

SEMPER FIDELIS

MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES

Changes to the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit

Beginning Oct. 1, 2015, a new law requires all TRICARE beneficiaries, except active-duty service members, to get refill prescriptions for select maintenance drugs through either TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or from a military pharmacy. **Beneficiaries who keep using a retail pharmacy for these drugs will have to pay the full cost.**

Maintenance drugs are those you take regularly for a long time, such as drugs to control blood pressure or cholesterol. The law does not apply to drugs you take for a short time, like antibiotics, or generic drugs. Beneficiaries living overseas, or with other prescription drug coverage, are not affected. The TRICARE pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, is sending a letter to beneficiaries taking an affected drug, explaining their options. **Beneficiaries can contact Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to see if they are affected.**

After October 1, beneficiaries still filling an affected drug at a retail pharmacy will receive another letter informing them of the change to the benefit. After that, beneficiaries have one final “courtesy” fill at a retail pharmacy. If they fill at a retail pharmacy again, they have to pay 100% of the cost of their medication.

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery is a safe, convenient and low cost option to get maintenance drugs. You can get up to a 90-day supply, as opposed to a 30-day supply from a retail pharmacy. You save up to \$176 a year for every brand name drug you switch to Home Delivery. **Military pharmacies offer up to a 90-day supply of drugs at zero copay, but not all drugs are available.** You can check with your local military pharmacy to see if they carry your prescription. For more information about this change to TRICARE’s pharmacy benefit, [visit www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules](http://www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules).



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

TRICARE Prime Annual Increases

TRICARE Prime enrollment fees increase each year on October 1. The basis of the increase is the annual cost of living adjustment for retired military pay. You're exempt from the enrollment fee increases if you are a:

- Surviving family member of a sponsor who died on active duty
- Medically-retired service member or their family member

If you're a survivor or medically-retired service member, your enrollment fee will stay the same as long as you keep TRICARE Prime.

When You Enrolled	Your Prime Enrollment Fees
Before October 1, 2011	Single: \$230 per year Family: \$460 per year
Between October 1, 2011 and October 1, 2012	Single: \$260 per year Family: \$520 per year
On or after October 1, 2012	Single: \$269.28 per year Family: \$538.56 per year
On or after October 1, 2013	Single: \$273.84 per year Family: \$547.68 per year
On or after October 1, 2014	Single: \$277.92 per year Family: \$555.84 per year
On or after October 1, 2015	Single: \$282.60 per year Family: \$565.20 per year

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There are two concurrent receipt programs available to Navy and Marine Corps retirees who have VA-rated disabilities. They are the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) program and the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program. Retirees who receive VA disability payments for disabilities rated from 0 to 40% have their retired pay "offset" (reduced) by the amount of VA pay. For disabilities of 50% or greater, concurrent receipt programs "restore" some of that retired pay. DFAS calculates and pays monthly CRDP and CRSC compensation. It is highly recommended that you have a MyPay account set up with DFAS to manage your retired pay. To learn more, go to www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/mypay.html.

To be eligible for these programs, retirees must be eligible for retired pay AND be in receipt of VA disability compensation. Medical retirees (TDRL and PDRL) with less than 20 years service are eligible for CRSC only. Twenty-year and Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) retirees (15-19 years of service)

and Reservists (age 60) are eligible for both CRSC and CRDP, but can receive compensation from only one program. Applicants must apply to the service CRSC Board from which they retired. The form, Claim for Combat-Related Special Compensation, is available at www.public.navy.mil/asnmra/corb/CRSCB/Pages/CRSCB%20main%20page.aspx (select "CRSC Application, DD Form 2860"). **CRDP is automatic and is paid to 20-year and TERA retirees who have VA-rated service connected disabilities of 50% or higher.** There is no application required, nor accepted. DFAS determines eligibility and pays monthly CRDP compensation. CRDP payments are taxed.

CRSC is for military retirees with combat-related disabilities of 10% or greater. Combat-related determinations are made by the CRSC Board for the branch of service from which the member retired. A combat-related determination is made for each VA disability claimed. The retiree must apply using the CRSC application form (DD-2860 July 2011). The "burden of proof" is on the claimant and the claim should include the member's DD-214, VA Rating Decisions, applicable Service Medical Records (SMR's), the PEB Findings Letter (for medical retirees), and pertinent service personnel records. Reconsiderations are accepted if new documentary evidence as to the cause of the disability is provided or for any new disabilities rated by the VA. Appeal authority for CRSC is the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR).

CRSC compensation for medical retirees is calculated by DFAS using a complicated formula that takes into account the PEB, VA, and CRSC percentages. CRSC pay can never exceed what would have been the Years of Service (YOS) retired pay amount, but can be much less and sometimes zero. CRSC pay is not taxed. Medical retirees can go to www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/wounded-warrior/disabledretireest.htm to estimate the approximate CRSC pay they will receive.

Applicants may apply for CRSC under one of four categories:

1. Direct result of Armed Conflict (AC),
2. While engaged in Hazardous Service (HS),
3. In the performance of duty under conditions Simulating War (SW), and
4. Disabilities resulting from the operation of an Instrumentality of War (IN).

For an approval of a CRSC claim, there must be a direct causal relationship between the armed conflict or training exercise that simulates war and the resulting disability. **The CRSC board makes combat-related determinations only on VA-rated service-connected disabilities.** Slips, trips, and falls, lifting heavy objects, as well as physical training, are not combat-related disabilities. The fact that a veteran incurred a disability during a period of war or simulated war; or in an area of armed or simulated conflict, or while participating in combat or simulated combat operations; is not sufficient to support a combat-related determination. **Only the CRSC Board for each branch of service is authorized to make combat-related determinations for CRSC.** Combat Zone (CZ) notations in VA and PEB documents are not combat related determinations.

A reconsideration request to the CRSC Board is required if your VA-rating percentage increases due to the VA approval of a new or unclaimed disability.

Retroactive payments are paid for CRSC, but CRSC compensation is subject to the six-year barring statute. DFAS and/or the VA can pay back pay/VA Retro back six years from your application, but can go no further back than the VA effective date, age 60 birthdate for reserve retirees, or the CRSC program effective date.

The primary means of communication with the DoN CRSC Board is by email at CRSC@navy.mil. To request a return call, send an email. To request an application or check the status of your application, call (202) 685-1683.

Applications are accepted a variety of ways: fax, scan/email, FedEx/UPS, or U.S. Postal Service to:

**SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
COUNCIL OF REVIEW BOARDS**
Combat-Related Special Compensation Board
720 Kennon Street SE Suite 309
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

Fax: (202) 685-6610
Email: CRSC@navy.mil

Note: The CRSCB is your subject-matter expert on all questions about the CRSC/CRDP benefit!

TRICARE News

Combat-Related Special Compensation Travel Benefit



Are you a retired service member who was awarded Combat-Related Special Compensation? If so, you may qualify for the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) travel benefit.

Note: If you're enrolled in TRICARE Prime or the US Family Health Plan, you qualify for the TRICARE Prime Travel Benefit, so you won't qualify for the CRSC Travel Benefit. If you have to travel more than 100 miles for specialty care related to your combat-related disability, the CRSC travel benefit reimburses your "reasonable travel expenses," which are the actual costs incurred while traveling, including meals, gas, tolls, parking and tickets for public transportation (i.e., airplane, train, or bus).

To qualify for the benefit, you must:

- Receive retired, retired retainer, or equivalent pay,
- Be awarded a CRSC determination letter from your service's CRSC Board identifying your combat-related disability or disabilities (refer to the article on pages 2-3),
- Live in the United States,
- Be covered by TRICARE Standard and Extra or TRICARE For Life,
- Get a referral from your provider for specialty care related to the combat-related disability, and
- Travel more than 100 miles from your referring provider to get the care.

You can receive reimbursement for costs for actual travel expenses such as lodging, fuel (rather than mileage), meals, parking, tolls, or other costs associated with getting the specialty care.

- You must use the least costly mode of transportation
- Government rates are used to estimate the reasonable costs for allowable expenses

Contact your TRICARE CRSC Travel Coordinator for more information about reimbursable expenses and authorization requirements at:

- **North Region:** 1-866-307-9749 or (703) 588-1867/1869, tronorth@tma.osd.mil
- **South Region:** 1-800-554-2397, trosouthcs@tros.tma.osd.mil
- **West Region:** 1-800-449-6408, trow-crsctravel@trow.tma.osd.mil

Non-Medical Attendants

One non-medical attendant (NMA) may also be reimbursed for travel-related expenses. Your referring provider must verify in writing that an NMA is medically necessary and appropriate to travel with you. The NMA can be a parent, spouse, or other adult family member (age 21 or older) or a legal guardian. If the NMA is an active-duty service member or a U.S. government employee, he or she may be entitled to temporary duty allowances (per diem and mileage) if on travel duty per their organization.

Prior Authorization: A Medical Best Practice

A prior authorization (or preauthorization) is an approval for a prescribed procedure, health care service or medication before you receive the care. If you're enrolled in a TRICARE Prime plan, your primary care manager (PCM) will work with your regional contractor for the prior authorization. For all other plans, you need to contact your regional contractor for prior authorization. TRICARE uses prior authorization as a tool to ensure safety and efficiency in both the medical and pharmacy benefit.



Prior authorization is a standard process used routinely by not only TRICARE but also other commercial and government health plans, like Medicare. Getting prior authorization ensures that some types of non-routine care are both appropriate for the patient and cost effective. In some cases, there may be an equally effective treatment or therapy available at a lower cost. This type of checks and balance for TRICARE helps lower the cost of care for everyone, and keeps the benefit sustainable for future generations of the military community. Each TRICARE region contractor has their own process on how prior authorizations are managed. You can see a list of services that require prior authorization on the TRICARE website. The site also has links to the regional contractor websites to see region-specific requirements.

Prior authorization applies to more than 80 drugs under the pharmacy benefit; one example is when you have a prescription for a brand name drug that has a lower cost, generic equivalent. If your doctor writes a prescription for a brand name drug the pharmacy will fill it with a preferred generic alternative, unless you have a medical reason requiring the brand name, like being allergic to a non-active ingredient in the generic version. A prior authorization for a new prescription may also help prevent potentially dangerous drug interactions.

TRICARE also recently implemented prior authorization for some compound drugs that contain ingredients not proven safe and effective. Compound drugs are a combination of two or more drug ingredients made specifically by your pharmacist to meet your individual needs. The prior authorization allows your doctor to submit additional evidence that the ingredients in your compound drug are safe and effective, and to show that commercially available drugs aren't appropriate for you. This ensures that even though compound drugs can be an expensive form of therapy, they are available to patients who really need them. Your doctor can contact Express Scripts to request a prior authorization for compound drugs.

You work with your doctor to get the prior authorization, which is typically good for one year. You can check the status of your request for prior authorization on your regional contractor's website. Your regional contractors are listed below:

- **North Region:** Health Net Federal Services, **1-877-874-2273**
<https://www.hnfs.com/content/hnfs/home/tn/bene.html>
- **South Region:** Humana Military Healthcare Services, **1-800-444-5445**
<https://humanamilitary.com>
- **West Region:** United Healthcare Military and Veterans, **1-877-988-9378**
<https://www.uhcmilitarywest.com>
- **Overseas:** Contact your Regional Call Center
www.tricare-overseas.com/ContactUs/default.htm

Veterans Who Have a VA Compensation Rating of 100%

Veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits. Here's the Qs and As:

What do I need to know about the VA and Social Security programs?

Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes, and criteria for receiving benefits are very different.

A VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." To be found disabled:

- You must be unable to do substantial work because of your medical condition(s) and
- Your medical condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

As a veteran rated 100% P&T, how do I receive expedited processing for Social Security disability benefits?

First, you must apply for Social Security disability benefits. You can do this in one of three ways:

1. Complete your application online. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/apply.html.
2. Call 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call at TTY 1-800-325-0778 or
3. Call or visit your local Social Security office.

Note: If you want to apply in person, please call and make an appointment before you visit your local office.

What should I do to receive expedited processing of my Social Security disability application?

To receive expedited processing, you must:

- Identify yourself as a "veteran rated 100% P&T" when you apply for benefits. If you apply in person or over the phone, please tell the Social Security representative you talk to that you are a veteran rated 100% P&T.
- If you apply online, enter "Veteran 100% P&T" in the "Remarks" section of the application so that they can identify

you and expedite your application.

- Provide your VA Notification letter which verifies your 100% P&T rating to Social Security.

How long does the process take?

The length of time it takes Social Security to make a disability decision depends on several different factors, but primarily on:

- The nature of your disability;
- How quickly they obtain medical evidence from your doctor or other medical sources, and
- Whether it is necessary to send you for a medical examination to obtain evidence to support your claim.

You can help speed up the process by having the needed information on hand when you apply. Go to www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-16.html to read about *Information You Need To Apply For Disability Benefits*.

What about Medicare?

If your application for Social Security disability benefits is approved, you will receive Medicare coverage automatically after you have received disability benefits for 24 months.

VA Launches New No-Cost Training Programs

Programs Designed to Help Transitioning Service Members and Veterans Develop New Skills and Credentials

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently launched two new no-cost training programs, Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) and VA Learning Hubs, to help transitioning service members and veterans from all eras learn skills, earn credentials, and advance in civilian careers following separation from service.

ALPs and Learning Hubs are part of VA's Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI), promoting education and employment opportunities for veterans through integrated networks of support in 50 cities.

The VA launched the VECI program in response to President Obama's August 2014 challenge to help veterans and families integrate with their communities and find meaningful jobs that can lead to economic success.



Under VA Secretary Robert McDonald's MyVA transformation, VECI is now in place in cities across the United States. "My message to transitioning service members is simple: Plan early and stay engaged, because transition is the mission," said McDonald. "These two new resources provide no-cost opportunities for our transitioning service members and veterans to learn new skills and earn credentials, which can increase their competitiveness during their transition."

ALPs offer transitioning service members and veterans the opportunity to build on their world-class training and technical skills gained through their military service, and earn certifications in high-demand fields.

The VA is piloting ALPs with seven courses focusing on building skills and certifications needed to advance in high-demand careers in information technology (IT), as part of the President's TechHire initiative. Each ALP course is offered at no cost and includes free referral and support services.

The first ALP cohort includes seven courses covering a range of IT-related topics, including:

- Coding/programming boot camps;
- 80+ IT certifications in hardware, software, networking, web services, and more;
- Network support engineer job training and certification;
- Cyber security training and certification;
- IT help desk job training; and
- IT boot camps for desktop support and Windows expertise.

Transitioning service members and veterans from any era are invited to apply to their choice of courses. Applications are now accepted; however, seats in the pilot cohort are limited. ALPs do not involve use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Students are able to participate in these programs while also pursuing other programs of study using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Visit the ALP website to learn more about each program and apply. The VA is also launching Learning Hubs in 27 cities across the country in partnership with the American Red Cross, The Mission Continues, and Coursera, an online education platform.

Transitioning service members and veterans can take advantage of both online and in-person study. Each week, online course modules will be completed outside the classroom while class sessions, led by Learning Hub facilitators, provide opportunities to discuss course materials with peers, hear from subject matter experts, and network. Upon completion of the program, service members and veterans may elect to receive one free verified certificate issued by Coursera.

For more information about the VECI or to learn more about VA ALPs and Learning Hubs, contact VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov.

How to Donate Artifacts to the Marine Corps Museum Donations of Artifacts, Photographs, and Archival Materials

The mission of the National Museum of the Marine Corps is to collect, preserve, and exhibit objects of interest to the history of the Marine Corps. To accomplish this goal, the Museum acquires a wide variety of artifacts and historic materials for use in exhibits, as reference materials, and to assist in the conduct of original research on Marine Corps history. The National Museum of the Marine Corps follows the ethical guidelines for acquiring artifacts established by the American Association of Museums.

Historic Artifacts: The Museum collects three-dimensional artifacts (for example: vehicles, uniforms, weapons, personal effects, etc.) in a selective and responsible manner. The Museum will accept only those items that the Museum can utilize and has the resources to professionally care for. If you have artifacts that you would like to donate to the Museum, contact Stefan Rohal, Registrar at stefan.rohal@usmc.mil or complete a Donation Information Form, which is available at www.usmcmuseum.com/Donation_Information_Form.pdf and mail it to:

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE
MARINE CORPS**
Curatorial Services Department
2014 Anderson Avenue
Quantico, VA 22134-5002

Photographs and Archival Materials: Original documents are crucial to the mission of the Museum. Museum curators and researchers use photographs, personal papers and correspondence, official records, log books, etc. as part of the research required to prepare new exhibits and to prepare new publications. Archival materials of this kind are housed at the General Alfred M. Gray Marine Corps Research Center (part of the Marine Corps University) located at Quantico, Virginia.

If you have artifacts such as photographs, letters, official records or log books and wish to donate them to the Gray Research Center, contact the Manuscript Curator, Dr. Jim Ginther at gintherja@grc.usmc.edu

No artifacts, photographs, or other archival materials to the museum without first completing a donation information form and speaking with a Museum representative. The National Museum of the Marine Corps will NOT be responsible for any items left at the Museum without prior approval of a Museum staff member!



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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.

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

FLC, FLSG A/B and all sub units (Vietnam) in Myrtle Beach, SC, Oct. 4-8, 2015. POC: Jim Corcoran, usmccork@yahoo.com or Mary Ann/ Bruce Baker at 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, mobile: (775) 781-2726.

HMM-165 in Boston, MA, Oct. 15-18, 2015. POC: Gary Zimmerman, (978) 582-7269, gzimm283@comcast.net or visit www.hmm165whiteknights.com.

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 or visit www.vmgr-reunion.com.

TBS Hotel Co. 8-68 in San Diego, CA, Oct. 22-25, 2015. POC: Sam Decoteau. (225) 253-9698 or visit www.usmc.allenc.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.

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

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

3d Marines Scout/Sniper Platoon (Vietnam) in Las Vegas, NV, Feb. 19-21, 2016. POC: Jim O'Neil, (928) 684-2309, taraniall@gmail.com.

Tips for Scheduling Funeral Services: Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington schedules services based on available cemetery and military resources. The process to schedule a burial at Arlington National Cemetery can be complex and we handle each family's request individually with the utmost care and professionalism. Each request is unique and it can take several weeks to several months to schedule and conduct a service at Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery has made great strides to streamline processes and hire additional staff to maximize the number of services we can schedule and conduct per day.

Have all of the required documentation together before you call to schedule:

- DD-214 or equivalent service documentation showing honorable discharge and active-duty service (Mandatory for a veteran; second interment of spouse does not require this if Arlington can verify the veteran's eligibility from historic archived records).
- Death certificate.
- Cremation certificate, *if applicable*.
- Succession documents for the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition to act on behalf of the Primary Next-of-Kin, *if applicable*. Only the Primary Next-of-Kin or person authorized can sign the required documents.
- Other documents will be required for signature before a service can take place.
- Ensure the cemetery has multiple ways to contact the Primary Next-of-Kin or Person Authorized for Direct Disposition directly or via the funeral home to help ensure the cemetery reaches someone when the scheduler first calls to schedule.
- Requests for chapel services can extend the wait time by two months for a service at Arlington National Cemetery. Only four out of the 27-30 services conducted each week day can have a service at a chapel. To reduce the wait time in the scheduling process, we recommend requesting the use of the chapel only if a funeral service has not been conducted.
- If the family is requesting a specific date for their service after their loved one has passed, we recommend contacting Arlington four months prior to the desired interment date.
- If the decedent is being interred with someone already at Arlington National Cemetery, please provide the section and grave number for in-ground gravesites and court, section, column, and niche for above-ground interments.
- Consider having a service on Saturday for placements or services for cremated remains that do not require military honors or military chaplain support.

Contact Arlington Cemetery for more information at 1-877-907-8585.

About Funerals at Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place for more than 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families. This historic cemetery bears witness to our American heritage and the military service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform throughout our nation's history. Families come from all over the country to bury their loved ones at Arlington National Cemetery. They come to Arlington because of the rich history of military honors that makes the service so special.

To learn more about funeral services at Arlington, watch the video: "The Official Guide to Funeral Services at Arlington National Cemetery" at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funeral-Information/About-Funerals.



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

Beyer, William H. Oct 93/Apr 14
Cooke, Charles E. Sep 04/Aug 15
Judy, James W. Oct 80/Feb 15
Scanlon, John E. Oct 80/Mar 15
Sims, John B. Jul 76/Jan 15

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Dixon, Lloyd D. Jul 91/Sep 14
Egger, Charles H. Jan 77/Apr 15
Lorch, Robert E. Sep 80/Jun 15

MAJOR

Crone, John May 78/Jun 15
Hobbs, Comer E. Jul 76/Jun 15
Townsend, Jack E. Mar 69/Nov 14
Wilson, Ralph H. Mar 93/Apr 15

CAPTAIN

Arbisi, Anthony R. May 73/Jun 15
Taylor, Thomas F. Jun 72/Apr 15
Thomas, Stanley B. Jan 76/Jun 15
Wilson, Eugene S. Aug 78/Jul 15

FIRST LIEUTENANT

Starcevich, Milton T. Apr 47/May 15

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

Astrup, Peter J. CWO2 Jul 70/Aug 15
Durham Jr., George D. CWO2 Feb 65/Jun 15
Millsap, Walter C. CWO4 Jul 95/May 15
Richter, John P. CWO3 Jul 97/Jun 15

SERGEANT MAJOR

Martin, Billie W. Jul 74/Jun 15
Mitchell, Alfred J. Sep 79/Jun 15
O'Malley, Paul A. Nov 88/Jun 15

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

Bumgarner, Henry T. Nov 71/Jan 15
Cooper Alvin E. Nov 70/Apr 15
Edwards John H. Jr. Apr 79/Apr 15
Elliott, Harry C. Jul 94/May 15
Faumuina, Amio P. Mar 80/Jul 14
Herring, Bobby L Dec 79/Apr 15
Lemons, Chester F. Nov 73/Apr 15
Knoell, Louis C. Mar 87/Jul 15
Pruna, Jaime E. Jul 80/Jan 14
Titterington, Jack A. Jun 74/Sep 15
Trujillo Jr., Clodovaldo Oct 68/Mar 15
Walls, Robert E. Jul 69/Jun 15

FIRST SERGEANT

Ashcraft, Richard W. Sep 86/Jul 15
Burk, Austin M. Aug 91/Aug 15
Parker, Robert A. Feb 70/Aug 15
Polly, Jan Dec 73/Jun 15
Seabright, Charles C. Oct 81/Apr 15

MASTER SERGEANT

Aultman, Glenn L. Jul 85/May 15
Bianchino, Michael T. Mar 87/Nov 14
Brookshire, James F. Feb 69/Mar 15
Lo Jr., Edward C. Sep 75/Apr 15
Newman, Harry T. Mar 83/Jan 15
Walker, James E. Dec 68/Jul 15

GUNNERY SERGEANT

Birtcher, Clyde May 73/Aug 15
Brancato, George R. Mar 76/Oct 14
Brooks, Leo D. Dec 80/Jun 15
Corley, Gene T. Nov 69/Apr 15
Creecraft, Richard A. Feb 99/Jul 15
Delagarza, Richard A. Jul 69/Jun 15
Erkson, David May 67/Jan 15

Fenn, Richard C. Feb 71/Jul 15
 Goodnight Jr., Harold T. Jul 75/Dec 14
 Helsel, Kenneth E. Aug 76/Jul 15
 Jones, Raymond C. May 73/Oct 14
 Lewis, John F. Apr 69/Jul 15
 Metzger, C. L. Jun 65/Jul 15
 Milburn, Dwight H. Mar 74/Jul 15
 Posner, Robert J. Jun 73/Jul 15
 Shaer, George Dec 68/Jul 15
 Trospier, Ralph M. Oct 74/Jul 15

STAFF SERGEANT

Barone, Samuel J. Feb 74/Apr 15
 Lewis Jr., W. Oct 67/Feb 15
 Milam, Henry R. Oct 72/Nov 14
 Mosby, Charles D. May 77/Aug 15
 Nicolet, James T. Jul 73/Jul 15
 Watson Sr., Marcus A. Feb 99/Apr 15
 Waymire, Eugene H. Sep 70/Mar 15

SERGEANT

McCoy, Timothy P. Aug 10/Jul 15
 Syck, Rollen R. Sep 68/Jul 15
 Wingard, Craig D. Apr 09/Jul 15

CORPORAL

Rhea, Johnnie L. May 68/Apr 13

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

English, J. T. Oct 69/Jul 15
 Quiroz, Terry M. Dec 53/Jul 15



Lieutenant
 General Petersen
 Dies at 83

Lt. Gen. Frank E. Petersen, Jr., USMC (Ret), the first African-American Marine Corps aviator and the first African-American Marine Corps officer to be promoted to brigadier general, died Aug. 25, 2015. “[He was] a pioneer and role model in many ways, a stellar leader, Marine officer and aviator,” said Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., the 33rd Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Born March 2, 1932, in Topeka, Kansas, Petersen was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1952 after serving two years in the U.S. Navy. Petersen served during the Korean War in 1953 and Vietnam in 1968. During his career, Petersen flew more than 350 combat missions and more than 4,000 hours in various military aircraft.

Petersen was promoted to brigadier general on Feb. 23, 1979, becoming the first African-American to hold that rank in the Marine Corps. Petersen retired as a lieutenant general on Aug. 1, 1988, after serving as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. His commands held include Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, deactivated March 11, 2008, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314, and served as the commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. Petersen’s military awards include: the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with valor device, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal. His actions were recorded in the Congressional Records as part of the archives of the House of Representatives on July 28, 2014, where they will be preserved forever.

Your Taxes

and the Affordable Care Act

During January 2016, DFAS will begin providing IRS Forms 1095 (C and/or B depending on your status as a military member, military retiree, annuitant, or federal civilian employee). The information will be necessary when you prepare to file your 2015 federal income tax return. Like your other tax and pay statements, the **new forms will be available in your myPay account when they are released (no later than Jan. 31, 2016)**. Military members, retirees, annuitants, and federal civilian employees serviced by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) have a menu link “Turn On/Off Hard Copy of IRS Form 1095” in myPay at the “Pay Account” menu.

While your 2015 IRS Form 1095 won't be ready for several months, you can prepare now to keep yours secure within your myPay account at <http://www.dfas.mil/mypay>. Not only can you help keep your information away from thieves, electronic delivery saves your service or agency money and preserves our natural resources. Select electronic delivery only to keep your 1095 ready and waiting in your myPay account. While you're at it, you may want to make sure your retiree account statement (RAS) and your tax statement (1099R) are also selected for electronic delivery. Most federally provided healthcare plans (TRICARE and Federal Employee Health Benefit) meet the minimum essential coverage requirement of the Affordable Care Act.

Military members will receive a notification letter from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) if their SSN or a family members' SSN needs to be

updated in DEERS. It is important to follow the instructions in the letter to ensure information is correctly reported to the IRS.

You will receive an IRS Form 1095-B or 1095-C for all healthcare plans you are enrolled in. This includes TRICARE and the FEHB plans (available via your myPay account), VA and other plans provided through a government agency or purchased by you for yourself and your family members. The IRS 1095 series forms include information already provided to the IRS. These forms contain information you need to complete your individual federal income tax return.

The IRS Form 1095 series informs taxpayers of the information provided to the IRS regarding their healthcare coverage during the tax year. This information will be required as taxpayers complete their federal tax return.

IRS Form 1095-B (for military retirees and annuitants): This form provides information you will need to report on your income tax return that you, your spouse and individuals you claim as dependents had qualifying health coverage (referred to as “minimum essential coverage”) for some or all months during the year. Individuals who do not have minimum essential coverage and do not qualify for an exemption may be liable for the individual shared responsibility payment.

IRS Form 1095-C (for military members and federal civilian employees): This form includes information about the health insurance coverage offered to you by your employer. Form 1095-C, Part II, includes information about the coverage, if any, your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s).

Contact DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 for more information or visit www.dfas.mil/taxes/aca.html.

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2015 Annual Retiree Seminars

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii
Military and Family Support Center

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

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

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

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MCB Hawaii
USMC Retiree Appreciation Day



Nov. 13, 2015 at 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lanai Room of the Officer's Club

Breakfast is available for a nominal fee.

Call (808) 257-7790/7796
for more information.

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](#).

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

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.

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:

DFAS-IN

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



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. If applicable, divorce decrees and/or marriage licenses may be required.

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
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

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

- 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

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. Additional information from DFAS is available at 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 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) 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.

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

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
- Military Funeral Honors: 1-866-826-3628 or (703) 432-9524
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: (703) 696-4904, www.nmcrcs.org
- National Military Families Association: 1-800-260-0218, www.nmfa.org
- Society of Military Widows: 1-800-842-3451, www.militarywidows.org/home.aspx
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors: 1-800-959-8277, www.taps.org



Defense Finance and Accounting Service 2015 Retiree and Annuitant Pay Dates

ENTITLEMENT MONTH	RETIREE PAYMENT DATE	ANNUITANT PAYMENT DATE
January 2015	Fri., Jan. 30, 2015	Mon., Feb. 2, 2015
February 2015	Fri., Feb. 27, 2015	Mon., March 2, 2015
March 2015	Wed., April 1, 2015	Wed., April 1, 2015
April 2015	Fri., May 1, 2015	Fri., May 1, 2015
May 2015	Mon., June 1, 2015	Mon., June 1, 2015
June 2015	Wed., July 1, 2015	Wed., July 1, 2015
July 2015	Fri., July 31, 2015	Mon., Aug. 3, 2015
August 2015	Tues., Sept. 1, 2015	Tues., Sept. 1, 2015
September 2015	Thurs., Oct. 1, 2015	Thurs., Oct. 1, 2015
October 2015	Fri., Oct. 30, 2015	Mon., Nov. 2, 2015
November 2015	Tues., Dec. 1, 2015	Tues., Dec. 1, 2015
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
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138
(314) 801-0800; fax: (314) 801-9195; e-mail: MPR.center@nara.gov; www.archives.gov/st-louis

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
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011-81-611-753-3221

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*(843) 228-2744 (primarily for personnel on TAD)

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(619) 524-4401, 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

*denotes a correction

UNITED STATES Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program



The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is looking for a few good men and women to serve as instructors at various high schools throughout the United States. Marines selected to serve in these billets teach MCJROTC cadets discipline, self-confidence and the leadership skills required to successfully prepare them to meet future challenges. Instructors receive a stipend from the Marine Corps and the respective school system that as a minimum, when added to retirement pay, can equal full military pay and allowances. MCJROTC instructors must be certified by the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, Quantico, Va. Applications are accepted not earlier than one year nor later than three years after the effective date of retirement. Marines interested in serving as MCJROTC instructors can view current vacancies and download an instructor application at www.mcjrotc.marines.mil/Applications.aspx.

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

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www.armymwr.com/travel/recreationcenters/

- Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany):
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CAMP LEJEUNE NOTIFICATION REGISTRY
<https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater>

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USAHRC
Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Ft. Knox, KY 40122-5408
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<https://www.hrc.army.mil> and type "Cold War
Certificate" in the search box

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www.public.navy.mil/asnmra/corb/CRSCB

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DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY:
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DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING
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DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely
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