

SEMPER FIDELIS



MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES

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Civil service retirement may affect concurrent disability pay

An entry on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) website answers the question asked by many retired members wanting to know if they qualify for Concurrent Disability Pay (CDP) although they waived their military retirement pay. The answer, according to DFAS officials, depends on the situation. If you have combined your military time with your civil service time in order to qualify for a civil service retirement, you are not eligible for CDP. On the other hand, if you combined your military time with your civil service time in order to enhance your civil service retirement, you may be eligible for CDP.

Officials point out, however, that those who are eligible will have to coordinate with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to reverse the waiver of retired pay. It's important to note that by doing this, the retired member may incur a debt to the government resulting from an overpayment. Any decision to change the status of retired pay should be carefully considered.

The CDP law is applicable to retirees who have a VA-rated, service-connected disability of 50%. Individuals who retired for disability rather than under the regular retirement law must have at least 20 years of service. Answers to the other frequently asked questions are available online at www.dfas.mil/money/retired/cdpfaq.htm or by calling DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

TRICARE Prime allotment begins in September

For added convenience, retirees will be allowed to pay their TRICARE Enrollment fees by monthly allotment from their retirement pay (only). This option will begin in September 2004. In order to start the allotment, an Enrollment Fee Allotment Authorization Letter must be filled out and sent to the Regional contractor for your region. An initial quarterly payment must be sent along with a completed Enrollment Fee Allotment Authorization Letter. (You will not need to send a quarterly payment when transferring from one region to another if the allotment has already been set up.) Once the contractor receives the payment and the allotment

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A Message from the Head, Retired Activities Section

Readers,

In the last edition, I touched upon the importance of volunteers, and working a few hours per week for your local RAO. To date, I have received numerous e-mails and phone calls regarding the RAO program, and your interest is overwhelming. Therefore, on behalf of our RAO Directors' we appreciate your interest, but most importantly your support.

A story of importance is on the cover page as it relates to TriCare "PRIME" enrollment fees by monthly allotment from your retirement pay (only). Please be aware of this change, as it will benefit your entire family, and prevent any loss of service.

In addition, change is good! Therefore, you will observe a change in our newsletter format as we allow for easy reading along with a new professional look. As a reminder, available on line is the *Semper Fidelis* newsletter for your reading pleasure. Go into the M&RA site, link into the Retired Activities Survivor then to the *Semper Fidelis* Memorandum. Bingo, you're now able to view present and past editions.

The SecNav Retiree Council has a very informative web site that is rich in knowledge and valuable to all retirees. I urge you to get involved in the process by reviewing the Council's FY-04 recommendation to our Secretary. Make contact with our members located on page 7 and provide your duty expertise on matters of interest. Again, please examine this web site at <http://www.lifelines.navy.mil/retireecouncil>

Lastly, there is over \$300 million dollars of scholarship money for service members, veterans and dependents out there... "THAT'S FREE MONEY." Take advantage of this extensive list of scholarships available for you. Visit Military.com (their e-mail address is newsltr@miltnews.com) to seek out this information.

Semper Fi,

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The military ID card for family members

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 expire after four years with the exception of college students (*they expire when a college student reaches 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 military ID card

As stated above, a retired Marine's ID card is issued for an indefinite period; updates are required if the card was lost, stolen or damaged or due to a change in status (i.e., Reservist awaiting pay at 60, name change due to marriage, divorce or as requested by the Marine). A photo ID such as a drivers' license is required.

Eligibility for a military ID card by mail

If you live MORE THAN 300 miles from a military installation, you are eligible for an ID card by mail; applicants due to disability or inability to travel are also eligible. An 8x10 photo is required (*color is preferred*). If you live LESS THAN 300 miles from an installation, you must report to the site to obtain an ID card. Contact MMSR-6 for more information.

The DEERS Support Office

- ☆ By mail, write: Attn: COA; 400 Gigling Rd., Seaside, Calif. 93955
- ☆ In Alaska and Hawaii call: 1-800-527-5602
- ☆ Other areas call: 1-800-538-9552
- ☆ By fax: (408) 655-8317

With online access, you may enter an address change to update your records in DEERS:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02>

E-Mail: addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil

Locate your nearest DEERS/RAPIDS Center online by visiting <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs1>. By entering your ZIP code, the RAPIDS locator provides a listing of three military installations closest to your home address. If you do not have online access, call MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 for assistance.

Semper Fidelis Directory Pages

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FAX: (619) 688-9631, E-MAIL: natdiass@k-online.com
4085 Pacific Hwy., San Diego, Calif. 92110

FLEET RESERVE ASSN: 1-800-FRA-1924
FAX: (703) 549-6610, www.fra.org

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN: (703) 522-9629
P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, Va. 22210, www.kwva.org

MARINE CORPS ASSN: 1-866-622-1775
715 Broadway, Box 1775, Quantico, Va. 22134
www.mca-marines.org

MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSN: 1-800-280-3001
www.flymcaa.org

MARINE CORPS AVIATION RECONNAISSANCE ASSN INC:
<http://business.quadlink.net/adirondack/mcara>
E-MAIL: wcrbillmar@aol.com

MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA, INC, 1420 Evergreen Cir., Midwest City, Okla. 73110, E-MAIL: OklahomaMarines@cox.net

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSN: (910) 346-8803
P.O. Box 566, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541
E-MAIL: www.ggg@aol.com

MARINE CORPS FOOD SERVICE ASSN INC:
(501) 982-8930, www.usmcfssa.com
1001 McArthur Dr., Jacksonville, Ark. 72026

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE: 1-800-MCL-1775
www.mcleague.org

MARINE CORPS MUSICIANS ASSN: (661) 821-1683,
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MARINE CORPS MUSTANG ASSN INC: 1-800-321-USMC
E-MAIL: topmustang@aol.com

MARINE CORPS RESERVE ASSN: 1-800-927-6270
(703) 630-3772, E-MAIL: gygreen@aol.com

MARINE EMBASSY GUARD ASSN:
www.embassymarine.org

MARINE EXECUTIVE ASSN: (703) 734-7974
www.Marineea.org

NAVY MUTUAL AID ASSN: 1-800-628-6011
(703) 614-1638, www.navy mutual.org
E-MAIL: info@navymutual.org

TANKERS ASSN: (760) 439-7435, FAX: (760) 439-7451
www.mcta2000.org, E-MAIL: xsecmcta@juno.com
P.O. Box 3077; Oceanside, Calif. 92051

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: www.va.gov/vso

VIETNAM HELICOPTERS ASSN: (540) 364-9424
www.popasmoke.com

VIETNAM TANKERS ASSN: (508) 477-5957, 278 Main St., Mashpee, Mass. 02649, USMCVTA@comcast.net

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. (202) 628-2700
www.vva.org, E-MAIL: 71154.702@compuserve.com

WOMEN MARINES ASSN: 1-888-525-1943
www.womenmarines.org
P.O. Box 1907; Woodbridge, Va. 22195
E-MAIL: WMA@womenmarines.org

1ST MARINE DIV ASSN: (703) 803-3195
14325 Willard Rd., Ste. 107, Chantilly, Va. 20151-2110
(703) 803-3195, E-MAIL: oldbreed@aol.com

2ND MARINE DIV ASSN: (910) 451-3167 www.2marine.com
P.O. Box 8180; Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28547

3RD MARINE DIV ASSN: www.caltrap.com
P.O. Box 254, Chalfont, Pa. 18914-0254, (215) 822-9094

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COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE: (202) 502-7300
<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>

FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER: 1-800-USA-LEARN, www.ed.gov

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FDN: 1-800-292-7777
FAX: (609) 452-2259, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J. 08543-3008, E-MAIL: mcsf@marine-scholars.org
www.marine-scholars.org

VA EDUCATION CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE:
1-888-442-4551, www.gbill.va.gov

☆ FOUNDATIONS:

DEVIL PUPS INC: (805) 497-9810, www.devilpups.com
340 N. Westlake Blvd., Ste. 260
Westlake Village, Calif. 91362-7036

FISHER HOUSE FDN, INC: www.fisherhouse.org
1-888-294-8560, FAX: (301) 294-8562
1401 Rockville Pike, Ste. 600; Rockville, Md. 20852
E-MAIL: FisherHouse@aol.com

FLYING LEATHERNECK HISTORICAL FDN:
(858) 693-1723, www.flyingleathernecks.org
E-MAIL: flhf@flyingleathernecks.org

HOSPICE FDN OF AMERICA: 1-800-854-3402
FAX: (202) 638-5312, www.hospicefoundation.org
2001 S St., N.W. #300; Washington, D.C. 20009

MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FDN:
1-800-397-7585, (703) 640-7961, www.marineheritage.org
E-MAIL: info@marineheritage.org

MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY FDN: www.mcuf.org
(703) 640-6835, 1-888-368-5341, FAX: (703) 640-6177
P.O. Box 122; Quantico, Va. 22134-0122
E-MAIL: mcuf@mcuf.org

MARINE CORPS VIETNAM TANKERS HISTORICAL FND:
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98023-8104, E-MAIL: USMCVTFoundation@aol.com

MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FDN: (703) 640-9433
FAX: (703) 640-0917, www.toysfortots.org
P.O. Box 1947; Quantico, Va. 22134
E-MAIL: bamurray@toysfortots.org

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ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES: www.afrh.com

AFRH-G, 1800 Beach Dr., Gulfport, Miss. 39507-1597
1-800-332-3527, (228) 896-4026, FAX: (228) 897-4013
E-MAIL: publicaffairs@gulfport.afrh.gov

AFRH-W, 3700 North Capitol St. N.W., Washington,
D.C. 20317-0001, 1-800-422-9988, (202) 730-3337
E-MAIL: publicaffairs@dc.afrh.gov
Home Guest House Reservation Line: (202) 730-3044

ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE (AAFES):
1-800-527-2345 (questions about eligibility)
www.aafes.com, www.usmc-mccs.org

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR):
(703) 614-1316
CMC, 2 Navy Annex; Washington, D.C. 20370-5100

COLD WAR CERTIFICATE: <https://coldwar.army.mil>
Cold War Recognition, Hoffman II, Attn: AHRC-CWRS,
3N45, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, Va. 22332-0473
FAX: 1-800-723-9262 or (703) 325-2167

LEATHERNECK MAGAZINE OF THE MARINES:
1-800-336-0291, ext. 315, (703) 640-6161, ext. 315
P.O. Box 1775; Quantico, Va. 22134
E-MAIL: leatherneck@mca-marines.org

MARINE CORPS MARATHON: 1-800-RUN-USMC
(703) 784-2225, www.marinemarathon.com
P.O. Box 188; Quantico, Va. 22134

MARINE CORPS MILITARY AWARDS (MMA):
(703) 784-9206/07
3280 Russell Rd.; Quantico, Va. 22134-5103

MARINE CORPS RECORDS CORRESPONDENCE (MMSB-12):
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3920/4646/5616
2008 Elliot Rd.; Quantico, Va. 22134-5030

MARINE CORPS GAZETTE: 1-888-237-7683
(703) 640-6161, E-MAIL: gazette@mca-marines.org

MARINE CORPS MUSEUM, MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL CENTER: (202) 433-4534
Bldg. 58, Washington Navy Yard, 1254 Charles Morris St., S.E., Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5040

MARINES' MEMORIAL CLUB & HOTEL: 1-800-5-MARINE
RESERVATIONS: 1-800-562-7463
E-MAIL: reservations@marineclub.com

MARINE MILITARY EXPOSITION: (703) 488-2700
marinemilitaryexpos.com Dulles International Airport
P.O. Box 17413, Washington, D.C. 20041

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY: (703) 696-4904
FAX: (703) 696-0144
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U.S. ARMY EUROPE RETIREMENT SERVICES:
www.1perscom.army.mil (Select "USAREUR Ret. Svcs.")

☆ **TRAVEL PLANNING:**

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (SPACE-A TRAVEL):
https://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/24_203.htm
<https://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm>

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, EUROPE:
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1-888-593-2242, (407) 824-3600, www.shadesofgreen.org

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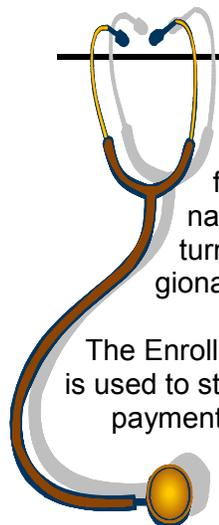
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www.thenewsanno.com

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB: www.afvclub.com
1-800-724-9988 (to book a space-available unit you will need
account #7033-0000 and installation #227)

FORT RICHARDSON SEWARD RESORT, ALASKA:
1-800-770-1858 www.usarak.army.mil/framwr/seward.htm

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER:
1-800-NAVY-INN, www.navy-nex.com/lodge

STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNINGS:
<http://travel.state.gov>
Hotline for American Travelers: (202) 647-5225



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authorization letter, the contractor will forward a payment request to the designated pay agency. The pay agency in turn starts a monthly payment to the regional contractor.

The Enrollment Fee Allotment Authorization Letter is used to start, stop, or change monthly allotment payments from the retiree pay account.

☆ **DENTAL, HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE:**

FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM:
1-800-582-3337, www.ltcfeds.com

MEDICARE: 1-800-633-4227, www.medicare.gov

NATIONAL MAIL ORDER PHARMACY: 1-800-903-4680
www.tricare.osd.mil

The TRICARE Information Call Center operates Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., EST (excluding federal holidays). Please be aware that all calls are answered in English only. TRICARE Management Activity National toll-free numbers are:

SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM: 1-877-363-6337

TRICARE FOR LIFE: 1-888-363-5433

TRICARE ONLINE: 1-866-363-3932

TRICARE CUSTOMER SERVICE: (703) 681-1770
Obtain assistance in resolving beneficiary problems
www.myTRICARE.com

TRICARE HELP ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM:
TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM: 1-888-336-3260
www.ddpdelta.org

TRICARE SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM: 1-877-363-6337

TRICARE SUPPORT OFFICE: www.tricare.osd.mil
E-MAIL: tricare-on@csdmail.Medcom.amedd.army.mil

TRICARE NORTHEAST, REGION 1: 1-800-308-3518
(Northern portion of Va., eastern portion of W. Va., Md., Del., N.J., Pa., N.Y., Conn., R.I., Mass., N.H., Vt. And Maine)

TRICARE MID-ATLANTIC, REGION 2: 1-800-931-9501
(Southern Va. and all of N.C.)

TRICARE SOUTHEAST/GULFSOUTH REGION 3/4:
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TRICARE HEARTLAND, REGION 5: 1-800-941-4501
(Ill., Ind., Ky., Mich., Ohio, W.Va., Wisc. and St. Louis area of Mo.)

TRICARE SOUTHWEST, REGION 6: 1-800-406-2832
(Ark., La.-western-, Okla., Texas-except El Paso)

TRICARE CENTRAL, REGION 7/8: 1-888-874-9378
(Ariz.-except Yuma-, Colo., Idaho-except Northern Idaho-Iowa, Kan., Minn., Mo.-except St. Louis-Mont., Neb., Nev., N.M., N.D., S.D., Texas-El Paso area only-Utah and Wyo.)

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TRICARE NORTHWEST, REGION 11: 1-800-404-2042
(Ore., Wash., and Idaho-northern to include Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Latah and Shoshone counties)

TRICARE PACIFIC: 1-800-242-6788 (Alaska and Hawaii)

TRICARE LATIN AMERICA: 1-888-777-8343 (Panama, Central America and South America)

TRICARE KOREA: 003-081-10332 (U.S. call 1-800-917-9172 or from wherever 800 service is available)

TRICARE EUROPE: 1-888-777-8343 (Europe, Africa, Middle East, Azores and Iceland)

TRICARE PACIFIC: 1-800-777-8343 (western Pacific)

☆ **PAY ISSUES (RETIRED MARINES/ANNUITANTS):**

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE:
1-800-321-1080, www.dfas.mil

Retired Marines (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri., EST)

DFAS, U.S. Military Retirement Pay
P.O. Box 7130, London, Ky. 40742-7130
CASUALTY REPORTING: 1-800-321-1080
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-469-6559 (no voice communication)
OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: (216) 522-5955

Special Compensation for Severely Disabled:

DFAS, P.O. Box 998011
Cleveland, Ohio 44199-8011
(216) 522-6170, 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-469-6559

Annuitants:

DFAS, U.S. Military Annuitant Pay, P.O. Box 7131
London, Ky. 40742-7131
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-982-8459

ANNUITANT ADDRESS CHANGE INFORMATION!

You are an annuitant if you are in receipt of the Survivor Benefit Plan. Address changes should be sent to DFAS so they may update your records for ALL correspondence! Address changes sent to MMSR-6 will be forwarded to DFAS!

☆ **STEPS TO TAKE WHEN A MARINE DIES***

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: (703) 695-3255
(703) 697-9486, www.arlingtoncemetery.org

DFAS CASUALTY REPORTING: 1-800-321-1080

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION: 1-800-827-1000
www.va.gov/cemetery/index.htm

SOCIAL SECURITY: 1-800-SSA-1213, www.ssa.gov

VA BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE: 1-800-827-1000 www.va.gov

VA INSURANCE CENTER: 1-800-669-8477



*Additional information on "Steps to take when a retiree dies" and "Steps to take when an annuitant dies" is on page 22.

Marine Corps Retired Activities Offices

MCAS YUMA ARIZONA
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(928) 341-5616

MCLB BARSTOW CALIFORNIA
POC: NAPOLEON DUMO
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dumohn@barstow.usmc.mil

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site0790@29palms.usmc.mil

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POC: LAUREN SLATE, (760) 725-9791
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POC: PAT BROMLEY, (619) 524-5301
1-888-718-3027
blasf@merdsd.usmc.mil

MCAS MIRAMAR CALIFORNIA
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snipesjc@logcom.usmc.mil

MCB CAMP LEJEUNE NORTH CAROLINA
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reichlerr@lejeune.usmc.mil

MCAS CHERRY POINT NORTH CAROLINA
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ombraochpt@cherrypoint.usmc.mil

MCB CAMP SD BUTLER OKINAWA JAPAN
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retiredactivities@nt.quantico.usmc.mil

HQMC HENDERSON HALL VIRGINIA
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hughesps@hqmc.usmc.mil

MCB KANEOHE BAY HAWAII
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katekarur@mcbh.usmc.mil

MCAS/MCRD SOUTH CAROLINA
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- ☆ MCAS YUMA: (928) 269-2262, FAX: (928) 269-6639
- ☆ MCLB BARSTOW: (760) 577-6418, FAX: (760) 577-6110
- ☆ MCB CAMP PENDLETON: (760) 725-5304/5194 FAX: (760) 725-5609
- ☆ MCAS MIRAMAR: (619) 271-7111, FAX: (619) 695-7371, RESERVATIONS: 800-628-9466
- ☆ MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS: (760) 830-6573/6583, FAX: (760) 830-1647
- ☆ MCB HAWAII: (808) 254-2806, FAX: (808) 254-2716
- ☆ MCB CAMP S.D. BUTLER: (760) 577-6418 FAX: (760) 577-6110
- ☆ MCB CAMP LEJEUNE: (910) 451-3041 FAX: (910) 451-9605
- ☆ MCRD PARRIS ISLAND: (843) 228-2967 FAX: (843) 228-4808
- ☆ MCAS BEAUFORT: (843) 522-1663 FAX: (843) 522-1663
- ☆ MCCDC QUANTICO: (703) 630-4444 FAX: (703) 630-4499 RESERVATIONS: 1-800-965-9511

Attention Enlisted Marines!

There's still time to submit your resume 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:

Headquarters Marine Corps (MMSR-6)
3280 Russell Road
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Find a lower price? AAFES will beat it

Thanks to the “Best Price” pledge, shoppers around the world enjoy the lowest price at Army and Air Force Exchange (AAFES) facilities. “Our “Best Price” pledge guarantees that AAFES will not be undersold,” explained AAFES Lieutenant Colonel Debra Pressley.

AAFES “Best Price” pledge works in two ways. If customers see a price differential of less than \$5, they can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Customers who report a price difference of greater than \$5 need only to bring a current local competitor’s ad to receive the reduced price. In either case the competitor’s item, of course, must be identical to the item in the AAFES store.

Colonel Pressley explained that the “best price” program promotes AAFES as a price leader with a pledge that retail stores will match competitors’ current, local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or any local competitor. Since AAFES has a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services at uniformly low prices and generate reasonable earnings to supplement Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, there are exceptions to the “Best Price” program. Stores will not accept challenges from any website or catalog, including the All Services Exchange Mail Order Catalog. Other exclusions include “gimmick” promotions, special order automotive parts, gasoline, automotive labor/service, double and triple coupons, clearance items, flat percentage off items and vending items.



Study targeting veterans in the Houston, Texas area

Caregivers of veterans age 60 or older that have been told that they have memory problems within the last year may be eligible to participate in a Houston Virginia Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine research study. The Memory Study is investigating the progression of memory loss over a two-year time period. The study includes home visits every four months with veterans and their caregivers. Eligible participants must live in Houston or surrounding areas. The cost of the study is free. Participants can receive up to \$120 for completing the entire study. For more information, contact Jennifer Khan at (713) 794-8624.

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:

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Online users:

Where to write for vital records

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) provides a listing of state and U.S. territory vital statistics offices to contact for copies of birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates. The NCHS also offers how-to-tips on what information to provide when making a request and gives the approximate cost of obtaining vital records in each state. To learn where to write, visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2_welcom.htm A toll-free number is not available for those who do not have online access; you will need to contact the vital statistics office in your area.

TRICARE News

TRICARE Retiree Dental program up, running and still growing

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) enters its sixth year of operation as a record of 750,000 Uniformed Services retirees and their families now look to the program for affordable dental care. With low monthly rates based on single, two-person and full-family coverage, the TRDP represents one of the very best values available in health care.

Among the many program enhancements added in May 2003 is an increase in the annual and lifetime orthodontic maximums; a shortened enrollment commitment; a single 12-month waiting period for 50% of the allowed amount for coverage of crowns, bridges, dentures and orthodontics; and an expanded national dentist network for additional cost savings. Since these changes were implemented, the TRDP has welcomed an average of more than 7,300 new sponsors and their family members per month into the program. Delta Dental of California, the non-profit, dental carrier selected by the Department of Defense to administer the national program, has also developed and improved several “self-service” tools to make both enrollment and customer service with the TRDP easier than ever. These include an enhanced, secure web site at www.trdp.org/ and a new, automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. The “Subscriber Toolkit” available on the web site allows enrollees to verify their eligibility and review current benefits information, such as how much their annual maximum they have used to date. Subscribers can also use the toolkit to review processed claims, reimbursements and payments made to their dentist and to print new ID cards – all online. With the IVR, enrollees can check their eligibility and request a list of network providers. Soon, they also will be able to use the IVR to check on the status of their dental claims as well. For more information about the TRDP or to obtain a complete enrollment package, visit www.trdp.org or call Delta Dental at 1-888-838-8737.

TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program underway, despite initial problems

System improvements continue daily and until all system errors and “time-outs” within the communications infrastructure are resolved, the TRICARE Management Activity will provide updates on its website on a 72-hour basis. That’s the word from TRICARE officials commenting on the new TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program, which began nationwide operations with Express Scripts Inc. (ESI), St. Louis, Mo. on 1 June 2004. Within hours, significant problems arose for all ESI customer accounts,

including TRICARE beneficiaries. The immediate and comprehensive efforts expended by ESI, private sector consultants and TRICARE experts resulted in restoration of commercial customer business and improvements for TRICARE beneficiaries.

According to Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, “Our primary concern is that our beneficiaries receive the prescriptions they require. To that end, we continue to support efforts to resolve the problems. We apologize to our beneficiaries and the 53,000 pharmacies across the United States who have experienced the difficulties associated with these processing problems.

TRICARE and ESI expect as initial prescription submission throughout improves, the program will stabilize and reach a steady and continuing pace. TRICARE numbers significantly exceed the standard of 125,000 TRICARE claims usually processed and paid on Mondays and Tuesdays. Nevertheless, higher than normal rates of claims rejection continue and problems exist in some areas. The ESI provider relations team is working with individual pharmacies and pharmacy chains alike to resolve both systems problems and the particular problems experienced by those pharmacies.

The new TRICARE Pharmacy program introduces a standard, national approach to retail pharmacy use that offers TRICARE beneficiaries the same benefit wherever they may be in the United States and its territories; it is a fully portable benefit. Beneficiaries who experience difficulty with their prescriptions during this initial period may contact the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy customer service at 1-888-363-8779. For those who purchased their medications at full price, they may file a paper claim (DD Form 2642), which is available online at www.tricare.osd.mil; file the claim to Express Scripts, P.O. Box 66518, St. Louis, Mo. 63166-6518.

The TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program began in 1 June 2004 for TRICARE beneficiaries located in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

For a single co-payment of \$3 for generic or \$9 for a brand-name prescription, eligible beneficiaries may continue to receive a 30-day supply of their prescription medication from the new network of retail pharmacies. To use this benefit, a written pharmacy prescription and a uniformed services identification card are required. TRICARE beneficiaries who used a retail pharmacy last year will receive, by mail, a pharmacy identification card, a benefit guide and a letter listing the twelve net-

work pharmacies close to their home. The TRICARE Retail Pharmacy benefit is portable. Beneficiaries traveling outside their designated TRICARE region who need to fill a prescription are no longer required to pay the full prescription price, or file a TRICARE claim to get reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses when they use a TRICARE retail network pharmacy. Pharmacy co-payments are the same in every location where the TRR is available. To locate a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may visit the TRICARE pharmacy locator service at www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE or call 1-866-363-8779. The TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program is not available for beneficiaries who live or travel outside the U.S. or its territories. These beneficiaries are encouraged to use a military treatment facility, if available, or the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program to fill their prescription medications. Express Scripts can mail prescription medications to a private, foreign address. Prescriptions mailed to beneficiaries in overseas locations must be prescribed by providers who are licensed to practice in the United States. Beneficiaries who live in overseas locations do not have access to TRICARE retail pharmacy networks. They must pay for their prescription medications upfront and submit a claim with TRICARE overseas claims processor for reimbursement. For reimbursement rates or assistance processing a non-network overseas retail pharmacy claim, beneficiaries may contact the overseas TRICARE Service Center by visiting www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/index.cfm. To use the new retail pharmacy program, as with all other Department of Defense health programs, beneficiaries must be eligible and enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Department of Veterans Affairs News

Some survivors face deadline for restored DIC benefit

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) wants to ensure that surviving spouses of deceased veterans are aware of an approaching deadline that may affect entitlement to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits. Last year, President Bush signed Public Law 108-183, the "Veterans Benefits Act of 2003," which restores entitlement to DIC and related home loan and education benefits for surviving spouses who remarry on or after reaching age 57.

VA officials are concerned that surviving spouses may not be aware of this change in law, or may overlook this benefit if their subsequent marriages have not ended. Generally, the VA pays DIC to the surviving spouses of military service members who die while on active duty,

and to surviving spouses of veterans whose death resulted from service-related causes.

The basic monthly rate is \$967 and is increased if the surviving spouse has dependents, is housebound or meets criteria common to those who need a home aide. There are additional payments for dependent children. Parents who were dependent upon the service member's income also may qualify for DIC.

Under previous law, surviving spouses who remarried were not eligible for DIC unless their marriages ended. At that time, they could apply for reinstatement of benefits. Under the new law, surviving spouses who remarried after age 57 and before 16 Dec. 2003, have a limited time to apply for restoration of DIC. They have one year from the date the new law was enacted 16 Dec. 2003, to apply for restoration of benefits. If the VA receives the application later than 15 Dec. 2004, restoration of DIC will be denied. The one-year application period does not apply to other surviving spouses whose remarriage on or after attaining age 57 followed enactment of the law. For more information on restoration of DIC, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000.

VA begins chiropractic care

Veterans can receive chiropractic care at 26 selected VA facilities beginning this fall, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi announced today. The VA will hire or contract with doctors of chiropractic to provide the care. In consultation with VA primary care providers, doctors of chiropractic will offer patient evaluations and chiropractic care for neuromusculoskeletal conditions.

Locations where chiropractic care will be provided include Togus, Maine; West Haven and Newington, Conn.; Buffalo and the Bronx, N.Y.; Butler, Pa.; Martinsburg, W.Va.; Columbia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.; Tampa and Miami, Fla.; Mountain Home, Tenn.; Columbus, Ohio; Danville, Ill.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Kansas City, Kan.; Jackson, Miss.; San Antonio, Temple, and Dallas, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; Fort Harrison, Mont.; Seattle, Wash.; Sacramento and Los Angeles, Calif.; and Sioux Falls, S.D. Eligible veterans in areas distant from these locations will also be able to receive chiropractic care through the VA's outpatient fee-basis program after a referral by their primary care provider and prior authorization by the department. The VA was authorized to offer chiropractic care and services under the provisions of section 204 of Public Law 107-135, the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001.

Improvements in the Veterans' Group Life Insurance information

The VA announced recently that veterans will now be able to access their Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) accounts at any time of the day or night from any computer or telephone. "Today's veterans are technologically savvy, and VA's Life Insurance program is constantly looking for better ways to meet their needs," said Under Secretary for Benefits Daniel L. Cooper. "We will be adding new features to both our online account and interactive voice response systems on a continuing basis so veterans can manage their policies from anywhere, at any time." Using a secure web site, the VGLI online account access system allows veterans to obtain basic information on their account through the insurance website at www.insurance.va.gov.

Veterans will be able to view their current amount of coverage, premium rate, and billing method, as well as change their billing address. In the future, veterans will have access to additional online tools allowing them to change their method and frequency of payment. Also available on the VA's insurance website is a new life insurance calculator that allows veterans to calculate a recommended amount of life insurance based on their financial information. The veteran enters financial information directly into the website including financial obligations, net additional income needed by survivors and current assets. By subtracting total assets from total financial obligations and net income needed, the calculator arrives at the amount of life insurance recommended. Veterans can also access their account information through a new VGLI interactive voice response system that allows veterans to obtain account information through the telephone.

Those without online access can call the VA at 1-800-419-1473 any time using a telephone keypad to hear recorded information on their accounts. They can also request certain changes to their VGLI accounts, such as billing frequency and payment method, as well as order certain forms via mail or fax.

VA automates service-disabled veterans insurance application

The VA has expanded its online benefits applications to include Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance. The VA's website already provides online convenience for applications for compensation, pension, health care and vocational rehabilitation benefits as well as education enrollment certification. The addition of Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) means veterans can be assured

their application is transmitted to the VA Insurance Center in Philadelphia without any delays in mailing. Those with online access can obtain an application at www.va.gov or through the insurance web pages at www.insurance.va.gov. To initiate the process through a secure website protecting users' privacy, eligible veterans should click on "Apply for S-DVI Insurance Online Using Our Autoform Application." The online application process guides applicants through each step of the application with easy-to-use help screens and tools. The first steps of the process will allow veterans to immediately determine if they are eligible for the insurance. They will also be able to learn about the different types of insurance plans and premiums available to them. Once transmitted, applications are immediately processed. However, veterans who are uncomfortable submitting their application online may also print their application from the web site and mail or fax it, just as they may do now with the paper version of the application. "The new S-DVI online application allows veterans to apply for insurance at their own convenience," Tom Las-towka, director of the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, noted. "Not only can they go online and apply 24 hours, 7 days a week, but they can also stop while they are completing the application and come back and begin again where they left off."

S-DVI is a VA program of life insurance that provides \$10,000 of coverage to veterans who have received a service-connected disability rating for a new condition from the VA within the past two years; were separated from service on or after 25 April 25 1951, under other than dishonorable conditions; and is in good health except for their service-connected conditions.

Medicare News

Officials predict early fall Medicare Part B penalty resolution

In many cases, no news is good news but not when it comes to information on the law providing for the waiver of the Medicare Part B premium for certain members of the military retiree community. Following the first announcement of the provision and the report that implementing procedures would be developed, little information has followed. Finally, the information logjam has been broken with changes in the TRICARE Management Activity Fact Sheet and information posted on the Medicare website. Specifically, the new law affects uniformed services beneficiaries who are TRICARE and Medicare eligible in one of two ways:

Beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A but are not enrolled in Medicare Part B will be automatically

enrolled in Medicare Part B without a premium surcharge during a special enrollment period that will continue through 31 Dec. 2004. In early fall, these beneficiaries will receive a form in the mail, giving them the option of selecting any month in 2004 as their Medicare Part B entitlement date, or refusing Part B altogether.

Beneficiaries whose current Medicare Part B entitlement began between January 2001 and December 2004 and who are paying a premium surcharge (more than \$66.60 a month) for Medicare Part B, will have their Part B premium reduced to the 2004 rate of \$66.60 beginning January 2004, or if later, their Part B entitlement date. In early fall, these beneficiaries will receive a refund for any excess premium surcharges they paid beginning in January 2004. For more information, contact www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.

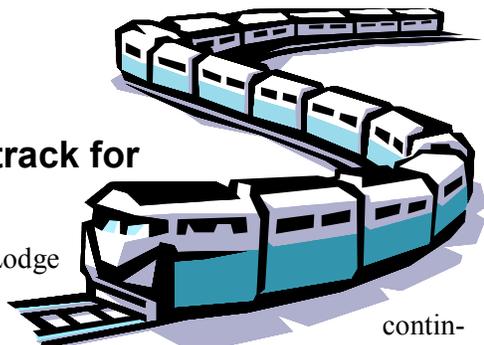
AFRCs offer affordable vacation destinations

The Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) resorts are affordable Joint Service facilities operated by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center and located at ideal vacation destinations. Each center offers a full range of resort hotel opportunities for service members, their families and other members of the Total Defense Force, including members of the military retiree community. Centers are self-supporting and funded by nonappropriated fund revenues generated internally from operations, according to AFRC officials. Revenues are continually reinvested to maintain and improve the physical plant while providing the greatest possible value for guests. AFRC room rates are set to make them more affordable than similar facilities in their area. Rates are based on rank, pay grade, duty status, room size and/or room location.

Edelweiss Lodge and Resort on track for opening

The Edelweiss Lodge and Resort organization continues to prepare a very special destination for service members and their families. The Armed Forces Recreation Center's newest resort is scheduled to open on 15 Sept. 2004.

The most inspiring mark of progress towards opening day is the exciting construction work on the expansive Edelweiss Lodge and Resort construction project. About



one \$1 million worth of work takes place on average per week during the last phase of construction. "The fact that our timeline for opening is completely on schedule certainly heightens our excitement for opening day," said Richard LeBrun, General Manager Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. "To think that guests will be enjoying these facilities in just a few months keeps us focused on our job of preparing this new hotel."

"We want to make sure we that all service members are aware of the unique experience that Edelweiss Lodge and Resort will offer," said Sales Director, Terry Hodges. "Our world class recreation programs, diverse choices in dining and atmosphere and other adventures that only the Alps can offer, hold a unique vacation experience for everyone. Service members, DoD civilians, retirees and their families can reserve their chance to see AFRC's newest resort, Edelweiss Lodge and Resort with by visiting www.afceurope.com or calling the Vacation Planning Center at CIV 49-8821-729127 or DSN 440-2850.

Shades of Green reopen Walt Disney World doors to military families

More military members and their families can exclaim "I'm going to Disney World," thanks to the recent expansion of the Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center on Walt Disney World Resort. With the expansion, the Shades of Green has more than doubled in size with the addition of 299 rooms to the previous 287, plus a 500-seat ballroom, two new restaurants, and a second heated swimming pool. The upgraded complex also better accommodates buses that shuttle guests around Disney's property, separate from the flow of traffic near the hotel's check-in area.

Shades of Green is adjacent to Disney's Palm Golf Course, home of the PGA Tour's FUNAI Classic, and just outside the gates of Mickey Mouse's famous house. Another one of Disney's five championship 18-hole golf courses and a nine-hole executive layout are within walking distance.

The hotel features two lighted tennis courts, hot tub, children's pool and play area, lounge and sports bar, banquet accommodations, gift shops, video arcade, laundry facilities, fitness center and automated teller machines. Guests are provided transportation to all Walt Disney World attractions and early entry into select venues inside the Magic Kingdom. Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park are just minutes away. Self-supporting and operated with non-appropriated funds, Shades of Green is reserved for

active duty and retired members of the uniformed services, Reserves and National Guard, as well as active and retired Department of Defense civilians and their families. Affordability, a term often lost on visitors to Disney World, is the main attraction to Shades of Green. Room rates are based on rank and range from \$70 to \$225 per night for a standard room and \$82 to \$119 for a poolside room.

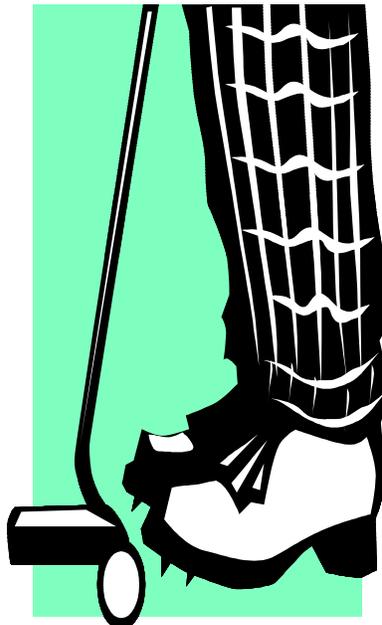
For room reservations at Shades of Green, call 1-888-593-2242 or fax to (407) 824-3665; the hotel's direct number is (407) 824-3400 and fax is (407) 824-3460. An online reservation system is coming soon. Reservations are accepted up to one year in advance; six to eight months in advance traditionally is required to secure a room. Holidays and long weekends tend to get booked a full year in advance. Those with online access can visit <http://www.armymwr.com/shades/index.html>.

Golf packages aboard Camp Lejeune

Planning a reunion? Consider Camp Lejeune's one-to-four day golf packages:

- ☆ One day unlimited golf with cart and two nights lodging: **\$100 per person**
- ☆ Two days unlimited golf with cart and three nights lodging: **\$150 per person**
- ☆ Four days unlimited golf with cart and four nights lodging **\$200 per person**

Golf package days are Monday through Thursday. A \$12 cart fee will apply after 18 holes. Package price is per person based on double occupancy. One member in the group must have a valid government/military ID. Contact the Information, Tickets and Tours office at 1-800-660-4285 for details.



Legislative Updates

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H.R.331: (Rep. Joe Wilson, SC)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that military retired pay for nonregular service shall be paid without regard to the age of a person otherwise eligible for such retired pay, rather than commencing when an otherwise eligible person attains age 60.

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2003 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Executive Comment Requested from DOD.

H.R.1111: (Rep. Cass Ballenger, NC)

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, and for other purposes.

Latest Major Action: 4/14/2003 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Executive Comment Received from DOD.

H.R.1592: (Rep. Bob Filner, 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.

Latest Major Action: 4/3/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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.



Latest Major Action: 6/18/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2944: (Rep. Walter B. Jones)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for forgiveness of certain overpayments of retired pay paid to deceased retired members of the Armed Forces following death.

Latest Major Action: 8/15/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.

H.R.4637: (Rep. Jerry Weller)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation under that title to members of the Armed Forces retired for disability with less than 20 years of active military service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2004 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebrations

To: All Marines! (officer and enlisted)

When: 10 Nov. 2004

Where: Indian River Colony Club, Melbourne, Fla.

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!



The Clubs of Quantico will hold a Marine Corps Birthday ball on 12 Nov. 2004. The last day to order tickets is 29 Oct. 2004. Attendance is limited to 250 guests.

POC: Sandy Antonik at (703) 784-3351 or
retiredactivities@nt.quantico.usmc.mil.



The 1st Marine Division Commander is scheduled to speak at Marine Corps' 229th birthday celebration luncheon in Arlington, Va.

Major General James N. Mattis, current Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, soon to return from Operation Iraqi Freedom with the Division, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's 10 Nov. 2004 luncheon commemorating the 229th birthday of the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization chartered in 1979 to stimulate greater interest in Marine Corps history, is hosting its sixth annual luncheon at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. Cost per person is \$75. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to fund the construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, to be located on a 135-acre Heritage Center campus, 35 miles south of Washington, D.C. at Marine Corps Base, Quantico. Visit www.marineheritage.org for information about the Marine Corps Heritage Center and National Museum of the Marine Corps. For luncheon reservations, call (703) 640-7965.

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.

Coast Guard Foundation is seeking a President. The responsibilities include reporting to the Board of the Foundation to lead fundraising activities and supervising six staff members. The President will oversee the Foundation's financial assets and lead the organization in developing and maintaining current, ongoing and new programs and projects; is responsible for the Foundation's growth and future in assuring that the Coast Guard family's well-being and quality-of-life needs continue to be met through new opportunities and partnerships, and an expanded endowment. The President will develop/propose to the Board appropriate plans of action to enhance Foundation support; establish/maintain proactive relations with Board members in furtherance of Foundation goals; establish cooperative working relationships with Coast Guard leadership at headquarters and in the field to facilitate Foundation support activities; provide innovative and dynamic leadership for Foundation staff; be responsible directly to the Board for performance against mutually determined goals and ensure effective controls are used in managing internal Foundation business.

Interested candidates must possess a high level of personal integrity and ethical standards. The President will have the decisive presence of a leader and possess excellent team-building skills, bringing dynamic, innovative and visionary leadership to the Board and staff. The President will aid the Board in identifying and recruiting new Board members and will be responsible for educating and motivating Board members to focus on Foundation activities. Enthusiastic and proven fundraising success is essential. Knowledge of budgets and strategic and financial planning is important as well as excellent written and verbal skills. Presidential candidates should have successful leadership experience in a nonprofit organization, preferably in the human services field. The successful candidate will be an effective hands-on major gifts fundraiser, preferably with some experience overseeing an endowment; knowledge in all areas of fundraising is essential. Successful experience in general and financial management, as well as strategic planning. A baccalaureate degree is required; an advanced degree is preferred. Resumes to:

Morris & Berger, 201 S. Lake Ave., Ste. 700, Pasadena, Calif. 91101, (626) 795-0522, fax: (626) 795-6330, e-mail: jberger@morrisberger.com.

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!

JB Management, Inc. is a small business specializing in leading-edge systems and technology service for government and private industry. They are a service-disabled veteran-owned firm incorporated and headquartered in Alexandria, Va. with operating locations across the U.S. and overseas. Currently, JBM is seeking professionals with experience in Information Operations, Psychological Operations, Military Deception and Targeting, Electronic Warfare, Joint Operations, and Planning and Command and Control Systems (to include GCCS) experience. JBM has immediate openings for multiple positions, to include: Field Support Team Member (IO Planning); Electronic Warfare; Subject Matter Expert; IO Planner and Senior Systems Engineer. If you would more information about opportunities with JBM, contact Cyndi Stroud at (703) 354-8884, ext . 22 or cstroud@jbmanagement.com.

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.

New York Stock Exchange Corporation is seeking a retired/retiring Marine Corps Colonel to fill the position of President of its \$50 million per year government service business. Senior staff experience and business background a plus. Resumes to: Hall Consulting Services, Attn: Donald D. Hall, Colonel, USMC (Ret), 314 S. Jay St., Rome, N.Y. 13440.



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 website. 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.
- ☆ KENTUCKY: Betsy Layne H.S., *Betsy Layne*; Holmes H.S., *Covington*
- ☆ MASSACHUSETTS: Jeremiah E. Burke H.S., *Dorchester*; 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*

- ☆ 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*
- ☆ FLORIDA: Jean Ribault Senior H.S., *Jacksonville*
- ☆ LOUISIANA: Jesuit H.S., *New Orleans*
- ☆ MARYLAND: Chesapeake H.S., *Baltimore*; Parkville, H.S., *Baltimore*
- ☆ MASSACHUSETTS: Beverly H.S.; Gloucester H.S., *Gloucester*; Haverhill H.S., *Haverhill*
- ☆ MISSOURI: Hickman Mills H.S., *Kansas City*
- ☆ NEW YORK: Lindenhurst H.S., *Lindenhurst*; Mexico Academy & Central H.S., *Mexico*
- ☆ OHIO: Springfield South H.S., *Springfield*
- ☆ VIRGINIA: Phoebus H.S., *Hampton*

Military Retiree Seminars

18 Sept. 2004

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

18 Sept. 2004

The 11th annual Retiree Expo 2004 will be held at MCB Camp Pendleton, South Mesa Club, 0830 to 1300. More than 30 vendors will be at the expo with guest speakers on TRICARE, legislative updates and more.

For directions: to the South Mesa Club, near the main gate off of Interstate 5, take the first right to Wire Mt. Rd., take first left at the stop sign to Jacinto Rd., end of the road of the left. If you have any questions, call (760) 725-9790.



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 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 3-56, 50th anniversary reunion in San Diego, Calif., 26-29 Oct. 2006. POCs: Harv Morgan, RETMAR76@aol.com, (425) 485-8031 or Dave Mulcahy, dmulcah7@san.rr.com, (858) 273-8587.

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.

Chi Chi Jima Marines in Alexandria, Va., 22-26 Sept. 2004. POCs: LtCol J.T. Fox, USMC (Ret), 206 Quail Couby Ct., Lincoln, Calif. 95648-8754 or Robert Snyder, 22 Robert Curtis Dr., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325-7720, (717) 337-0358.

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.

Drill Instructors Assn. San Diego Chapter, 15-19 Sept. 2004. POC: 1stSgt Wilson, (619) 524-5009.

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@mrj.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, oecejr@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/.

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 Engineer Assn., 12th annual reunion in Portland, Ore./Vancouver, Wash., 6-9 Oct. 2004. POC: MCEA, P.O. Box 566, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541 or George Hillebrand, (910) 346-8808.

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, topmustang@aol.com.

Marine Corps Recruiting Assn. in San Diego, Calif., 20-24 Oct. 2004. POC: Jerry Scoggins, (505) 294-2941 (call by 27 Sept. 2004).

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 Corps Tanker Assn. East Coast Chapter in Jacksonville, N.C., 6-9 Oct. 2004. POC: Tom Prendergast, 514 University Dr., Jacksonville, N.C. 28546, (910) 347-0802, marine2@earthlink.net.

Marine Detachment, U.S.S. Bremerton CA-130/SSN-698 in San Antonio, Texas, 11-15 Sept. 2005. POC: Robert F. Polanowski, 5996 County Rd. 16, Belfast, N.Y. 14711, (585) 365-2316, fax: (585) 365-9296, SKI-CA130@aol.com.

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 Friswell 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.

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. Wincomb Dr., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85254-3241, (480) 348-1890, bobbybiersusmc@cox.net.

United States Coast Guard Cutter Ingham Assn. (WHEC-35) in Charleston, S.C., 30 Sept.-2 Oct. 2004. POC: Jack L. Elam, 1659 W. Jenny St., Lecanto, Fla. 34461, (352) 746-0079, jlecp@atlantic.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, Mar-RaidRec@aol.com or A. Fisher, (901) 276-3890, ke-navo2@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.

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, jim-sue@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

Wake Island Defenders in Kansas City, Mo., 19 Oct. 2004. POC: 1stSgt Franklin D. Gross, USMC (Ret), (816) 257-2429, csmgross@comcast.net.

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, show-case_68@msn.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.

5th Marine Div. Assn. (WW II) and 26th, 27th and 13th Marine Regiments (RVN) in Lafayette, La., 13-17 Oct. 2004. POC: Bert A. Clayton, 5th Marine Div. Assn., P.O. Box 1775, Harrison, Ark. 72602, (870) 741-8940.

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, cwojimb@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).** in San Francisco, Calif., 13-18 Sept. 2005. If you are a member or know a member of this class, contact Clark G. Henry, (415) 337-8233, c03henry@aol.com, fax: (415) 452-9456.

15th SBC (Quantico 1952) in Arlington, Va. POC: Bob Lukeman, 3017 Hemingford Ln., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73120, (405) 842-3601, jrlukeman@aol.com.

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.

Reunion planners note: You may post a reunion online at the Marine Corps' website. visit <http://www.usmc.mil/reunions/reunions.nsf/submit+reunion> for more information.

**denotes correction from a previous issue.*

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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.

Aderhold, Thomas MGySgt 3381 May 74/May 04
 Allday, James A. Pvt May 57/May 02
 Altman, Jesse L. Jr. LtCol 3002 Sep 74/Jan 04
 Arno, Salvatore, Jr. GySgt Oct 61/Apr 04
 Baker, Ray S. Cpl 3371 May 56/Ap r00
 Banks, Arthur L. SSgt 3371 May 74/Mar 04
 Barbagelott, Robert E. SSgt 3121 Dec 76/May 04
 Barrett, John L. GySgt 0193 May 77/Mar 04
 Bartleson, Thomas P. Jr. Maj 0302 Nov 66/Mar 04
 Barton, Ilda A. GySgt Nov 66/Ap r04
 Beckler, Sidney J. LCpl Jun 54/Feb 04
 Bennett, Ray C. LCpl 1372 Feb 67/Feb 02
 Benoy, Robert F. Capt Aug 70/Oct 03
 Benyo, William J. Maj 0130 Aug 68/May 04
 Billman, William Pvt Nov 66/Apr 04
 Blanford, J.T. Jr. GySgt Mar 65/Apr 04
 Bodell, Bernard K. Sgt Jan 88/Mar 04
 Boissonneault, Raymond MGySgt Feb 70/May 04
 Boose, C.B. MSgt Mar 62/May 04
 Bouchard, Gerald F. MSgt Jan 68/May 04
 Bowman, Michael L. 1stSgt 6019 Feb 90/Apr 04
 Bresnahan, Robert M. GySgt Sep 63/Jun 04
 Britten, Frederick D. Cpl Aug 53/Dec 03
 Brown, Glenn E. GySgt Jul 68/Jun 04
 Brown, Ronald L. GySgt 1169 Mar 73/May 04
 Browne, Samuel SgtMaj 9999 Feb 69/Jun 04
 Brumfield, Max F. Maj 2502 Mar 64/Jun 04
 Bumbulis, Peter M. PFC May 52/Apr 04
 Burke, Paul T. LCpl 0311 May 67/Mar 04
 Buzzard, Clyde M. LCpl May 70/Apr 04
 Cardoza, Albert C. Sgt Jan 54/Dec 00
 Casey, Benny F. Pvt Jul 54/Ap r04
 Castleberry Clarence E. LtCol 7501 Jul 01/Apr 04
 Chandler, Thomas E. Maj May 79/Jun 04
 Chresand, John G. MSgt May 75/Jan 04
 Christopher, Willard N. LtCol Sep 69/Jan 04
 Clark, Milton R. MSgt 3043 Oct 81/May 04
 Cofsky, John J. PFC Dec 53/Jan 02
 Colbert, Darrell C. GySgt 7051 May 92/May 04
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 Combs, James A. PFC Dec 53/May 02
 Conboy, Stephen J. LtCol 0180 Jan 04/Jun 04
 Cooley, David A. MSgt 3432 May 75/Mar 04
 Cox, Oda MSgt 6042 Aug 74/May 04
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 Darsey, F.N. MSgt Jul 69/Jun 04
 Darst, Charles R. GySgt 6024 Aug 74/Jun 04
 Davis, Leo C. GySgt 1381 Jul 77/Dec 01
 Dean, Johnny O. Col Jan 93/May 04
 Dennert, Julius G. Jr. GySgt Apr 68/Mar 04
 Denny, Perry R. Cpl Nov 63/Mar 04
 Desanto, Arthur J. LCpl Oct 51/May 04
 Dick, James H. GySgt Dec 80/May 04
 Dickson, Lee D. Cpl Apr 71/Jun 04
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 Duke, H.B. GySgt Jul 69/Ap r04
 Dyer, Troy W. Cpl Oct 69/Sep 02
 England, Eugene V. LtCol Apr 82/Jun 04
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 Goeser, Alvin H. Jr. LtCol Jun 91/Apr 04
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 Hartmeier, William J. Maj 3002 Feb 72/Apr 04
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 Holeman, Franklin D. SSgt Sep 70/Sep 00
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 Horan, John J. Jr. LCpl Sep 52/Mar 02
 Huerd, Earl C. Sgt Jul 67/Apr 04
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 Kathlina, James W. Cpl Apr 67/May 00
 Kavanaugh, John W. III Capt 0130 Jan 75/May 04
 Keeney, Bobby J. MSgt Mar 69/Apr 04
 Keller, Matthew L. Capt Sep 59/Apr 04
 Keller, William E. Jr. LtCol 0180 May 86/Jun 04
 Keys, Garland D. MGySgt 3529 Oct 79/Mar 04
 Kiehl, Walter J. PFC May 53/Mar 04
 Kilgore, Dallas R. Cpl Oct 69/Apr 02
 Koonce, Leroy SgtMaj 9999 May 78/May 04
 Laliberte, Albert G. GySgt Dec 67/May 04
 Lanier, Roland GySgt Sep 54/Jun 04
 LaPointe, William P. MSgt Dec 82/Sep 01
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 Lehde, Hershhal MSgt 3091 Jun 73/Apr 04
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 Lepka, Richard L. SSgt 6042 Sep 75/Jun 04
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 Logan, E.A. GySgt Oct 60/Jun 04
 Loveless, Jerry D. LCpl Nov 66/Apr 04
 Ludwig, Robyn A. GySgt 6059 Oct 79/Jun 04
 Lund, Jack W. GySgt Jan 61/May 04
 MacPherson, Robert T. 0302 LtCol Jul 79/Jun 04
 Madsen, Alfred L. Capt Aug 69/May 04
 Maloy, William L. GySgt Apr 60/Jun 04
 Manley, Thomas F. Maj Sep 69/Apr 04
 Mann, Richard D. LCpl Dec 68/Mar 04
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 Massie, Donald L. Pvt Oct 55/Mar 02
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 McGowan, T.A. LCpl Sep 69/Jul 02
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 Oliver, Mark G. LCpl Apr 70/Jan 03
 Paliotti, Joseph GySgt Apr 62/Jun 04
 Paradis, Ernest C. Cpl Aug 52/Apr 04
 Pavese, Albert A. SSgt Apr 65/May 04
 Perricone, Peter F. Sgt Feb 71/Jun 00
 Petersen, Dean L. MGySgt 0241 Aug 75/May 04
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 Pfeil, Leroy O. GySgt Dec 64/Mar 04
 Pierce, John W. GySgt Jul 69/May 04
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 Poague, William M. LCpl Feb 69/Jan 00
 Polaski, Robert J. GySgt 0369 Aug 75/Jun 04
 Pool, Darrin S. LCpl Jun 92/Nov 01
 Powell, Terry H. 1stLt Apr 70/Apr 04
 Przybyla, R.A. GySgt Mar 61/Apr 04
 Pyle, Dale G. Cpl Jun 60/Jan 04
 Rabenstein, Robert L. LCpl Sep 51/Mar 03
 Randolph, Arthur D. PFC Jul 63/Jan 01
 Ratcliff, Rufus H. GySgt Oct 62/Mar 03
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 Roddy, Williams C. Jr. GySgt 6657 May 79/Mar 04
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 Roemer, Anthony D. PFC 3531 Jul 84/Oct 03
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 Salmon, Ronald W. Col Jul 92/Mar 04
 Sanders, Alvin S. BGen 9903 May 67/May 04
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 Saulka, Chris L. GySgt 0193 Jul 98/May 04
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 Young, L.M. GySgt Oct 68/Apr 04
 Zechmann, Edward A. SSgt Feb 55/Mar 04

Death retraction from Volume 48 No. 2:

LtCol Anthony C. Conlon of Oceanside, California, notified our office to report the error. Incorrect information was pulled and entered in the DFAS death listing. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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.

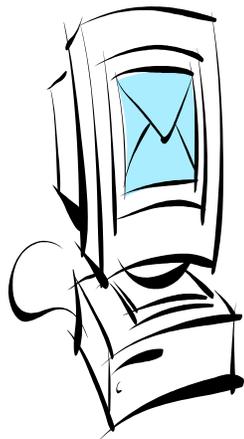
☆ **Burial benefits.** The VA provides information on burial benefits. Contact your nearest VA representative at 1-800-827-1000.

☆ **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.



Retired 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

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How to 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.

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.

Address changes are your responsibility!



Let's face it, people move. 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 (*Annuitants only!*)

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

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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- ☆ **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;
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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.