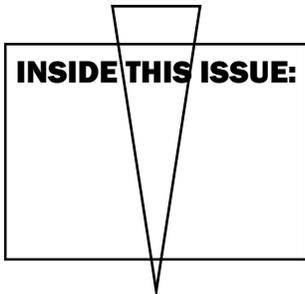


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New WPS TRICARE for Life contract simplifies claims processing

All beneficiaries who are eligible for TRICARE for Life, including those under age 65 and dual-eligible for TRICARE and Medicare, will soon receive a letter from Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS), the new TRICARE for Life claims processor. The phase in for WPS as the new centralized claims processor for all TRICARE regions started 1 April. Included are approximately 1.7 million TRICARE for Life beneficiaries in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the American Samoan Islands, and the North Mariana Islands.

The introductory letter contains contact information and frequently asked questions on TRICARE for Life, WPS, and the automated claims processing system that services all TRICARE for Life beneficiaries. TRICARE officials said the new contract integrates the services previously provided by each of the regional managed care support contractors, providing a single source for claims processing, customer service, and administrative claims services. The WPS TRICARE for Life contract is part of

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Attention Enlisted Marines!

Submit Your Resume Today for the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council!

The deadline is 29 October 2004, and so the search begins to fill two enlisted vacancies on the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council (RC). As an RC volunteer, you will be invited yearly to review legislation and advise the SECNAV on various issues involving the retired Marine Corps community. RC members advise commands in their geographical area on planning and conducting retiree seminars. Members are subject to annual reappointment and will not serve beyond three years. Each selected member will be recalled to active duty and issued temporary active-duty orders. The government pays for travel and lodging expenses. If you are interested, send a resume highlighting any involvement with military/retiree associations and organizations, experience or background in public affairs/public relations, information technology/computer skills, and experience or background in finance or financial management. Mail or fax your resume to:

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A Message from the Head, Retired Activities Section

Marines,

By the time you receive this issue of our newsletter, the 2004 Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council will have completed its mission for this fiscal year. As always, their dedication and knowledge toward "ALL" issues is truly unsurpassed. Once approved by the Secretary, an overview pertaining to the issues/recommendations will be forthcoming. A key-note of importance regarding the FY 2005 SECNAV Council are two enlisted vacancies. Please read our article on the cover page.

I would like to recognize the dedicated volunteers for their hard work at your Retired Activities Office. Our RAO directors are true "American Patriots" who receive no compensation for their efforts. A myriad of responsibilities encompass these positions from rights, benefits and privileges coupled with policies and legislation that affect our community. With so little, they give some much. Unfortunately, the RAOs throughout the Marine Corps lack the volunteers that greatly contribute to the welfare of all. Contact your local RAO and ask how you can assist. Collectively, you can make a difference by working a few hours per week. Doing so will enable the RAO directors to focus on requested programs.

TEAMWORK is the key to the success of the RAO program. **YOU DESERVE IT!**

Lastly, in our next edition, we will explain the process of (monthly) premium deductions for those enrolled in TRICARE Prime. Likewise, you will find the same procedure within the Delta Dental Retiree Plan.



Semper Fi,

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Has your dependent ID card expired?

While the status of a retired Marine's identification card remains indefinite, that is not the case for his or her family members. **ID cards for family members will expire after four years with the exception of college students.** ID cards for college students expire when they reach age 23. Incapacitated family members must be established as such before they reach age 21. Do not let time pass you by before renewing an ID card for a family member. After years of inactivity, your data may be purged from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. You will then have to resubmit documents to reestablish eligibility. Misplaced documents may be costly and time consuming to obtain.

The Retired Marine's ID card

As stated above, a retired Marine's ID card is issued indefinitely; however, a retired Marine may have to update his or her ID card if it was lost, stolen, or damaged or due to a change in status (i.e., Reservists awaiting pay at 60, name change due to marriage, divorce, or as requested by the Marine). A photo ID is required.

ID cards by mail

If you live less than 300 miles from an ID card issuing site, you must have your card processed at the nearest location. If you live more than 300 miles from a site, however, your card will be processed by mail. ID cards by mail are also processed for applicants due to disability or inability to travel. An 8x10 photo (color is preferred) is required to have an ID card processed by mail.

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Congress authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal

The Korean Defense Service Medal was authorized by Congress in February 2004. To qualify, service members must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles and all air spaces above the land and water areas. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 or 60 consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- ☆ Have been engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility;
- ☆ Was wounded or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; and
- ☆ Participated as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties were flown in accordance with these criteria counts as one day toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who served in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive period for medal eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period. The military may award the medal posthumously. Only one award of the medal is authorized for any individual. Retired members and veterans who meet the eligibility (or the next of kin in the case of those now deceased) must request the award from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Requests should include documents to verify service and dates in Korea, such as TDY/PCS orders, performance reports, letter of evaluations, flight records, decoration citation, record review, medical documents, or DD form 214 (discharge form). Once entitlement has been verified, the NPRC will update the KDSM to the DD form 214, certificate of release or discharge from active duty, and then authorize Headquarters AFPC; Randolph AFB, Texas to issue a medal. The KFSM should also be available for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchange Service Clothing Sales facilities for three to six months. For more information, visit www.archives.gov or contact the NPRC Customer Service Center at (314) 801-0800.

Military Records

DD Form 214s and Medical Records

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS
9700 Page Blvd.; St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5100
(314) 801-0800, fax: (314) 801-9195

A veteran or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran may initiate an online request for a DD 214 by visiting:

<http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov>

NOTE: Online submissions must be followed up with a signature that is mailed in by the veteran or next-of-kin. For those without online access, you may submit your request by writing a letter. Provide the veteran's full name, SSN, mailing address, daytime telephone number, applicable service number, branch of service, dates of service, type of information needed (e.g., DD 214, medical records), reason for the request, and the veteran's or next-of-kin's signature on the request.

Do not send MMSR certified mail!

Necessary signatures may cause delays



Certified mail requires that the person you designated on the envelope must sign it. If the individual is unavailable when the mail is delivered, the mail is then forwarded to the Quantico Post Office for signature and pickup. To avoid delays in processing your request, use the following format:

ATTENTION (RANK/NAME)
Headquarters Marine Corps (MMSR-6)
3280 Russell Rd., Quantico, Va. 22134-5103

MarineNet

MarineNet online training is available at no cost to retirees and their eligible family members at www.marinenet.usmc.mil, providing more than 600 courses on a broad spectrum of topics including personnel and professional development to include business and information technology.

MarineNet has state-of-the-art computer learning resource centers available at many Marine Corps/DOD installations also with free access. For more information, contact the MarineNet helpdesk at 1-888-4DL-USMC.

TRICARE News

Certificates help those losing TRICARE eligibility

The Department of the Department of Defense Military Health System has begun automatically issuing a Certificate of Creditable Coverage to any former uniformed services sponsor or family member who loses eligibility for health care benefits under TRICARE. The new procedure began in February 2004. This affects those individuals who lose eligibility because of divorce or a dependent child reaching age 21 (age 23 for full-time students). For persons no longer eligible for TRICARE, the certificate serves as proof of previous health care coverage and limits the time another health care plan may exclude them from participating in a health care plan due to a preexisting medical condition.

The Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, as custodian of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, will mail a certificate for the sponsor or family member within 5 to 10 days after eligibility has been lost. As long as a current address is on file in DEERS, members may expect to receive the certificate within 30 days. Sponsors or family members who need to expedite receipt of a certificate may mail or fax a request to the DSO. The request should include the sponsor's name and SSN, name of family member(s) for whom the certificate is needed, reason for the urgent request, name and address of the person or organization where the certificate should be sent, and finally, signature of the requester.

Requests may also be faxed to the DSO at (831) 655-8317 or mailed to Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, Attn: Certificate of Creditable Coverage, 400 Gigling Rd., Seaside, Calif. 93955-6771. Sponsors or family members who have questions regarding the certificate may contact the DSO at 1-800-538-9552 or TTY/TDD at 1-866-363-2883. Additional information is also available at www.tricare.osd.mil/certificate/index.cfm.

CHAMPVA policy for some surviving spouses extended

An extended deadline will allow more time for some remarried surviving spouses of veterans to seek health care insurance under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). The extension applies to CHAMPVA-eligible spouses who remarry after a veteran's death. The surviving husband or wife lost access to CHAMPVA benefits if they remarried before age 55 and before 4 Feb. 2003. Under rules announced last March, those survivors had until 4

Feb. 2004, to apply for reinstatement of their CHAMPVA coverage. They now have until 16 December 2004, to apply for reinstatement. Individuals must be family members of veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death. In general, CHAMPVA covers most health care services and supplies that are medically and psychologically necessary. Surviving spouses who remarry at a younger age and lose their CHAMPVA benefits can have these benefits restored if their later marriage is annulled or ends due to death or divorce. Similarly, widows or widowers of any age who lost benefits under VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program due to remarriage are eligible for reinstatement of monthly DIC payments if their subsequent marriage ends. This restoration policy has been in effect since 1998, but VA officials are concerned widows or widowers may overlook this benefit if a subsequent marriage ends years later. Individuals may obtain an application by calling the VA's Health Administration Center at 1-800-733-8387.

Claims processing, From cover page

the Department of Defense's next generation of contracts and is designed to optimize the delivery of claims and associated customer services.

"The new single claims processing vehicle will deliver customer-friendly service and improve beneficiaries' satisfaction," said Rear Admiral Richard A. Mayo, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity. "We will employ commercial best practices and an effective management approach to provide the necessary services through this world-class claims processing system." TFL claims processing is currently in a state of transition. The outgoing regional claims processor will continue to process claims for services beneficiaries receive until WPS TFL is implemented in the beneficiary's state. For information about current claims processors and to find out what region a beneficiary is in, see <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/main/chart.html>. WPS TFL is being phased in as follows:

Region 11:	1 April 2004
Regions 2/5:	1 June 2004
Regions 9/10/12:	1 July 2004
Regions 3/4:	1 August 2004
Region 1:	1 September 2004
Regions 7/8: (Central)	1 October 2004
Region 6:	1 November 2004

For example, Idaho Falls under Region 7/8 (Central) and Northern Idaho Falls under Region 11; all of Idaho will be phased in with Region 7/8 (Central). A complete list of states' phase in dates will soon be available on <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. On the above implementation dates, beneficiaries who are under age 65 and are eligible for both Medicare and TRICARE due to disability or end-stage renal disease will no longer need to directly file claims to a managed care support contractor. All claims filed with Medicare for these dual-eligible beneficiaries will go to WPS TFL.

WPS has agreements with each Medicare carrier allowing Medicare to directly submit claims to WPS TFL once implemented in the state. If the provider currently submits claims electronically on the beneficiary's behalf to Medicare, Medicare will now submit this claim directly to WPS TFL. Beneficiaries will receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from WPS TFL once processing has been completed.

Once implemented in a region, beneficiaries may call 1-866-773-0404 or TDD 1-866-773-0405 for information and/or claims processing assistance. Visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/default.aspx> for more information. Under "Word Search," type in "TRICARE for Life" or under the "Advanced Search," use the drop down menu, and select the category, "TRICARE For Life/Dual eligible," subcategory "All" and then hit "Go."

Reserve Component: Pay bills, but save your receipts!

Last year, the President signed legislation for Fiscal Year 2004 that authorized three new temporary provisions to enhance access to TRICARE medical and dental benefits for eligible Reserve Component sponsors and their family members. Recently, the Department of Defense announced plans to implement the new provisions under its "2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program." Eligibility for some of the new temporary TRICARE enhancements began 6 Nov. 2003, and ends for all on 31 Dec. 2004.

Eligibility for two of the temporary provisions (sections 703 and 704) was effective 6 Nov. 2003, but TRICARE policy, data, and contract changes were needed before either could be implemented and claims paid. The 704 provision, which was implemented by TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) earlier this week, temporarily extends TRICARE eligibility under the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) from 60 or 120 days to 180 days for Reserve Component sponsors

who separate from active-duty federal service 6 Nov. 2003, through 31 Dec. 2004. Effective 17 March 2004, TAMP-eligible sponsors and family members who were saving their receipts may apply for TRICARE reimbursement by submitting a TRICARE claim form, a copy of their itemized bill, an explanation of benefits, and proof of payment if the bill was already paid to their TRICARE regional claims processor. Contacts and additional information on claims processing are available at www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/default.cfm.

TMA will soon be able to implement the second temporary provision (703). This provision authorizes TRICARE medical and dental benefits for Reserve Component sponsors activated in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days and for their family members. TRICARE eligibility under this provision begins the day the sponsor receives delayed effective date active duty orders or 90 days before the date the active-duty period begins, whichever is later. The effective date for benefits under this program was 6 Nov. 2003.

However, until TRICARE is able to make payments for claims under this provision, Reserve Component sponsors and eligible family members who receive medical and dental care from 6 Nov. 2003, to the present, are encouraged to pay those bills and save their receipts. Beneficiaries may apply for TRICARE reimbursement once implementation begins and claims filing procedures are announced by TMA.

The third and final temporary provision (702) is under development. This provision is limited to Reserve Component sponsors who are either unemployed or employed but not eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage and their family members. This provision will pay for medical care only. Claims under this benefit are not eligible for payment retroactive to 6 Nov. 2003. This provision, when it is implemented, will require an enrollment application and payment of a premium. TRICARE is working now to develop this provision, which requires many contract and personnel system changes. We anticipate that this effort cannot be completed for several months. The authority for this temporary provision expires on 31 Dec. 2004.

Sponsors and family members who need help understanding their TRICARE benefits or processing TRICARE claims, may contact their regional TRICARE beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator for assistance. A list of names and telephone numbers for assistance is available at www.tricare.osd.mil/bcactdirectory.cfm. Future updates on the three temporary programs for Reserve Component families will be posted to the TRICARE web

site at www.tricare.osd.mil and the Reserve Affairs web site at www.defenselink.mil/ra/.



Medicare-approved drug discount card savings now available

HHS has detailed resources to help beneficiaries make informed choices

HHS Secretary Tommy G.

Thompson recently announced that seniors and people with disabilities who receive Medicare can now begin to compare and choose the Medicare-approved drug discount card that best fits their needs in providing savings on their prescription medicines. The new cards are expected to offer Medicare beneficiaries' discounts on their prescription drugs of between 10 and 25%. Low-income beneficiaries may also receive a credit of up to \$600 each year in 2004 and 2005 to help pay for their prescriptions. Medicare is providing a new Price Comparison web site at www.Medicare.gov. If you do not have online access, you may call 1-800-MEDICARE. Low-income Medicare beneficiaries may qualify for the \$1,200 credit over the 18-month life of the discount card program to help pay for the prescription drugs if their income in 2004 is no more than \$12,569 if single or no more than \$16,862 if married.

In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced that low-income Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in state pharmacy assistance programs that provide discounts on prescriptions drugs may, at the state's option, be automatically enrolled for the \$600 credit on a Medicare-approved drug discount card. States that have the authority to act as an "authorized representative" of a beneficiary (as defined by state law), will be permitted to enroll beneficiaries in drug discount cards on the beneficiary's behalf. This step will make it easier for low-income beneficiaries in states with pharmacy assistance programs to get \$600 in additional help.

Beneficiaries who enroll by the end of June will be fully eligible for the discounts and financial assistance beginning in July. The card sponsors may charge an annual enrollment fee of no more than \$30, though many cards have lower fees and some have no fee. There is no enrollment fee on any card for people who qualify for the \$600 credit. Medicare-approved drug discount cards must offer discounts on prescription drugs for all of their Medicare enrollees. At least some of these savings must come from manufacturer rebates. Card sponsors also must publish prices for the prescription drugs their cards

will cover, provide access to an extensive retail pharmacy network, operate call centers and have a process to respond to beneficiary concerns. Card sponsors may add drugs or lower prices at any time, but can only increase the negotiated price for covered drugs if there is a legitimate change in the sponsor's costs, such as changes in the discounts, rebates, or other price concessions received from a drug maker or pharmacy. Medicare will also collect and track consumer complaints about Medicare-approved cards.

Department of Veterans Affairs News

VA offers on-line nationwide gravesite locator

More than 3 million records showing where veterans have been buried in Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries are now available online. The innovation will make it easy for anyone with Internet access to search for the gravesite locations of deceased family members and friends. The nationwide grave locator contains more than three million records of veterans and dependents buried in the VA's 120 cemeteries since the Civil War. It also has records of some burials in state veterans' cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery from 1999 to the present. The records date to the establishment of the first national cemeteries during the Civil War. The web site, www.cem.va.gov, will be updated nightly with information on burials the previous day.

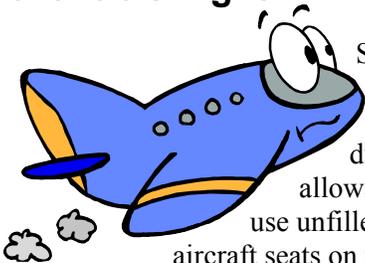
The site displays the same information that visitors to national cemeteries find on kiosks or in written ledgers to locate gravesites: name, dates of birth and death, period of military service, branch of service and rank if known, the cemetery's location and phone number, plus the grave's precise location in the cemetery. The home page, "Burial and Memorial Benefits," allows the reader to select the Nationwide Gravesite Locator to begin a search.

State cemetery burial records are from those cemeteries that use the VA's database to order government headstones and markers for veterans' graves. Since 1999, Arlington National Cemetery, operated by the Department of the Army, has used that database. The information in the database comes from records of interment, which before 1994, were paper records kept at each cemetery. The VA's interment records contain more information than what is shown on the Internet and cemetery kiosks. Some information, such as identification of the next of kin, will not be shown to the public for privacy reasons. Immediate family members with a government identification card may request to see the full record of a burial when they visit a national cemetery.

New commissary newsletter keeps customers connected

Staying connected to your commissary benefit is now just a click away. Commissary Connection, a customer newsletter delivered via e-mail, launched in late April; shoppers can sign up at <http://www.commissaries.com>. "Commissary Connection will be a fairly informal newsletter," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency. "We're planning to send it out only when we have significant news to communicate to customers," said Kennedy. "We already work with military newspapers, television, radio and various military news services to get the word out to customers. Commissary Connection will keep customers abreast of news about promotions and sales, even offering links to manufacturer and vendor sites where they can enter shopping sprees and contests, or sign up for commercial newsletters. The newsletter will be delivered from a mailbox at CommissaryConnection@deca.mil and signup is through a link on the front page of the commissary web site. Shoppers are not required to give any personal information when they sign up. "All people have to do to subscribe is give us an e-mail address," said Kennedy. "We take privacy issues very seriously and we don't collect information on our customers. We also wanted to keep the process simple." Subscribers will receive a welcoming e-mail when they sign up.

Plan for a successful space-available flight



Space-Available travel, better known as MAC flight, is one way to reduce the cost of traveling. It allows authorized passengers to use unfilled Department of Defense aircraft seats on regularly scheduled DoD flights. These flights may not be first-class, but they do offer an almost no cost trip to a variety of destinations. Remember, Space-A travel is a privilege, not a right. Seats are only available after all mission requirements have been filled and reservations are not taken for Space-A travel. Because schedules are subject to change at the last minute to accommodate DoD missions, be prepared to wait. Be flexible when choosing a destination. For example, to travel to Hilo, Hawaii, it might be necessary to fly to Hickam Air Base on Oahu, Hawaii, than catch a commercial flight to the final destination. This is still a cheaper option than the cost of a ticket from mainland United States to Hilo. Try traveling during the off-peak Space-A travel periods; usually February through March and October and November are less

traveled than the summer months or December. There are minimal fees and taxes levied on all incoming and outgoing flights. Those with online access may visit https://amepublic.scott.af.mil/spacea/24_203.htm. If you do not have online access, contact MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9301 (press "0") to receive a printed copy.



Travel wisely New Bavarian resort to open in September

As the days seem warmer and brighter, do you find your thoughts turning more to vacations and travel? Perhaps

the Bavarian Alps come to mind. That being the case, you might just want to curb your desire to wander just a little longer to take advantage of the 15 Sept. 2004 opening of the new Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany. The Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) Europe is accepting reservations now. The recreation and leisure area will boast a 330-room resort hotel including a conference center, three restaurants, entertainment game rooms, indoor pool, and wellness club. The resort will also include a nine-hole Alpine golf course, Hausberg Sport Lodge and Vacation Village Campground. The Hausberg Lodge has undergone a massive renovation to accommodate the increased number of guests visiting Garmisch. The Edelweiss is the newest joint services resort hotel centrally managed by the Army's Community and Family Support Center. The other CFSC resort hotels are the Hale Koa in Honolulu, Hawaii; Shades of Green in Orlando, Fla.; and Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea. The new \$60 million resort is the result of the consolidation of the AFRC Europe hotel facilities in Garmisch and Chiemsee. The construction has been financed with a commercial loan (no tax dollars), which is a first for the U.S. military.

Vacation travel information

With warmer weather finally here, you're probably itching to go on vacation. Whether your travels take you near or far, here are some helpful websites to make your next trip as smooth as possible.

Before you fly out into the wild blue yonder, check out the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control System Command Center where you may get information on general airport delays across the country. Although the information is not flight-specific, you can find out about overall departure or arrival delays, weather-related delays/closures, and more. Learn more at

<http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp>.

For those planning a road trip, you may get traffic, highway construction, and road closure information for any state at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/index.htm>.

Be sure to take the scenic route on your next trip! Check out America's Scenic Byways at <http://www.byways.org/>. America's Byways are a distinctive collection of American roads, their stories, and treasured places; they are roads to the heart and soul of America. There are 96 such designated Byways in 39 states. You can order a free map of America's Byways, including photos and descriptions of each Byway. Place your order online at http://www.byways.org/map_request.html. To reach the National Scenic Byways Program information line, call 1-800-429-9297 or (202) 366-1929.

Government cars for sale

GSA Fleet Vehicles Sales has recently entered its peak sales season of pre-owned U.S. Government vehicles. Between May and September, GSA Fleet will sell 30,000 vehicles at auction locations nationwide. These auctions are open to the general public although you must be age 18 or older in order to register for a sale or bid on a vehicle. In addition, unlike most other auctions, there are no buy fees added to the vehicle sales.

GSA Fleet's web site contains additional information about upcoming sales, locations, vehicles, and sales terms and conditions. You may also register to receive free e-mail notifications about upcoming sales at locations of your choosing.

For more information, visit <http://www.autoauctions.gsa.gov>.



Legislative Updates

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

Have online access? Contact your Representative at <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> or Senator at <http://www.senate.gov/>. Others may call the legislative switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

S. 451 (Olympia Snowe (R-ME): Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003: to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan.

S. 1000 (Graham, R-SC): National Guard and Reserves Reform Act for the 21st Century: To amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to provide TRICARE eligibility for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals.

S. 1916 (Landrieu, D-LA): Military Survivor Benefits Act of 2003. This bill would eliminate the current age 62-annuity reduction—from 55% to 35%—phased in over a 10-year period beginning in October 2005.

H.R. 742 to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service (Reserve Components) from 60 to 55. Introduced by Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ) on 2/12/03. A companion bill, S. 1035 was introduced in the Senate by Jon Corzine (D-NJ).

H.R. 995 (Walter B. Jones, Jr. R-NC): Military Retiree Dislocation Assistance Act, to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide a dislocation allow-

ance under section 407 of such title to retired members of the uniformed services, including members placed on the temporary disability retired list, moving from their last duty station to their designated home.

H.R. 1111 (Cass Ballenger, R-NC): Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act of 2003: To amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the rules relating to the court-ordered apportionment of the retired pay of members of the uniformed services to former spouses.

H.R. 1592 (Filner, Bob, D-CA) to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the two-tier annuity computation system applicable to annuities for surviving spouses under the Survivor Benefit Plan for retired members of the Armed Forces so that there is no reduction in such an annuity when the beneficiary becomes 62 years of age.

H.R. 1653 (Jim Saxton, R-NJ) to amend title 10, United States Code, to change the effective date for paid-up coverage under the military Survivor Benefit Plan from 1 October 2008, to 1 October 2003. Sen. Jon Corzine (D-NJ) introduced a companion bill, S 2177 on 3/9/04.

H.R. 1726 (Henry Brown, R-SC) Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the offset from surviving spouse annuities under the military Survivor Benefit Plan for amounts paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as dependency and indemnity compensation.

H.R. 1917 (Bob Filner, D-CA) to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize military recreational facilities to be used by any veteran with a compensable service-connected disability.

H.R. 2511 (Michael H. Michaud, D-ME) to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide veterans who have a 100% service-connected disability with space-available travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces.

H.R. 2611 (Michael H. Michaud, D-ME) to amend title II of the Social Security Act to exempt from the windfall elimination provision of such title individuals who are entitled to retired pay based on at least 20 years of service as a member of a uniformed service.

H.R. 3474 (Van Hollen, D-MD): Keep Our Promises to America's Military Retirees Act, to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

H.R. 3730 (Bob Filner, D-CA) Immediate and Full Repeal of the Disabled Veterans Tax Act of 2004, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for immediate implementation of full concurrent receipt for retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability of both military retired pay paid by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs paid by reason of their disability.

H.R. 3763 (Miller, R-FL): Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2004. The measure would eliminate the current age 62-annuity reduction, from 55% to 35%, phased in over a 10-year period, and provide an open enrollment period, beginning in October 2005.

H.R. 4065 (G. Brown-Waite, R-FL): Veterans Housing Affordability Act of 2004. To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available to a veteran, and to provide for annual adjustments to such amount.

Representatives launch effort to eliminate SBP offset

Representatives Chet Edwards (D-TX) and Bob Filner (D-CA), joined by representatives from military and veterans' organizations held a press conference recently to launch their effort to gather signatures for the HR 548 discharge petition, 108-8. H.R. 548 would increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older to 55% (currently 35% because of an offset) and would provide a one-year open season. According to officials of the National Association of Uniformed Services, a successful discharge petition requires 218 or more cosponsors to force a bill languishing in a Committee out to the House floor for debate and vote. As of 30 May 2004, the number of cosponsors of Discharge Petition 108-8 was 177.

Members of the retiree community can track the names signing on the discharge petition online through the Clerk of the House at:

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/108/lrc/pd/Petitions/Dis8.htm>.

Second Career

Do you have a job opportunity for a retired Marine? If so, we are looking for corporate employment opportunities only to run in this column. Include a brief job description, point of contact and send it to MMSR-6. We will run "Second Career" opportunities on a space-available basis. Neither the United States Marine Corps, nor any other component of DoD endorses the employment opportunities that are published in this column.

Condustrail Inc. is currently seeking professionals in all facets of construction. They need electricians, HVAC, plumbers, maintenance, carpenters, and equipment operators. If you have the desire to succeed and take pride in your work, do not hesitate to contact them at 1-866-288-5212, fax (703) 639-1057, e-mail: info@condustrail-dc.com. Immediate positions are available. They offer great benefits and much more!

Naval Criminal Investigative Service is seeking a chief of the Engineering and Facilities Division at the Washington Navy Yard. The selectee will manage approximately eight civilian and military engineers and report to a GS-15 Deputy Assistant Director for Security and Logistics. The starting salary is approximately \$85K and will entail several site visits to NCIS offices in Europe, the Far East, and the Middle East. For more information, contact Chuck Lohman at clohman@ncis.navy.mil or call (202) 433-8800.



Marines look to fill more GWOT billets with retirees

The Marine Corps is looking for a few good retirees—about 150, to be exact. The Commandant of the Marine Corps recently authorized the expanded use of the retired Marine population to help fill the more than 2,500 existing Global War on Terrorism-related billets, according to

Lt. Col. Linda McGowan, Deputy Section Head, Mobilization, Plans and Policy branch, Headquarters Marine Corps. Retirees with experience in the intelligence, communications, public affairs, civil affairs, linguistics, logistics and administration fields are among the prime targets, McGowan said. While reserve Marines remain valuable assets to the Marine Corps, retirees typically have the higher levels of rank, security clearances, and relevant experience required to fill many of the GWOT billets, said McGowan. Activating retirees is also more cost ef-

factive. When a retiree is mobilized, his retirement benefits stop for the duration of the mobilization, and he receives regular pay and allowances according to his grade and time in service. Compared to the cost of mobilizing a reserve Marines of the same grade, the Marine Corps saves money equal to the amount of the retired Marine's benefits, according to an approved Secretary of the Navy memorandum.

The intent is to maximize the use of our large pool of qualified and capable retirees who volunteer for active service, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey A. Riehl, Officer-in-Charge of sourcing, MPP branch. "We currently have about 20 retirees retained or recalled to active duty serving in GWOT-related billets," said Riehl. "Retained" retirees are those who haven't yet left active duty, but upon reaching their scheduled retirement date remain in their current billet. Once their mobilization orders are complete, they will begin to collect retirement benefits, based on their original retirement date. In contrast, "recalled" retirees are those who retired as scheduled, began collecting retirement benefits, and then were mobilized to support GWOT. Upon completion of their mobilization orders, their retirement benefits are reinstated.

To be qualified to serve, retirees must not have a medical disability rating or have been retired more than five years, added Riehl. Retirees interested in volunteering should immediately submit their information via Reserve Duty On Line (RDOL) at <https://rdol.mol.usmc.mil/>. Retirees or commands seeking retirees should contact Lt. Col. Jeffrey Riehl at (703) 432-9177/78, e-mail: riehlja@manpower.usmc.mil; or MSgt Vincent Tate at (703) 784-9317, e-mail: tatevp@manpower.usmc.mil.

Marine Corps birthday ball celebration

When: 10 Nov. 2004

Where: Indian River Colony Club, Colony Hall

Cost: \$30 per person

Guest of Honor:

MGen Joseph D. Stewart, USMC (Ret)
Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Ceremony conducted by Palm Bay High School, MCJROTC

POC: Mel Steinberg, (321) 253-1544
Reservations will be accepted beginning 1 Oct. 2004; please call (321) 255-6050, ext. 221!



MCJROTC Openings

www.tecom.usmc.mil/jrotc

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. Retired officers and staff non-commissioned officers (SNCOs) are needed. Marines selected to serve in these billets will teach MCJROTC students discipline, self-confidence and the leadership skills required to successfully prepare them to meet the challenges of the future. In addition to their retirement pay, instructors will receive a stipend from the Marine Corps and the respective school system that equals their full military pay and allowances. MCJROTC instructors must be certified by the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, Quantico, Va.

Instructor vacancies are regularly added to MCJROTC's web site. You may also download application forms, review the curriculum and locations and read about the history of the program. Active-duty personnel may request certification for the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps one year before their retirement date and by retired Marines who have been in a retired status for less than three years. There are no exceptions! For additional information, contact:

Commanding General
Training and Education Command (C 46JR)
MCCDC
3300 Russell Rd., Quantico, Va. 22134-5001
(703) 784-3705, DSN 278-3705

The following instructor positions are currently vacant or are anticipated to become vacant soon:

Senior Marine Instructors (Officer Billets)

- ☆ ALABAMA: J.O. Johnson H.S., *Huntsville*
- ☆ ARIZONA: Ray H.S., *Kearney*;
- ☆ CALIFORNIA: Crenshaw H.S., *Los Angeles*
- ☆ FLORIDA: Jean Ribault H.S., *Jacksonville*
- ☆ JAPAN: Dependent School, Pacific, Kubasaki H.S.
- ☆ KANSAS: Northeast Magnet H.S., *Wichita*
- ☆ KENTUCKY: Betsy Layne H.S., *Betsy Layne*;
 Holmes H.S., *Covington*
- ☆ MASSACHUSETTS: Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech School, *Fitchburg*; Salem H.S., *Salem*
- ☆ NEW JERSEY: St. Peter's H.S., *New Brunswick*
- ☆ NEW YORK: Amsterdam H.S., *Amsterdam*;

Lincoln H.S., *Yonkers*

- ☆ PENNSYLVANIA: Ambridge H.S., *Ambridge*
- ☆ TEXAS: Marine Military Academy, *Harlingen*;
 Pasadena H.S., *Pasadena*; Round Rock H.S.,
Round Rock

Marine Instructors (SNCO Billets)

- ☆ ALABAMA: Smiths Station H.S., *Smiths*
- ☆ MASSACHUSETTS: Gloucester H.S., *Gloucester*;
 Haverhill H.S., *Haverhill*
- ☆ NEW YORK: Lindenhurst H.S., *Lindenhurst*
- ☆ VIRGINIA: Phoebus H.S., *Hampton*

Military Retiree Seminars

Mark your calendars now!



4 Sept. 2004

MCB Camp SD Butler, Okinawa, Japan; aboard the U.S.S. Essex at White Beach. Contact: alsopl@okinawa.usmc-mccs.mil for more information.

The Great Lakes Retired Activities Office is sponsoring a retiree seminar, open to all branches of the military:

18 Sept. 2004

Naval Station, Great Lakes Illinois (847) 688-3603, ext. 118 or 1-800-231-0714 Monday-Friday, 0900-1500

Hickam RAO reopens for business

After going unmanned for several years, the Hickam AFB Retiree Activities Office in Hawaii is once more open for the business of assisting members of the military retired community. Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Smith recently volunteered his services as RAO director and will operate the office on a reduced schedule until he can find additional volunteers to assist. The RAO, located at 25 E St., Ste. C-107, Bldg. 1102, is currently open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. For additional information, call (808) 449-0674.

Reunions

Send your reunion requests to the Editor, MMSR-6. Incoming mail is inspected and as a result, we may not receive last-minute submissions in time for this column. If you have a Navy reunion, specify an applicable Marine detachment or send them to: Navy Personnel Command, Shift Colors (PERS-05), 5720 Integrity Dr., Millington, Tenn. 38055-0500.

Air Base Group-2 Marines (WW II), 20th reunion in St. Louis, Mo., 26-31 Oct. 2004. POC: Capt. C.M. Nelson, cmn1923@yahoo.com or Vera (Gilpin) Nelson, vgn1919@yahoo.com, 221-331 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside, Calif. 92054-1738.

A-1-1 USMC (Korea 1950-1953) in Bloomington, Minn., 15-18 Sept. 2004. POC: Rod Bennett, P.O. Box 196, Marshall, Minn. 56258, (507) 532-6203.

Basic Class 1-57 at MCB Quantico, 26-29 Aug. 2004. POC: Don Taylor, 3092 Viking Ferry Dr., NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30339, (770) 444-9824, don.taylor@axa-advisors.com or John Tewksbury, (804) 693-4506, tewkstoo@widomaker.com.

Basic Class 2-55 is planning a reunion for Dec. 2005. POC: LtCol Claide Black, USMC (Ret), 9540 Cliff View Way, Las Vegas, Nev. 89117, (702) 256-4717, fax: (702) 256-4712, bir4ducks@hotmail.com.

Basic Class 4-65 is planning a reunion for 2004. POC: Bill Jeffrey, 315882 Rein Ct., Green Oaks, Ill. 60048, (847) 367-4986, biljoyjoe@aol.com.

Charlie Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines (Korea) in Portland, Ore., 25-28 Aug. 2004. POC: Al Baiocchi, 1399 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Ste. 35, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598, (925) 933-1100.

Chi Chi Jima Marines, 17th annual reunion in Alexandria, Va., 22-26 Sept. 2004. POC: LtCol J.T. Fox, USMC (Ret), 206 Quail Covey Ct., Lincoln, Calif. 95648-8754, (916) 434-5606.

China Marine Assn. in San Antonio, Texas, 1-5 Sept. 2004. POC: CWO Bill Parker, (252) 453-4124, missida29@aol.com or WO Art Goetz, (410) 742-0930; ag-gunner@juno.com.

COVANS (Advisors to VN Marines), combined reunion of USMC Advisors and VNMC, 50th anniversary in Houston, Texas, 4-7 July 2004. POC: LtCol Emmett Huff, (713) 520-8787, emmetthuff@hotmail.com.

Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Marines (Vietnam) in Reno, Nev., 26 July to 1 Aug. 2004. POC: 1stSgt William B. (Sam) Henderson, USMC (Ret), 6201 Iroquois Terr., Stagecoach, Nev. 89429-9512, (775) 629-0081, deh1262@aol.com.

G-3-5, 1st Prov. Mar. Brig/1st Div. (1950) in Philadelphia, Pa., 29 Sept.-2 Oct. 2004. POC: Frank Scialdone, 4665B Los Alamos Way, Oceanside, Calif. 92057, (760) 726-3350, fax: (760) 726-3349.

H Co, TBS, 4-64 ("Hogs"), 40th reunion in planning stages, Washington, D.C., Oct./Nov. 2004. POC: Bob Saxe, (408) 779-3668, bsaxe5@aol.com; John Wirth, (914) 944-7555, jwirthjr@aol.com; W. Woodbridge, woodyre4@mrisc.com, 1-888-426-5065.

HMLA 267 (Camp Pendleton) in planning stages. POC: Thomas Young "Phoenix", 910 Palmer Ln., Palm Harbor, Fla. 34685, (727) 784-7764, phoenix69@uophx.edu.

H-3-1 Korea in Baltimore, Md., 22-26 Sept. 2004. POC: Jack Dedrick, 10 Donna St., Peabody, Mass. 01960, (978) 535-5451, jfdedrick@aol.com.

Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Air Station (1956-61) is planning a reunion. POC: Oliver E. Copeland, 5309 Roberta Ln., Temple Terrace, Fla. 33617, (813) 984-8208, ocjcr@aol.com or William Chandler, 369 Lorenzo Dr., Spring Hill, Fla. 34608.

Khe Sanh Veterans in Dallas (Irving), Texas. POC: Jim Wodecki, (972) 727-2997 (before 9 p.m. CT), texas@mindspring.com or Russ Turner, (636) 282-2263, rky88@prodigy.net. Visit www.geocities.com/pentagon/4867/.

Looking for Marine personnel who were stationed in Morocco (any era) for a Nov. 2004 reunion in El Cajon, Calif. POC: Lennie Brooks, (619) 442-4493, lenieb89@cox.net.

Marine Air Command and Control System (MACCS) in Honolulu, Hawaii, 25 July 2004. POC: Dick Goodlake, rgoodlake@aol.com or Edda Ashe, ease@cos.net. Information and registration forms at <http://www.maccs-reunion.org/>.

Marine Ammunition Officers/SNCOs in Huntsville, Ala., 20-21 Aug. 2004. POC: Jim Taylor, 1907 Shellbrook Dr., Huntsville, Ala. 35806, (256) 876-6076, jim.taylor@us.army.mil.

Marine Barracks, Cavite, P.I. (1940 or earlier). If interested in a reunion, contact Maj Ken Stayer, USMC (Ret), 2404 Loring St. #331, San Diego, Calif. 92109, (858) 483-8885.

Marine Barracks, San Juan, PR. Looking for personnel interested in a reunion. POC: Wayne C. Anderson, (727) 421-4196, Wayne.Anderson@ssa.gov.

Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Station, Argentia, Newfoundland Assn., 6th biennial reunion in Savannah, Ga., 15-17 Sept. 2004. POC: Col W. C. Frank, USMC (Ret), 24 Via Alta Vista, Bonsall, Calif. 92003-4020, (760) 726-1840, wcfargentia@sbcglobal.net.

Marine Corps Air Transport Assn., 15th reunion at Calloway Gardens, Ga. POC: Grady Loveless, (706) 882-8653, majgel@mindspring.com or Con Shuck, (972) 293-2670, conshuck@mcata.com.

Marine Corps Exchange (PX) clubs and auditors in Branson, Mo., 16-18 Sept. 2004. POC: Dale Carley, (417) 581-4926 or H.K. Hammer, hkhammer@aol.com.

Marine Corps Mustang Assn. in Niagara Falls, N.Y., 13-17 Sept. 2004. POC: Bill Max, P.O. Box 1314, Delran, N.J. 08075, 1-800-321-USMC, topmusing@aol.com.

Marine Corps Tanker Assn. in San Diego, Calif., 15-19 Sept. 2004. POC: Bob Smith, (760) 439-7451, xsecmcta@juno.com or Jerry Anderson, (619) 462-1936.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Canberra CA-70/CAG-2 (1943-70) in Louisville, Ky., 13-16 Oct. 2004. POC: Bryan L. Humphrey, P.O. Box 1758, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811, (410) 208-4911, fax: (410) 208-3846, kandokan-garoo@verizon.net.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Canopus AS-34/AS-9 in Reno, Nev., 30 Sept.-3 Oct. 2004. POC: Richard Retin, 1755 Rockhaven Dr., Reno, Nev. 89511, (775) 851-1077, usscanopus@mail.com, visit www.usscanopus.org.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Charles Lawrence DE-53/APD-37, 16th annual reunion in Chattanooga, Tenn., 6-9 Oct. 2004. POC: H.B. Cranford, 2463 Bear Den Rd., Frederick, Md. 21701, (301) 620-4045, hbc-de-53@attglobal.net.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Columbia CL-56 in Columbia, S.C., 30 Sept.-2 Oct. 2004. POC: Bill Bohne, 248 Worrell Dr., Springfield, Pa. 19064, (610) 543-9073, (610) 543-9073, usncl56@cs.com.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Elokomin A0-55 in Philadelphia, Pa., 7-10 Oct. 2004. POC: Robert F. O'Sullivan, Jr., 25 Denny St., Dorchester, Ma. 02125, (617) 288-3755, theeloman@aol.com.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Iwo Jima LPH 2/LHD 7 in Baton Rouge, La. POC: Robert G. McAnnally, 38B Frisell St., Hampton, Va. 23663, 1-866-237-3137, fax: (757) 723-4660, yujack@megalink.net.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Juneau CL-119 in Norfolk, Va., 8-12 Sept. 2004. POC: William S. Gerichten, 141 Pinelawn Dr., Kernersville, N.C. 27284, (336) 993-5415.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Norris DD-DDE-859 in Virginia Beach, Va., 9-13 Sept. 2004. POC: Edward Mehl, 11 Bethany Forest Dr., Dagsboro, Del. 19939, (302) 541-0685, ussnorris@erols.com.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Lowndes APA-154, 16th annual reunion in Branson, Mo., 30 Sept.-3 Oct. 2004.

POC: William "Bud" Kautz, 34782 Hiawatha Trl., McHenry, Ill. 60050, (815) 344-6326, redlabelbud-dha@aol.com.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Sibley APA-206 in Lincoln, Neb., 23-26 Sept. 2004. POC: Henry Gabica, 1644 Poplar Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 733-3148.

Marine Security Guard, Mexico City (1958-62) in Biloxi, Miss., 3-7 Oct. 2004. POC: 1stSgt Joe Demoran, USMC (Ret), 625 Livingston St., LaCrosse, Wis. 54603, (608) 779-4546, joedemusmc@aol.com.

Marine TD Personnel in Branson, Mo. POC: Harry Null, 1534 E. Stormy Dr., Meridian, Idaho 83642, (208) 884-3812, RedReva@aol.com or L.B. Rodgers, (910) 253-5698, LBRODG@aol.com.

Marine 8th Defense/AA Bn. (WW II) in Arlington, Va., 4-8 Aug. 2004. POC: Mr. Vincent H. Powers, 862 Webster Ln., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016-6341, (847) 635-6090.

Montford Point, San Diego Chapter 12 in San Diego, Calif., 28 Aug. 2004. POC: 1stSgt Barnett Person, USMC (Ret), (818) 695-9837, 1stSgt Sam Bagwell, USMC (Ret), (619) 524-6865, SgtMaj Terriel Thompson, USMC (Ret), (858) 279-4481.

M-4-14 and 3d 155 Howitzer Btry. 3d Marine Div. in Las Vegas, Nev., POC: Joel Schuette, 1036 Cima Dr., San Marcos, Calif. 92069, (760) 471-9756, burntorange-joel@aol.com.

Navy Marine Corps Retired Judge Advocates Assn. in Baltimore, Md., 8-11 Oct. 2004. POC: RADL Dennis McCoy, P.O. Box 748, Newport, R.I. 02840, Macnewport@aol.com.

OCS 8/73 - TBS 2/74, 30 yrs., Lieutenants, SPCs. If interested in a reunion, contact Leo Bloschock at lbloscho@sccoast.net.

Officers Basic School Class 4-55 BC (1955-56) in Quantico, Va. in June 2005. POC: Desmond F. Browne, Sr., 9818 Flintridge Ct., Fairfax, Va. 22032, (h)(703) 323-1908, (w)(540) 288-5811, d.brownesr@att.net.

Stormy Sexton's 3/3 also BLT 3/3 (Okinawa, 1961-62) in New Orleans, La, 6-10 Oct. 2004. POC: Col. Roger Holtzapple, USMCR (Ret), 228 N. 11th St., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837, (h) (570) 524-7424, (w) (570) 524-7267, vhford@ptdprolog.net.

Subic Bay Marines, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, 12th annual reunion in Norfolk, Va., 29 Sept.-3 Oct. 2004. POC: Jim Bassett, 3417 Las Vegas Dr., Oceanside, Calif. 92054-3830, (760) 757-3836, jimsbm@cox.net.

Third Marine Division Assn., 50th reunion in Scottsdale, Ariz., 7-12 Sept. 2004. POC: MGySgt Bobby Biers, USMC (Ret), 6302 E. Winchcomb Dr., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85254-3241, (480) 348-1890, bobbybiersusmc@cox.net.

United States Seagoing Marine Assn. Inc. in Charleston, S.C., 21-24 Oct. 2004. POC: Vincent L. Anderson, 78776 Platinum Dr., Palm Desert, Calif. 92211, (760) 345-1398, minutemancy2@aol.com.

USMC Marine Security Guards, American Consulate, Hong Kong in planning stages. POC: Ray Quan, P.O. Box 2, Oceanside, Calif. 92049-0002, (760) 579-2511, fax: (760) 726-7648.

USMC Marine Security Guards, American Embassy/Saigon, Vietnam in Charleston, S.C., 6-10 Oct. 2004. POC: Michael Bertini, P.O. Box 295, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541 or Mary and Carter Sokup, 314 S. State St., Westerville, Ohio 43081, (614) 776-5949, SaigonReunion@aol.com.

USMC Marine Security Guards, Special Security Detail, Ofc. of Protective Security, State Dept., Wash., D.C. (1966-70), planning stages. POC: SgtMaj Stephen J. Meyers, USMC (Ret), 1362 Beringer Ln., Vista, Calif. 92081, (760) 727-4998.

USMC Marine Raider Assn. in Nashville, Tenn., 8-11 Sept. 2004. POC: J. Dornan, (817) 275-1552, MarRaidRec@aol.com or A. Fisher, (901) 276-3890, kenavo2@earthlink.net.

USMC Retired Postal (0160/0161) in Biloxi, Miss., 17-22 Oct. 2004. Retired, active and former postal personnel are invited. POC: MSgt Harold Wilson, USMC (Ret), 11567 Walker Rd., Logan, Ohio 43138, (740) 385-6204, crafter@voyager.net or Capt H.B. Jones, USMC (Ret), P.O. Box 100, Battiest, Okla. 74722, (580) 241-7850, bucknsandra@direcway.com.

USMC Vietnam Helicopter Assn. in Reno, Nev., 8-11 July 2004. POC: No name listed, (540) 364-9424, www.popasmoke.com.

VMA (AW) 225 Vikings Danang, RVN, 1969 is planning their 35th anniversary reunion in 2004, Memphis, Tenn. POC: Tim Murphy, 8921 Mountain Valley Rd., Fairfax Station, Va. 22039, (703) 679-3471, timurphy@caci.com.

VMF/VMA-311 Tomcats in Arlington, Va., 22-26 Sept. 2004. POC: Jim Galchick, 330-337-9383, jimsue@raex.com.

VMF(N), VMF(AW), VMFA-531 Squadron (Gray Ghost), all years in San Diego, Calif., 16-19 Sept. 2004, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Aviation reunion. POC: Roy A. Pearson, 9662 Saschatchewan Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92129, (858) 538-2362, F18Puma@sbcglobal.net.

VMF/VMA-124 & VMF-155 in San Diego, Calif., 14-16 Oct. 2004. POCs: Al Rome, 3214 Joslyn Cove, Memphis, Tenn. 38124-4835, (901) 386-8738, CWO5Owl@midsouth.rr.com or Walter May, 19065 State Hwy 198, Sagertown, Pa. 16433, (814) 763-3200, may1@mdvl.net.

VMFA-531, U.S.S. Coral Sea of 79-80 reunion in conjunction with the Gray Ghost reunion, San Diego, Calif., 16-19 Sept. 2004. POC: JArdaiolo@aol.com, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/7117/grayghosts.html.

Women Marines Assn., 23rd biennial convention in San Diego, Calif., 4-8 Sept. 2004. POC: Ellie Judge, (760) 439-1447, sgtmajjudge@cox.net or visit www.womenmarines.org.

3rd Bn., 1st Marines (Vietnam) in Louisville, Ky., 4-6 Oct. 04. POC: Tim Johnson, e-mail: NLJ2002@webvt.net, (317) 783-7351, or visit www.3onevet.com.

3rd Recon Bn. Assn. in Louisville, Ky. 8-12 Sept. 2004. POC: Steve Shircliff, (812) 736-0155, showcase_68@msn.com.

3/9 and F/2/12-BLT 3/9 Inc. in the New Orleans French Quarter, 6-10 July 2004. POC: Stew, threenineUSMC@aol.com, (727) 581-5454, www.gomershouse.com.

5th and 14th Defense Bn. Assn. WWII with ZMQ-3, 29th annual reunion in Monroeville, Pa., 14-16 Oct. 2004. POC: Jimmie J. Remley, 411 Ledgeview Dr., Hendersonville, N.C. 28792, (282) 697-8732.

6th Marine Div. Assn. and 1st Marine Brigade in Nashville, Tenn., 26 Sept.-3 Oct. 2004. POC: Susan Parham, 15111 Freeman Ave., Lawndale, Calif. 90260, (310) 644-4591, Separham@earthlink.net.

6th, 7th, and 9th Defense/AAA Bns., in San Diego, Calif., 7-10 Sept. 2004. POC: Jim Border, (941) 480-9828, cwojjimb@aol.com.

12th Defense/AAA Bn., 51st annual reunion in Branson, Mo., 2-5 Sept. 2004. POC: Ray Bonar, 220 Weinrich Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005-4860, (505) 523-0583.

15th OCC/21st SBC (1953). If interested in a 2004 reunion, contact Clark G. Henry, (415) 337-8233, c03henry@aol.com, fax: (415) 452-9456.

26th SBC (1953-54) in Dumfries, Va. POC: William O. Lenihan, Esq., 10 Park Ave., #8B, New York, N.Y. 10016, (203) 972-7655, odonel@msn.com.

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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.

Adams, Bill W. GySgt Jul 54/Apr 04
 Albert, Presley L. MSgt Jun 75/Mar 04
 Alston, Joseph F. 1stSgt 9999 Apr 68/Jan 03
 Andreoli, James F. MSgt 4131 May 84/Jan 04
 Appling, Raymond T. GySgt Jan 79/Oct 03
 Bailey, Charles W. Jr. PFC Nov 52/Feb 04
 Baird, Robert D. GySgt Cpl Aug 68/Mar 04
 Bajkowski, Walter F. Capt Apr 74/Apr 04
 Baker, Patrick L. Sgt 0849 Dec 75/Feb 04
 Barbey, Gary W. Cpl Jun 70/Mar 04
 Barker, John P. Jr. MSgt 3519 Jan 74/Feb 04
 Barsky, Connie A. Jr. LtCol Sep 80/Mar 04
 Barton, Robert J. Maj 3002 Aug 62/Feb 04
 Battisti, Anthony MSgt Jan 00/Feb 04
 Benbow, Eugene C. Col Jul 86/Nov 03
 Bennet, Marolyn K. PFC Feb 60/Dec 03
 Bernard, E.A. Jr. GySgt Oct 66/Feb 04
 Berryhill, Harry E. 2ndLt Feb 45/Jan 04
 Bertini, Michael J. MSgt 3529 Jun 95/Feb 04
 Beverly, Arthur C. Col 9906 Aug 74/Feb 04
 Biedermann, William E. MSgt Jun 74/Mar 04
 Bixby, Ralph L. Capt 0130 Jun 62/Feb 04
 Blair, H. A. GySgt Apr 64/Jan 04
 Bogue, Douglas W. Capt May 59/Apr 04
 Bogus, Robert A. SSgt Mar 65/Mar 04
 Bomgardner, George I. Maj Nov 71/Mar 04
 Booth, George W. GySgt 3041
 Borders, Curtis M. GySgt May 71/Mar 04
 Boyd, William P. Jr. LCpl Mar 51/Mar 04
 Boyer, Glenn C. GySgt Dec 68/Mar 04
 Bragg, Kenneth G. Capt 2591 Aug 83/Feb 04
 Brewer, David Z. SSgt Jul 61/Nov 03
 Brewer, Riley L. MSGt Aug 81/Apr 04
 Bridges, Billy D. LtCol 3302 Feb 72/Feb 04
 Bridges, James W. LtCol Dec 79/Mar 04
 Brouwer, Martin R. MSgt Mar 86/Apr 04
 Burkeen, William D. Sgt May 71/Jan 04
 Bussey, Walter E. SgtMaj 9999 Aug 68/Feb 04
 Butler, William E. Pvt Jul 54/Feb 04
 Camou, Richard A. 1stSgt Jul 79/Jul 02
 Campbell, Robert L. 1stSgt Dec 63/Mar 04
 Carcelli, Thomas Capt 0130 Aug 59/Jan 04
 Carnes, Ronald R. LCpl Dec 68/Apr 04
 Carr, Walter J. LtCol Jul 62/May 04
 Chayer, Kent SgtMaj 9999 Dec 83/Jan 04
 Chesley, Earle M. Jr. 1stLt Aug 46/Mar 04
 Christie, James M. LtCol Aug 82/Mar 04
 Clawson, Russell E. LCpl Jan 72/Mar 04
 Clemons, C.W. MSgt Jan 72/Mar 04
 Clough, W.H. Jr. SSgt Aug 66/Mar 04
 Cobb, Jerald D. MSgt Sep 75/Mar 04
 Collins, Murphy P. 1stSgt 9999 Jun 76/Feb 03
 Conlon, Anthony C. LtCol Feb 85/Jan 04
 Corbett, Glenn A. GySgt 3043 Jun 78/Feb 04
 Correa, Rafael A. GySgt Jun 99/Feb 04
 Cox, Francis L. Capt Jul 69/Mar 04
 Cox, Thomas C. LtCol Jul 76/Mar 04
 Craig, Charles B. MSgt Jan 77/Mar 04
 Craig, David R. GySgt 0141 Mar 63/Jan 04
 Curran, Ronald P. Sgt Mar 63/Feb 04
 Davis, Donald L. MSgt Mar 76/Feb 04
 Davis, Harry A. Jr. Cpl Feb 69/Jan 04
 Davis, William R. GySgt 6469 Nov 90/Jan 04
 Decapua, Michael GySgt May 66/Jan 04
 Derryberry, Larry D. Maj 0302 Feb 78/Feb 04
 Diaz, Amos Jr. MSgt 0321 Feb 04/Feb 04
 Dickey, Leslie P. SSgt Jun 94/Mar 04
 Dobbins, Clifford C. SSgt Jun 67/Jan 04
 Doughty, John R. GySgt Jan 71/Mar 04
 Driggers, Sidney O. SSgt May 72/Apr 04
 Dronckowski, Leo C. MSgt May 70/Jan 04
 Duncan, Benjamin T. WO1 3081 Dec 54/Oct 03
 Dunker, Terry L. MSgt Jul 99/Jan 03
 Dunlap, Henry H. LtCol Aug 82/Mar 04
 Dunn, Edwin P. CWO2 3015 Apr 59/Jan 04
 Durham, William C. MSgt 3261 Sept 72/Jan 04
 Durand, Arthur CWO2 Jan 54/Feb 04
 Dyer, Royce R. CWO3 Feb 60/Nov 03
 Dyle, Edward L. Cpl 2847 Jun 00/Oct 03
 Easley, Jon T. LtCol Jan 79/Mar 04
 Echols, John A. Jr. 9999 1stSgt Sep 66/Feb 04
 Eddings, Harry W. GySgt Oct 73/Mar 04
 Edmonds, William J. MSgt 0691 Sept 83/Feb 04
 Ehret, Robert K. GySgt Jul 54/Mar 04
 Enderle, Arthur C. GySgt 4131 Sep 84/Feb 04
 Engler, Donald H. SSgt 5952 Mar 76/Sept 03
 Escobedo, Victor G. SgtMaj Sep 02/Feb 04
 Ewald, Gary D. PFC Jun 69/Jan 04
 Fail, Harrison, P. 1stLt Jul 57/Feb 04
 Fails, William R. LtCol Sep 74/Feb 04
 Farley, Gordon S. SSgt Oct 72/Apr 04
 Fay, Charles D. Maj Aug 62/Apr 04
 Fear, Herbert H. GySgt Oct 70/Dec 03
 Fetterly, Edgar F. SSgt Oct 71/Feb 04
 Fisher, Fredrick A. GySgt 4131 Oct 73/Feb 04
 Fitzgerald, W. J. SgtMaj 9999 Sept 60/Jan 04
 Flaherty, Robert N. LCpl Oct 68/Feb 04
 Foster, Daniel H. MSgt Jul 74/Apr 04
 Fraizer, Charles T. MSgt Oct 71/Jan 04
 Frederick, Paul L. Capt Aug 74/Mar 04
 Freeland, Kenneth A. Sgt Feb 65/Feb 04
 Gac, Frederick S. 1stSgt Oct 82/Feb 04
 Gentry, William E. Sgt Oct 63/Jan 04
 Gibson, Earl J. MSgt Sept 60/Jan 04
 Gleason, Wayne M. GySgt Aug 79/Mar 04
 Goins, George S. MSgt 6613 Nov 66/Feb 04
 Graves, Thomas F. CWO2 2336 Aug 72/Jan 04

Gray, Charles W. SSgt Mar 60/Oct 03
 Green, Robert J. SSgt 3537 Oct 76/Jan 04
 Hammond, John M. Sgt 6441 Jul 66/Jan 04
 Hanson, Harry A. GySgt Apr 70/May 03
 Harrington, Lonnie J. GySgt Mar 66/Oct 99
 Harris, Thomas J. Sgt 0311 Jun 68/Feb 04
 Harrison, Alexander SSgt Jun 64/Mar 04
 Harrison, James E. MSgt 7051 Sept 73/Nov 03
 Hawkins, James J. LtCol Mar 83/Feb 04
 Haywood, Dale J. SgtMaj Sep 85/Mar 04
 Heidenfelder, Joe F. GySgt Mar 55/Dec 01
 Heifner, Glen F. LCpl Sept 54/Jan 04
 Heilgeist, William B. 1stSgt Jul 66/Apr 04
 Heller, Gerald L. GySgt Jun 79/Mar 04
 Henderson, Andrew C. 6413 GySgt Dec 62/Feb 04
 Henderson, W.G. GySgt Jul 68/Mar 04
 Hennessee, George H. SgtMaj Nov 58/Mar 04
 Hinton, T.G. 1stSgt Jul 69/Apr 04
 Hodge, Earl GySgt 6072 Jul 88/Jan 04
 Holdren, Christopher S. LCpl 1371 Dec 85/Jan 04
 Holmquist, Gary R. LtCol Jul 96/Mar 04
 Hopkins, Gordon B. 1stSgt Jul 72/Mar 04
 Hoover, James E. GySgt 3529 Apr 76/Jan 04
 Hornback, John H. 1stLt Jun 73/Apr 03
 Horsman, Harry R. GySgt Aug 66/Jan 04
 Hughes, Orlin A.P. LtCol Aug 67/Dec 03
 Irick, Joseph N. Maj Jul 63/Feb 04
 Ivaldi, Charles F. PFC May 53/Feb 04
 James, Alexander P. Jr. MSgt Jun 68/Feb 04
 Jennings, Gary D. MSgt 3043 Sep 93/Feb 04
 Johanson, Louis C. Col Jan 89/Mar 04
 Johnson, Johnny Jr. SSgt Dec 57/Jan 04
 Kaleikini, Edward Y. MGySgt Apr 80/Mar 04
 Kanellos, Arthur J. MSgt Oct 83/Feb 04
 Kelly, George Sgt Dec 69/Mar 04
 Kelly, John F. Jr. Maj 2502 Nov 76/Jan 04
 Kent, Gilbert R. GySgt 6672 Oct 86/Mar 04
 Kilmartin, Frank L. Col Jul 57/Feb 04
 Kindrick, Ondress E. SgtMaj 9999 Feb 69/Jan 04
 Knauff, George W. Maj Jan 80/Feb 04
 Knelleken, Gerald W. SSgt Sep 66/Feb 04
 Knight, Clyde 2ndLt 6713 Jun 64/Feb 04
 Knight, Donald A. MGySgt May 73/Mar 04
 Koleos, Marvin A. SgtMaj 9999 Oct 92/Feb 04
 Ladd, William A. GySgt Jun 63/Mar 04
 Lamb, Charles T. Capt Jul 72/Feb 04
 Lane Jr., Ronald W. SSgt 0231 Jul 99/Dec 03
 Lanning, Charlie T. Jr. Sgt Jun 70/Mar 04
 LeClaire, Joseph E. Jr. GySgt Dec 94/Mar 04
 LeDeaux, John K.B. LtCol Mar 86/
 Leitsch, Walter L. GySgt Jun 71/Feb 04
 Leonard, C.E. SSgt Feb 64/Jan 04
 Leshner, Robert E. WO1 Apr 65/Feb 04
 Lindsey, H.J. Jr. MSgt Aug 67/Sep 00
 Lines, John D. Jr. LtCol Jul 64/Mar 04
 Lister, C.R. Cpl Oct 51/Jan 04
 Long, James E. MSgt Nov 69/Feb 04
 Loosman, Donald A. GySgt Dec 74/Nov 03
 Lopez, Donald M. GySgt Jan 62/Jan 04
 Lumpkin, Aubrey L. LtCol Jul 75/ Feb 04
 Lumsdon, Lester W. Maj Oct 95/Feb 04
 Lundgren, Darrell Q. Maj 6302 Feb 68/Feb 04
 Magill, Richard W. LCpl Jan 54/Jan 04
 Mallory, Thomas Cpl Mar 65/Mar 04
 Mann, Earl T. GySgt Jul 68/Mar 04
 Manning, Randy R. MSgt Sep 90/Mar 04
 Martin, Curtis L. MSgt Nov 78/Mar 04
 Martin, James P. GySgt Sep 85/Mar 04
 Mataafa, Tupelu SSgt Dec 68/Mar 04
 Mathes, Ronald K. Cpl Oct 51/Apr 04
 McClain, Charles E. MSgt Nov 78/Feb 04
 McConathy, William A. MSgt Jan 74/Feb 04
 McConnell, John J. Col 9907 Aug 90/Feb 04
 McCoy, Billy L. GySgt Jun 71/Apr 04
 McDonald, Carmen M. 1stSgt Aug 95/Mar 04
 McElroy, James C. SSgt 0369 Aug 71/Jan 04
 McGhee, Will Cpl 3521 Jan 79/Dec 03
 McKee, Luther H. 1stSgt Nov 68/Mar 04
 McMath, Sidney S. MajGen Jun 72/Oct 03
 McMichael, Charles D. Capt Jan 62/Mar 04
 McVitty, Albert A. Maj 2002 Feb 72/Jan 04
 Milliman, Glenn P. Maj 6602 Jul 77/Jan 04
 Milliron, Richard H. GySgt Aug 72/Mar 04
 Mitchener, Harold J. Col Aug 59/Feb 04
 Moeder, Dale E. GySgt Jun 59/Nov 03
 Montes, Alberto GySgt May 84/Mar 04
 Moore, Floyd R. Col Jan 60/Mar 04
 Moore, Lonnie R. Jr. PFC Dec 69/Jan 04
 Moore, Robert L. MSgt Nov 70/Mar 04
 Morris, Edward C. LtCol Jul 73/Mar 04
 Morris, William R. Jr. MGySgt Dec 67/Jan 04
 Mossey, Donald J. Capt 0170 Dec 77/Jan 04
 Nelson, Wilfred A. GySgt Aug 66/Mar 04
 Nelson, Willard A. GySgt Dec 63/May 04
 Newell, Ralph E. Jr. MGySgt Jul 87/Mar 04
 Noll, William T. MSgt Oct 83/Mar 04
 Oliver, Milton Jr. GySgt Apr 81/Feb 04
 Olsavsky, Robert J. GySgt Apr 78/Nov 01
 Ordonez, Refugio D. Pvt 3000 May 76/Feb 04
 O'Toole Jr., Thomas F. Maj 0302 Jul 78/Feb 04
 Ourand, William R. Jr. Col Jul 69/Apr 04
 Owens, James B. MSgt 4449 Feb 80/Jan 04
 Palatas, Michael V. Col Jul 75/May 04
 Payne, Norah L. Jr. Sgt Apr 64/Apr 04
 Perkins, Floyd M. GySgt Sep 59/Jan 04
 Petrunic, John M. Maj Nov 87/Feb 04
 Pierson, James O. GySgt Jan 62/Jan 04
 Pike, Edward J. PFC Oct 61/Nov 03
 Pinson, Lionel J. SSgt Feb 74/Mar 04
 Plourde, Daniel L. CWO2 6291 Oct 74/Jul 03
 Powers, I. 1stSgt Mar 60/Mar 04
 Punchak, John T. MSgt Apr 78/Mar 04
 Puttick Jr., John S. SSgt 0619 Feb 89/Feb 04
 Radin, Morris Maj Jul 78/Mar 04

Rause, Robert Col Mar 82/Mar 04
 Reid, Robert J. Col 9907 Sept 80/Jan 04
 Reilly, Joseph H. Maj 2502 Aug 68/Feb 04
 Rice, Robert C. Col Jan 75/Mar 04
 Richard, Leopaul GySgt Nov 78/Mar 04
 Richards, Edgar Jr. MSgt Jul 90/Apr 04
 Rivett, Charles B. GySgt May 70/Aug 03
 Rodgers, William R. Sgt 6753 Oct 73/Feb 04
 Rodrigues, Jose C. Sgt Nov 03/
 Rood, Robert O. GySgt Jun 71/Feb 04
 Rowse, Earl J. Col 9906 Apr 67/Oct 03
 Russell, Rochester G. LtCol Apr 74/Mar 04
 Salazar, Joaquin D. SgtMaj 6391 Feb 83/Feb 04
 Samples, Kenneth Col Mar 85/Mar 04
 Savage Jr., George H. 1stSgt 3051 Apr 83/Jan 04
 Schindler, Charles V. SgtMaj Aug 85/Mar 04
 Schlitz, Leonard L. Capt Oct 76/Feb 04
 Schmuck, Donald M. Col Nov 59/Jan 04
 Schwenk, Adolph G. LtGen Jul 82/Mar 04
 Scott, Donald R. SSgt Jun 70/Oct 03
 Scott, James R. MSgt 0161 May 78/Feb 04
 Scott, Timothy L. MGySgt Jan 96/Apr 04
 Seyler, Eugene E. CWO4 May 60/Feb 04
 Shaw, Henry K. 1stLt May 49/Mar 04
 Sheldon, Everett G. SSgt Aug 66/Feb 04
 Shinault, Herbert W. MSgt Apr 83/Mar 04
 Shirley, David M. GySgt Mar 61/Feb 04
 Shoemaker, Russell G. Maj Jun 79/Mar 04
 Sickel, Howard M. Col Aug 74/Dec 03
 Silva, David N. GySgt 7051 Jun 99/Jan 04
 Simonds, Frank H. LtCol Nov 66/Mar 04
 Slade, Michael A. GySgt Jun 74/Apr 04
 Sly, Calvin SSgt Jun 62/ Feb 04
 Smith, Ernest U. CWO3 Sep 74/Jan 04
 Smith, Gordon K. Jr. MGySgt Feb 73/Mar 04
 Smith, Ira T.JR. CWO2 Aug 69/Mar 04
 Smith, Jeffrey F. LCpl 0231 Jan 77/Apr 04
 Smith, Leland W. Bgen Feb 74/Feb 04
 Spahr, Edward J. CWO4 Oct 70/Mar 04
 Spiker, Theodore F. Col Jul 67/Mar 04
 Spikerman, Jack L. Maj Jul 78/Mar 04
 Sprigg, Irvin D. GySgt Jan 75/Apr 04
 Stath, C.P. GySgt Jul 69/Apr 04
 Stanley, E.W. GySgt Jul 68/Mar 04
 Starn, Edwin R. Jr. GySgt Nov 69/Dec 03
 Steinman III, Henry A. MSgt 6042 Oct 74/Jan 04
 Stellema, F.H. SSgt Oct 60/Feb 04
 Stephens, Glenn A. Maj Sep 69/Mar 04
 Steppe, Paul A. Jr. LCpl Sep 52/Feb 04
 Stewart, James L. Maj Sep 77/Mar 04
 Strong, George A. GySgt Dec 61/Dec 03
 Synder, Joseph W. PFC Sep 74/Mar 04
 Tabor, Johnnie N. PFC Nov 51/Sept 03
 Taulbee, James P. MSgt Aug 02/Jan 04
 Taylor, Harold G. GySgt Mar 67/Mar 04
 Thobe, Bernard G. LtCol 1803 Oct 64/Jan 04
 Thompson, Samuel R. GySgt May 82/Mar 04

Tomlinson, Richard R. SSgt Feb 89/Dec 03
 Torrez, Carlos GySgt May 68/Mar 04
 Travers, Theodore V. GySgt 3051 Feb 97/Feb 04
 Tucker, R.L. MSgt Jul 68/Feb 04
 Turner, George E. GySgt 6264 Feb 75/Feb 04
 Turpen, Delmas 1stSgt Nov 72/Mar 04
 Tyzzer, Robert N. Jr. LtCol Aug 76/Feb 04
 Vadala, I.A. GySgt Jan 69/Mar 04
 Valaile, Eti SgtMaj 9999 Mar 84/Jan 04
 Walthers, John C. MSgt Dec 79/Mar 04
 Wanless, William D. Jr. GySgt Apr 90/Feb 04
 Ward, H.R. Jr. GySgt Dec 53/Feb 04
 Warren, William E. Jr. GySgt Jul 68/Jan 04
 Washington, William G. Jr. Capt Feb 91/Jan 04
 Wasson, Jesse R. Capt Jul 75/Feb 04
 Weber, Ronald L. MGySgt Sep 89/Mar 04
 Westfall, Philip R. MSgt Jul 60/Feb 04
 Westrom, Leroy W. GySgt Aug 67/Oct 03
 Wetzell, Robert M. Maj Jul 63/Mar 04
 White, John Sgt 2131 Mar 72/Feb 04
 Whitman, Steven E. Cpl Feb 70/Feb 04
 Wies, Lawrence R. GySgt Apr 69/Jul 03
 Wilbur, Paul G. MSgt May 83/Apr 04
 Wilson, Howard H. III Cpl Oct70/Mar 04
 Wood, Billy W. 1stSgt Nov 68/Apr 04
 Woodcock, Cecil E. Jr. Maj Aug 63/Mar 04
 Worley, A.F. GySgt Jan 69/Mar 04
 Worsham, Edward LtCol Mar 84/Feb 04
 Yarbrough, John D. Capt Nov 82/Mar 04
 Yates, Cecil H. GySgt Feb 62/Feb 04

To report the death of a retired Marine who was in receipt of civil service benefits, contact:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
 P.O. Box 45, Boyers, Pa. 16017-0045
 1-888-767-6738 or (202) 606-0500

How to report a death for the Taps column

The names that you have read in the *Taps* column have been verified by DFAS; they provide recurrent death listings to MMSR-6 for inclusion here. When you notify MMSR-6 of a death for inclusion in *Taps*, instead of DFAS, you may delay the process because the death information must be verified before it can be published. Because the volume of incoming death notifications to MMSR-6 may significantly delay inclusion of your loved one's name in this column, make DFAS your first point of contact.

Steps to take when a retiree dies

☆ **Notify DFAS of the death.** Stopping retirement pay immediately is critical to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability (VA) or civil service retirement (OPM), contact the appropriate agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later. DFAS contact information is on page 5 under "Pay Issues."

☆ **Survivor Benefit Plan election.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected the SBP.

☆ **Update your military identification card.** Doing so will reflect the change in status to a survivor's ID card. Contact your nearest ID card issuing site or MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310.

☆ **Burial benefits.** The VA provides information on burial benefits. Contact your nearest VA representative at 1-800-827-1000.

☆ **Notify the Social Security Administration.** Call 1-800-SSA-1213 and apply for the \$255 death benefit.

Required documents to claim death benefits may include: DD 214s, birth and death certificates, beneficiary information (marriage license and/or divorce decree), updated will and letter of instructions, financial information with account numbers, adoption or naturalization documents, if applicable and disposition instructions for the body.

Steps to take when an annuitant dies

Notify DFAS immediately. Refer to page 5 under "Pay Issues" for contact information. Include the annuitant's and the retired member's SSN on any written correspondence to DFAS. If death notification is by telephone, have readily available the SSN of the deceased annuitant and retired member, the annuitant's date of death and the name, address and telephone number of the next-of-kin or other contact; also specify who will send a copy of the death certificate.



Marine Corps Retired Activities Offices

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POC: SELDON E STONE JR.
(928) 341-5616

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dumoh@barstow.usmc.mil

MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS CALIFORNIA
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site0790@29palms.usmc.mil

MCB CAMP PENDLETON CALIFORNIA
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slatel@pendleton.usmc.mil

MCRD SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA
POC: PAT BROMLEY, (619) 524-5301
1-888-718-3027
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MCAS CHERRY POINT NORTH CAROLINA
POC: TOM L. STIGAR, (252) 466-5548
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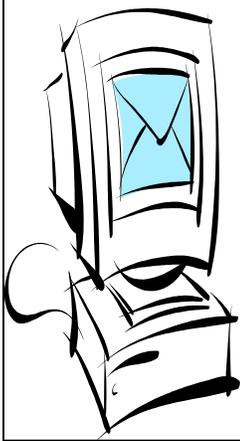
MCB QUANTICO, VIRGINIA
POC: A. J. SANDY ANTONIK, (703) 784-3351
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POC: CORNELIUS N. DORSEY, (843) 228-6105
dorseycn@beaufort.usmc.mil

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Marines: Change your address online!

If you are a member of any reserve component, retired from either active duty or the reserves, on the TDRL/PDRL or a member of the FMCR, you may enter your address change online, or if you prefer, you may print and mail it to MMSR-7. Go to www.usmc.mil. Note that it may take several seconds (or even longer) before you will see ten links to the right of the slogan, "The Few. The Proud." Select the links marked, "CAREER" and "RETIRED." You should then see the link, "Update Address" in the far right column. If all else fails, you may call MMSR-7 at 1-800-715-0968 to change your address by telephone.



About DFAS

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the world's largest finance and accounting operation. It provides responsive, professional finance and accounting services to the men and women who defend America. In fiscal year 2003, DFAS paid about 5.9 million people, processed more than 12.3 million invoices from defense contractors, disbursed more than \$416 billion, and managed more than \$197 billion in military trust funds. For more about DFAS, visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

Avoid indebtedness to DFAS!

Contact DFAS to stop retired or annuitant pay upon death. If you do not, DFAS will contact the bank directly to recover any electronic payments. This rule also applies for payments from other sources such as the VA or civil service.

Address changes are your responsibility!

Let's face it, people relocate. If you want to continue to receive the *Semper Fidelis*, you have to let the appropriate personnel know. Retired Marines and annuitants can do this by notifying one of the following:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service:
1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955

Headquarters Marine Corps (MMSR-7):
1-800-715-0968 or (703) 784-9317

How to access the Semper Fidelis Online:

Go to www.usmc.mil.

Note that it may take several seconds before ten links will appear on your screen. The links are located next to the slogan, "The Few. The Proud."

Click on the link, "Career," and "Retired," which will direct you to the "Retired Activities Home Page." There, you should see the link to the *Semper Fidelis* and other retired-related information.

2004 DFAS retired pay dates:

2 Jan., 2 Feb., 1 March, 1 April, 3 May,
1 June, 1 July, 2 Aug., 1 Sept., 1 Oct.,
1 Nov., 1 Dec.

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

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2004 DFAS cost-of-living adjustment:

2.1% increase in January 2004

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2004 Social Security benefits:

2.1% increase in January 2004
(for beneficiaries of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income)

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2004 VA benefits:

2.1% increase in January 2004

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Need to update your address?

- ☆ **Retirees:** You may also make address changes online (turn to page 23 for instructions) or call MMSR-7 at 1-800-715-0968! *This also applies to members of the Individual Ready Reserve.*
- ☆ **Annuitants:** Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report address changes.

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2. Providing direct and indirect support through phone calls, interviews, e-mail and formal correspondence;
3. Publishing the Marine Corps Retirement Guide;
4. Certifying applications for military ID cards for retirees, veterans and their family members;
5. Maintaining liaison with the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council and attending annual meetings with committee members;
6. Monitoring and supporting the Retired Marine Appreciation Days/Seminars;
7. Making initial determination of benefit eligibility (not involving pay matters) for former spouses of active duty and retired Marines;
8. Processing requests for foreign employment, and
9. Interacting and coordinating with internal and external DoD, government and veterans' affairs departments and agencies about retiree issues.