 50 TBF anti-submarine and enemy shipping patrol missions.

In 1948, Hall joined the California National Guard, deploying to Korea as an Army infantry and communications officer in 1951, devising methods of radio communication improvement and securing the placement of communication lines.

Hall retrained as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. He played a critical role in delivering 75 helicopters to Vietnam, and during his nine months in Vietnam, he flew 50 insertion, extraction, supply, and medical evacuation missions.

At 97 years old, Hall is believed to be the last living veteran to have enlisted before Pearl Harbor and see combat action in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He served his country from 1941 to 1967 and his awards include the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal.

"When people come to me and say thank you for your service, I respond with 'you are worth it, and thank you to you and your families for providing me a country worth fighting for," Hall proudly says.

SEMPER FIDELIS **DISCLAIMER**

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.

SEMPER FIDELIS NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES

Volume 68 No. 1

January - March 2024

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

The Semper Fidelis newsletter is published with appropriated funds on a quarterly basis.

Access it online:

https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/ Agencies/Manpower-Reserve-Affairs-MMSR-6/

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- 3) 2024 Veterans Disability Compensation Rates
- 7) DFAS Tax Documents
- 9) Secondary Dependency
- 11) Secondary Dependency (Required documents)
- 12) Reunions
- 13) Retiree Appreciation Days
- 14) Retired Pay Account Check-up
- 15) Need an old LES or W-2?
- **16) TAPS**
- 21) Navy & Marine Corps Retiree Council
- 23) Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies
- 24) Steps to Take When a Marine Dies
- 26) Directory



2024 Veterans Disability Compensation Rates

Released by Va.gov

Review 2024 Veterans disability compensation rates. Use our compensation benefits rate tables to find your monthly payment amount. We base your monthly payment amount on your disability rating and details about your dependent family members.

Compensation rates for Veterans with a 10% to 20% disability rating

Effective December 1, 2023

Note: If you have a 10% to 20% disability rating, you won't receive a higher rate even if you have a dependent spouse, child, or parent.

Disability rating	Monthly payment (in U.S. \$)
10%	\$171.23
20%	\$338.49

Compensation rates for Veterans with a 30% to 100% disability rating

Effective December 1, 2023

With a dependent spouse or parent, but no children

Find the dependent status in the left column that best describes you. Then look for your disability rating in the top row. Your basic monthly rate is where your dependent status and disability rating meet.

If your spouse receives Aid and Attendance benefits, be sure to also look at the **Added amounts table**, and add it to your amount from the **Basic monthly rates table**.

Dependent Status	30% disability rating	40% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	50% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	60% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Veteran alone (no dependents)	\$524.31	\$755.28	\$1,075.16	\$1,361.88
With spouse (no parents or children)	\$586.23	\$838.28	\$1,179.16	\$1,486.88
With Spouse and 1 parent (no Children)	\$636.31	\$904.28	\$1,262.16	\$1,586.88
With spouse and 2 parents (no children)	\$686.31	\$970.28	\$1,345.16	\$1,686.88
With 1 parent (no spouse or children)	\$574.31	\$821.28	\$1,158.16	\$1,461.88
With 2 parents (no spouse or children)	\$624.31	\$887.28	\$1,241.16	\$1,561.88

Added amounts for 30% to 60% disability rating

Dependent status	30\$ disability rating (in U.S. \$)	40% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	50% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	60% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Each additional child under age 18	\$31.00	\$41.00	\$51.00	\$62.00
Each Additional child over age 18 in a qualifying school program	\$100.00	\$133.00	\$167.00	\$200.00
Spouse receiving Aid and attendance	\$57.00	\$76.00	\$95.00	\$144.00

Continued from page 3

Compensation rates for 70% to 100% disability rating

Find the dependent status in the left column that best describes you. Then look for your disability rating in the top row. Your basic monthly rate is where your dependent status and disability rating meet.

If your spouse receives Aid and Attendance benefits, be sure to also look at the **Added amounts table**, and add it to your amount from the **Basic monthly rates table**.

Basic monthly for 70% to 100 disability rating

Dependent status	70% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	80% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	90% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	100% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Veteran alone (no dependents)	\$1,716.28	\$1,995.01	\$2,241.91	\$3,737.85
With spouse (no parents or children)	\$1,861.28	\$2,161.01	\$2,428.91	\$3,946.25
With spouse and 1 parent (no children)	\$1,978.28	\$2,294.01	\$2,578.91	\$4,113.51
With spouse and 2 parents (no children)	\$2,095.28	\$2,427.01	\$2,728.91	\$4,280.77
With 1 parent (no spouse or children)	\$1,833.28	\$2,128.01	\$2,391.91	\$3,905.11
With 2 parents (no spouse or children)	\$1,950.28	\$2,261.01	\$2,541.91	\$4,072.37

Added amounts for 70% to 100% disability rating

Dependent status	70% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	80% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	90% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	100% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Each additional child under age 18	\$72.00	\$82.00	\$93.00	\$103.55
Each additional child over age 18 in a qualifying school program	\$234.00	\$267.00	\$301.00	\$334.49
Spouse receiving Aid and Attendance	\$134.00	\$153.00	\$172.00	\$191.14

With dependents, including children

Compensation rates 30% to 60% disability rating

Find the dependent status in the left column that best describes you. Then look for your disability rating in the top row. Your basic monthly rate is where your dependent status and disability rating meet.

If you have more than one child or your spouse receives Aid and Attendance benefits, be sure to also look at the **Added amounts table**, and add these to your amount from the **Basic monthly rates table**.

Basic monthly rates for 30% to 60 disability rating

Dependent status	30% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	40% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	50% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	60% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Veteran with 1 child only (no spouse or parents)	\$565.31	\$810.28	\$1,144.16	\$1,444.88
With 1 child and spouse (no parents)	\$632.31	\$899.28	\$1,255.16	\$1,577.88
With 1 child, spouse, and 1 parent	\$682.31	\$965.28	\$1,338.16	\$1,677.88
With 1 child, spouse, and 2 parents	\$732.31	\$1,031.28	\$1,421.16	\$1,777.88
With 1 child and 1 parent (no spouse)	\$615.31	\$876.28	\$1,227.16	\$1,544.88
With 1 child and 2 parents (no spouse)	\$665.31	\$942.28	\$1,310.16	\$1,644.88

Continued from page 4

Added amount for 30% to 60 disability rating

Dependent Status	30% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	40% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	50% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	60% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Each additional child under age 18	\$31.00	\$41.00	\$51.00	\$62.00
Each additional child over age 18 in a quali- fying school program	\$100.00	\$133.00	\$167.00	\$200.00
Spouse receiving Aid and Attendance	\$57.00	\$76.00	\$95.00	\$114.00

Added amounts for 30% to 60% disability rating

Compensation rates for 70% to 100% disability rating

Find the dependent status in the left column that best describes you. Then look for your disability rating in the top row. Your basic monthly rate is where your dependent status and disability rating meet.

If your spouse receives Aid and Attendance benefits, be sure to also look at the **Added amounts table**, and add it to your amount from the **Basic monthly rates table**.

Basic monthly for 70% to 100 disability rating

Dependent status	70% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	80% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	90% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	100% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Veteran with child only (no spouse or parents	\$1,813.28	\$2,106.01	\$2,366.91	\$3,877.22
With 1 child and spouse (no parents)	\$1,968.28	\$2,283.01	\$2,565.91	\$4,098.87
With child, spouse and 1 parent	\$2,085.28	\$2,416.01	\$2,715.91	\$4,266.13
With 1 child, spouse and 2 parents	\$2,202.28	\$2,549.01	\$2,865.91	\$4,433.39
With 1 child and 1 parent	\$1,930.28	\$2,239.01	\$2,516.91	\$4,044.48
With 1 child and 2 parents (no spouse)	\$2,047.28	\$2,372.01	\$2,666.91	\$4,211.74

Added amount for 70% to 100% disability rating

Dependent Status	70% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	80% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	90% disability rating (in U.S. \$)	100% disability rating (in U.S. \$)
Each additional child under age 18	\$72.00	\$82.00	\$93.00	\$103.55
Each additional child over age 18 in a qualifying school program	\$243.00	\$267.00	\$301.00	\$334.49
Spouse receiving Aid and Attendance	\$134.00	\$153.00	\$172.00	\$191.144

Note: We're required by law to match the percentage of cost-of-living adjustments made to Social Security benefits. These adjustments help to make sure that the purchasing power of your benefits keeps up with inflation.

How to use the tables to find your monthly payment

Find your basic rate

Go to the compensation rates for your disability rating. On the **Basic monthly rates table**, find the amount for your disability rating and dependent status. This is your basic monthly rate.

Continued from page 5

Example (Veteran with no children):

If you're a Veteran with a 30% disability rating, and you have a dependent spouse (no dependent parents or children), your basic monthly rate would be \$586.31 each month.

Find your added amounts, if any apply

If your spouse receives Aid and Attendance benefits or you have more than one child, you may qualify for additional monthly payment amounts as listed in the **Added amounts table**.

First, determine your basic rate.

Example (Veteran with children):

If you're a Veteran with a 70% disability rating, and you have a spouse, plus 3 dependent children under the age of 18, you would start with the basic rate of \$1,968.28 (for a Veteran with a spouse and 1 child).

Next, look at the **Added amounts table**. Find the amount for children under age 18 (\$72.00). Since your basic rate already provides payment for 1 child, you would add the rate of \$72.00 for each additional child (so \$70 x 2).

Next, look at the Added amounts table. Find the amount for children under age 18 (\$72.00).

Since your basic rate already provides payment for 1 child, you would add the rate of \$72.00 for each additional child (so \$72 x 2).

If your spouse receives Aid and Attendance, you would also add \$134 (which is the added amount for a spouse receiving Aid and Attendance, for a Veteran with a 70% disability rating).

In our example of a Veteran with 70% disability rating, your total monthly payment amount would be:

\$1,968.28 basic rate (1 spouse, 1 child)

- + \$72 (second child under 18)
- +\$72 (third child under 18)
- +\$134 (spouse who receives Aid and Attendance)

Total \$2,246.28

Remember....

The Department of Defense (to include HQMC, DEERS, DFAS), and the Department of Veterans Affairs are two separate federal agencies.

If you are receiving VA Disability Compensation, you will need to communicate any changes effecting your eligibility/benefits with each agency *separately*. This includes but is not limited to, your contact information (email and home address, and phone numbers), and the loss or gain of Qualifying dependents.

Need a Duplicate Tax Document? Here Are Easy Ways to Get It from DFAS

By DFAS Cleveland

It's tax season again and we want to make sure you are aware of all of the options you have for getting copies of your tax documents from DFAS.

We recommend you take advantage of myPay. A myPay account is your one-stop source for all of your most important retired pay or annuity pay information, including your 1099-R.



- In fact, 1099-Rs for tax year 2023 were available in December in myPay.
- If you requested your 1099-R to be mailed, it was mailed via U.S. Postal Service no later than January 31, 2024.

Your 1099-R and Pay Information in myPay

The fastest and most secure way to obtain a copy of your 1099-R is through myPay. Retirees and annuitants can log in to myPay, and download or print their 1099-R from the comfort of home. See: https://myPay.dfas.mil

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



The advantage of using myPay is that your 1099-R tax statement is available much sooner in myPay than through postal mail. 1099-Rs generally become available in myPay in late December, while paper copies aren't mailed until later in January. In addition, in myPay you can download or print your current year tax statement, as well as prior year 1099-Rs (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants).

While you're in myPay, you can also easily check to make sure DFAS has your correct mailing address and email address. The self-service options available through myPay simplify the management of your military retirement or annuity and give you access to personalized information about your account.

It's Easy to Get Started with myPay

If you've never used myPay, you can request an initial password on the myPay_homepage using the "Forgot or Need a

Password" link. The password will be mailed to the address you have on file with DFAS and you should receive it in about 10 business days.

Once you receive your password in the mail, you can return to the myPay homepage and log in with your social security

number and the password you received in the mail to create your myPay profile.

We have a downloadable step-by-step Get Started Guide to myPay on our website at https://www.dfas.mil/rapay and a how-to video on the DFAS YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/DFAS.

Reactivating Your myPay Account

We know that some of you only use <u>myPay</u> once a year to get your 1099-R during tax season. Then, when you do try to access your account, you discover that your password is expired, lost or forgotten. If this sounds like something that has happened to you, please update your password now. Waiting to update your password might mean longer wait times and potential delays in receiving your tax documents.

Continued from page 7

If your myPay account is in an inactive status because your password has expired, you can follow the simple steps below to reactivate your account.

- 1. Go to https://mypay.dfas.mil in your web browser on a computer or connected device.
- 2. Click on the "Forgot or Need a Password?" link and enter your Login ID or Social Security Number.
- 3. Choose to send a temporary password to your email or mailing address of record.
- 4. When you receive the temporary password, go back to myPay and log in to reactivate your account.

Additional Ways to Get Your 1099-R

If you are not using myPay, DFAS offers other convenient options to get or replace an IRS Form 1099-R. For retirees, if your mailing address on file with DFAS is current, you can get a copy of your 1099-R through the telephone self-service option. To use telephone self-service:

- Call 800-321-1080
- Select option "1" for Self-Serve
- Select option "1"
- Enter your Social Security Number when prompted

Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address DFAS has on record. Now available: starting this year, you can use the ask DFAS 1099-R online tool to submit a request to have your duplicate 1099-R mailed to a foreign address!

If you prefer traditional mail, you can send us a written request by fax or mail, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It can take up to 30 days to process requests received by fax or mail. Find instructions for these convenient options at: https://www.dfas.mil/rettaxes Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers.

Changing Your Federal Tax Withholding

If you need to change your withholding, you can do it easily in myPay. Or you can fill out and 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 forms are available on the IRS website (https://www.irs.gov) and are also linked from the DFAS Forms webpage: https://www.dfas.mil/faforms

Please note: You are not required to file a new Form W-4 or Form W-4P unless you claim exemption from federal tax withholding. If you claim exemption, the IRS requires you file a new W-4 or W-4P at the beginning of EACH tax year. Military retired pay is paid for many different reasons under many different laws. There are differences in the types of pay a military retiree might receive and the tax laws that apply to them. Whether a portion or all of an individual's military retired pay is subject to federal income taxes depends on his/her individual circumstances.

An individual's choice to have no withholding for federal taxes does not impact whether the individual's military retired pay is actually subject to federal income taxes. Ultimately, the IRS will determine the amount of taxes owed on the military retired pay. See the DFAS retired pay taxes webpage for more information for retirees: https://www.dfas.mil/rettaxes See the DFAS manage your SBP annuity webpage for more information for annuitants: https://www.dfas.mil/managesbp DFAS customer service representatives cannot provide tax advice or recommendations about withholding. Please consult a tax professional if you have questions about your taxes.

The IRS Tax Withholding Estimator

The IRS has an online Tax Withholding Estimator to help you determine how much tax you need to have withheld. The calculator helps taxpayers estimate if the right amount is being withheld from their income to cover their tax liability. The estimator uses a simple, six-step question-and-answer format using information like marital or filing status, income, withholding, adjustments, deductions and credits.

The mobile-friendly estimator is available at: https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator

SECONDARY DEPENDENCY Do You Know YOUR Responsibilities?

IT IS **YOUR** RESPONSIBILITY as the service member to ensure your records are accurate and up-to-date, and to ensure that eligible dependents are provided with current ID cards and enrolled in DEERS. Failure to enroll and update eligible dependents in DEERS results in denial of routine medical care at military treatment facilities and TRICARE claim rejections. **Failure to terminate ineligible dependents can result in your being billed for any unauthorized medical care**.

According to Department of Defense guidelines on fraud and abuse, you can be held financially responsible for any medical expenses which are incurred by unauthorized dependents.

FORMER SPOUSES: If you divorce, you are required by law, to have your former spouse removed from DEERS. As of the date of divorce he/she is no longer entitled to ID card benefits as your spouse, and DEERS must be updated accordingly.

You, the service member, will need to take your divorce decree to the ID card center closest to your location to have your former spouse removed from DEERS. If possible, you will also need to retrieve your former spouse's ID card to turn in to the ID card center when you have DEERS updated. Failure to update DEERS can result in you, the service member, being billed for any medical expenses paid on behalf of your former spouse. Your former spouse may be entitled to ID card benefits as an entitled former spouse. He/she will need to contact the military member's parent branch of service to apply as an entitled former spouse. (See required documents on page 11)

CHILDREN: Unmarried children are entitled to medical care by law until age 21 unless they marry or join the active service in the military. They are also entitled to commissary, exchange and MWR privileges if certain criteria are met. The marriage of a child, at any age, terminates their eligibility to benefits. Your children may be entitled to ID card benefits, including medical benefits, after the age of 21 if certain criteria are met. For instance, full-time college students who are dependent on the service member for over 50% of their financial support may be entitled to benefits until the age of 23 or graduation from college, whichever occurs first. Also, incapacitated children over the age of 21 may be entitled to benefits if the child is incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical incapacity that existed before the child's 21st birthday or 23rd, if enrolled as a full-time college student and verification occurred after 23 October 1992. The child must be dependent on the service member for over one-half of his or her financial support or have been at the time of the sponsor's death. The military member's parent branch of service must process initial and renewal dependency applications for all incapacitated children as cross-servicing is not authorized. Financial redeterminations are, at a minimum, renewed every four years even if the child has previously been approved as a permanently incapacitated child. Sponsors who have a current financial dependency in their child's DEERS record may qualify to complete their four year financial redetermination by visiting the nearest uniformed services ID card issuing facility. (See required documents on page 11)

LEGAL CUSTODY WARDS: An unmarried child, including a foster child or a child to whom a managing conservator has been designated, who has been placed in legal custody of a member or former member as a result of a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States (or a territory or possession of the United States). The court order must stipulate the child will be in the care and custody of the sponsor for no less than 12 consecutive months. The court order can designate the length of custody by age, time or permanency. The unmarried child may be eligible for full ID card benefits and privileges if the child is dependent on the member or former member for over one-half of his or her support, and the child resides with the member or former member unless separated by the necessity of military service or to receive institutional care as a result of disability or incapacitation, and the child is not a dependent of a member or former member under any other category. The military member's parent branch of service must process initial and renewal dependency applications for all legal custody wards as cross-servicing is not authorized. (See required documents on page 11)

<u>PARENTS</u>: A parent/parent-in-law, stepparent, or parent-by adoption may be eligible to commissary, exchange, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) benefits, and direct medical care at a military treatment facility only, on a space available basis. **Dependent parents** *ARE NOT* entitled to any TRICARE benefits. Some military hospitals and clinics offer a primary care program called Tricare Plus; however, it does not cover specialty care and does not pay for care by civilian providers even if the military hospital or clinic refers the parent/parent-in-law for care. They are responsible for the full cost of care. The military member's parent branch of service must process initial and renewal dependency applications for all dependent parents as cross-servicing is not authorized. (See required documents on page 11)

Please contact Headquarters. U.S. Marine Corps, Retired Services and Pay (MMSR-6) at (703) 784-9310/9311/9312, or through our organizational mailbox: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil for more information.

Distribution Changes for the Semper Fidelis are coming

For several years now, the staff of the Semper Fidelis has tried to put together a quality newsletter, that provides timely and useful information to you, the retired Marine, your families and surviving spouses and annuitants. We have continued to press for print and mail distribution of the newsletter in the face of increased budgetary constraints, even as our sister services have long abandoned this method of distribution, in favor of digital transmission only.

We have posted notices, and have been encouraging retired Marines to sign up for MyPay with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), and to ensure your email address is on file with them, as well. We are currently distributing the Semper Fidelis via traditional print and U.S. Postal Service delivery, as well as through our partners at DFAS, who send out a link to the newsletter each quarter via their SmartDocs system. DFAS can only send that link to those email addresses they have on file.

In keeping with DoD Directives, and being cognizant of the rising cost of distribution, at some point in the near future, we will be drastically reducing the number of copies of the newsletter we print and mail each quarter. While we are not planning to go with a 100% digital distribution at this time, a plan will be developed to provide printed copies on a much smaller scale. The details of how that will eventually look are still being discussed and will be announced when finalized. In the interim we encourage you to provide DFAS with your email address—as this might be the only way to receive the **Semper Fidelis** in the future.



Secondary Dependency Applications

(Required Documents)

Former Spouse

- Former Spouse Statement
- Employer-sponsored health insurance? Yes/No If yes, letter from employer or insurance company stating the original effective date of insurance or copy of insurance card (with the original effective date on it).
- Valid photo ID (driver's license or passport).
- Secondary form of ID. (birth certificate, social security card, passport or voter registration card).
- Marriage Certificate and Divorce Decree
- If you have prior military service please include a copy of your DD-214

Incapacitated Child over the Age 21 Application

- Completed DD Form 137-5 (signed by member and notarized).
- A copy of the BUMED letter approving previous incapacitation claim or,
- 1. Current (within past 4 months) medical documentation. This medical documentation must be a complete, detailed medical summary of illness, to include the date and child's age at onset of incapacity, a diagnosis, and current treatment being rendered and prognosis for recovery as well as the ability to become self-supporting. A DSM-V diagnosis in all cases of mental limitations, and an IQ test must be included as part of the evaluation. AND;
- 2. HIPAA Release of Information Authorization Form.
- Verification of employment (if applicable).
- Verification of income (if applicable).
- Proof of sponsor's financial support (if child does not live with member).
- Letter from Social Security Administration verifying amount of monthly benefit child receives or letter stating child does not receive benefits.
- Birth Certificate
- Other, as applicable. (Specify)
 - 1. If child is or was ever married, copy of marriage certificate and divorce decree or death certificate.
 - 2. Letter from college, if a full-time student, if over the age of 21
 - 3. Adoption Decree, if child was adopted
 - 4. Member marriage certificate if stepchild
 - 5. Court Order granting guardianship
 - 6. Medicare Card

Ward of the Court Application

- A current DD Form 137-7, signed by the member and notarized.
- Court order (with court file stamp) granting custody/guardianship **The member's name must be on the court-order.
- A statement from the member saying that the child will be living with him/her for at least the next 12 months
- Verification of <u>all</u> income (if applicable).
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of the death certificate, if the member is deceased.

Parent Application

- DD Form 137-3 signed by the member and the dependent parent/parent-in-law and notarized.
- Verification of all of parent's income.
- Verification of Medicare Part A and B or disapproval letter from the Social Security Administration.
- Copy of member's birth certificate (if parent).
- Copy of spouse's birth certificate (if parent-in-law).
- Copy of member's marriage certificate (if parent-in-law).
- Verification of member financial support (if not living in member's household).

Contact our office by email or phone: smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil

USMC REUNIONS



ORGANIZATION/POC	DATE	PHONE	EMAIL/WEB
TBS Class 7-83 Golf Co Col Steve Labadie, USMCR (Ret.) LtCol Jim Brader, USMCR (Ret.) Quantico, VA	8-10 March 2024		https://sites.google.com/view/tbs-7-83/home
2024 Marine Corps Aviation Association Don E. Davis Squadron Reunion Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, SC Ocean Front Resort	13-17 March 2024		Kevin McCutcheon kevinmccutcheon76@gmail.com Gale Rodgers, rodgers77oki@yahoo.com
A - 6 Intruder (USMC/USN) San Diego, CA	9-13 April 2024	571-437-5912	IntruderAssociation.org Robert.weber51@gmail.com
Marine Corps Distinguished Shooters Association (MCDSA) Unionville, VA (near lake Anna)	3-5 May 2024	MGySgt Danny Burke 540-287-3833	www.marinedsa.org
TBS Class 6-81, Fox Co Quantico, VA	17 May 2024	Jon T. Hoffman 202-294-1869, or 808- 392-9488	jon.t.hoffman.civ@army.mil ralphhasegawa@yahoo.com
TBS Class 2-91 Bravo Company New Orleans, LA	23-25– May 2024	540-446-7864	J.senter.III@gmail.com
Minefield Maintenance (MFM) Section Marine Barracks Guantanamo, Bay Cuba Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN	7-10 June 2024	Robert Archiable 928-750-1369	rjarchie.1371@gmail.com www.facebook.com/Minefield,Maintenance, Guantanamo Bay, cuba
Marine Corps Weather Service Reunion Billings, MO	16-21 June 2024	Kathy 252-342-8459, Dave 812-630-2099	kathy.donham@hotmail.com englertd@psci.net
2nd BN, 7TH Marines 1988-1991 Officer Corps Reunion Quantico, VA	21-23 June 2024	Timothy J. Coleman 315-952-6440	TimRecruit669@gmail.com http://www.tim669.com/2ndBn7thMarines/
TBS 5/74 50th Reunion	20-23 June	Chip Lohman 571-235-3128	dkfranklin@yahoo.com
3rd LAAM BN—Alpha Battery 1978-1985 Louisville, KY	19-23 June 2024		alphabatterymarines@gmail.com
50th TBS Class Reunion Quantico, VA	28 June 2024	703-660-9713	dkfranklin@yahoo.com
USMC/Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association Washington, DC	30 July - 4 August 2024	703-463-6192	skatz@popasmopke.com admin@popasmoke.com www.popasmoke.com
Combined Action Group 3RD MAF CAP UNITS (1965-71) Hilton, Arlington, VA 22202	6-10 August 2024	Eric Webb 479-276-9122	dfroberts555@gmail.com
Women Marines Association Convention Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta, GA	8-12 August 2024	816-916-5812	WMANatPresident@womenmarines.org https://www.womenmarines.org
HMM-262 (Rein) Officers/Pilots (1988-1991) Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Pensacola, FL	20-22 August 2024	Col Fred Geier 1-352-209-2519	fgeier3360@comcast.net
1st Marine Division Association 77th Annual Reunion San Antonio, TX	18-25August 2024	760-763-3268	june.oldbreed@fmda.us
National Montford Point Marine Association Inc Convention, Jacksonville, NC	21-24 August 2024	Rod Johnson 504-202-8552	http://www.montfordpointmaringes.org vice_president@montfordpointmarines.org
Mike Company 3/7 Vietnam 40th Reunion Airport Hilton, Minneapolis, MN	31 July - 4 August	David Ray 602-860-8932	davidrayray49@gmail.com
Marine Corps Engineer Association (MCEA) Awards, North Shore Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC	26-28 September	931-307-9094	treasurer@marcorengasn.org www.marcorengasn.org
USMC A-4 Skyhawkers Reunion Hilton and Holiday Inn Resorts Pensacola Beach, FL	11-13 November 2024	Mark Williams 702-778-5010	Rogerwilco14@gmail.com
E Company 2/7, Vietnam Veterans Tucson, AZ	TBD	William Dyer 904-504-1582	parthree@comcast.net

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

2024 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.

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
02 Mar	JBSA-Lackland, TX	210-671-9204
23 Mar/0800	NAS Jacksonville, FL	904-542-7590
13 Apr	West Virginia NG	wvrmcrad@gmail.com
27 Apr	Fort Wainwright, AK	907-353-2095
04 May	JBER, Richardson, AK	907-384-3500
04 May	West Point, NY	845-938-4217
16-18 May	Fort Jackson, SC	803-751-6715
18 May	Fort Stewart, GA	912-767-5013
23 May	Camp Zama, Japan	011-81-46-407-3940
16 Jun/0800	NSA Mid-South, TN	alexander.d.young3.naf@us.navy.mil
28 Jun/0900 to 1500	JB Lewis-McChord, WA	253-966-5884
20 Jul	Camp Zama, Japan	831-242-5210
15 Aug/1000	NRNW Naval Base Kitsap, WA	360-315-3052
7 Sep/0700-1300	Camp Pendleton, CA	760-725-5704
9 Sep	Fort McCoy, WI	608-388-3716
23 Sep/0800	NAS Lemoore, CA	559-998-4524
28 Sep	Fort Gregg-Adams, VA	
28 Sep/0900-1400	MCI-East, Camp Lejeune, NC	910-451-0287
21 Oct/0730	NOSC, Minneapolis, MN	metrojrad@gmail.com
2 Nov/0900 (Virtual)	NAVBASE San Diego, CA	619-556-7412

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



Your Retired Pay Account Needs a Regular Checkup

By DFAS Cleveland

There is an old quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And while this can be true of many things, it's also true about your retired pay account! You should make a plan to regularly review and update your retired pay account.

Keeping your account current will ensure that DFAS can get in touch with you if there is information you need to know about your retired pay and help make sure that outdated information doesn't cause difficulties for you or your loved ones down the road.

Use this handy checklist to do a retired pay checkup at least once a year.

1. Is your mailing address current?

If you moved and haven't told us, we won't know how to reach you. Let's keep the lines of communication open! You can easily log in to your myPay account and check "Correspondence Address" under "Pay Changes" on the side menu: https://mypay.dfas.mil

Or, check the mailing address on your Retiree Account Statement to ensure that it is up-to-date.

2. Is your email address in myPay current?

Email is the easiest and fastest way to communicate. If you have a current email address in myPay, you will hear news faster. Plus, now you can get email status notifications when you submit certain requests for your account.

If you have a current email address in myPay, you can also receive notification about Army Echoes, and about the DFAS Retiree Newsletter, as well as information about your pay account.

3. Are your allotments correct?

Review your allotments at least once a year. Look under "Pay Changes" for "Allotments" in the menu on the left side of the myPay account. Check each allotment and the allotment amounts. Make sure each allotment is current and the amount is correct.

4. Is your income tax withholding correct?

If your income changes, you move to another state, or there are changes in the tax laws, you should look at the federal or state income tax withholding information in your account.

You can verify and update your tax withholding information yourself in myPay. Click on "Federal Withholding" or "State Withholding" under "Pay Changes" in the menu on the left to see if your withholding meets your current need. You may also send us a new IRS Form W-4 to request a change to your federal withholding.

5. Have you had any major life changes?

If you get married, lose a spouse, or have a child, that change can affect your account. Changes may be need to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) information or your Arrears of Pay beneficiary. Retirees should always notify DFAS as soon as possible about a major life change.

6. Is your Arrears of Pay beneficiary current?

Retirees should designate a beneficiary for their final paycheck after they pass away. Make sure the designation is current and confirm the beneficiary's address is up to date.

Continued from page 14

How much should you pay to have your application for benefits and services submitted to the VA?

You should expect to **pay nothing**. VA does not charge to process applications for benefits and services, and no one can charge a claimant for preparing or filing an application for benefits with VA without violating the law. There are also various other ways to obtain assistance directly from the VA, such as the National Call Center (1-800-827-1000), and public contact offices at the local VA Regional offices.

To find a VA location nearest to you, please visit: https://www.va.gov/find-locations

Who can assist you with filing a claim for VA benefits and services?

In addition to seeking assistance from VA with the claims process, VA accredits three types of individuals to assist with filing a claim: representatives of VA recognized Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), claims agents, and attorneys. VA-recognized VSOs, and their representatives, always provide their services on benefit claims free-of- charge. VA-accredited attorneys and agents may charge you a fee for their representation in appealing or requesting additional review of an adverse VA decision, but they may not charge for services provided on an initial claim.

You can check this information by clicking on the "Beneficiary for Arrears" link under "Pay Changes" in the menu on the left side of your account in myPay. Beneficiary designation changes can be made through myPay, as well as updating the beneficiary's address information.

DFAS also now has a Form Wizard for the DD Form 2894 (Designation of Beneficiary Information) to help take the "form" out of the form. Find more information here: https://www.dfas.mil/raquicktools.

7. Is your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage and beneficiary correct?

Your Retiree Account Statement (RAS), available in myPay, has a lot of information on it about pay, deductions, taxes and SBP. The SBP section has five lines for members who participate in SBP. The most important information for you to check: type of coverage, and date of birth of your spouse beneficiary (if applicable).

Make a plan to review your pay account information regularly

Pick a date to review your retired pay account information. It doesn't matter if it's your retirement anniversary date, birthday, first of the year, or tax time. Set a yearly reminder to look over information to make sure your account is up to date.

Need an old LES or W-2's?

You are encouraged to avoid submitting duplicate requests as this may delay processing.

LES Requests: Please download and complete the DD Form 149 which must be attached to any (askDFAS) ticket submission.

- Active/Reserve Leave and Earning Statements for past 13 months are available via your (myPay).
- Active/Drilling Reserve Leave and Earning Statements from October 1999 to present are available via Marine Admin/Finance offices or (askDFAS) secure online form.
- Active Leave and Earning Statements from June 1969 to present are available via (askDFAS) secure online form.
- Drilling Reserve Leave and Earning Statements from June 1982 to present are available via (askDFAS) secure online form.
- Separated/Discharged Marine Leave and Earning Statement, with the same Active/Reserve archive retention listed above, may be requested via (askDFAS) secure online form.

Marine Corps W2 Requests: Please download and complete the DD Form 149 which must be attached to any (askDFAS) ticket submission.

- Active Duty/Drilling Reservists W-2s for current and previous 4 years are available via your (myPay).
- Active Duty/Drilling Reservists W-2s for current and previous 6 years are available via (MOL Access) self-service, Marine Admin/Finance offices, or via askDFAS secure online form.

Active Duty/Drilling Reservists W-2s for June 1975 to present are available via (askDFAS) secure online form.

myPay access address: https://mypay.dafas.mil/#/

DD Form download access address: https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/forms/dd/dd0149.pdf askDFAS access address: https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/ticketInput.action?subCategoryID=18864

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.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL		KELLY JOHN M.	Sep 87/Oct 23
KRUPP, DENNIS T.	Oct 02/Dec 23	KIMBRELL, HARRISON W.	Jul 74/Feb 22
		KOONTZ, THOMAS F.	Nov 97/Oct 23
BRIGADIER GENERAL		MATTINGLY ROBERT E.	Aug 83/Oct 23
KELLEY, EDWIN C. JR.	Oct 97/Sep 23	MCLEAN, ROBERT W.	Oct 93/Sep 23
		MILLER, PAUL W.	Jun 13/Oct 23
COLONEL		MORALES, MAURO	Dec 16/Sep 23
COLEMAN, ANTHONY G.	Apr 94/Aug 22	OCONNOR, DANIEL J.	Jan 96/Jul 23
DAVIDSON, DOUGLAS M.	Feb 89/Sep 23	ODONNELL, JOHN W.	Feb 80/Jun 23
DICKEY III, ROBERT R.	Sep 74/Aug 23	OLIVA, DINO	Mar 93/Oct 23
FURBEE, CHARLES W.	May 02/Jul 23	OPRIA, GEORGE R.	Feb 13/Sep 23
GARDINER, KENNETH P.	Jul 07/Oct 23	PFRIMMER, RONALD E.	Jul 82/Sep 23
HUNDLEY, DANNY R.	Jun 99/Oct 23	RANDOLPH, RICHARD J. JR.	Dec 73/Jul 23
ITTNER, ERNEST L. JR.	Aug 77/Aug 23	REEKE, JOHN D.	Oct 90/Aug 23
LEDBETTER, WALTER R. JR.	Oct 81/Aug 23	REYNOLDS, RICHARD C.	Jun 77/Oct 23
LOOP, WILLIAM C.	Jul 98/Aug 23	RUSSELL, THOMAS D.	May 16/Jul 23
MARSHALL, ROBERT D.	Dec 97/Sep 23	SERRIN DALVIN	Jul 76/Sep 23
MITCHELL, JAMES M. JR.	Sep 89/Aug 23	TOWNSEND, KYLE W.	Jan 70/Sep 23
NEUMANN, ROBERT E.	Feb 94/Sep 23	VELASQUEZ, ENRICO M.	Nov 03/Sep 23
SHANE, DAVID L.	Nov 89/Jul 23	WOLCOTT III, FRANK B.	Aug 73/Aug 23
STUDENKA, JOHN M.	Jul 02/Sep 23	WRIGHT, GARY J.	Jan 91/Aug 23
WARNER III, MILO J.	Sep 94/Sep 23		
		MAJOR	
LIEUTENANT COLONEL		ALEXANDER, MAURICE H.	Dec 66/Aug 23
BRANDON, VIRGIL B.	Oct 72/Sep 23	BEAM, WILLIAM L.	Jul 87/Sep 23
BRANDT, STEPHEN C.	Jul 06/Oct 23	BRADSHAW, FRED H.	Dec 84/Oct 23
BRITTON, LARRY W.	Jun 89/Oct 23	CONNOR, TERRENCE D.	Feb 98/Sep 23
CHRISTIE, ROBERT F.	Aug 98/Sep 23	DORR, RAYMOND C.	Oct 88/Aug 23
CLARK, ROBERT D.	Oct 07/Oct 23	FOSTER, FRANK E.	Oct 90/Aug 23
COMSTOCK, LARRY A.	Mar 95/Sep 23	GILDERSLEEVE, LEO A.	Jul 74/Sep 23
CORCORAN, KERMIT C.	Jul 87/Oct 23	HERNDON, JOHN W.	Sep 67/Sep 23
FRANK, GEORGE R. JR.	Sep 80/Sep 23	HORNING, JEWELL W.	Oct 80/Aug 23
GRAVEN, RICHARD M.	Dec 95/Aug 23	HUMM, EDMOND R.	Sep 75/Jul 23
HACKER, LARRY W.	Oct 00/Sep 23	ITCHKAWICH, HAROLD E.	Jul 79/Jul 23
HENDERSON, JAMES C.	Nov 81/Aug 23	JAMES, ORVILLE E. JR.	Jul 81/Sep 23
HOGAN, NANCY L.	Sep 94/Oct 23	KODAK, STEPHEN JR.	Aug 16/Aug 23
HOLLERICH, WILLIAM P.	Feb 99/Aug 23	LALUNTAS, NANCY J.	Oct 98/Aug 23
INGELS, LARRY T.	Nov 80/Sep 23	LANE, ROBERT A.	Jun 96/Sep 23
JOHNSON, MAXWELL O.	Jan 89/Sep 23	LAWSON, JOHN H.	Nov 76/Sep 23
KALUS, THOMAS	Nov 70/Oct 23	MAJOR'S Continued on page 16	

Continued from page 16



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.

LECOUNT, DAVID C.	Jul 83/Jul 23	REED, THOMAS F. JR.	May 71/Aug 23
LEPO, PETER J.	Jul 85/Jul 23	RIVERA, PHILLIP L.	Nov 88/Sep 23
LINK, LOUIS A.	Jan 73/Sep 23	SILVIS, PAUL G.	Oct 85/Sep 23
MCBRAYER, WILLIAM L.	Aug 67/Feb 22	SMITH, LAKE JR.	Nov 69/Jul 23
MCPOLAND, EDMUND C.	Jun 67/Aug 23	TINKER, MICHAEL L.	Aug 90/Aug 23
MEISSNER, ROBERT B.	Jul 85/Aug 23	VANDEURSEN, JOHN M.	Aug 85/Aug 23
MORRIS, THOMAS W.	Aug 83/Sep 23	WENTZ, GARY L.	Dec 89/Sep 23
MURLEY, THOMAS E.	May 79/Sep 23	WILCOX, NEAL D.	Nov 70/Jul 23
NASH, ROBERT J.	Sep 08/Feb 23	WUEST, KARL E.	Feb 78/Sep 23
NYE, WILLIAM B.	Nov 82/Oct 23	WULFECK, FLOYD C.	Jan 76/Oct 23
OBRIEN, RICHARD V. JR.	Jul 78/Sep 23		
PEASE, DONALD C.	Sep 77/Sep 23	FIRST LIEUTENANT	
PICKETT, GERALD W.	Jul 71/Jul 23	RITTER, ROBERT D.	Jan 81/Aug 23
REYNOLDS, JAMES C.	Dec 75/Jun 23	STAGNARO, CHARLES J.	Jun 79/Aug 23
SIDES III, ERNEST E.	Feb 95/Aug 23	STEINE, DONALD	Aug 59/Nov 23
SIGGINS, THOMAS R.	Jul 85/Sep 23	TOBIN, JAMES P.	Dec 63/Jul 23
STEVENSON II, JERRY A.	Feb 08/Apr 23		
TOWNSEND, EDWARD J.	Jun 73/Aug 23	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5	
WAITE, HAINES D.	Oct 67/Aug 23	DOSSIN, PAUL F.	May 98/Aug 23
		LEWIS, DWAYNE G.	Mar 02/Oct 23
CAPTAIN			
ANDING, WINSTON E.	Jul 88/Aug 23	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4	
ARMSTRONG, CLIFFORD H.	Nov 73/Jun 22	GRABOWSKI, JASON R.	Sep 15/Jul 23
BURKHARD, ROBERT G.	Jul 75/Sep 23	HORN, LEWIS R.	May 03/Aug 23
BURTON, RONALD R.	Feb 74/May 23	WITTCOP, DANIEL R.	Aug 09/Aug 23
CARMEN, NATHANIEL W.	Dec 69/Oct 23		
COX, ROBERT D.	Nov 74/Aug 23	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3	
DAVIDSON, LARRY R.	Feb 72/Sep 23	CURD, PAT M.	Mar 80/Aug 23
DRAKE, PAUL L.	Jul 65/Sep 22	LIGGETT III, DWIGHT J.	Aug 01/Aug 23
ENNIS, PATRICK E.	Oct 74/Aug 23	MAHONEY, PATRICK T.	Oct 03/Oct 23
FURMAN, DALLAS D.	Jan 78/Jul 23		
GOULD, RONALD W.	Feb 78/Sep 23	CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2	
HICKS, EDWARD Q.	Aug 72/Aug 23	BROUGHTON, ALLEN E.	Jan 97/Aug 23
JOHNSON, ALBERT E.	Oct 75/Dec 22	CHISHOLM, JOSEPH G. MULLEN, FRANCIS	Oct 71/Sep 23 Aug 69/Oct 23
KAHL, HERBERT S.	Sep 76/Apr 23	MYRUP, RANDY R.	Apr 97/Sep 23
KLOCH, ROBERT L.	May 75/Nov 23	,	1 - 1 -
KOEHLER, FRED W.	Jul 77/Apr 23		
KOON, MELVIN E.	Aug 96/Aug 23		
MAULDIN, ROGER L.	Sep 77/Aug 23		
MCBRAYER, WILLIAM L.	Aug 67/Feb 22		

Continued from page 17



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.

_		of deaths to MMSR-6 ar	e first cont
	SERGEANT MAJOR		
	BRADLEY, LEE M.	Jul 87/Aug 23	MASTER
	CUMMINGS, HAROLD R.	Jan 99/Sep 23	BEVERL
	HULSEY, WILLIAM D.	Nov 02/Aug 23	BISHOP,
	MILLER, DAVID A.	Nov 17/Sep 23	BLANDIN
	PEMBERTON, ROBERT N.	Apr 90/May 23	BROWN,
	ROQUEMORE, JOSEPH A.	Jun 87/Jul 23	BRYANT
	TURNBEAU, GARY W.	Feb 96/Sep 23	BRYANT
	WHITLEY, ROBERT D.	Aug 81/Nov 23	CABRER.
			COLWEL
	MASTER GUNNERY SERGEA	ANT	COOPER,
	ANTHONY, JOHN A.	Jul 92/Jul 23	CORDRE
	BRANCH, DELTON R.	Sep 97/Feb 23	CUNNIN
	CORWIN, JOHN P.	Feb 92/Jun 23	CUTLER,
	DULICK, JOHN A.	Jul 80/Jul 23	DAVIS, D
	EBERHARDT, WILLIAM J.	Sep 96/Jun 23	FERNAN
	FIERRO, JOSE R.	Jul 80/Sep 23	FERRELI
	GLENN, RONNIE	Dec 13/Sep 23	FLOREY,
	GREGG, MICHAEL S.	Feb 10/Oct 23	FORBES,
	GRIFFIN, RONNIE J.	Feb 95/Aug 23	FULLWO
	HATTON, EARL L.	Jun 72/Jun 23	GREGOR
	HOLLIDAY, STEPHEN J.	Nov 88/Oct 23	GUY, KE
	HUGHES, THOMAS L.	May 71/Aug 23	HARNES'
	KANE, CLIFFORD V.	Aug 76/Oct 23	JOHNSO1
	KOLUCH, JAMES K.	Apr 07/Mar 23	JOOS, RC
	KRUEGER, KENNETH W.	Dec 08/Aug 23	KEDDY,
	LOYER, HAROLD B.	Aug 77/Sep 23	KELLER,
	MICHAEL, DONALD R. JR.	May 90/Sep 23	LEE, ROI
	MIFFLIN, ROBERT H.	Jul 82/Sep 23 Nov 91/Jul 23	LORD, LA MARASC
	RANKIN, HENRY L. RIDEOUT, DONALD E.	Oct 79/Sep 23	MCCART
	ROLL, ROGER A.	Jan 98/Sep 23	MCGEE,
	SEEKINGS, PAUL A.	Jul 99/Sep 23	MCKINN
	THIRTY, MICHAEL A.	Jan 82/Aug 23	MILLER,
	THIRTT, WICHAEL A.	Jan 62/Aug 23	MONIZ, J
	FIRST SERGEANT		MONROE
	BINGHAM, BRUCE B.	Mar 94/Sep 23	MOSS, G
	BOTH, THOMAS A.	Jan 98/May 23	ODOM, C
	DO111, 11101/11/10/11.	Juli 70/11/14 23	obom, c

THIRTY, MICHAEL A.	Jan 82/Aug 23
FIRST SERGEANT	
BINGHAM, BRUCE B.	Mar 94/Sep 23
BOTH, THOMAS A.	Jan 98/May 23
FARRIA, CAZIMIRO	Sep 67/Apr 23
GRAY, BILLY F.	Feb 75/Sep 23
HARE, WILLAIM M.	Feb 89/Jun 23
HYLER, MARK A.	Jan 02/Jul 23
MANCE, WILLIAM M.	Jul 92/Sep 23
MILLER, KEVIN A.	Apr 18/Sep 23
NEMETZ, MICHAEL T.	Oct 83/Sep 23
NEWSOME, ROBY B.	Jan 89/Sep 23
ROGERS, BILLY J.	Feb 71/Mar 22
RUX, LEE <i>(Chosin Reservoir)</i>	Oct 91/Dec 23
STILTNER, ELMER	Dec 76/Sep 23
ZOMBRO, KENNETH V.	Jul 78/Jun 22

MASTER SERGEANT
BEVERLY, RONNIE M.
BISHOP, JACKIE
BLANDINO, JOSEPH
BROWN, WILLIE JR.
DROWN, WILLIE JK.
BRYANT, FREDERICK E. BRYANT, HENRY L.
CABRERA, SAM V. JR.
COLWELL, JOSEPH
COOPER, RONNIE W.
CORDREY, FREDERICK L.
CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM H.
CUTLER, MICHAEL T.
DAVIS, DAVID A.
FERNANDEZ, ARTURO JR.
FERRELL, NORBERT R.
FLOREY, JIM B.
FORBES, DYROL O.
FULLWOOD, REUBIN V. JR.
GREGORY, DONALD J.
GUY, KENNETH W.
HARNEST, CHARLES W.
JOHNSON, KEITH G.
JOOS, ROBERT M.
KEDDY, MICHAEL L.
KELLER, MICHAEL D.
LEE, RODNEY A.
LORD, LARRY A.
MARASCIO, ANTHONY F.
MCCARTHÉR, JAMES V.
MCGEE, CHARLES R.
MCKINNON, ARNOLD E.
MILLER, WILLIAM P.
MONIZ, JOSEPH J. JR.
MONROE, ROBERT M.
MOSS, GEORGE E.
ODOM, CLARENCE
PANNELL, BILLY G.
PETERSON, BRENT L.
PREBLE, RONALD E.
PUFFPAFF, JOHN C.
ROSE, DONALD P.
STELLMAKER, KARL R.
TAYLOR, CHARLES W. JR.
WARE, THEODORE
WHITE, BOBBY J.

WILLIAMS, THOMS E. JR.

WILSON, WILLIAM P.

Mar 86/Aug 23 Sep 77/Oct 23
Oct 78/Oct 23 Apr 91/Aug 23
Aug 74/Sep 23 Nov 83/Aug 23
Sep 78/Sep 23 Jul 82/Oct 23 Jul 01/Sep 23
Feb 79/Sep 23
Aug 07/Oct 22 Aug 00/Sep 23 Nov 80/Sep 23
Apr 89/Feb 23
Dec 82/Aug 23 Sep 15/Sep 23 Jun 88/Sep 23
Sep 75/Oct 23 Sep 94/Jul 22 May 86/Aug 23
May 07/Aug 23 Dec 76/Oct 23
Jan 83/Aug 23 Jun 82/Oct 23
Aug 03/Oct 23 Sep 94/Sep 23 Aug 71/Oct 23
Feb 94/Oct 23
Jun 77/Oct 23 May 73/Nov 23 Jun 73/Sep 23
Jun 73/Sep 23 Mar 84/Sep 23 May 88/Jan 24 Dec 88/Oct 23
Dec 88/Oct 23 Jul 73/Oct 23 Oct 90/Aug 21
Nov 83/Aug 23 Sep 88/Sep 23
Dec 95/Oct 23 Jun 74/Sep 23
Nov 73/Sep 23 Mar 78/Dec Nov 97/Jul 23
Nov 83/Oct 23 Jul 78/Aug 23

Continued from page 18



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

GUNNERY SERGEANT		FOSTER, VERNON L.	Jul 77/Aug 23
ALLEN, ROBERT L.	Apr 65/Sep 23	GLASGOW, DAVID C.	Aug 93/Sep 23
AMES, BRIAN W.	Sep 05/Sep 23	HANSBERRY, BRUCE A.	Jan 90/Aug 23
ANDERSON, JAMES S.	Oct 90/Oct 23	HARRIS, WILLIAM L.	May 72/Sep 23
BAKER, MARQUIS L.	Oct 15/Aug 23	HARVEY, JAMES S.	Sep 80/Sep 23
BARKER, JERRY A.	Sep 95/Sep 23	HILL, ARTHUR L. JR.	Mar 06/Sep 23
BARLAGE, CHRISTIAN K.	May 78/Aug 23	HOLMES, ROBERT L.	May 73/Oct 23
BARTON, ROBERT C.	Nov 73/Oct 23	HOOVER, GEORGE M.	Oct 92/Aug 23
BEASLEY, W.F.	Jun 68/Sep 23	HUGHES, MICHAEL A.	May 89/Aug 23
BERMUDEZ, MANUEL	Dec 12/Oct 23	JENNINGS, RONALD R.	Jan 87/Jul 23
BOGEDIN, JAMES G.	Nov 76/Sep 23	JONES, JOHNNIE W. JR.	Jun 73/Jul 23
BREEDEN, ELMER L.	Aug 03/Aug 23	KIEFSKI, EDWRD J.	May 10/Aug 23
BROADERS, JOHNNY W.	Jun 89/Sep 23	KINLEY, MICHAEL T.	Oct 90/Oct 23
BRYANT, EVERETT L.	Jun 97/Oct 23	KNUCKLES, LARRY R.	May 83/Sep 23
BUCKLEY, LAWRENCE F.	Oct 93/Sep 23	LAMB, MICHAEL G.	Nov 02/Oct 23
BURKE, THOMAS F. JR.	Sep 76/Sep 23	LAMORA, LOREN M.	Jul 78/Jul 23
CALDWELL, ROBERT A.	Jun 86/Sep 23	LEBLEU, PEYTON M.	Oct 11/Sep 23
CAMUSO, PETER C.	Sep 75/Sep 23	LOPEZ, F.	Jul 69/Oct 23
CARLSON, RICHARD J.	Oct 86/Aug 23	MADISON, LEWIS R.	Jun 65/Dec 22
CARPENTER, KENNETH W.	Dec 99/Jun 23	MARTINEZ, RAUL S.	Feb 69/Aug 23
CHANEY, MICHAEL L.	Sep 94/Sep 23	MCNULTY, PETER J.	Jul 65/Sep 23
CHAPMAN, RAYMOND C.	Sep 77/Oct 23	MESINER, ROBERT T.	Mar 90/ Nov 23
CLAIBORNE, GEORGE B. JR.	Mar 89/Sep 23	MORRIS, CHARLES L.	Feb 74/Aug 23
CLONINGER, CARLOS R.	May 64/Sep 23	NELSON, CONVERSE	Aug 80/Oct 23
CLOSS, WILLIAM R.	Mar 67/Sep 23	NICKENS, ROBERT D.	Jun 77/Sep 23
CONTI, JOHN P.	Aug 13/Sep 23	PEROSSIER, RICARDO R.	Nov 95/Jul 23
COOK, RONALD J.	Jun 73/Aug 23	PONTHER, HAROLD C.	Apr 68/Sep 23
COOPER, MANUEL	Mar 80/Sep 23	PRESTON, MAXWELL D. JR.	Apr 91/Sep 23
COX, CHARLES J.	Jan 93/Sep 23	QUISENBERRY, FLOYD M.	Dec 70/Sep 22
CURTIS, E. L.	May 69/Sep 23	RAUDENBUSH, CARL J.	Jul 71/Sep 23
DAVENPORT, WILLIAM R.	May 73/Oct 23	RIVERA, RUBEN	May 88/Aug 23
DAVIS, TERRY L.	Jul 03/Jun 22	RODRIGUEZ, WILSON C.	Jan 98/Oct 23
DENSON, HECTOR S.	Feb 73/Aug 23	ROOKS, WALTER H.	Apr 79/Mar 23
DEREWIANY S.	Oct 63/Sep 23	PENDLEY, GARY C.	Aug 69/May 23
DOUGLAS, RICHARD H.	Oct 94/Sep 23	SHIMP, JAMES E.	Feb 76/Aug 23
DOW, CHARLES R.	Jun 93/Oct 23	SMITH, BILLY S.	Aug 92/Oct 23
FIERRO, TIMOTEO R.	Jul 74/Oct 23	STINSON, PAUL W.	Dec 73/Sep 23
FISCHER, RICHARD C. JR.	Apr 87/Jun 23	TODD, CURTIS L.	Jun 19/Oct 23
FLAGG, JAMES C.	Apr 89/Sep 23	VAZQUEZ, ROBERTO	Sep 99/Aug 23
FONG, EDWARD M.	Nov 90/Aug 23	WHITE, HENRY L.	Dec 79/Sep 23
FOSTER, LEE	Jun91/Oct 23		

Continued from page 19



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.

WILLIAMS, GERALD A.	Aug 98/Sep 23	CORPORAL	
WILLIAMS, HENRY H.	Jan 73/Jul 22	BENEDICT, JONATHAN P.	Mar 06/Aug 23
WILLIAMS, RALPH E. JR.	Feb 85/Oct 23	BERRENS, CARL W.	Jan 70/Jun 23
WILSON, GREGORY D.	Jul 05/Sep 23	DEBAUCHE, DAVID J.	Sep 69/Aug 23
WISE, MEAREL W. JR.	Oct 88/Aug 21	DIX, ROBERT G.	Jul 68/Feb 23
YARBROUGH, BOBBY G. JR.	Feb 94/Aug 23	HENINGER, BENJAMIN W.	May 22/Aug 23
		HIGHAM, ROBERT G.	May 59/Oct 23
STAFF SERGEANT		HOCHSCHILD, JAMES P.	Mar 75/Aug 23
ANDERSON, WILLIAM E.	Jun 75/Jul 23	HUGHES, LARRY T	Sep 69/Aug 23
BAILEY, CHRISTOPHER L.	Jan 07/Aug 23	JAMIESON, MILAN S.	Jan 70/Jul 23
BAKER, THEODORE H.	May 73/Sep 23	JOHNSON, SAMUEL E.	Sep 68/Oct 23
BARROWS, IRVIN R.	Jun 94/Aug 23	KEATING, KEITH	Apr 69/Sep 23
BROOKS, HERBERT W.	Feb 74/Aug 23	KNIPP, JOHN L.	Jul 67/Aug 23
BURSTON, JOHN W.	Mar 93/Aug 23	LASTER, FRANKIED.	Aug 70/Jul 23
CALVERT, JACOB A.	Jan 21/Oct 23	MORSE, PERLEY H.	Feb 69/Sep 23
CARDONA, KEVIN	Mar 22/Aug 23	REICHERT, FRANK J.	Nov 69/Sep 23
FIELDS, JOSEPH L.	Jun 88/Aug 23	SECORA, STEVEN J.	Mar 69/Aug 23
GRIFFIN, MICHAEL E.	Jul 21/Sep 23	TRAVIS, BRUCE E.	Nov 59/Jul 23
HARRIS, FLOYD D.	Feb 14/Sep 23	WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM R.	Jun 53/Sep 23
HATHORNE, ALBERT N.	Mar 73/Oct 23	YANCEY, BEVERLY L.	Feb 69/Nov 23
JACKSON, JOHN H.	Aug 86/Jul 23		
KELL, JONATHAN L.	Jul 92/Oct 23	LANCE CORPORAL	
KINSEY, BOBBY C.	Feb 77/Oct 23	APPLEGATE, HAROLD P.	May 55/Aug 23
LUCAS, BRUCE A.	Oct 95/Nov 23	DYES, CLIFFORD L.	Feb 69/Feb 23
MCDANIEL, CHARLES A.	Dec 11/Sep 23	MARR, JAN W.	Apr 75/Sep 23
MCGUINNESS, DENIS K.	Oct 97/Sep 23	POLIFRONIO, GUISEPPE	Mar 53/Aug 23
NEESE, SCOTT D.	Oct 02/Sep 23		
RENO, JOHN M.	Jun 76/Oct 20	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	
SHIVE, DALE W.	Jan 99/Jun 23	BENNETT, JACKSON H.	Dec 54/Sep 23
WENDELL, MELVIN L.	Dec 70/Sep 23	BERNAS, EDWARD M.	Sep 64/Jun 23
WHITE, RICHARD A.	Nov 95/Jun 23	BRANDENBURG, DONALD L.	Sep 59/Oct 23
		DEGRAW, KENNETH R.	Jul 63/Sep 23
SERGEANT		JONES, RICHARD M.	Dec 75/Dec 21
BLACKSMITH, EDWARD S.	May 69/Aug 23		
FLAHERTY, DAVID M.	Feb 69/Oct 23	PRIVATE	3.5 54.5
HERRELL JAMIE L.	Dec 01/Aug 23	HALL, RAYMOND L.	May 74/Sep 23
JACKSON, JARVIS A.	Jan 77/Sep 23		
PENDLEY, GARY C.	Aug 69/May 23		
SHEHANE, BENNIE D.	Mar 71/Aug 23		



2024 NAVY & MARINE CORPS

Retiree Council

http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-

npc/support/retiree council/Pages/default.aspx

VADM Jeffrey Trussler, USN (Ret), Co-Chair **Springfield, VA** jefftrussler@gmail.com

17th SMMC Micheal P. Barrett, USMC (Ret), Co-Chair **Bloomington, IN** mpb.17smmc@gmail.com

MARINE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES

Col John Evans, Jr. USMC (Ret)

Arlington, VA john.w.evans.jr.1@gmail.com Committee: <u>Overseas/Outreach/Resources</u>

Col Paul W. O'Toole, USMC (Ret)

Jacksonville, NC gruntcolonel40@gmail.com

Committee: Health Affairs

LtCol Jennifer Hawkes USMCR (Ret) **Bluffton, OH** jenny1031@live.com

Committee: Overseas/Outreach/Resources

LtCol Marlin Hefti, USMC (Ret)

Norfolk, VA silverbuzzer@aol.com

Committee: Health Affairs

MGySgt Rachel Peralta, USMC (Ret) **Kaneohe, HI** mo2gs1b@gmail.com

Committee: Overseas/Outreach/Resources

1stSgt Timothy La Sage, USMC (Ret)

Johnson Creek, WI tage8541@yahoo.com

Committee: Health Affairs

MSgt Charles E. (Ric) Polleck, USMC (Ret) **Brandon, MS** cpolleck@comcast.net

Committee: Overseas/Outreach/Resources

SSgt Donald Robertson, USMC (Ret)

Chula Vista, CA djrobertson1@gmail.com

Committee: Compensation

NAVY REPRESENTATIVES

CAPT Dennis Bash, USN (Ret) **Surprise, AZ** bdennism@aol.com

Committee: <u>Health Affairs</u>

CAPT Leigh Wickes, USN (Ret)

Falls Church, VA captwickes@gmail.com

Committee: Health Affairs

CAPT Harry Palm, Jr., USN (Ret)

Spotsylvania, VA hpalm2021@outlook.com

Committee: Compensation

CAPT Joseph Spruill, USN (Ret)

Washington, **DC** joe.spruill@outlook.com

Committee: Health Affairs

CDR Christopher Bowen, USN (Ret)

 $\textbf{Wiesbaden, GE} \ chrislbowen@yahoo.com$

Committee: Outreach/Overseas/Resources

FORCM David Carter, USN (Ret)

Dunlap, TN forcmusn@bledsoe.net

Committee: Outreach/Overseas/Resources

MACS Bert Levesque, USN (Ret)

Committee: Compensation

STS1 Jeffrey Eiler, USN (Ret)

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS

k

RETIRED SERVICES AND PAY (MMSR-6) 3280 Russell Road, Ouantico, VA 22134-5103 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310

Continued from page 21

PSC Andres Fortolis, USN (Ret) **Munford, TN** andres.fortolis1@gmail.com

Committee: Compensation

NCCM Ronald Shroyer, USN (Ret) **Connellsville, PA** ra5crvah5@zoominternet.net

Committee: <u>Outreach/Overseas/Resources</u>

BUC Dennis Fledderjohn, USNR (Ret) Committee: <u>Outreach/Overseas/Resources</u>

ISCM Tony McLemore, USN (Ret)
Committee: Outreach/Overseas/Resources

CAPT Martin Menez, USN (Ret) martin.menez@att.net Chief of Staff

YNC(AW) Eric Wenzel, USN (Ret) eric.w.wenzel.civ@us.navy.mil Recorder

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.

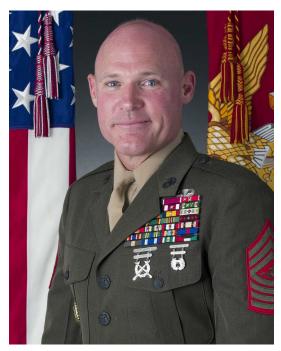
The Council may review the effectiveness of current programs and policies affecting retirees and may make recommendations concerning improvements to privileges, benefits, assistance to retirees, quality of life, and any other matters relating to retired personnel.

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



Official Navy Photo

Vice Admiral Jeffrey E. Trussler



Official Marine Corps Photo

Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett

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. Miliary Annuitant Pay 8899 E. 56th Street **Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300**

Fax: 1-800-982-8459

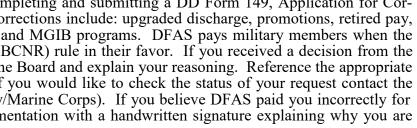
- 3. Inform any financial institutions receiving payments about the death of the annuitant. (Provide a copy of the death certificate when it becomes available).
- 4. If applicable, contact the following agencies/departments immediately to report the death:
 - **Social Security Administration:**

1-800-772-1213 www.ssa.gov

- **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System:** 1-800-538-9552
- **Department of Veterans Affairs:**

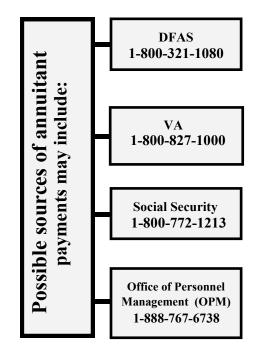
1-800-827-1000 (annuitants in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation)

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:



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)

DFAS-IN



What to Do When a Marine Retiree Dies DFAS Checklist

What You Need to Know

We are sorry for your loss, and we are here to help you. Although it's a difficult time, it's important to report the death of a military retiree promptly. Please use one of the options below to report the death of a retiree.

Information about claiming a retiree's final pay and claiming Survivor Benefit Plan payments (if the retiree was enrolled) is also included in this checklist.

Additional information is available on the DFAS Report a Retiree's Death webpage: https://www.dfas.mil/retdeath

Please note: The Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) beneficiary are designated by the retiree. They can be the same, but are not always the same. Separate claims must be made for AOP and SBP.

•		
How to Report a Retiree's Death		
Prompt reporting of a death is important to avoid overpayment. Retired pay ends on the date of death of the retiree.		
You can report a retiree's death using our online form or by calling our Customer Care Center, or via fax or mail. Filling out the online askDFAS Notification of Death form is the quickest and most convenient option. It's available 24/7.		
☐ To use the online askDFAS Notification of Death form , visit our Quick Tools webpage: https://www.dfas.mil/raquicktools , then click on "To Report the Death of a Retiree."		
☐ To contact our Customer Care Center , call toll-free: 1-800-321-1080 or 1-317-212-0551 (during business hours M-F, Eastern Time).		
□ Fax to: 1-800-469-6559 OR Mail to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retired Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200		
What Happens When DFAS Receives Notification of Death		

Upon notification of death, we will send a condolence letter with instructions for claiming the retiree's final pay. If the retiree was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) we will also send the forms to claim SBP annuity payments.

DFAS will **stop monthly payments upon notification of death** to prevent overpayment. Because retired pay ends on the date of death, **if a payment was made after the date of the retiree's death**, we are required to notify the bank to **reclaim the entire payment**. Once we receive the paperwork to claim a retiree's pay, we can calculate and pay the retiree's final pro-rated payment to the

Supporting Documents Required

- We are required to have a copy of the retiree's Certificate of Death that states the cause or manner of death prior to making payments. I f you have not yet provided this specific type of death certificate, please include a copy of it with your documents.
- ♦ The supporting documents to claim SBP depends on your individual situation. Please check our webpage for specific information: https://www.dfas.mil/startsb

Reminders

- Is your form **signed and dated** by you (and by witnesses for the AOP SF 1174)?
- Did you include supporting documents? Is the retiree's name and Social Security Number on each document?

What You Need to Do: Claim a Retiree's Final Pay

When the death of a retiree is reported, we mail a condolence letter to the person/people listed in the retiree's account as the Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary. If there is no beneficiary listed in the retiree's account, we will send the letter to the retiree's legal representative, if known, or to the retiree's last known address. The condolence letter is generally sent within a week of the report of death.

The mailing will include the Arrears of Pay (AOP) claim form—SF 1174 Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service.

- □ **Complete and submit** the SF 1174 form, along with the retiree's death certificate indicating the cause and/ or manner of death. This death certificate is required for us to calculate and pay the retiree's final pay. Please note that the SF 1174 must be signed by two witnesses in addition to the claimant.
- ☐ Include a completed **Direct Deposit Authorization (DFAS-CL Form 1059)** with your SF 1174 to have an AOP payment direct deposited to your bank account. Please avoid using a joint account that was shared with a deceased retiree for this deposit. Banks return those payments to DFAS.
- □ **Upload** a PDF of your completed/ signed/ witnessed SF 1174 form and supporting documents via the convenient askDFAS **online upload tool** on DFAS.mil: https://www.dfas.mil/askdfas. Please make sure the retiree's name and Social Security Number are on each document you upload.

OR Mail AOP claims to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retired P ay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200 OR Fax to: 1-800-469-6559

You can download forms from our Forms Library webpage at https://www.dfas.mil/raforms and submit them without waiting for the mail.

Please see the **How to Claim a Retiree's Arrears of Pay (AOP) Using the SF 1174 webpage** at https://www.dfas.mil/retireeaop for how-to information and helpful tools for filling out and submitting these documents, including our helpful Form Wizard, which guides you through completing the form correctly and

What You Need to Do: The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

- ☐ If the retiree was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), promptly complete and submit the DD 2656-7 Verification for Survivor Annuity and supporting documents.
- ☐ Upload a P DF of your completed/ signed DD 2656-7 form and supporting documents via the convenient askDFAS online upload tool on DFAS.mil: https://www.dfas.mil/askdfas. Please make sure the retiree's name and Social Security Number are on each document you upload.

OR Mail SBP claims to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Annuity Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1300 OR Fax to: 1-800-982-8459

You can download forms from our Forms Library webpage at https://www.dfas.mil/raforms and submit them without waiting for the mail.

Please see the **Start an SBP Annuity** webpage at https://www.dfas.mil/startsbp for how-to information and helpful tools for filling out and submitting these documents, including our helpful Form Wizard, which guides you through completing the form correctly

The Retiree's Final Tax Document (1099-R)

The retiree's **final tax document (IRS 1099-R)** is typically issued at the same time as the Arrears of Pay payment to the AOP beneficiary.

If a retiree's legal representative who is not the AOP beneficiary needs a copy of the 1099-R, they should d send a signed and dated letter that includes the retiree's full name, Social Security Number, the 1099-R request, and the full name and relationship of the requestor, **along with a copy of the retiree's Certificate of Death** (if not already on file). The Certificate of Death is required in order for the 1099-R to be issued.



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): (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

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

B

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 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 COMPENSATIONSECNAV CRSC Board
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309; Washington, DC 20374-5023
(877) 366-2772, (202) 685-6408, Fax: (202) 685-6610 usn.ncr.asstsecnavmradc.mbx@us.navy.mil

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

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: Manpower Management Performance Branch (MMPB-2) 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030 (800) 268-3710 option (1); smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

(800) 321-1080, www.dfas.mil

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

Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

(877) 888-FEDS ((877) 888-3337) www.BENEFEDS.com/military

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

M

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION 715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134 (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

MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON

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



Directory Assistance Pages

MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle VA 22172 (703) 640-7965 OR (800) 397-7585; info@marineheritage.org/

MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

Marine Corps University 2044 Broadway Street, Quantico, VA 22134-5001 (703) 432-4874, www.history.division@usmcu.edu

MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C46JR)

1019 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001 (703) 784-3706; www.mcjrotc.org

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL HQ

3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554, (703) 207-9588: <u>JFoster@MCLeague.org</u> (Membership Manager)

MARINE CORPS RECORDS RESEARCH & RECONSTRUCTION (MMPB-21)

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030 (800) 268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSOCIATION

3619 Richmond Hwy Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554-7771, (877) 289-8780, (703) 289-1204

MCCS COMMUNITY SERVICES: www.usmc-mccs.org

MEDICAL RECORDS: Marines who have been discharged/separated/retired on 1 May 1994 or later:

VA Records Management Center P.O. Box 5020; St. Louis, MO 63115-8950 (888) 533-4558; Fax: (314) 538-4571

MEDICARE: (800) 633-4227; www.medicare.gov

N

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172 (877) 653-1775; www.usmcmuseum.org

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

(314) 801-0800; https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER

(800) NAVY-INN; www.navy-lodge.com

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

875 N. Randolph Road Street, Suite 225, Arlington , VA 22203 (800) 654-8364; http://www.nmcrs.org

O

QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY

(703) 221-2183; www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.asp

S

SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS

- Air Force Afterburner: http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/
- Army Echoes: https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes
- Coast Guard Evening Colors: <u>www.uscg.mil/ppc/</u>retnews
- Navy Shift Colors: www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Media-center/Publications/Shift-Colors/

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(800) 772-1213; <u>www.ssa.gov</u>

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp

T

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN: (877) 968-3778; Fax: (216)

367-3605; TSP mailbox: ccl-mc-tsp@dfas.mil

International callers: (404) 233-4400 https://www.tsp.gov/index.html

TRICARE: https://tricare.mil/

• East: (800) 444-5445;

https://www.humanamilitary.com/east/

• West: (844) 866-9378;

https://www.tricare-west.com

• Overseas: (888) 777-8343;

https://www.tricare-overseas.com

Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator: https://tricare.mil//bcacdcao

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

TRICARE Network Pharmacy Program

(877) 363-1303;

https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml

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

U

UNIFORM SUPPORT CENTER: (800) 368-4088;

Fax your DD 214 to (800) 551-6289 before placing order.

V

VA: (800) 827-1000; www.va.gov

VA EDUCATION: (888) 442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov

VA LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS: (800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov VA SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473

VA STATUS OF HEADSTONES AND MARKERS:

(800) 697-6947

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS (MMSR-6) JAMES WESLEY MARSH CENTER 3280 RUSSELL ROAD QUANTICO, VA 22134-5103

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

Access your newsletter online at https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Manpower-Reserve-Affairs-MMSR-6/

Separation and Retirement Branch (MMSR)

Dr. Bobby Anderson, Branch Head <u>bobby.t.andereson.civ@usmc.mil</u>

Maj Deborah L. Queen, Assistant Branch Head deborah.queen@usmc.mil



Retired Services and Pay Section (MMSR-6)

Vincent P. Tate, *Human Resources Manager* vincent.tate@usmc.mil

Donald J. Saucier, Writer-Editor donald.saucier@usmc.mil

Human Resources Specialists
Beverly T. Britt
Pamela Karp
Rose M. Thomas
Glenda Williams
Donald Saucier

Marine Admin Staff
GySgt Justin Ransom

WHO TO CONTACT:

MMSR-2: (703) 784-9322/23 Enlisted (703) 784-9324/25 Officer



Active Duty Separations and Retirements

- Officer smb.manpower.mmsr2o@usmc.mil
- Enlisted smb.manpower.mmsr2e@usmc.mil

MMSR-4: (703) 784-9308/09/21 Disability Separations and Retirements smb.manpower.mmsr4@usmc.mil

MMSR-5: (703) 784-9306/07 Fax: (703) 784-9834 Inactive Reserve Separations and Retirements smb.manpower.mmsr5@usmc.mil

MMSR-6: (703) 784-9311/10; 1-800-336-4649 Fax: (703) 784-9834 *Retired Services and Pay*

- Address Changes (Note: Annuitants must call DFAS)
- Identification Cards
- Semper Fidelis
- Survivor Benefit Plan

smb.manpower.mmsr6@usmc.mil

