

# SEMPER FIDELIS

## MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES

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## World War II African-American Marines Receive Congressional Gold Medal

A group of African-American Marines who broke the Marine Corps' color barrier during World War II received the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in June 2012. The medal is the nation's highest civilian award given by Congress. The "Montford Point Marines" received the award for serving with valor during the war, even as they were subjected to discrimination.



Speaker Boehner, joined by House and Senate leaders, presents the Congressional Gold Medal to William McDowell, representative of the Montford Point Marines, who blazed trails for African-Americans with their historic service in the United States Marine Corps. (Official Photo by Heather Reed).

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**The Secretary  
of the Navy  
Needs You!**  
Thinking About Applying?  
The Deadline is Oct. 5, 2012  
Three Positions Are Open

The Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council is looking for a few good individuals to join their team. The SECNAV is seeking two officers and one enlisted member. If selected to serve on the SECNAV in 2013, the appointment is held for three years. Each year, selected Marines are recalled to active duty for one week and issued temporary active-duty orders; the government pays for travel and lodging expenses. As a SECNAV member you will review legislation and advise the SECNAV on various issues involving the retired Marine Corps community. You will advise Commands and the retired military community of issues within their geographical location.

If you are interested, send a résumé and include any involvement with military/retiree associations and organizations. Mail it to MMSR-6 (turn to page 28 for the mailing address).

**Note:** One of the enlisted selected must come from the Hawaii area.

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## Need Résumé Assistance? VA for Vets Can Help

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a “My Military Skills Translator” to convert your military experience into civilian-friendly language. Get started by reviewing the VA Career Center at <http://vaforvets.va.gov/careercenter/pages/default.aspx>. Learn more about the Resume Builder and download the Resource Guide.

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### **Congressional Gold Medal, Cover Page**

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In 1942, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt allowed African-Americans to join the Marine Corps, they were not sent to the traditional boot camps. Instead, this group of Marines was segregated and completed basic training at Montford Point on Camp Lejeune, NC.

“African-Americans were not allowed to serve in any wars until World War II in 1942,” said William McDowell, a former Montford Point Marine who accepted the medal on behalf of his fellow Marines and family members in Emancipation Hall at the Capitol. “Unfortunately it took a world war to make it happen, but it happened. I don’t think any of us ever imagined that something like this would ever happen in our lifetime.”

McDowell said it was a “privilege and an honor to stand before [the audience] and receive the Congressional Gold Medal for [them] and 18,700 other brothers who served this nation and the Corps, with courage and commitment. This award belongs to them because collectively, [we] did what we thought was impossible...[and] made history.”

Several congressional leaders also addressed the audience. California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, House minority leader, spoke of the Montford Point Marines’ toughness and determination.

“In the time of these Marines, in an age of inequality, breaking the color barrier in the Marine Corps took nothing less than perseverance, patriotism and courage of extraordinary proportions,” she said.

Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader, noted that many of the Montford Point Marines seized the opportunity to defend their country in combat.

“Restricted to training for support roles, African-American Marines had to wait for their chance to prove themselves on the battlefield. But the chance finally came in the Pacific Theater,

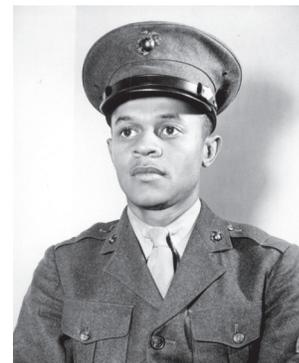
where many saw combat in some of the bloodiest battles of World War II, including Iwo Jima, Saipan and Okinawa, and carried out their duties with great courage and heroism,” he said.

Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, Senate majority leader, told the audience that while the African-American Marines fought for the rights of others overseas, the injustice of discrimination still prevailed on their home fronts.

“They were trained to fight injustice overseas; meanwhile, they suffered discrimination every day,” he said. “They were trained to fight tyranny abroad, while their friends and family suffered oppression here at home...Although they were assigned support roles in the Pacific Theater, many had the chance to prove themselves in battle as well...Some cleaned up the ash after the bomb was dropped over Nagasaki.”

House Speaker Rep. John Boehner of Ohio said African-Americans gained respect as full-fledged Marines.

“Letting [African-Americans] serve in the Marine Corps was called an experiment...which didn’t last very long,” Boehner said. “Toward the end of the war, the Marine Corps Commandant said the experiment was over, [and] that the men who trained at Montford Point were ‘Marines, period.’”



The U.S. Marine Corps started enlisting African Americans on June 1, 1942. The first class of 1,200 volunteers began their training three months later as members of the 51st Composite Defense Battalion at Montford Point, a section of the 200-square-mile Marine Base, Camp Lejeune, at New River, NC. The first to enlist was Howard P. Perry shown here.

# Burial At Sea

The tradition of burial at sea is an ancient one. As far as anyone knows this has been a practice as long as people have gone to sea. In earlier times, the body was sewn into a weighted shroud, usually sailcloth. The body was then sent over the side, usually with an appropriate religious ceremony. Many burials at sea took place as recently as World War II when naval forces operated at sea for weeks, and months at a time. Since World War II many service members, veterans, and family members have chosen to be buried at sea.

**Casketed Remains from a Naval Ship.** There are two component parts of the ceremony of at sea disposition: religious and military. The reading of the scripture and prayers, the committal, and the benediction constitutes the religious part and may be performed by the chaplain, commanding officer, or an officer designated by him/her. All other aspects of the ceremony are performed by other military personnel.

For at sea disposition, the casketed remains are covered with the national ensign with the union placed at the head and over the left shoulder. When draped with the national ensign, the cap and sword of the deceased are not displayed.

Six or eight casket bearers (depending on the weight of the casketed remains) form according to height on both sides of the casket. Below decks, while not carrying the casket, casket bearers will uncover. At all other times they remain covered. The casket is always carried feet first.

The selected place for committal is cleared and rigged so that when the casket remains are brought on deck they may be placed securely on a stand, if necessary, with feet overboard at right angles to and extending over the side of the launching.

Attention is sounded on the bugle or passed by word of mouth as the casket bearers, preceded

by the chief master-at-arms, execute the Hand Salute as the cortege passes to the place selected for the committal. When the remains have been so placed, the Hand Salute is terminated by those in view and a sentry is posted unless the burial service is to follow immediately.

A chief petty officer is designated to take charge of the firing party of seven persons. The chief master-at arms directs the casket bearers during the service until the flag is encased and delivered to the commanding officer.

**Cremains from a Naval Ship.** In cases where the remains have been cremated and the urn containing the ashes has been received on board for a sea disposition, the following procedures will govern:

If the urn is to be opened and the remains scattered at the time of committal, a small table or stand should be securely rigged beforehand at the selected place for the committal. The urn will be placed on this table or stand during the reading of the service. The folded flag will be placed on the stand beside the cremains. The executive officer, or another officer appointed by the commanding officer, will assume responsibility for opening the urn and scattering the remains at the appropriate time (keeping in mind the wind factor) during the committal ceremony.

If the urn is not to be opened, a small platform should be constructed and rigged so that during the service, the urn may rest thereon and be launched at the time of committal by tilting up the inboard end of the platform, thus permitting the urn and cremains to slide overboard into the sea.

The cremains received for committal at sea will sometimes be accompanied by floral tributes which may be used to surround the receptacles and cover the platform or table on which it rests during the service. The flowers may be permitted to slide overboard with the cremains or be tossed into the sea by the flag bearer after the urn has been launched or the cremains have been scattered.

For all phases of the funeral where the cremains are carried by hand, one enlisted member will be detailed to carry the receptacle containing the remains.

Four enlisted members will be detailed as flag bearers and will also serve as urn bearers. The flag bearers will follow the bearer of the urn as it is brought on deck and carried to the place of committal. The folded flag will be carried by the leading flag bearer on the right. The flag is then placed on the stand beside the cremains. Immediately prior to scattering the cremains or committal of the urn to the sea, the flag will be picked up and held by the leading flag bearer until completion of Taps, at which time the flag will be presented to the commanding officer.

**The Ceremony for at Sea Disposition (Casketed Remains).** When the honor platoon has been assembled in massed formation and has been brought to parade rest, the burial service is begun and read through to the end of the prayers. During prayers the assemblage remains covered with bowed heads. After the conclusion of the prayers the casket bearers should hold the casket and national ensign in place by hand as may be necessary before reading the committal.

When these preparations have been completed and all is in readiness, attention is sounded. The command "Firing party, Present Arms" (Honor platoon Hand Salute) is given and the reading of the committal is commenced. When the indicated word of the committal is read, the casket bearers tilt the board until the casket slides along it, under the national ensign, overboard into the sea. As it goes, the casket bearers retain the board and the national ensign on board and stand fast.

The command, "Firing party, order arms, parade rest," are given and all hands bow their heads. The benediction is pronounced. Then follow the commands, "Firing party, Attention. Fire three volleys" (Honor platoon Hand Salutes and remain so until the last note of Taps) "Ready, aim, fire; aim, fire; aim, fire." After the last volley the firing party remains at the ready position, pieces

locked, until the conclusion of Taps, and salutes.

Upon completion of Taps, the firing party is brought to Order Arms. The casket bearers encase the national ensign by folding twice along the long axis of the flag. The blue field is kept to the outside. Beginning at the fly end (away from the blue field), the flag is folded with only the blue field showing. It is then presented by the chief master-at-arms to the commanding officer.

After the commanding officer has received the flag and has departed, the command Parade Rest is given, and when all have assumed it, the details (firing party and casket bearers) are brought to Attention, formed and marched away. When they are clear, the honor platoon is brought to Attention, retreat sounded and the ceremony is over.

**Information Provided the Next of Kin.** After Committal Services Completed. Disposition at sea is normally accomplished within 8 to 10 weeks from the time the responsible Fleet Commander-in-Chief is notified of a request. The Commanding Officer of a ship directed to conduct an at sea disposition will, within 10 days after the committal, mail to the next of kin a personal letter giving the date and time of committal and include photographs or videotape of the ceremony, the commemorative flag, and a chart showing where the burial took place. Copies of the basic letter only will be forwarded to Naval Office of Medical/Dental Affairs, Great Lakes, IL and Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington D.C.

**Dispersion of Cremains from an Aircraft.**

Private memorial services and/or honors should be accomplished prior to forwarding requests for cremains dispersion from an aircraft. Appropriate coordination with a naval activity capable of accomplishing disposition by this means should be arranged. The next of kin shall be informed by letter from the commanding officer or if appropriate the chaplain, advising them when and where (by grid coordinates) disposition was accomplished.

**Eligibility.** Active duty, retired, honorably discharged veterans and their family members, U.S. Marine personnel of Military Sealift Command, other U.S. citizens who are determined eligible by the Chief of Naval Operations because of notable service and/or other contributions to our government.

Anyone desiring burial at sea should indicate that preference in writing (in a will or other legal document). During funeral planning, the executor/executrix of the estate should contact:

**Military Medical Support Office (MMSO)  
Mortuary Affairs, Bldg. 38H  
Great Lakes IL 60085-5200  
1-888-647-6676**

For more online information:

[www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/casualty/mortuary/Pages/BurialAtSea.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/casualty/mortuary/Pages/BurialAtSea.aspx).

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## **Did You Know?**

### You Can Have Cremains Scattered Aboard MCB Quantico

Requests to scatter the ashes of cremated loved ones on Marine Corps Base Quantico are rare, but like any other activity on base, there are rules and procedures in place for the dispersal of “cremains.”

Cremains are cremated remains. The base’s command chaplain, Navy Captain Robert Keane, said two areas of the base have been designated for the dispersal of cremains. One location is Harrison Cemetery, which is a small historic plot located near Russell Road and I-95 interchange in Quantico, Virginia. The other location is adjacent to the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel near the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Guidelines for dispersal of cremains are outlined in Marine Corps Base Order 5360.1, dated June 27, 2011 state the following:

*“Any active-duty United States service member or veteran who is eligible for interment (ground burial), and their dependent(s), as determined by Veteran’s Administration policy or other persons authorized by the Commander MCBQ, may have their cremains dispersed in a designated marked area within the limits of MCBQ.”*

Anyone requesting permission must provide documentation proving the deceased was a service member honorably discharged or on active duty, or a dependent thereof, as well as a death certificate and a cremation certificate from the crematorium.

Keane said the idea behind designating certain places for the scattering of ashes is to provide a respectful resting place where there is no foot traffic, dumping, or other disturbance. And he said the Marine Corps Museum is designing a small garden area at its designated area, and both spots will be marked as “human cremains memorial sites.” In the military, though, Keane said requests for casket burials or the interment of ashes in the earth, in columbaria or at sea are far more common than those for dispersal of ashes.

*“Excerpts from The Quantico Sentry.”*

## **TRICARE News** Question of the Quarter

**Q. I am a TRDP enrollee and want to change dentists. What do I have to do to make a change?**

A. As an enrollee in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, you are allowed to see any dentist you choose, as long as he or she is licensed to practice within the TRDP service area. If you are not satisfied with your current dentist or wish to change dentists for any reason, you are free to do so at any time.

The TRDP has a list of participating dentists in more than 170,000 locations nationwide. These dentists have an agreement with Delta Dental to provide dental care to TRDP patients at significantly reduced fees that can save enrollees an average of 22% on copayments.

If your current dentist is not a member of either of the two networks that comprise the TRDP participating dentist network (Delta Dental Legion and Delta Dental PPO/DPO networks), you have the option to select a TRDP participating dentist from the list available on the TRDP website.

If your current dentist is a participating TRDP network dentist and you still want to change, you have many more participating dentists to choose from so that you can continue to maximize your cost savings

and get the most value possible from the TRDP.

## **VA News** Hearing Aids

To receive hearing aids through VA, you must first register at the health Administration/enrollment section of the VA Medical Center of your choice. The following documents are usually needed at the time of registration: a copy of the Veteran's DD 214, driver's license, and health insurance (if available). There are three ways to enroll:

1. Visit any VA Medical Center or Clinic,
2. Go online and fill out the Form 10-10EZ, or
3. Mail the completed Form 10-10EZ to the Medical Center of your choice (please be sure to sign your application or it cannot be processed for enrollment).

Once registered (or if already registered), a referral to the Audiology and Speech Pathology Clinic may be requested through your assigned VA Primary Care Provider. The audiologist will complete an evaluation and make a clinical determination on the need for hearing aids and/or other hearing assistive devices. If you are eligible, your hearing aids, repairs, and future batteries will all be at no charge to you.

How to order replacement batteries online:

You can now order batteries online using the Remote Order Entry System-Public (ROES-Public) application. In order to ensure your personal information is kept secure you will need to obtain access credentials prior to placing your first order. The instructions for obtaining the credentials are at [www.va.gov/eauth](http://www.va.gov/eauth).

If you have access to VA's My HealthVet application, you may already have established your credentials. Look for the ROES-Public application at [www.va.gov/eauth/roes](http://www.va.gov/eauth/roes) and follow the easy steps to place an order for batteries.

## **Social Security News** Medicare Part A and B and the DD Form 137-5

Why would an incapable young adult who is dependent on the military sponsor require Medicare Part A and B? Medicare is typically associated with the 65 and older population, but before a dependent is determined eligible for medical benefits under the Marine Corps sponsor, the dependent must apply for Medicare. Failure to apply will delay the application process that includes completion of the DD Form 137-5, *Dependency Statement, Incapacitated Child Over Age 21*.

An incapable dependent who is determined by the Social Security Administration as having a permanent disability, must apply for Medicare Part A and B.

If the dependent is determined eligible, Medicare Part A and B will become the primary medical provider and TRICARE will become the secondary payee. When an incapable dependent's medical condition is determined ineligible for Medicare Part A and Part B, TRICARE will serve as the primary medical provider.

In general, Medicare pays first for Medicare-covered services. TRICARE will pay the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts and for any service not covered by Medicare that TRICARE covers. The military sponsor is responsible for the costs of services Medicare or TRICARE does not cover.

## Age 65 and Your Military ID Card

The front of the military identification card contains the word, "Indefinite," but the back of it has a specific expiration date. The expiration date looks like a discrepancy, but it is not. The date coincides with a major milestone: reaching age 65.

At 65, Medicare will become the primary health care provider and TRICARE will become the secondary one.

When you file medical care under Medicare, your provider will file the claim with Medicare. Medicare will process the claim and forward it to TRICARE for payment of the remaining amount. TRICARE will send the payment to your

provider. You receive an explanation of benefits from TRICARE indicating the amount Medicare and TRICARE paid.

## ID Card Replacements No Longer Provided to Honorary Retired Marines

The Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 repealed provisions relating to the honorary retired lists. The Act provided for retirement and retired pay for a period of 20 years from the date of enactment on July 9, 1952. Marines transferred to the Retired Reserve not qualified for retired pay (honorary retirement) are entitled to the following privileges:

- Retain their grade as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve,
- Wear the prescribed uniform upon appropriate occasion or ceremony, and
- Use service club/open mess facilities when local space and staff capabilities permit, if authorized by membership rules.

The Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card and/or replacements are no longer issued to honorary retirees.

## IRS News Report Phishing

The Internal Revenue Service does not initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail or any social media tools to request personal or financial information. If you receive such an e-mail, know that you are the victim of phishing.

Phishing is a scam typically carried out by unsolicited email and/or websites that pose as legitimate sites and lure unsuspecting victims to provide personal and financial information. All unsolicited e-mail claiming to be from either the IRS or any other IRS-related components such as the Office of Professional Responsibility or the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System should be reported to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

If you have experienced monetary losses due to an IRS-related incident file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission through their Complaint Assistant to make that information available to investigators.

To learn more about the FTC's Complaint Assistant, go to <https://www.ftc-complaintassistant.gov/>.

# NIH Health News

## Stroke

A stroke is a medical emergency. Strokes happen when blood flow to your brain stops. Within minutes, brain cells begin to die.

There are two kinds of stroke. The more common kind, called ischemic stroke, is caused by a blood clot that blocks or plugs a blood vessel in the brain. The other kind, called hemorrhagic stroke, is caused by a blood vessel that breaks and bleeds into the brain. "Mini-strokes" or transient ischemic attacks occur when the blood supply to the brain is briefly interrupted.

Symptoms of stroke are:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg (especially on one side of the body),
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech,
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes,
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, or

- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

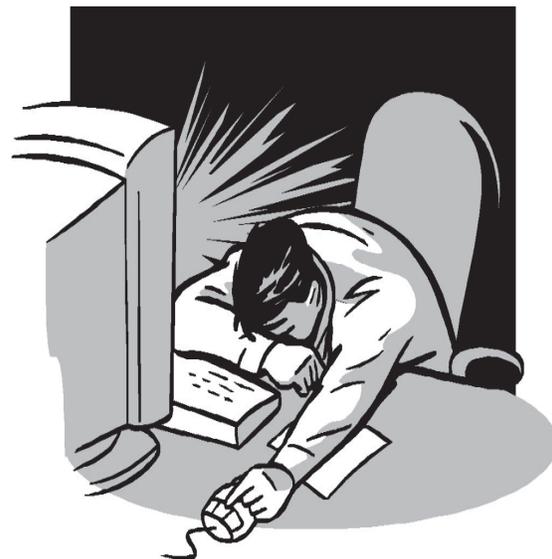
If you have any of these symptoms, you must get to a hospital quickly to begin treatment. Acute stroke therapies try to stop a stroke while it is happening by quickly dissolving the blood clot or by stopping the bleeding. Post-stroke rehabilitation helps individuals overcome disabilities that result from stroke damage. Drug therapy with blood thinners is the most common treatment for stroke.

## Sleep Apnea

Sleep apnea is a common disorder that can be serious. In sleep apnea, your breathing stops or gets very shallow. Each pause in breathing typically lasts 10 to 20 seconds or more. These pauses can occur 20 to 30 times or more an hour.

The most common type is obstructive sleep apnea. That means you are unable to get enough air through your mouth and nose into your lungs. When that happens, the amount of oxygen in your blood may drop. Normal breaths resume with a snort or choking sound. People with sleep apnea often snore loudly. However, not everyone who snores has sleep apnea.

When your sleep is interrupted throughout the night, you can be drowsy during the day. People with sleep apnea are at higher risk for car crashes, work-related accidents, and other medical problems. If you have it, it is important to get treatment.



# Second Career

## Director, Marketing and Membership IJAA

The Iwo Jima Association of America IRS 501(c) (3) tax exempt association is searching for a highly motivated Director of Marketing and Membership. The position is located in Woodbridge, Virginia, and will require a minimum of 40 hours a week, with limited telecommuting options after three months.

IJAA is a corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia. The purposes of the association are:

- To promote the historical and scholarly study of the Battle of Iwo Jima, in particular and World War II, in general;
- To educate veterans, descendants of veterans and the public on the history of the Battle of Iwo Jima, the battle's place in history and the battle's context within World War II;
- To fund, support, and sponsor activities such as symposiums, lectures, tours and gathering of Iwo Jima veterans, and their families, so that the Battle of Iwo Jima, and the War in the Pacific, can be discussed, analyzed and better understood by the IJAA membership, as well as the public; and
- To foster Americanism, patriotism and respect for military veterans.

Skills desired:

- Small business and/or association management experience,
- Working historical knowledge of World War II,
- Excellent word processing skills, in a Windows office environment,
- Public relations/media experience,
- Fundraising and networking experience, and
- Minimum of two years association and/or meeting management experience.

Some international travel is required, so a valid passport is mandatory. A degree in History, Marketing, Management, or a related field, is a plus, but not mandatory.

To apply, include your biography/résumé, personal business contacts and references to the IJAA Executive Director at [Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org](mailto:Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org).

## Directory Distributing Associates, Inc.

Directory Distributing Associates Inc. is currently planning to add several new Delivery Managers to their staff.

DDA is a distributor who delivers new telephone directories for AT&T (formally Bellsouth) in nine southeastern states. DDA's goal is to deliver goods and services for their customers in a professional and ethical manner while aggressively seeking new ways to meet their changing needs.

Delivery Managers are expected to work independently with a strong ability to plan, organize, and direct. Delivery Managers spend three months in DDA's on-the-job training program in the field with experienced Delivery Managers.

The position requires extensive travel within the DDA delivery areas. DDA's managers can expect to spend approximately 280 days per year at various delivery sites. From start to finish, deliveries can take from one to two weeks. When not assigned to a delivery, the manager will remain on call and is required to maintain contact with the Division Manager. Each Delivery Manager is furnished with a mobile phone and personal laptop with an air card and a company e-mail account.

If you are interested in joining DDA, Inc., contact Dave Hays, [dhays@directrac.com](mailto:dhays@directrac.com) or [rmartin@directrac.com](mailto:rmartin@directrac.com).

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# Reunions

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**Aviation Logistics Marines** in Myrtle Beach, SC, Sept. 27-30, 2012. POC: Don Davis (252) 444-1777 or greyegl@ec.rr.com.

**A-1-7 Marine Corps Assn.** Oct. 8-11, 2012. POC: Leonard R. "Shifty" Shifflette, 25 Emery St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801-2705, (540) 434-2066, CaptShifty@comcat.net.

**American Embassy Saigon RVN (military/civilians stationed pre-4/30/1975)** in Chesapeake, VA, Sept. 26-29, 2012. POC: MSgt Gus Tomuschat, USMC (Ret) saigongunny@yahoo.com, (804) 693-3007 or visit saigongunny@yahoo.com.

**B Co., 1st Bn., 5th Marines Korea Baker Bandits (1950-1953) A, B, C Co.** in Reno, NV, Sept. 24-27, 2012. POCs: Bob Espinosa (530) 367-4180, bobarb09@yahoo.com or Leonard Enos, (530) 787-3270, lenos@cableview.tv.

**Basic Class 3-56** in New Orleans, LA, Nov. 12-14, 2012. POC: Loren Brandt, (858) 277-3309, lbrandt1@san.rr.com.

**Basic School Class 6-68, Co. "F"** in Reno, NV, Oct. 4-6, 2012. POC: Tony Joseph, (775) 813-9901 or abj3@sbcglobal.net.

**Basic School Class 8-84, Co. "H"** 30th reunion in Quantico, VA, May 24, 2014 (date is tentative). POC: Mike McGinn, mcginnpm@gmail.com.

**Bravo Co., 7th Motor Transport Bn. (Vietnam)** in Arlington, VA, Oct. 6-8, 2012. POC: Tim Weddington, (816) 808-2357, timweddington@comcast.net.

**F 2/1 Vietnam (Aug. 66-July 67)** in Nashville, TN, April 21-23, 2013. POC: Dieter Maass, (920) 846-2988, dietermaass@centurytel.net. HMM-265 Veteran's Assn. will hold their re-

union celebrating the Squadron's 50th anniversary in San Diego, CA, Oct. 10-14, 2012. POC: Duane Jensen, (858) 270-6370, wayne\_lane@sbcglobal.net.

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**H-3-7 Marines (1950-55) Korea** in Naperville Lisle, IL. POC: MSgt Ed Parungo, (919) 414-7468, fax: (919) 876-8091, Parun2@aol.com or Bob Nichols, (727) 392-2886, jarhead37@tampabay.rr.com.

**Iwo Jima Assn. of America Reunion and Symposium**, Feb. 14-17, 2013 and Reunion of Honor, Guam and Iwo Jima, March 8-15, 2013, both in Arlington, VA. POC: Director@IwoJimaAssociation.org. Visit: www.IwoJimaAssociation.org or call (703) 212-8128.

**Marine Air Traffic Control Assn.** in Fredericksburg, VA, Sept. 19-23, 2012. POC: Roger McIntosh, 5 Quartz Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, (540) 373-9691, mac13120@cox.net.

**Marine Barracks Sasebo, Japan** in Quantico, VA, Oct. 8-11, 2012. POC: 1stSgt C.R. McCarthy, (515) 274-9110, coach430@aol.com.

**Marine Barracks, Subic Bay and Sangley Point Marines** in Bremerton, WA, Sept. 10-16, 2012. POC: Bob White, 205 Pebbles Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008, (815) 544-3932, bobwhiteludy@aol.com.

**Marine Corps Counterintelligence Assn.** in Fort Worth, TX, Sept. 4-8, 2012. POC: David M. Crawford, (817) 975-3064 or david.crawford1952@yahoo.com. Visit www.mccia.org.

**Marine Corps Engineer Assn.** in Branson, MO, Oct. 10-12, 2012. POC: Ken Frantz, (936)-273-4830, [execdir@marcorengasn.org](mailto:execdir@marcorengasn.org). Visit [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](http://www.MarCorEngAsn.org). Come one, come all, you don't need to be a member to attend!

**Marine Corps Mustang Assn.** in Ft. Worth, TX, Sept. 13-15, 2012. POC: LtCol Phil Ray, USMC (Ret), (407) 252-4327, [thray@md.com](mailto:thray@md.com) or visit [www.marinecorpsmustang.org](http://www.marinecorpsmustang.org).

**Marine F4 Phantom Foray** in San Diego, CA, Nov. 1-4, 2012. All pilots, RIOs, officers, SNCOs and enlisted who have served in a Marine F4 squadron or group. POC: [f4phantom@afri.com](mailto:f4phantom@afri.com) or AFRI (F4 Phantom), 322 Madison Mews, Norfolk, VA 23510.

**MatDiv. Sup. Dept., MCCDC** Quantico (1972-76) in Quantico, VA, April 26-28, 2013. POC: Jesse Conwell, (740) 894-3203 or Gene Simpson, (703) 221-7423, [gsimp2@verizon.net](mailto:gsimp2@verizon.net).

**MikeBtry, 4-12 & 3rd 155 HowBtry (any year)** in Las Vegas, NV, Sept 30, 2012 to Oct. 4, 2012. POC: Maj Joel Schuette, USMC (Ret), USMC, 3535-4 Linda Vista Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078, cell: (760) 889-9995 or home: (760) 727-0831, [burntorangejoel@aol.com](mailto:burntorangejoel@aol.com).

**Montford Point Marine Assn.** in Jacksonville, NC, Aug. 22-26, 2012. POC: Nat James, (910) 358-1303, [\[embarqmail.com\]\(mailto:embarqmail.com\) or \[www.montfordpointmarines.com\]\(http://www.montfordpointmarines.com\).](mailto:mpma10@</a></p>
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**Platoon 296, K Co., 2nd Recruit Training Bn. MCRD PISC (training dates Nov 10, 1964 to Jan. 27, 1965)** at Parris Island, SC, Nov. 10, 2014. POC: SgtMaj James Butler, USMC (Ret), (910) 340-7074, [jbutler29@ec.rr.com](mailto:jbutler29@ec.rr.com).

**Third Marine Division Assn.** in San Diego, CA, Aug. 21-26, 2012. POC: Don H. Gee, P.O. Box 254, Chalfont, PA 18914-0254, (215) 822-9094, [gygee@aol.com](mailto:gygee@aol.com). Visit [www.caltrap.com](http://www.caltrap.com).

**USMC Officer Basic School Class 4-67 (May 1967)** in Quantico, VA, Oct. 10-13, 2012. Visit [www.usmc-thebasicschool-april1967.com](http://www.usmc-thebasicschool-april1967.com).

**USMC Postal 0160/0161** in Branson, MO 1st week in Oct 2012, POC: Harold Wilson 835 N. Wood St, Logan, OH 43138, (740) 385 6204, [handk.lucerne06@gmail.com](mailto:handk.lucerne06@gmail.com).

**VMA(AW)-451 at NAS Atsugi, Japan (1962-63)** in Los Angeles, CA, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 2012. POCs: MGySgt Donald Sison, USMC (Ret), [dsison@aol.com](mailto:dsison@aol.com) or Phil Filippi, [philipfilippi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:philipfilippi@sbcglobal.net).

**VMF/VMA-311** in Quantico, VA, Sept. 5-9, 2012. POC: Jim Galchick, 1290 E. 12th St., Salem, OH 44460, (330) 337-9383, [jgalchick@neo.rr.com](mailto:jgalchick@neo.rr.com) or [www.vmf-vma-311reunion.org](http://www.vmf-vma-311reunion.org).

**West Coast Drill Instructor Assn., SgtMaj Leland D. "Crow" Crawford Chapter** at MCRD San Diego, Sept. 6-9, 2012. POC: Gregg Stoner, (619) 884-9047, [greggstoner22@aol.com](mailto:greggstoner22@aol.com) or SgtMaj Bobby Woods, (760) 215-9564. Visit: [www.westcoastdi.org](http://www.westcoastdi.org).

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**5th Black Marine Reunion** in New Orleans, LA, June 26-29, 2013. All Marines are welcome. POC: Robert "Bobby" Wallace, (352) 259-2435, [thegator1630@comcast.net](mailto:thegator1630@comcast.net) or George H. Stills, Jr., (504) 366-6617, [georgestills@hotmail.com](mailto:georgestills@hotmail.com).

**5th MarDiv Assn. (WWII and RVN veterans)** in Reno, NV, Aug. 26, 2012. POC: LtCol Thomas Kalus, USMC (Ret), 98-1927 Wilou St., Aiea, HI 96701-1663, (808) 486-5004 or Dale Pack, 32175 S.W. Laurel Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123-9036, (503) 545-7899, [dalep@upwardaccess.com](mailto:dalep@upwardaccess.com).

**Platoon 316, 3rd Recruit Training Bn., MCRD PISC (training dates Feb. 12, 1964 to April 17, 1964)** 50-year reunion at Parris Island, SC, April 17, 2014. POC: GySgt Alexander J. Nevglowski Sr., USMC (Ret), (910) 325-9148, [gunr88@hotmail.com](mailto:gunr88@hotmail.com).

## ACMC General Joe Dunford Addresses First Combined Korean Era SBC Reunion

Marine officers from 11 Korean Era SBC's gathered at the Double Tree Hotel in San Diego, for four days of camaraderie, optional events, cocktail parties and socializing this past February.

The event kicked off the first of the "combined" reunion of those who graduated from Basic School 50 or more years ago. This first reunion was aimed at the Korean era Basic Schools and attracted officers from the 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st and 24th SBC's. The focus was on a minimum of optional events and a maximum amount of time for visiting and socializing.

Starting with a Welcome Aboard cocktail party Monday evening and concluding with a Memorial Breakfast Thursday, the high light was the Wednesday evening semi-formal banquet at which Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Joseph Dunford, gave a most inspiring talk on the recent accomplishments Marines have achieved as well as what could be expected in the near future. Also in attendance was former Commandant, General Alfred Gray, a member of the 14th SBC, along with Lt. General D'Wayne Gray of the 15th SBC and Major Generals Dean Sangalis and Bill Groeniger of the 17th SBC.

This combined reunion was primarily motivated by several factors, the major one being that of dwindling numbers within the individual Basic School classes of those being able to attend due to age, caretaker responsibilities, health, etc. Another factor is that many of the classes have not organized a reunion and it gives those classmates an opportunity to experience the treat of connecting with old friends as well as establishing new ones with a common background. With the overwhelming success of this reunion, hopefully it will serve as a motivating incentive for all Basic Schools to initiate plans

to participate in this joint effort. We all served together on active duty, so why not all attend the same reunion?

It was unanimously agreed that the next combined reunion plans be started immediately with the dates and location be determined as soon as possible. Strong emphasis was expressed about looking into San Antonio late spring of 2013. If you were a member or know of any members of these Korean-era Basic Schools who not on the mailing roster, please email us the following information including class, name, address, phone number, and especially e-mail addresses to JR-Lukeman@aol.com or johnf9375@aol.com.

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## Retiree Appreciation Days

Camp Pendleton will host its Annual Retiree Expo on Sept. 15, 2012, at the Base Training Center building 1330 at 9 a.m. This event is open to the retired military community. Come and enjoy the festivities! For more information, call Freddie Darnell (760) 725-3400.

### Other Retiree Seminars.

Need help with your retired pay or annuity account? Attend one of the many retiree seminars that take place across the country. This year, DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay will participate in the retiree seminars listed below. Friendly and knowledgeable DFAS representatives will be on hand to provide information and answer questions regarding military retirement pay and annuities. Please contact the Retirement Services Office or Retiree Activities Office serving your area for more information regarding seminars.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location (U.S.)</b>
Sept. 7	Fort McCoy, WI
Sept. 15	Fort Drum, NY
Sept. 21	Fort Belvoir, VA
Sept. 22	Selfridge, MI
Sept. 29	Redstone Arsenal, AL
Sept. 29	Fort Dix, NJ
Oct. 26	Fort Rucker, AL
Oct. 26	Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

Oct. 27 Rock Island Arsenal, IL  
 Oct. 27 Joint Base Andrews, MD  
 Nov. 8 Fort Detrick, MD

(563) 322-4823  
 Pre-registration is required, form included

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location (International)</b>
Oct. 12	Benelux, Belgium
Oct. 13	Heidelberg, Germany
Oct. 17	Vincenza, Italy
Oct. 19	Grafenwohr, Germany
Oct. 20	Schweinfurt, Germany
Oct. 22	Ramstein AFB, Germany
Oct. 24	Ansbach, Germany
Oct. 25	Stuttgart, Germany
Oct. 26	Kaiserslautern, Germany

*Wisconsin-area Retired Activities Days*

**Twin Ports/Duluth, MN**  
 Sept. 14, 2012, 0800-1300  
 Black Bear Carlton Casino  
 (715) 398-3152  
 twinportsrad@gmail.com  
 Pre-registration required, form included

**Twin Cities, MN**  
 Sept. 22, 2012, 0730-1700  
 Mystic Lake Casino - Hotel  
 1-800-231-3517 or (612) 713-4664 or  
 (612) 713-1516  
 Pre-registration required; call for registration  
 information or visit  
 www.metrojrads.blogspot.com

**Selfridge, MI**  
 Sept. 22, 2012, 0800-1500  
 Joint Dining Facility  
 (586) 239-5580  
 selfrao@greatlakes.net  
 Pre-registration required - form included

**Great Lakes, IL**  
 Oct. 6, 2012  
 Great Lakes Naval Museum, Bldg 42  
 (847) 688-3603, ext. 118  
 Call for registration information

**Rock Island, IL**  
 Oct. 27, 2012, 0700-1300  
 Rock Island Army Arsenal, Bldg 60

**Fort Bliss**  
 Retirement Appreciation Day

Mark your calendar for the Sept. 29, 2012 Retiree Appreciation Day! For more information about the Fort Bliss event, contact 1stSgt José Luis Hernández, USMC (Ret), Retirement Services Officer at (915) 569-6233, fax: (915) 568-7573, joseluis.hernandez.civ@mail.mil.

**Camp Lejeune**  
 Retiree Appreciation Day

Camp Lejeune will host its Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 29, 2012, at Marston Pavilion at 9 a.m. Brigadier General Thomas A. Gorry, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East, will welcome attendees, followed by the Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, who will address medical concerns.

Special guest speaker, Ms. Elizabeth Goolsby, Director, Fayetteville VA Hospital, will provide VA updates. Retirees, retiree spouses and widows are encouraged to attend and enjoy the festivities. A free lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the Retired Activities Coordinator, Randy Reichler at (910) 451-0287, fax: (910) 451-0677.



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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. The following list includes the Marine's name, last rank held that was reported to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, month and year of retirement and month and year of death.

### COLONEL

Ables, Robert J. Jun 83/May 12  
 Abraham, James W. Jul 81/Feb 11  
 Augustin, Walter H. Sep 07//Apr 12  
 Craig, Robert R. Jul 90/Apr 12  
 Ellis, John H. Jul 67/Apr 12  
 Fimian, Charles Jul 77/Apr 12  
 Gaboury, Laurence R. Jul 85/Mar 12  
 Graham, Albert T. Feb 81/Mar 12  
 Hagan, Robert D. Aug 79/Apr 12  
 Henderson, Michael M. Jul 99/Jun 11  
 Knapp, James V. Jul 87/May 12 Col  
 Lafond, Paul D. Sep 70/Dec 10  
 Langenfeld, Herbert C. May 77/Apr 12  
 Lutten, Joseph H. Feb 89/Mar 12  
 MacDonald, Bradley T. Jr. Sep 07/Apr 12  
 Michaux, Alexander L. Jr. Nov 69/May 12  
 Richarte, Michael B. Jul 86/Jun 09  
 Rothwell, Richard Jul 61/May 12  
 Rowley, Elmer C. May 73/Nov 11  
 Shilan, Arthur B. Jul 79/May 11

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Beezer, Robert R. Jul 88/Mar 12  
 Brent, Joseph M. Nov 67/May 12  
 Cahaskie, Charles S. Jan 79/Aug 11  
 Carver, Ivil L. Jul 68/May 12  
 Cassidy, Joseph D. Aug 80/Mar 12  
 Coleman, Joseph E. Jr. Sep 74/Mar 12  
 Defty, Peter W. May 95/May 12  
 DePass, Robert J. Mar 08/Aug 11  
 Dueber, Eugene A. Jr. Oct 56/Apr 12  
 Edwards, Fred L. May 79/Apr 12  
 Fugate, Ray A. Feb 78/Apr 12  
 Grigsby, Edwin B. Feb 72/Apr 12  
 Herron, David G. Aug 73/Mar 12  
 Hennegan, Joseph Apr 78/Feb 11  
 Jones, Willie Aug 02/Sep 11  
 Koontz, Robert V. Jul 71/May 12  
 Lafond, Paul D. Sep 70/Dec 10  
 Magnus, James C. Mar 77/Mar 12

Mesko, John Jan 65/Apr 12  
 Nestor, Paul J. Jan 05/May 12  
 Oatis, Donald F. May 88/May 12  
 Pegues, Dock H. Feb 72/Jan 12  
 Pinson, Joseph W. Oct 83/May 12  
 Reid, Herbert J. Oct 76/May 12  
 Richarte, Michael B. Jun 09/Jun 09  
 Scarbrough, Arlan E. Oct 96/Mar 12  
 Sigmon, Emmett B. Oct 70/Dec 11  
 Smith, Joseph T. Aug 71/May 12  
 Tyer, Donald R. Jul 75/Jan 11

### MAJOR

Bailey, James E. May 81/Apr 12  
 Bromwell, Richard L. Mar 73/Apr 12  
 Butler, Robert M. Jul 63/Apr 12  
 Gallagher, Edward W. Jul 70/May 12  
 Griesmer, Bruce E. Jul 86/May 12  
 Haney, Robert R. Jun 94/Dec 11  
 Hovey, Frank S. May 80/Apr 12  
 Jones, Charles L. Oct 75/May 12  
 Peterson, Lee A. Jul 76/Apr 12  
 Pineo, Ray D. Jul 66/May 12  
 Plauche, Brockman L. Oct 64/May 12  
 Powell, Moody E. Feb 96/May 12  
 Pryor, Bertram H. Jul 64/Mar 12  
 Redding, H.L. Mar 74/Apr 12  
 Thomas, Willard Y. Dec 95/Apr 12  
 Vanes, John M. Sep 79/Mar 12  
 Wasley, James T. Jr. Apr 98/May 12  
 Wessel, William C. Jr. Jul 76/Apr 12

### CAPTAIN

Allosso, Thomas L. Apr 06/Feb 12  
 Brown, Herbert D. Jul 70/Apr 12  
 Brownlee, Joseph L. Jr. May 73/Mar 12  
 Burns, Robert J. Jun 75/Nov 11  
 Chuharski, Joseph Aug 47/May 12  
 Corbett, Edward F. Aug 82/May 12  
 Glasgow, Robert T. Jun 76/Apr 12  
 Jochums, Robert E. Apr 54/Apr 12

Lee, John J. Jan 70/May 12  
 Rosenau, Robert C. Dec 82/Dec 10  
 Ruckel, William W. Sep 72/May 12  
 Staigle, Charles L. Apr 76/Jan 11  
 Strote, Vincent E. Apr 76/Mar 12  
 Swindells, Walter R. Jan 59/Mar 12  
 Wizger, Richard O. Jan 83/Feb 12  
 Wood, Millard W. Nov 77/Apr 12

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Bessette, Alfred F. May 75/May 12  
 Brooks, Arthur J. 1stLt Dec 68/Mar 12  
 Gueterman, Frank J. Nov 68/May 12  
 Kelley, Edwin V. Jr. Oct 52/Apr 12  
 Perry, Richard A. Oct 77/May 12  
 Ryan, John J. Jr. Jul 68/Apr 12

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Bell, Walter C. CWO4 Jul 64/Jan 12  
 Crosby, Truman A. CWO2 Jul 57/Mar 12  
 Dodge, Ronald L. CWO4 Apr 76/Mar 12  
 Leroy, Omer F. CWO2 Mar 71/Apr 12  
 Miller, Richard W. CWO2 Aug 70/May 12  
 Murphy, John W. CWO2 Apr 73/May 12  
 Perry, George A. CWO2 Feb 64/Mar 12

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 Edmondson, Loy H. Jan 72/Mar 12  
 Foster, Douglas C. Sr. Mar 95/Mar 12  
 Kirschinger, Johann E. Jun 84/Mar 12  
 Lukens, Philip D. Jan 77/Mar 12  
 Spradlin, Stephen B. Sep 88/May 11  
 Youngans, Robert A. Aug 71/Apr 12

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Berridge, David B. Mar 05/May 12  
 Bittner, Delroy H. Nov 82/Feb 12  
 Bouck, Glenn A. Oct 76/May 12  
 Boyer, James H. Aug 92/May 12  
 Duette, Thomas I. Sep 74/Nov 11  
 Fowler, John A. Oct 67/May 12  
 Giesing, Robert L. Oct 93/Apr 12  
 Hilton, Billy R. Jul 66/May 12  
 Lake, Billy R. Feb 79/May 11  
 Luebke, Paul W. Jan 70/Apr 12  
 \*Mabee, Ollie D. Jr. Jun 82/Mar 12  
 McMahan, Arthur J. Jan 64/May 12  
 Pangelinan, George B. Oct 79/Apr 12

Retza, Nicholas J. Jr. Aug 68/Apr 12  
 Rix, Charles A. Mar 85/May 12  
 Shetler, Elwin L. Sep 80/Apr 12  
 Stinson, James B. Sep 71/Apr 12  
 Uricchio, Oscar Apr 77/Mar 12  
 Visconti, Adolfo R. Sep 78/Apr 12

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 Cobb, Roger A. Jul 87/Mar 12  
 Dyer, J.K. Jul 64/Apr 12  
 Keller, James B. May 83/May 12  
 McCarthy, John T. Oct 66/Apr 12  
 Melton, Terrill L. Apr 95/Mar 11  
 Miller, Michael L. Mar 00/Feb 12  
 Mothershed, Walter May 71/Apr 12  
 Obenhuber, Lawrence C. Jun 10/May 11

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Arrants, Charles A. Jr. Mar 70/Mar 12  
 Ash, C.B. Jr. Oct 63/May 12  
 Austin, Joseph R. Feb 85/Apr 12  
 Bauer, Herbert J. Jul 66/Apr 12  
 Benedict, Clyde W. Jul 72/Oct 11  
 Briner, Edsel B. Apr 71/Mar 12  
 Bollmann, Paul H. May 85/May 12  
 Brinton, Timothy J. Oct 85/May 12  
 Buck, William E. Sep 80/Apr 12  
 Chapman, William M. Feb 79/Apr 12  
 Crumbley, James R. Jun 73/Mar 12  
 Davis, Logan E. Dec 84/Apr 12  
 Diaz, Alex Aug 69/May 12  
 Everett, Thomas Oct 76/May 12  
 Geilman, Timothy P. Apr 96/May 12  
 Grasser, James W. Feb 84/Mar 12  
 Harkey, Robert E. Jul 69/Jan 12  
 Hall, Charles E. May 89/May 12  
 Hirth, Karl O. May 82/Sep 11  
 Johnson, Willie L. Apr 89/Apr 12  
 Kelly, Dan R. Jr. May 96/Jan 12  
 Kenimer, John L. Jan 74/Apr 12  
 Knight, Bunyan V. Sep 75/May 12  
 Kossman, Gottlieb Jr. Apr 71/Mar 12  
 Kunitsugu, Raymond D. Aug 91/Apr 12  
 Lerch, Donald F. Jan 83/Mar 12  
 McCaig, Luther D. Jan 71/May 12  
 McLafferty, Michael R. Jun 78/May 12  
 McPeters, Calvin R. May 10/Apr 12  
 Muncy, Paul G. Dec 96/Jul 11

Neville, Melvin T. Mar 79/Apr 12  
 Nilsson, Conrad E. Apr 75/Apr 12  
 Owens, Michael K. Jul 93/May 12  
 Pitner, Loy D. Dec 68/Apr 12  
 Proffer, Orren H. Oct 67/May 12  
 Salas, Lee R. Nov 79/May 12  
 Smith, Charles H. Jun 05/Mar 12  
 Smith, Gregory L. Aug 88/Mar 12  
 Truskey, Joseph C. May 74/Apr 12  
 Waldron, Johnny R. Nov 80/Mar 12  
 Waterhouse, John W. Nov 73/May 12  
 Wolff, Edward J. Sep 75/Mar 12

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 Armstrong, Harold L. May 68/Apr 12  
 Bailey, Floyd E. Oct 02/Feb 12  
 Baxter, Kenneth E. Dec 98/May 12  
 Berger, August J. May 73/May 12  
 Bradley, Jethro E. Sep 79/Apr 12  
 Brewington, Purdy M. Aug 99/Apr 12  
 Brown, Jimmy Jan 11/Jan 11  
 Buie, Cletis C. Sep 71/Aug 11  
 Burbage, Frank D. Oct 90/Mar 12  
 Burris, Derrel E. Jun 72/Mar 12  
 Cason, John E. Jr. Aug 68/Apr 12  
 Clevenger, Charles D. Nov 84/Mar 12  
 Collins, William W. Jun 73/Apr 12  
 Cooper, Ronnie F. Jul 76/May 12  
 Davis, John G. Aug 71/Apr 12  
 Defoor, Henry I. Oct 88/Mar 12  
 Delafosse, Joseph N. Jul 72/Apr 12  
 Dobbins, Jerry L. Jan 78/Sep 10  
 Dolan, Lloyd M. Jul 73/Apr 12  
 Douglas, Gary A. Jul 85/Apr 12  
 Earls, Jerry L. Jan 77/Mar 12  
 Fennyach, David G. Apr 83/Nov 11  
 Gadd, Gene May 68/May 12  
 Grier, Ralph L. Jr. Jun 81/Apr 12  
 Hazel, Clinton C. Sep 70/May 12  
 Hazlett, Earle I. Mar 71/May 12  
 Hernandez, Antonio E. Mar 79/Apr 12  
 Holliday, Bransford P. Nov 81/May 12  
 Jones, Robert R. Apr 76/Apr 12  
 Kelley, Raymond W. Jan 89/May 12  
 Leyendecker, Stanley A. Jan 70/Mar 12  
 Liquori, Camillo F. Aug 71/Apr 12  
 Litchfield, R.T. Jul 60/Apr 12  
 Lynch, G.F. Aug 61/May 12

Mason, John H. Jr. Jul 89/Apr 12  
 Mitchell, H.C. May 68/Apr 12  
 Monson, William H. Mar 70/Dec 11  
 Morris, Fred Jr. Jan 73/May 12  
 Paul, Phillip O. Dec 73/Mar 12  
 Poling, Gordon Dec 55/Mar 12  
 Pollard, M.F. Jr. Feb 64/Apr 12  
 Pope, Howard L. Oct 67/Mar 12  
 Rattliff, Clarence D. Sep 95/May 11  
 Reilly, Raymond J. Nov 73/Apr 12  
 Rivero, Ricardo Oct 10/Apr 12  
 Robertson, George E. Jr. Dec 61/Feb 12  
 Rousseau, John T. Nov 75/Apr 12  
 Rucker, James C. Apr 67/Apr 12  
 Shelley, Joseph D. Jul 68/May 12  
 Singleton, Rudolph Jan 79/Apr 12  
 Smith, Robert A. Jr. Sep 81/Apr 12  
 \*Swanson, Jack A. Nov 66/Feb 12  
 Vandehout, Robert J. Nov 70/Apr 11  
 Vavak, Henry J. May 82/Apr 12  
 Venable, Louis May 74/Jul 11  
 Wesley, Helen M. May 72/Jul 11  
 Whatley, E.H. Nov 59/Apr 12

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 Brown, Carrol A. Dec 79/May 12  
 Camp, William R. Feb 78/May 12  
 Daniel, Harold C. Sep 67/Mar 05  
 Donahou, Marshall S. May 72/Jan 12  
 Fagalar, Wesley W. Jr. May 81/May 12  
 Foster, Charles N. Nov 77/Mar 12  
 Hale, W.N. Oct 59/Apr 12  
 Hatch, John Oct 76/Apr 12  
 Koegel, Timothy P. Dec 96/May 12  
 Lehman, Ronald G. Sep 69/Apr 12  
 Miller, Paul F. Dec 62/Apr 12  
 Nejman, John K. May 91/Mar 12  
 Ramirez, Manuel R. Jun 70/Apr 12  
 Rosadotorres, Jose A. Jul 71/Apr 12  
 Russell, Leon Mar 71/May 12  
 Schaible, Gary E. Oct 88/Jan 10  
 Scheer, Johnnie J. Feb 74/Mar 12  
 Thomson, George H. Jan 93/Apr 12  
 Thurman, Richard W. Nov 73/Apr 12  
 Walker, George L. Apr 76/May 12  
 Ward, James A. Apr 71/May 12  
 Yamaguchi, Jack T. Jul 69/Mar 12

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 Jackson, Eric R. Sep 85/Mar 12  
 Kay, Francis J. Jun 62/Apr 12  
 Harms, Michael Nov 11/May 12  
 Munden, James C. Apr 70/Apr 12

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- **Option 1:** Accept the certificate and proceed to download the newsletter.
- **Option 2:** Decline the certificate. If you choose this option, you will not be able to download the newsletter.
- **Option 3:** Adjust the settings on your computer to accept the certificate. This way, you will not encounter a security alert each time you attempt to download the newsletter.

To adjust the settings on your computer, you can install a DoD Root Certificate that will allow your web browser to trust the identity of web sites whose secure communications are authenticated by DoD, such as “Semper Fidelis Online.”

The Defense Technical Information Center has information about security certificates at [www.dtic.mil/dtic/announcements/dod-rootcertificates.html](http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/announcements/dod-rootcertificates.html) and instructions on installing root certificates at <http://dodpki.c3pki.chamb.disa.mil/rootca.html>.

## Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

Eligibility for Survivor Benefit Plan annuity pay ends with the death of the annuitant (beneficiary). Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant's death can help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's annuity pay. Follow the steps to report the death of an annuitant.

STEP 1 Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death of the annuitant.

STEP 2 Send a copy of the annuitant's death certificate (showing cause of death) to:

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

STEP 3 Inform the financial institution receiving payments about the death of the annuitant.

Contact the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

- **Social Security Administration:** 1-800-772-1213 ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov))
- **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System:** 1-800-538-9552
- **Department of Veterans Affairs:** 1-800-827-1000 for annuitants receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation ([www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov))

## Survivor Benefit Plan

### What Happens When a Retired Marine Dies

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

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

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

## **Steps to Take When a Retired Marine Dies**

- Contact funeral home and make burial and funeral arrangements
  - Start claim process for applicable benefits (e.g., SBP, VA life insurance, Social Security, etc.)
  - Obtain multiple certified death certificates (6-12 copies)
  - Gather important documents for claims processing (e.g., birth certificate, will, etc.)
  - Determine immediate and short-term financial needs and income sources
  - Arrange for help with legal affairs of the deceased
  - Notify joint account agencies (credit cards, banks, auto registration home/auto insurance, brokers, etc.)
  - Review survivor's own legal documents for possible revision
- REPORT the death to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955 (press 3)** to stop retirement pay to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability from the VA or civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management, contact that agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later. You may also report the death online at [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html). Additional information from DFAS is available at [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Retiree-death.html). **Note:** When you notify DFAS of the Marine's death, DFAS will forward a confirmed death listing to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-6) for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the *Semper Fidelis*.
- REPORT Survivor Benefit Plan election.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected SBP. If you are uncertain of whether an election was made, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.
- UPDATE your military identification card.** As the survivor of a deceased Marine, your ID card must be updated to reflect the change in your status due to the Marine's death. You may access your nearest ID site at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl) or call HQMC (MMSR-6) at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310 to obtain the three sites closest to you.
- NOTIFY the Social Security Administration.** Call 1-800-SSA-1213 ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)) to apply for the \$255 death benefit, *if applicable*.
- CONTACT the VA for burial and other benefits.** The VA does not provide burial benefits for annuitants; however, the annuitant may be eligible for burial in a military cemetery. You will need to provide a copy of the DD 214. Call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 or visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

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**RECEIVING CIVIL SERVICE PAY?** U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL: 1-888-767-6738, (202) 606-0500  
**RECEIVING VA PAY?** DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: 1-800-827-1000

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

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

## 2012 DFAS Retired Pay Dates

Entitlement Month	Payment Date
January 2012	February 1, 2012
February 2012	March 1, 2012
March 2012	March 30, 2012
April 2012	May 1, 2012
May 2012	June 1, 2012
June 2012	June 29, 2012
July 2012	August 1, 2012
August 2012	August 31, 2012
September 2012	October 1, 2012
October 2012	November 1, 2012
November 2012	November 30, 2012
December 2012	December 31, 2012

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

### Cost of Living Increase for Military Retirees Announced

If you retired before 2011, you can expect a 3.6% Cost-of-Living Adjustment in 2012, unless you received a Career Status Bonus (CSB). The adjustment for CSB recipients is 2.6%.

Those who retired from the military in 2011 might receive a partial COLA. DFAS will provide more news when it becomes available.

Look for the increase in your Dec. 30 payment!

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

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

National Personnel Records Center  
1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138  
(314) 801-0800; fax: (314) 801-9195; e-mail: MPR.center@nara.gov

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

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMSB-10)  
2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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

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

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

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

Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312B); 1 Archive Dr., St. Louis, MO 63138  
(314) 538-2312; fax: (314) 538-2316

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

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



## Inns of the Corps

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## UNITED STATES Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program



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

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## **Your Military Identification Card**

### **Two Forms of Identification Are Now Required:**

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

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

### **Military ID Cards for Family Members:**

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

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

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

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

### **The Retired Marine's Military ID Card:**

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

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

### **Eligibility for a Military ID Card By Mail:**

**If you live more than 300 miles** from a military ID card center, you may renew your military ID card by mail. Applicants who are unable to travel due to a disability may also apply to renew ID cards by mail. Submit a current 5x7 or 8x10 color photograph, a photocopy of your current military ID card (front and back), a photocopy of a second form of ID (i.e., driver's license, birth certificate, or Social Security card) and a statement addressing why you are unable to travel to an ID card center to HQMC (MMSR-6), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.

**Schedule ID card appointment online!** <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>

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American Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000  
[www.arlingtonnationalcemetery.org](http://www.arlingtonnationalcemetery.org)

Armed Forces Retirement Homes (Gulfport):  
[www.afrh.gov](http://www.afrh.gov)

Armed Forces Retirement Homes (Washington):  
Attn: PAO/Marketing #1305  
3700 North Capitol St. NW  
Washington, DC 20011-8400  
1-800-422-9988, [www.afrh.gov](http://www.afrh.gov)

Armed Forces Recreation Centers:  
[www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/recreationcenters/](http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/recreationcenters/)

Cape Henry Inn (Virginia): (757) 422-8818

Dragon Hill Lodge (Korea): (011-82) 2-790-0016

Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Germany):  
(011-49) 8821-9440

Hale Koa Hotel (Hawaii): 1-800-367-6027

Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort  
(Florida): 1-888-593-2242

Armed Forces Vacation Club: 1-800-724-9988 (to  
book a space-available unit use account #7033-0000  
and installation #227), [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)

## B:

Board for Correction of Naval Records  
CMC, 2 Navy Annex, Rm. 2432  
Washington, DC 20370-51000  
(703) 614-1402 or 614-1316  
[www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.htm](http://www.donhq.navy.mil/bcnr/bcnr.htm)

## C:

Camp Lejeune Notification Registry:  
[www.usmc.mil/camplejeune/clbwatersurveyinfo.nsf](http://www.usmc.mil/camplejeune/clbwatersurveyinfo.nsf)

Cold War Certificate:

Cold War Recognition, Hoffman II  
Attn: AHRC-CWRS, 3N45, 200 Stovall St.  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0473  
(703) 325-5864, fax: 1-800-723-9262  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar/default.htm>

Combat-Related Special Compensation  
SECNAV Council of Review Boards  
720 Kennon St. SE, Ste. 309  
Washington, DC 20374-5023  
1-877-366-2772, fax: (202) 685-6882  
<http://donhq.navy.mil/corb/crscb/crscbmainpage.htm>  
E-Mail: [DON\\_CRSC@navy.mil](mailto:DON_CRSC@navy.mil)

## D:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service:  
1-800-321-1080, [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil)

U.S. and OCONUS: (216) 522-5955  
Fax: 1-800-469-6559  
DFAS Special Compensation for the Severely  
Disabled, (216) 522-6170  
P.O. Box 998011; Cleveland, OH 44199-8011

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U.S. Military Annuitant Pay  
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U.S. Military Retirement Pay  
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Fax: 1-800-469-6559

OTHER DFAS CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTERS:  
Marine Corps (active duty & reserve):  
1-888-332-7411

Out-of-service debts (all services):  
1-800-962-0648

## E:

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

**L:**

Leatherneck Magazine of the Marines:  
715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134  
1-800-336-0291, ext. 115, fax: (703) 640-0823  
E-Mail: leatherneck@mca-marines.org

**M:**

Marine Corps Association:  
715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134  
1-866-622-6161, ext. 100, fax: (703) 630-1446  
E-Mail: mca@mca-marines.org

## Marine Corps Gazette:

715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134  
1-800-336-0291, ext. 144, fax: (703) 630-9147  
E-Mail: gazette@mca-marines.org

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

Marine Corps Junior ROTC, TECOM (C 46JR)  
1019 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5001  
(703) 784-3706, www.mcjrotc.org

Marine Corps Records Correspondence (MMSB-12)  
2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030  
1-800-268-3710, (703) 784-3930/4646/5616

Marine Military Expositions: (703) 812-2741  
1525 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1200  
Arlington, VA 22209  
www.marinemilitaryexpos.com

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

My Compass: www.mccompass.net

My Tutor: www.tutor.com

**N:**

National Museum of the Marine Corps  
18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA 22172  
1-877-653-1775, www.usmcmuseum.org

Navy Lodge Worldwide Reservations Center:  
1-800-NAVY-INN, www.navy-lodge.com

**S:**

Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213  
www.ssa.gov

\*Space-A Travel Air Mobility Command:  
www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp

State Department Travel Warnings:  
<http://travel.state.gov>

**T:**

TRICARE Pharmacy Program: 1-877-363-6337

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, Express Scripts:  
1-866-363-8667

TRICARE Retail Pharmacy: 1-866-363-8779

TRICARE for Life/ Dual Eligibles: 1-866-773-0404

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan Delta Dental:  
1-888-838-8737, www.trdp.org

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\*West, 1-888-874-9378

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USMC Community Services: www.usmc-mccs.org

**V:**

VA Education Customer Service Office:  
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VA Life Insurance: 1-800-669-8477  
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www.vdf.virginia.gov/recruiting.shtml

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