

# SEMPER FIDELIS

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES

### Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program Delivers Value to Military Families

Since its launch in 2002, the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) has offered active and retired members of the uniformed services and their families, the opportunity to take control of their future long-term care needs. Designed to be both flexible and affordable for a range of budgets, the program has grown to be the largest of its kind in the nation, with more than 273,000 enrollees. When enrollees are asked why they value the FLTCIP, the following reasons typically top the list:

#### **Flexibility:**

A choice of care settings and providers

The FLTCIP can give enrollees confidence that if a long-term care event occurs their insurance will help reimburse for care in the setting of their choice, whether at home, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home. Both formal care from licensed professionals and informal care provided by friends and family members are covered. In fact, coverage for informal care has been a hallmark of the program from the start. By reimbursing friends and family members who serve as caregivers, the FLTCIP makes it possible for enrollees to remain at home and avoid or postpone entering a facility. The importance of what's called "aging in place" (and receiving care from a familiar individual) is evident in the FLTCIP's claim history. Informal home-based care is, and has always been, the number one choice of enrollees receiving benefits.

#### **Freedom:**

Helping to preserve independence

The program can be especially attractive to individuals who value their independence and who may worry about relying on a spouse or children should they need care. Having such coverage helps spouses maintain their current lifestyle and minimizes the financial and emotional sacrifices adult children are often asked to make when a long-term care event occurs.

#### **Protection:**

Helping to safeguard retirement savings and assets

Another key to the program's success is its ability to help protect retirement income and savings from the high cost of care. Families who have experienced a long-term care event know that services can be expensive, and that costs continue to escalate. For instance, three years of care at home with a health aide, in an assisted living facility, or in a nursing home can range from \$88,920 to more than \$248,000.

#### **Take the next step today:**

To learn more about the FLTCIP's comprehensive benefits and features or to find out information on cost of care in your area, visit [www.LTCFEDS.com](http://www.LTCFEDS.com). For personalized assistance, call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) TTY 1-800-843-3557 to speak with a program consultant. They are available to answer any questions you may have and can walk you through the application process.

You can access your newsletter online at <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil>.  
Click on "Semper Fidelis Online."

## You and the Internet

Each quarter, the Semper Fidelis is posted online in a Portable Document Format (PDF) file at <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil> (select "Semper Fidelis Online"). Periodically, we receive inquiries from readers to "cancel" their newsletter subscriptions. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) stores address accounts of all retired Marines and annuitants who are in receipt of pay. While the Semper Fidelis is the primary mailing for the retired Marine Corps community, it is not the only mailing, so at this time, we cannot process cancellation requests.

## Older Adults and Technology Use

According to the PEW Research Center:

"...Two different groups of older Americans emerge. The first group (which leans toward younger, more highly educated, or more affluent seniors) has relatively substantial technology assets, and also has a positive view toward the benefits of online platforms. The other (which tends to be older and less affluent, often with significant challenges with health or disability) is largely disconnected from the world of digital tools and services, both physically and psychologically." Based on their findings, which was published in April 2014 at [www.pewinternet.org/2014/04/03/older-adults-and-technology-use/](http://www.pewinternet.org/2014/04/03/older-adults-and-technology-use/), there is a segment of the population who will never embrace technology.

Given this information, we will continue to print and mail this publication as long as funding is available. Whether your preference is to view the Semper Fidelis online or to receive it in the mail, we will continue to provide news you can use.

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## Your Newly Appointed SECNAV Members for 2015

The names of your new Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council members are:

- Colonel James P. Rooney, Jr. of West Islip, NY - [ltcolmc@optonline.net](mailto:ltcolmc@optonline.net)
- Master Gunnery Sergeant Gerald A. Kiehl of Inman, SC - [jerrykiehl@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrykiehl@yahoo.com)
- Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Workman of Spotsylvania, VA - [jeremiahworkman@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremiahworkman@yahoo.com)

Congratulations to the new appointees, and thank you to all who expressed an interest in serving on the SECNAV.



## TRICARE News

TRICARE Beneficiaries Being Targeted by Call Centers and Others For Unsolicited Medical Prescriptions

The Defense Health Agency, Office of Program Integrity (DHA-PI) has received a significant number of concerns from TRICARE beneficiaries regarding unsolicited attempts by “Call Centers” to encourage them to provide personal identifying information and health information so that they can allegedly provide prescribed cream medications to the TRICARE beneficiary.

**TRICARE and its contractors never call and ask for personal identifying or health information!** Beneficiaries should be wary of unsolicited attempts by any entity asking them for personal or health information, either by phone or in person.

The “Call Center” will normally cold call and say:

“I am a representative calling from XYZ, we are calling to tell you about a benefit TRICARE will cover for you for a prescription pain cream you are eligible for. Do you have any of the following medical issues (list of issues) or pain? If so, TRICARE wants to get you taken care of, all we need are your doctor’s name and your TRICARE information and we will contact your doctor and get these medications or supplies out to you immediately and submit a claim.”

**DHA PI strongly advises you to give NO information to these types of unsolicited request for your personal health information and personal identifying information.** Often these “Call Centers” have identified what limited information they have through “Google” searches or through individuals who have approached you independently and obtained information directly from you.

Should you receive a phone call for this information provide—NO information. Immediately submit a Fraudline report to their Pharmacy Benefits contractor ESI. You can report the issue to Express Scripts Inc.

- Express Scripts Fraud Tip Hotline: 1-866-759-6139
- Email: [TRICAREfraudtip@express-scripts.com](mailto:TRICAREfraudtip@express-scripts.com)

ESI can also flag your profile and reject attempts to bill for these medications. If you do receive unsolicited medication in the mail, you can refuse delivery.



# FISHER HOUSE FACTS



Greater Los Angeles Fisher House

A Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 64 Fisher Houses located in the United States and Germany.

Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,800 square foot homes donated by Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide eight to 21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children.

**Who Runs a Fisher House:**

Fisher Houses are given to the U.S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes. The Fisher House Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, builds new houses, and assists in the coordination of private support and encourages public support for the homes.

**Who Is Eligible to Stay At A Fisher House:**

Criteria established locally by hospital or installation commanders. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy and Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by Fisher House Foundation.

**2014 Highlights:**

- Families served: Over 25,000
- Average length of stay: 10 days
- Average (combat casualties): 45-60 days
- Daily lodging capacity: 848 families
- Saved families more than \$47 million in lodging cost, plus food and transportation

**Since Inception (1990):**

- Families served: Over 250,000
- Number of lodging days offered: 5.8 million
- Saved families more than \$282 million in lodging and transportation cost

**Ratings:**

- Four stars (out of four) from Charity Navigator
- A+ from American Institute of Philanthropy



For more information please see our website:

[www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

**Fisher House Foundation facilitates several major programs that help improve the lives of military families, including:**



Allows donated frequent flyer miles to be used to bring family members to the bedside of injured service-members



**NEWMAN'S OWN Newman's Own Award**

A grant program that supports other military charities



**Scholarships for Military Children**

A grant program that provides scholarships to children of military families.

**For further information about the program, volunteering or to make a tax deductible gift:**



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*We put a lot of heart into everything we do.*  
**And your support helps make it possible!**

For the past 20 years, the Fisher House program has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of military Families everywhere. We continue to build and donate Fisher Houses to military/VA medical centers, support existing houses, administer our Hero Miles program, help military families in need and provide scholarships to military children and spouses.

At the very heart of our program, Fisher Houses offer a “home away from home,” a place where families can stay and support their loved ones — at no cost — while they receive specialized military hospital/VA medical care. These houses allow the patients and families to focus on what’s most important, the healing process.

We encourage you to find out more about the Fisher House program by visiting us online at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) or by calling (888) 294-8560.



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# VA News

## Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors, 2014 Edition

### KNOW YOUR BENEFITS



Federal Benefits for Veterans  
Dependents and Survivors



The VA handbook, “Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors, is available online. Downloadable in a PDF format, it is 145 pages and contains 16 chapters, ranging from health care benefits to dependents and survivor benefits. It is available for downloading at: [www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp).

For those without Internet access, the handbook is available for purchase from the Government Printing Office Bookstore:

U.S. and Canadian customers: 1-866-512-1800  
Washington, D.C. area or international customers: (202) 512-1800

The handbook is \$5 for U.S. customers; \$7 for international customers.  
The GPO Stock Number is: 051-000-00247-4 ISBN:9780160925085.

### Important VA telephone numbers are listed below:

- Bereavement Counseling: 1-202-461-6530
- Civilian Health and Medical Program: 1-800-733-8387
- Caregiver Support: 1-855-260-3274
- Debt Management Center: 1-800-827-0648
- Education: 1-888-442-4551
- Federal Recovery Coordination Program: 1-877-732-4456
- Foreign Medical Program: 1-888-820-1756
- Headstones and Markers: 1-800-697-6947
- Health Care: 1-877-222-8387
- Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838
- Home Loans: 1-877-827-3702
- Life Insurance: 1-800-669-8477
- National Cemetery Scheduling Office: 1-800-535-1117
- Pension Management Center: 1-877-294-6380
- Presidential Memorial Certificate Program: 1-202-565-4964
- Special Health Issues: 1-800-749-8387
- Telecommunication Device for the Deaf: 1-800-829-4833
- VA Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
- VA Combat Call Center: 1-877-927-8387
- Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255
- Women Veterans: 1-855-829-6636



# The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

## What Can They Offer You?

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) provides financial assistance and education, as well as other programs and services, to members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, their eligible family members, widows, and survivors. The Society also receives and manages donated funds to administer these programs and services. Their main goal is to help each person who comes to us get support for their immediate needs. The NMCRS long-term mission is to help Sailors and Marines become financially self-sufficient by learning how to better manage their personal finances and prepare for unplanned expenses. You are eligible for support if you meet one of the following requirements:

- Active-duty or retired Sailors and Marines,
- Eligible family members with a military ID card,
- Surviving spouses, and
- Reservists on active duty (call NMCRS to confirm eligibility).

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have urgent financial needs, visit an NMCRS office. They may be able to provide the money you need for immediate situations and help you prepare a better long-term financial plan. Services are free and confidential.

### PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

For financial assistance and counseling or disaster relief, make an appointment at your nearest NMCRS office at [www.nmcrs.org/locations](http://www.nmcrs.org/locations). Download and complete the Pre-Appointment Informa-

tion Sheet as accurately as possible. A caseworker will review your form with you during your appointment. If you do not have Internet access, the NMCRS Headquarters is available at 1-800-654-8364.

### WALK-IN SERVICE

There's no appointment necessary to request financial help for these services:

- Quick assist loan
- Emergency travel assistance

### BRING THESE DOCUMENTS WITH YOU

Whether you have an appointment or you're

walking into one of the NMCRS offices, you'll need to bring these items:

- Your military ID
- Most recent leave and earnings statement or retiree account statement
- Documents related to your financial need

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (AFTER HOURS)

If your local NMCRS office is closed and you need urgent help, get after-hours instructions by calling the local office or contact the American Red Cross at 1-877-272-7337.

# Reunions

**ANGLICO Assn. and all attached personnel (1949-present)** in San Antonio, TX, Nov. 5-8, 2015. POC: CWO4 Joe L. Luque, USMC (Ret), (661) 725-3415, [jlluque@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlluque@sbcglobal.net).

**Aviation Logistics Marines** at the Villages, FL, Oct. 8-10, 2015. POC: Don Davis, (321) 978-5147, [greyegl@ec.rr.com](mailto:greyegl@ec.rr.com).

**Basic School Class Alpha Co. 1-70** in Quantico and Washington, D.C., June 25-28, 2014. POC: Bob Del Grosso, (908) 334-3496, [robdelgr@aol.com](mailto:robdelgr@aol.com).

**E Co., 2/7 Vietnam Vets** in Quincy (Boston), MA, Aug. 26-28, 2015. POC: William Dyer, 9625 Cedar Ridge Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32221, (904) 783-4116, [parthree@comcast.net](mailto:parthree@comcast.net).

**FLC, FLSG A/B and all sub units (Vietnam)** in Myrtle Beach, SC, Oct. 4-8, 2015. POC: Jim Corcoran, [usmccork@yahoo.com](mailto:usmccork@yahoo.com) or Mary Ann/Bruce Baker at [mbaker.flsg@gmail.com](mailto:mbaker.flsg@gmail.com).

**G-3-1 Korea Assn. (9/15/51-3/15/55)** in Kansas City, MO, Sept. 28-Oct 1, 2015. POC: J.R. Camarillo, 19 Stanislaus Ave., Ventura, CA 93004, (805) 377-7840 or Carleton "Bing" Bingham, Secretary, 1453 Patricia Dr., Gardnerville, NV 89460, (775) 265-3596/cell (775) 781-2726.

**Hotel 2/7 Vietnam (1965-1970)** in Buffalo, NY, June 5-7, 2015. POC: Ralph Sirianni, (716) 903-9640, [Trippr19@aol.com](mailto:Trippr19@aol.com).

**Item Co., 3-1, 1st Mar Div. (Korea, 1950-55)** in Branson, MO, Aug. 19-23, 2015. POC: Suzi Woodward, (860) 262-1334, [Suzi11111@aol.com](mailto:Suzi11111@aol.com).

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**M-4-12 and 3d 155 Howitzer Btry** in Branson, MO, Sept. 13-17, 2015. POC: Gordon Niska, 390 Miles Patrick Rd., Winder, GA 30680, cell: (770) 856-1542, [sniska@windstream.net](mailto:sniska@windstream.net).

**Marine Corps Air Transport Assn. (VMGR/VMR)** in Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 22-26, 2015. POC: CWO4 Rich Driscoll USMC (Ret), 7324 Brady Oaks Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76135, (817) 657-7768, [president@mcata.com](mailto:president@mcata.com) or visit [www.vmgr-reunion.com](http://www.vmgr-reunion.com).

**Marine Corps Counterintelligence Assn.** in San Antonio, TX, Sept. 17-20, 2015. POC: George Turner, (830) 285-1636, [gpturner@ktc.com](mailto:gpturner@ktc.com).

**Marine Corps Engineer Assn.** in Jacksonville, NC, Sept. 23-26, 2015. POC: Ken Frantz, 807 Carriage Hills Blvd., Conroe, TX 77384, (936) 273-4830, [frantz@consolidated.net](mailto:frantz@consolidated.net) or visit [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](http://www.MarCorEngAsn.org).

**Marine Corps Mustang Assn.** in Jacksonville, FL, Sept. 15-18, 2015. POC: LtCol Richard J. Sullivan, USMC (Ret), (508) 954-2262, [sul824@verizon.net](mailto:sul824@verizon.net).

**Marine Embassy Guard Assn.** in Providence, RI, June 3-7, 2015. POC: MSgt Tim Wood, USMCR (Ret), (407) 252-1404, [tjwood@embassymarine.org](mailto:tjwood@embassymarine.org) or visit [www.embassymarine.org](http://www.embassymarine.org).

**Montford Point Marines** 50th annual convention in Mobile, AL, Aug. 12-16, 2015. POC: Rodney Lee, (251) 776-2424 or Ron Johnson, (504) 270-5426. For more information, visit [www.montfordpointmarines.org](http://www.montfordpointmarines.org).

**TBS Hotel Co. 8-68** in San Diego, CA, Oct. 22-25, 2015. POC: Sam Decoteau, (225) 253-9698 or visit [www.usmc.allencc.edu](http://www.usmc.allencc.edu).

**USMC A4 Skyhawkers** in San Diego, CA, Oct. 8-11, 2015. POC: Mark Williams, 400 Howell Way #102 Edmonds, WA 98020-4190, (425) 771-2030, [roger.wilco@comcast.net](mailto:roger.wilco@comcast.net).

**USMC Vietnam Tankers Assn.** in Crystal City, VA, Oct. 28-Nov. 2, 2015. POC: John Wear, (215) 794-9052, [johnwear@yahoo.com](mailto:johnwear@yahoo.com).

**1st Bn., 3d Marines 1/3 (BLT 1/3)** WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan in Orlando, FL, Aug. 11-16, 2015. POC: Richard Cleary, (520) 487-0327, [clearyp@msn.com](mailto:clearyp@msn.com).

**1st Marine Div. Assn.** in San Diego, CA, Aug. 18-22, 2015. POC: Carolyn Leary, (757) 625-6401, [carolyn@afri.com](mailto:carolyn@afri.com).

**2d Bn 1st Marine Reg. (Vietnam)** in San Diego, CA, Nov. 5-9, 2015. POC: Mario Sagastume, (530) 343-9481, [choncho0331@sbcglobal.net](mailto:choncho0331@sbcglobal.net).

**2d Recon Bn., 2d MarDiv** in Knoxville, TN, June 25-28, 2015. POC: Bob Moody, P.O. Box 1679, Westminster, MD 21158 or visit [www.2dreconbn.org](http://www.2dreconbn.org).

**6th Black Marine Reunion** in Reno, NV, June 24-27, 2015. POC: James M. Hutcherson, Jr., (775) 972-6166, [gysgthutch@gmail.com](mailto:gysgthutch@gmail.com) or Robert "Bobby" Wallace, (352) 259-2435, [thegator1630@century-link.net](mailto:thegator1630@century-link.net).





## 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 run deaths that have been confirmed from DFAS. Telephonic reporting of deaths to MMSR-6 are first confirmed before they are posted in this column.

### COLONEL

Davis, Oliver R. Sep 72/Feb 15  
Purtill, Joseph J. Aug 87/Mar 14

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Burton, Harry E. Jun 86/Jan 14  
Muschette, James Feb 87/Jul 14  
O'Brien, John F. Jul 78/Dec 14  
Spence, Allan J. Jul 72/Jan 15

### MAJOR

Farmer, Ronnie J. Nov 98/Mar 15  
Harding, Francis W. Sep 75/Jul 14  
Kelley, John D. Jul 78/Dec 14

### CAPTAIN

Heard, Nathan E. Aug 70/Nov 14  
Hertz, James O. Aug 70/Jan 15

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

Grimes, Edward C. Sep 75/Jan 15  
Overton, Charles W. Aug 70/May 14

### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

Cavinder, Donnie E. CWO4 Oct 82/Feb 15  
Meyer, Vernon J. CWO Apr 89/Oct 14

### MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

Simmons, Frederick E. Oct 79/Jan 15  
Strong, Richard E. Aug 73/Dec 14

### FIRST SERGEANT

Hooker, Matthew S. Jun 88/Nov 14  
Pina, Jose H. Jun 98/Apr 15

### MASTER SERGEANT

Ficke, Arthur J. May 72/Jan 15

Luca, Anthony S. Aug 73/Feb 15  
Marquette, Robert W. Sep 75/Jan 15  
Peterson, Donald W. Sep 76/Jan 15  
Rogers Jr., Lee G. Oct 83/Apr 14  
Trapp, Allen M. Feb 68/Dec 14

### GUNNERY SERGEANT

Bentley, Jr., Russell W. Apr 75/Feb 15  
Brown, David B. May 99/May 13  
Burgess, George B. Mar 77/Jan 15  
Douglas, Lawrence E. Aug 72/Feb 15  
Duncan, R.E. May 68/May 14  
Goldsberry, Charles R. Sep 77/Sep 14  
Greene Jesse L. Sep 73/Mar 15  
Helfand, Milton A. Oct 72/May 14  
Hensley, Freelin Dec 76/Nov 14  
Madison, Glenn H. Aug 71/Sep 14  
Resser, Jess A. Jun 04/Dec 14

### STAFF SERGEANT

Bullock, Carl D. Oct 96/Jul 14  
Custer, Lynn R. Dec 78/Oct 14  
Hardin, Lethridge M. Apr 72/Mar 15  
Poag, Donald L. Jul 67/Jan 15

### SERGEANT

Brott, D. Apr 61/Mar 15

### LANCE CORPORAL

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Wagner, Harold L. Jan 70/Mar 13

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## 2015 Annual Retiree Seminars

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii  
Military and Family Support Center

Camp Pendleton  
Pacific Views Event Center

Nov. 7, 2015, Hickman Officers' Club  
(rear-covered lanai)

Sept. 26, 2015 at 8 a.m.  
Bldg. 202850, San Jacinto Rd.

**Exhibitors:** 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Speakers:** 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This event is open to the retired military  
community. No registration is required.

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### How to Correct Your Military Record

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*.

If you would like to check the status of your request contact the Board directly at (703) 614-1817 (Navy/Marine Corps). If you believe DFAS paid you incorrectly for your Correction of Record, please provide us with written documentation and a hand written signature explaining why you are protesting the amount to:

Examples of correction include: upgraded discharge, promotions, retired pay, household goods, pay date change, bonus, and MGIB programs.

**DFAS-IN**  
**Dept. 3300 Attn: COR/Claims**  
**8899 East 56th Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46249-3300b**

DFAS pays military members when Boards of Corrections rule in their favor.

If you received a decision from the Board and you do not agree with it, please write the Board and explain your reasoning. Reference the appropriate address on page 2 of DD Form 149.



**DFAS Inquiry Line: (317) 212-6167**  
**(Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., EST)**

## Reporting an address change?



### Retired Marines:

Report your address change to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 or  
MMSR-6 at 1-800-715-0968.

### Annuitants:

Report your address change to DFAS ONLY; *read below!*

### MMSR-6 CANNOT MAKE ANNUITANT ADDRESS CHANGES!

A correct mailing address not only ensures receipt of this newsletter, but also any other correspondence from DFAS or Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.



# Your Military Identification Card

## Two Forms of Identification Are Now Required:

To replace or renew your military ID card, two forms of identification are required:

1. **A VALID PHOTO ID.** Acceptable photo identification includes a driver's license, military ID card, passport or permanent resident alien card. All photo IDs must be current; expired photo IDs are not accepted.
2. **A SECONDARY ID.** A secondary ID may include one of the photo IDs listed above or a Social Security card (not a Medicare card), a voter registration card, birth certificate, or student ID if you are a college student. To avoid delays, call your nearest ID card center for hours of operation and availability.

## Military ID Cards for Family Members:

Indefinite military ID cards are now issued to eligible family members who are 75 or older.

The 2007 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the issuance of indefinite military ID cards for incapacitated dependent children over 21. To qualify for an indefinite ID card, a determination of permanent incapacitation must be made by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and a current financial dependency determination (over 50%) is required. **A financial redetermination will also be required every four years.**

**Dependent parents and/or parents-in-law, over 75,** with permanent military ID cards will also require a financial redetermination every four years.

**Full-time students, over 21,** may be eligible for military ID card benefits until 23 provided they are enrolled full-time in a college or university and are dependent on the member for over 50% of their financial support. It is the service member's responsibility to ensure eligible family members are updated in DEERS and to notify DEERS of any changes in eligibility. For more information, call MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310.

## The Retired Marine's Military ID Card:

When a military service member retires, the ID card issued will have an indefinite expiration date. ID cards will be replaced if they are lost, stolen, or damaged; they will also be replaced for a name change due to marriage, divorce, or to replace an older version of the ID card.

A retired member's ID card may also be replaced when turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare Part B. With Medicare Part B enrollment, a retired Marine is automatically enrolled in TRICARE for Life, which will require updating the medical eligibility dates on the back of the ID card. If the dates on the back of your ID card have expired, replace the ID card (and have the Medicare Part B card with you when updating the military ID card).

## Eligibility for a Military ID Card By Mail **NEW INFORMATION!**

If you are requesting to have a military identification card by mail, **you must have a notary's signature on the back of the photograph.** According to Air Force Instruction 36-3026 (17 June 2009):

**PORTRAIT-STYLE PHOTOGRAPHS, 8X10 OR 5X7, REQUIRE SIGNATURE NOTARIZATION ON THE BACK AND INCLUDE WEIGHT, HEIGHT, EYE COLOR, AND HAIR COLOR.**

You must live more than 300 miles from a military ID card center. Include a statement why you are unable to travel. Submit a copy of your current military ID card (front and back), a photocopy of a second form of ID (i.e., driver's license, birth certificate, or Social Security card), and a statement addressing why you are unable to travel to an ID card center to HQMC (MMSR-6), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103. Include your contact information!

**ID CARD SITE (RAPIDS) LOCATOR: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl>**

## 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 possible financial hardship to surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's annuity pay. Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant.

**Step 1:** Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death.

**Step 2:** Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant's death certificate to:

**DFAS - U.S. Military Annuitant Pay**  
**P.O. Box 7131; London, KY 40742-7131**  
**Fax: 1-800 982-8459**

**Step 3:** Inform the financial institution receiving payments about the death of the annuitant

**Step 4:** Contact the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

**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 for annuitants receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### **Survivor Benefit Plan What Happens When a Retired Marine Dies**

Once a retired Marine's death has been reported to DFAS, the beneficiary will receive a Verification for Survivor Annuity form (DD 2656-7) at the address DFAS has on record. The beneficiary must complete the form and return it to DFAS. When DFAS receives the completed form, they will begin the SBP annuity.

**It is extremely important for the beneficiary to notify DFAS immediately after the death of a retired Marine!**

Late notification of a Marine's death could result in burdensome consequences for survivors, including delays in finalizing the Marine's account, paying the Arrears of Pay, and establishing a Survivor Benefit Plan annuity.

# Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies

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- Make funeral and burial arrangements
- Start claim process for applicable benefits (e.g., SBP, VA life insurance, Social Security, etc.)
- Obtain multiple certified death certificates (6-12 copies)
- Gather important documents for claims processing (e.g., birth certificate, will, etc.)
- 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

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**REPORT the death to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955 (press OPTION 1, then OPTION 4)** to stop retirement pay to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later. You may also report the death online at [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html). Additional information from DFAS is available at [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html). **Note:** When you notify DFAS of the Marine's death, DFAS will forward a confirmed death listing to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-6) for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the *Semper Fidelis*.

**REPORT Survivor Benefit Plan election.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected SBP. If you are uncertain of whether an election was made, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

**UPDATE your military identification card.** As the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect the change in your status due to the Marine's death. You may access your nearest ID site at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl) or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the three sites closest to you.

**NOTIFY the Social Security Administration.** Call 1-800-SSA-1213 ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)) to apply for the \$255 death benefit, *if applicable*.

**CONTACT the VA for burial and other benefits.** The VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants; however, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery. You will need to provide a copy of the DD 214. Call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 or visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

**RECEIVING CIVIL SERVICE PAY?** U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL: 1-888-767-6738, (202) 606-0500

**RECEIVING VA PAY?** DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: 1-800-827-1000

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## ADDITIONAL AGENCIES PROVIDING AID & ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVING SPOUSES:

- Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000
- Gold Star Wives of America: 1-888-751-6350, [www.goldstarwives.org](http://www.goldstarwives.org)
- Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org)
- National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)
- Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, [www.militarywidows.org](http://www.militarywidows.org)
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)



## Defense Finance and Accounting Service 2015 Retiree and Annuitant Pay Dates

ENTITLEMENT MONTH	RETIREE PAYMENT DATE	ANNUITANT PAYMENT DATE
<b>January 2015</b>	<b>Fri., Jan. 30, 2015</b>	<b>Mon., Feb. 2, 2015</b>
February 2015	Fri., Feb. 27, 2015	Mon., March 2, 2015
<b>March 2015</b>	<b>Wed., April 1, 2015</b>	<b>Wed., April 1, 2015</b>
April 2015	Fri., May 1, 2015	Fri., May 1, 2015
<b>May 2015</b>	<b>Mon., June 1, 2015</b>	<b>Mon., June 1, 2015</b>
June 2015	Wed., July 1, 2015	Wed., July 1, 2015
<b>July 2015</b>	<b>Fri., July 31, 2015</b>	<b>Mon., Aug. 3, 2015</b>
August 2015	Tues., Sept. 1, 2015	Tues., Sept. 1, 2015
<b>September 2015</b>	<b>Thurs., Oct. 1, 2015</b>	<b>Thurs., Oct. 1, 2015</b>
October 2015	Fri., Oct. 30, 2015	Mon., Nov. 2, 2015
<b>November 2015</b>	<b>Tues., Dec. 1, 2015</b>	<b>Tues., Dec. 1, 2015</b>
December 2015	Thurs., Dec. 31, 2015	Mon., Jan. 4, 2016

DFAS retired pay dates are scheduled for the first non-holiday weekday of each month.

### Important Information DD 214s, Medical Records, Awards

**DD 214s.** Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired before **Dec. 31, 1998:**

National Personnel Records Center: [www.archives.gov/st-louis](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis)  
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138  
(314) 801-0800; fax: (314) 801-9195; e-mail: [MPR.center@nara.gov](mailto:MPR.center@nara.gov)

Marines discharged, retired, or separated after Jan. 1, 1999:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)  
2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030  
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3921

**Medical Records.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired **May 1, 1994** or later:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Records Management Center  
P.O. Box 5020; St. Louis, MO 63115-8950  
1-888-533-4558; fax: (314) 538-4571

**Note:** Discharged, separated or retired Marines before **May 1, 1994** must contact NPRC.

**Awards.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired before **Dec. 31, 1998:**

Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312B); 1 Archive Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138  
(314) 538-2311/13; fax: (314) 538-2316

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired after **Jan. 1, 1999:**

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA) 2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134  
(703) 784-9206

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# Inns of the Corps

**MCAS Yuma:** Dos Rios Inn  
(928) 269-2262, fax: (928) 269-6639

**MCLB Barstow:** Oasis Lodge  
(760) 577-6418, fax: (760) 577-6542

**MCB Camp Pendleton:** Ward Lodging  
(760) 725-2134/2313, fax: (760) 725-5609

**MCB Camp Pendleton:** South Mesa Lodge  
Reservations: (760) 763-7805/7806/7807  
fax: (760) 237-3559

**MCAS Miramar:** Miramar Inn  
(858) 271-7111, fax: (858) 628-9466  
Reservations: 1-800-628-9466

**MCAGCC Twentynine Palms:**  
**Sleepy Tortoise Inn**  
(760) 830-6583, fax: (760) 830-1647

**MCB Hawaii:** Lodge at Kaneohe Bay  
(808) 254-2806, fax: (808) 356-4506

**MCAS Iwakuni:** Monzen and Nishiki Lodges  
011-81-611-753-3221

**MCB Camp S.D. Butler:** WestPac Lodge  
011-81-611-745-2455

**MCB Camp Lejeune:** Hospitality Inn  
(910) 451-3041, fax: (910) 451-0360

**MCRD Parris Island:** The Osprey Inn  
(843) 522-1663 (primarily for personnel on TAD)

**MCRD San Diego:** Devil Dog Inn  
(619) 524-4401, [www.mcrdsd-billeting.org](http://www.mcrdsd-billeting.org)

**MCAS Beaufort:** De Treville House  
(843) 522-1663, fax: (843) 522-1663

**MCB Quantico:** Crossroads Inn  
(703) 630-4444, fax: (703) 630-4499  
Reservations: 1-800-965-9511

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# Directory Assistance Pages

## A

### ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

(703) 607-8000  
www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

### ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES

Gulfport, MS: (228) 897-4418  
<https://www.afrh.gov/afrh/gulf/gulfcampus.htm>

### ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES

Washington, DC: (202) 541-7501  
<https://www.afrh.gov/afrh/wash/washcampus.htm>

### ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS

[www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/](http://www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/)

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany):**  
(011-49) 8821-9440
- **Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii):** 1-800-367-6027

## 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](http://www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.htm)

## C

### CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY

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

### COLD WAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

USAHRC  
Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480  
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue  
Ft. Knox, KY 40122-5408  
Fax: 1-800-723-9262 or (502) 613-9510  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil> and type "Cold War Certificate" in the search box

### COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION

SECNAV CRSC Board  
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309  
Washington, DC 20374-5023  
1-877-366-2772, fax: (202) 685-6610  
E-Mail: [DON\\_CRSC@navy.mil](mailto:DON_CRSC@navy.mil)  
[www.public.navy.mil/asnmra/corb/CRSCB](http://www.public.navy.mil/asnmra/corb/CRSCB)

## D

### DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY:

<https://www.commissaries.com/>

### DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

**SERVICE: 1-800-321-1080, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil)**  
U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955  
Fax: 1-800-469-6559

### DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely Disabled:

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

## E

### E-BENEFITS

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/appmanager/eb/veterans>

## M

### MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134  
1-866-622-1775, ext. 100, fax: (703) 640-0162  
E-Mail: [mca@mca-marines.org](mailto:mca@mca-marines.org)

- **Leatherneck Magazine**

1-800-336-0291, ext. 115  
Fax: (703) 640-0823

E-Mail: [leatherneck@mca-marines.org](mailto:leatherneck@mca-marines.org)

- **Marine Corps Gazette**

1-800-336-0291, ext. 144  
Fax: (703) 630-9147

E-Mail: [gazette@mca-marines.org](mailto:gazette@mca-marines.org)

### MARINE CORPS BARRACKS

8th and I, Washington, DC  
[www.barracks.marines.mil](http://www.barracks.marines.mil)

### MARINE CORPS EDUCATION COMMAND

Marine Corps University, History Division  
3078 Upshur Ave., Quantico, VA 22134  
(703) 432-4874, [www.history.usmc.mil](http://www.history.usmc.mil)

### MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC TECOM (C 46JR)

1019 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001  
(703) 784-3706, [www.mcjrotc.org](http://www.mcjrotc.org)

### MARINE CORPS RECORDS

#### CORRESPONDENCE (MMSB-12)

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030  
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

**MARINE MILITARY EXPOSITIONS**

(202) 637-6138  
1317 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20004  
[www.marinemilitaryexpos.com](http://www.marinemilitaryexpos.com)

**MCCS COMMUNITY SERVICES**

[www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org)

**MEDICARE:** 1-800-633-4227, [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**N****NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS**

18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172  
1-877-653-1775, [www.usmcmuseum.org](http://www.usmcmuseum.org)

**NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE**

**RESERVATIONS CENTER**  
1-800-NAVY-INN, [www.navy-lodge.com](http://www.navy-lodge.com)

**Q****QUANTICO NATIONAL CEMETERY**

(703) 221-2183  
[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.asp)

**S****SISTER SERVICE RETIREE PUBLICATIONS**

- **Army Echoes:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>
- **Air Force Afterburner:**  
[www.Retirees.af.mil/afterburner](http://www.Retirees.af.mil/afterburner)
- **Coast Guard Evening Colors:**  
[www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews](http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews)
- **Navy Shift Colors:**  
[www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil) (click “Links” and “Shift Colors”)

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

1-800-772-1213, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN**

<http://militarypay.defense.gov/Benefits/SBPoverview.html>

**T****TRICARE PHARMACY PROGRAM**

1-877-363-6337

**TRICARE MAIL ORDER PHARMACY EXPRESS SCRIPTS**

1-866-363-8667

**TRICARE RETAIL PHARMACY**

1-877-363-1303

**TRICARE FOR LIFE/DUAL ELIGIBLES**

1-866-773-0404

**TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PLAN DELTA DENTAL:**

1-888-838-8737, [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org)

**TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM UNITED**

**CONCORDIA CONUS:** 1-800-866-8499  
**OCONUS:** 1-888-475-0486

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