

Retiree Council makes recommendations

The Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council (SECNAV RC) met at the Washington Navy Yard April 14-18. What follows is a summary of some of the recommendations from their report. The full report may be viewed at <https://secnavretireecouncil.lifelines.navy.mil/> (click on "Continue to Homepage," "Reports").

Paid Retired Activities Office (RAO) Program Coordinator

The Secretary of the Navy should approve paid RAO Program Coordinators.

Presently the Navy and Marine Corps each have only one full-time paid

position. Their existence has relieved the burden on active-duty personnel administrative systems by giving the retired community a single point of contact who is the expert on the needs of the retired community. However, one person is not enough to cover all naval regions and Marine Corps bases.

Establishment of a U.S. Naval Auxiliary

The Secretary of the Navy should commission a U.S. Naval Auxiliary to use retiree and other volunteers to support commanders.

SECNAV RCs have repeatedly recommended the creation of an auxiliary. In response, the secretary

referred the recommendation to the Total Force Transformation Working Group stating that the proposal was "clearly feasible" and held "great promise of the Department of the Navy (DON) organization as it seeks to restructure itself into an agile, flexible workforce." An official study is ongoing by the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA).

The DON Volunteer Program

The Secretary of the Navy should direct the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps to better use retiree volunteers.

DON presently does not use all

See RECOMMENDATIONS Page 17

POW back pay recalculated

By Navy Retired Operations

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which took effect at the beginning of the new year, directs the branches of the military to recalculate back pay given to prisoners of war in 2001.

POWs were originally paid their back promotion pay because of provisions in the 2001 NDAA. Now services must re-compute the previous award. Surviving POWs or the spouses of deceased survivors will be paid the recalculated back promotion pay.

For more information, please contact your applicable service:

Navy: Retired Operations (866) 827-5672 or (901) 874-4410

Fax: (901) 874-6654

Marine Corps: Retired Services (703) 784-9304/5

Fax: (703) 784-9834 (Attn: MMSR)



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class John Hulle

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 pour cement for a sidewalk at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. The Gulfport, Miss.-based Seabees provide camp maintenance here during their six-month deployment to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

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Houston Retired Activities Office...

From left to right: Master Chief Yeoman Bill Morrow, US Navy Ready Reserve(Training and Administration of Reserves) retired, Signalman 2nd Class Gordon Laird, US Navy Reserve WWII Veteran, Col. Lloyd Loftus, US Army Reserve retired, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class David Shields, US Navy retired, Col. Joe McPhail, US Marine Corps Reserve retired (21-year volunteer at RAO), Master Sgt. James Cunningham, US Air Force retired, Lt. Cmdr. Ray Davis, US Navy Reserve retired. Not pictured: Staff Sgt. Robert Flake, US Air Force retired.

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Books all gone

In the Spring 2008 issue of *Shift Colors*, there was a brief notice for a free book for Navy veterans by George Sharrow. There was an overwhelming response to the note and the 1,000 copies were all given away "while supplies lasted."

When Sharrow ran out of books, he began refusing mail. This is why letters were returned stamped "undeliverable."

Unfortunately, no more books are available and that was the last printing. *Shift Colors* regrets any inconvenience and thanks Sharrow for his generosity.



From the Chief of Naval Personnel

Shipmates,

It is a great honor to be able to serve as the new Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP). I would like to begin by saying "Thank you."

Your service to our nation is still felt by every one of us who continue to enjoy the benefits of freedom. We owe you a debt of gratitude, not only because of your brave service, but also because of your continued involvement across the nation. So many of you are engaged in various support organizations and serve as incredibly valuable liaisons, helping tell the importance of our Navy through your own accounts. Thank you so much for your continued efforts.

I recently had the opportunity to address a large number of retirees and was extremely grateful for their thoughtful interest regarding issues in our Navy today. Many of them asked one question: "How can we help?"

First and foremost, I need your feedback. I'm very thankful that so many of you participated in our recent readership poll – more than 38,000 of you responded! We're in the process of tabulating the data for our next issue.

We're constantly striving to improve our support to active, reserve and retired service members and their families and our polls are a valuable way of getting your input. Your opinion counts, so please provide feedback directly to the editor or me by e-mailing Shift Colors at Mill.ShiftColors@navy.mil.

Secondly, I would ask you to consider service with the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Retiree Council. This organization provides a voice for retirees directly to the Secretary of the Navy. The most recent council met April 14 – 18 at the Washington Navy Yard, and the council's proposals are covered in this issue.

I take pride in the fact that one of your primary interests remains your continued desire to serve our nation through volunteerism. We're working on better ways to communicate those opportunities in the upcoming issues. The SECNAV Retiree Council is actively seeking new/additional members. For more information, call the Retired Activities Section at 1-866-827-5672.

As your new CNP, I look forward to serving you and working together to keep our Navy the greatest Navy in the world.

All the best,

Mark E. Ferguson III

Vice Admiral, USN



SECNAV Retiree Council application process

Here's how to apply for the Council (applications must be received at Retired Activities Section by September 30):

- Submit a one (1) page bio/resume with the following:
 - Your full name, address, phone number, e-mail address and Social Security Number. (Left side top)
 - One paragraph highlighting your military career to include highest rank

achieved, designator (if applicable), military specialty, total years of active duty, total years of service (if applicable) and entry date. Brief summary of current civilian career.

- One paragraph identifying volunteer work and/or membership in civic and other organizations.
- Education (Associate Degree, Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree, PHD and field of study as appropriate).
- Include a brief statement on how

you can contribute to the RC.

- A recent snapshot photo. It is requested that picture be placed on the one page application at the top right hand corner (head and shoulder shot). Photo should be no larger than 2 ½ inches by 3 inches. (Right side top)

Send applications to:

Navy Personnel Command
Retired Activities Section (PERS-62)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6200

'Super chiefs' reach 50 years of service

Compiled by Shift Colors staff

The Navy created the ranks senior and master chief June 1, 1958, in an amendment to the Career Compensation Act of 1949. Eligibility for promotion to senior chief was restricted to chiefs with a minimum of four years grade and at least 10 years in service. For promotion to master chief, E-7s needed a minimum of six years in grade and at least 13 years in service.

Examinations for advancement were held August 5, 1958, with the first promotions effective Nov. 16, 1958. The Oct. 1958 issue of Navy Times listed 1,060 names that became the first group promoted to the new "super chiefs" rank. Of those, 146 were promoted to master chief and 914 to senior chief.

The names of the first two groups of selectees are listed in Bureau of Naval Personnel Notices 1430 of October 17, 1958, and May 20, 1959. After the May 1959 elevations, promotions to E-9 were through senior chief only.

The E-5 through E-9 levels included all ratings except Teleman and Printer which were being phased out of the Naval rating structure.

People in those ratings were absorbed or converted to Yeoman or Radioman from Teleman and primarily to Lithographer from Printer.

Compiled from "History of the Chief Petty Officer Grade" by retired Chief Warrant Officer Lester B. Tucker at www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq46-1.htm.



Summary of the 2008 NDAA changes for retirees

The following are some of the policy changes the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act that affect retirees:

- Expansion of Combat-Related Special Compensation eligibility to disability retirees with less than 20 years of service (see Page 5).
- Full concurrent receipt for unemployable disabled retirees.

Payment date will be Oct. 1. There is no action required from retired servicemembers.

- Increase in drill points creditable for reserve retirement for 2007 and later years. The new law reduces the eligibility age for Reserve retired pay by three months for 90 days of active-duty service.

- Guard/Reserve eligibility to use GI Bill benefits after service.

Benefits earned on active duty may be used for 10 years after separation and eligibility is retroactive to Oct. 28, 2004.

- Special payment to SBP/DIC survivors: \$50 payments will start Oct. 1.

Briefly

Replacement DD 214

If you need a replacement DD 214, follow the instructions below:

If you retired prior to 1995, go to www.vetrecs.archives.gov to request a DD214.

If you retired after 1995 mail your request to:
NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND
PERS-312E

5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-3120

Or fax your request to 901-874-2664

Your request should ask for exactly what you want (DD 214, service record or medical records), and include your identification and signature.

Gray area retiree contact

Retired reservists under the age of 60 who have questions regarding their entitlements and benefits should call 1-866-827-5672.

2008 Retired Military Almanac

The 2008 Retired Military Almanac is now available. The almanac is a comprehensive, 256-page book with information to keep you current and up to date on many subjects of vital interest to military retirees. Copies can be ordered directly from the publisher for \$15.50 (includes postage) by sending a check or money order to Uniformed Services Almanac, Inc., PO Box 4144-SC, Falls Church, VA 22044, or if ordering by credit card, call toll-free 1-888-872-9698. You can also order secure online: www.militaryalmanac.com. The 2008 Uniformed Services, Reserve Forces and National Guard Almanacs are also available.

RAO Volunteers Needed

The Navy currently has over 60 Retired Activities Offices (RAO) worldwide that are staffed by retiree volunteers. The Navy depends heavily on these volunteers to run these offices. Volunteers are trained to assist other retirees, their families and survivors in receiving their earned benefits, aid family members when a retired service member dies, and plan and conduct annual Retiree Appreciation Days. Most RAO volunteers spend a few hours a week in the office. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact your nearest RAO or call the Navy's RAO program manager at (866) 827-5672 ext. 4410.

CRSC eligibility expanded to CH 61, TERA retirees

By Navy Retired Operations

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) revised eligibility requirements for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC). CRSC provides tax-free monthly payments to eligible retired veterans with combat-related injuries. With CRSC, retirees receive both full military retirement pay and VA disability compensation, if the injury is combat-related.

The 2008 NDAA has expanded the eligibility of CRSC to include anyone receiving military retired pay. This includes: Medical Chapter 61, Temporary Early Retirement Act (TERA) and Temporary Disabled Retirement List (TDRL) retirees.

TERA retirees include anyone who retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Act. This retirement authority was used from 1993 - 2001 to offer early retirement to service-members with 15-to-19 years of service.

A Chapter 61 retiree is anyone who was medically retired from military service with a 30-percent or greater rated disability. This includes those on Temporary Disabled Retirement List, which falls under Chapter 61.

These newly eligible components for

CRSC went into effect Jan. 1, 2008. Medical and TERA retirees must still provide documentation that shows a link between a current VA disability and a combat related event.

The Department of Navy (DoN) is currently accepting applications for CRSC. These veterans should apply using the application (DD Form 2860) and note in Sec II 8a or b retirement status (i.e. Chapter 61, TERA, TDRL, etc.).

In order to be fully eligible for CRSC, the retiree must meet the following criteria:

- Be in receipt of military retainer or retired pay
- Be rated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for service-connected disabilities
- Waive retired pay in order to receive VA disability payments

Retirees who have waived their retired pay in order to include their military service as part of a civil-service retirement program are not eligible for CRSC, but they may request through the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to separate their military time from their civil service retirement, which will restore their eligibility.

CRSC is specifically for military retirees with combat-related disabilities.

Combat-related determinations are decided by the branch of service the member retired from, not by the VA or the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The retiree must apply using a standard CRSC application form (DD 2860). The "burden of proof" is on the applicant. Documents necessary to support a combat-related claim normally include the member's DD-214, VA rating decisions, service medical records (SMRs), the physical evaluation board notice of decision letter, and service personnel records.

For more information, please see:

The Department of Navy (DoN) CRSC website: <http://www.donhq.navy.mil/corb/crscb/crscmainpage.htm>.

The email address for DoN CRSC is: DON_CRSC@navy.mil

If you want a call from the CRSC Board, just send an email with your phone number.

The FAX number for DoN CRSC is: (202) 685-6882/6627

The DFAS website for CRSC is: <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredpay/concurrentretirementanddisabilitypay/crdpandcrsc.html>.

Military.com has a good website concerning CRSC: <http://www.military.com/benefits/military-pay/retired-pay/retired-concurrent-receipt-overview>.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kyle D. Gahlau

Sailors spell out "Sayonara" on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) as the ship departs Yokosuka, Japan for the final time. Sayonara is Japanese for "goodbye." Kitty Hawk will be replaced by the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73).

ID card schedule system can reduce wait times

By Shift Colors staff

Tired of waiting in long lines for ID cards? There is an answer. The Common Access Card Issuance Web site allows ID card holders to schedule appointments in advance at <https://es.cac.navy.mil>.

Clicking to the site brings up a list of sites where ID cards are issued. Click on the name of the site closest to you and follow instructions to make an appointment. Separate appointments are required for each individual. Once an appointment is made, a confirmation message will be sent via e-mail. You will be contacted if there is a problem with your appointment.

If you are unable to make your appointment, call at least 24 hours prior to the appointment time.

For more information or to reach an ID card issuance facility via phone, please call the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

US Navy Normandy memorial set for dedication

A monument memorializing the U.S. Navy's involvement in the 1944 Normandy Invasion will be dedicated Sept. 27, on Utah Beach.

The Navy lost 1,068 Sailors and eight warships during the invasion.

The memorial was a project by the Naval Order of the United States who began its all-volunteer campaign two years ago to raise \$500,000 to create a sculpture and erect the monument on land donated by France. The organization reached its goal in late March. President George H.W. Bush, Senator Bob Dole, Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks, the Navy League, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, Navy Club USA, Navy Wives' Club of America, and other



<http://www.normandymonument.org/main.htm>

The monument was designed by sculptor Stephen Spears of Fair Hope, Ala. Each of the three figures represent an element of the operation, planning and execution, implementation, and aftermath.

patriotic groups endorsed the project.

A total of 124,000 US Navy personnel took part in the Invasion's planning and execution. During the landings and three days immediately following, one out of every five American fatalities was a Sailor.

In order to maximize participation of surviving Navy Normandy veterans,

the Naval Order has asked you to inform every World War II veteran encountered about this tribute that will honor his Navy brothers-in-arms at Normandy.

For more information visit the project Web site at www.normandymonument.org/main.htm or call (904) 221- 0923.

Navy public affairs puts communication resources a click away

By U.S. Navy Public Affairs

The Navy Office of Information (CHINFO) has created a new Web page that pulls together in one place the many products and services that Navy Public Affairs has available for Navy leaders to use in their communication efforts. This resource page may be of interest to retirees who desire access to the latest communication materials about the Navy.

From this site, e-mail subscriptions are available for various products including:

- Rhumb Lines – Designed to give Navy leaders concise, up-to-date information and situational awareness for use in their internal and external communication efforts.
- Comments, quotes and transcripts from the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) and the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).
- "Day in the Navy"

Snapshots - Helps paint a picture of daily operations in the Navy. Each month, one day is chosen and bullets are provided with specific details of operations around the fleet. Although it is not possible to mention every ongoing activity, select operations have been chosen from submissions across the Navy.

- Navy News – Daily news
- Media PODcasts

Links are also available to the SECNAV and CNO web

pages, "Day in the Navy" Snapshots, Status of the Navy, Outreach Videos, Poster Gallery, Dates in American Naval History, Navy Speakers Bureau, Featured Photo Galleries, ALL HANDS Television, The Navy PA Directory, Alpha List of Navy websites and, the Navy's official website www.navy.mil.

The U.S. Navy Public Affairs Resources can be found at www.chinfo.navy.mil.

Did you know you could access Retired Activities information at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/RetiredActivities/>?

FBI warns of rising mortgage fraud threat

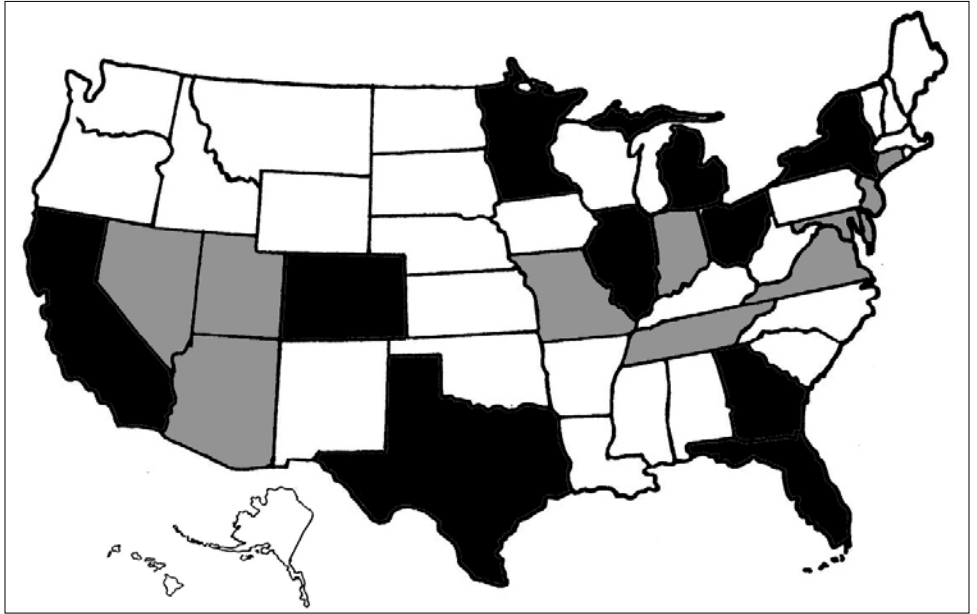
Courtesy of the FBI

The FBI has released a comprehensive report on mortgage fraud (available at http://www.fbi.gov/publications/fraud/mortgage_fraud07.htm). The information can get quite technical, with plenty of charts, graphs, and hard numbers, but the agency invites people to take a read if interested in getting educated on the issue — and on emerging schemes that might impact people's finances.

Mortgage fraud is clearly on the rise. The FBI received 46,717 Suspicious Activity Reports related to mortgage fraud last year — compared to 35,617 in 2006 and just 6,936 in 2003. Only seven percent of these reports documented an exact dollar amount in terms of losses, but the total loss from this seven percent was \$813 million.

The FBI predicts that the downward trend in the housing market will continue to provide incentive for shady real-estate insiders to look for dishonest ways to turn a profit and opportunities for scam artists to prey on vulnerable homeowners.

The top 10 hotspots nationwide for mortgage fraud in 2007, carefully



The top-10 mortgage-fraud states are shaded black, other problematic states are shaded gray.

mapped from multiple public and private sources, were: Florida, Georgia, Michigan, California, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, New York, Colorado, and Minnesota. The north-central region had the largest share of mortgage fraud, followed by the west and southeast regions.

The latest mortgage scams run the gamut from “builder-bailout” schemes where developers unload excess inventory through financial trickery,

to foreclosure rescue frauds that trick homeowners into signing over the deed to their house. Seller-assistance scams use false appraisals to sell homes. Identity theft can lead to home equity credit lines being opened and drained.

Be wary when buying a home. Whenever faced with a deal that sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you suspect that you are dealing with a scam, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Protect yourself against jury-duty scammers

Courtesy of the FBI

Imagine this scenario. The phone rings, you pick it up and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller says he will need some information for verification purposes such as your birth date, Social Security Number, maybe

even a credit card number.

This is when you should hang up the phone. It is a scam, according to the FBI.

Communities in more than a dozen states have issued public warnings about calls from people claiming to be court officials seeking personal information. The FBI reports that as a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard.

“They get you scared first,” says a special agent in the Minneapolis field office who has heard the complaints. “They get people saying, ‘Oh my gosh! I’m not a criminal. What’s going on?’”

That is when the scammer dangles a solution: a fine, payable by credit card, that will clear up the problem.

With enough information, scammers can assume an identity and empty a bank account.

The FBI advises people to protect themselves by never giving out personal information during an unsolicited phone call. People can learn more about new and common scams by subscribing to the FBI's e-mail alerts. Visit the FBI Web site at <http://www.fbi.gov/homepage.htm> and click on “E-mail Updates.”

Veterans Affairs provides info on burial benefits

By Navy Retired Operations

Often survivors are disappointed when they seek reimbursement of burial expenses for departed veterans. This is because retirees didn't tell their loved ones what to do and how much to expect when they pass away. You may be eligible for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) burial allowance if:

- You paid for a veteran's burial or funeral; AND,
- You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer; AND,
- The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

For a Burial Allowance Service Connected, the VA will pay a burial allowance up to \$2,000 if the veteran's death is service-connected. In such cases, the person



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Peter D. Lawlor
Storekeeper 1st Class Jarriel Gardner, assigned to the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), pauses from planting American and Philippine flags on graves of U.S. World War II service men and women at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

who bore the veteran's burial expenses may claim reimbursement from VA. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected death cases.

For a Burial Allowance Non Service Connected, the VA will pay a \$300 burial and funeral allowance for veterans who, at time of death, were

entitled to receive pension or compensation or would have been entitled if they weren't receiving military retirement pay. In non service-connected death cases, claims must be filed within two years after burial or cremation.

The VA will pay a \$300 plot allowance when a veteran is buried in a cemetery not under U.S. government

jurisdiction if the veteran was discharged from active duty because of disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, the veteran was receiving compensation or pension or would have been if the veteran was not receiving military retired pay, or the veteran died in a VA facility.

The VA will provide headstones or markers to memorialize veterans or mark the graves of veterans buried in national, state, or private cemeteries as well as those whose remains have not been recovered or identified.

The VA will provide an American flag, upon request, for covering the casket; and a memorial certificate, bearing the President's signature, expressing our Nation's grateful recognition of the deceased veteran's service.

For more information, call 1-800-827-1000 or visit the VA Burial and Memorial Web site at www.cem.va.gov.

Burial at sea available for eligible veterans, family members

Burial at Sea is a service offered to eligible service members, veterans and family members.

Individuals eligible for this program are: active-duty members of the uniformed services; retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged; U.S. civilian-Marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command; and dependent family members of active-duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services.

To apply for a Burial at Sea, the person authorized to direct disposition (PADD) needs to print out and complete a Burial at Sea request form,

available at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/CasualtyAssistance/MortuaryServices/Burial+At+Sea.htm>.

The following documents must be submitted with the form:

- A photocopy of the death certificate
- The burial transit permit or the cremation certificate
- A copy of the DD Form 214, discharge certificate, or retirement order

The disposition of remains involves getting all paperwork together and coordinating for the burial with a port of embarkation. Available ports can be found by calling Mortuary Services at 1-866-787-0081.

Cremated remains (Cremains): Cremains must be in an urn or plastic or metal container. The cremains package should be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested.

Intact Remains (casketed): Specific guidelines are required for the preparation of casketed remains. All expenses are the responsibility of the PADD.

For more information contact the Mortuary Services office at Navy Casualty in Millington, Tenn., at 1-866-787-0081 to receive the preparation requirements.

Shingles vaccine covered by TRICARE, but deductibles may still apply

Courtesy TRICARE

TRICARE covers vaccines as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention. For beneficiaries 60 and older, TRICARE now covers Zostavax, the vaccine designed to prevent shingles. TRICARE officials caution that “covered” doesn’t necessarily mean “free” for TRICARE Standard or TRICARE for Life beneficiaries.

Zostavax is covered under the TRICARE medical benefit and is not reimbursable under the pharmacy benefit. Vaccines are not a part of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit because they can not be self-administered. Beneficiaries must have vaccinations administered in a doctor’s office.

According to TRICARE officials, the physician should supply the Zostavax and include its price on the itemized bill for the office visit and the injection. TRICARE will reimburse a provider for administering the Zostavax vaccine in its office as a part of the TRICARE medical benefit.

Just as with any TRICARE medical

benefit, beneficiaries are responsible for their deductibles and cost shares.

“Covering this vaccine is evidence of TRICARE’s commitment to provide first-rate health care to our beneficiaries,” said Army Major General Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. “We cover all immunizations recommended by the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and formally endorsed and adopted by the CDC.”

Many vaccines are a service that may be covered by Medicare only as part of its prescription drug program (Medicare Part D), while being covered only as a TRICARE medical benefit. TRICARE will reimburse a medical provider for administering the Zostavax vaccine in their office as a part of the TRICARE medical benefit. Vaccines are NOT a part of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit because it cannot be self-administered by the patient. In these cases where it is not a medical benefit under Medicare, the only way to avoid paying the TRICARE deductible and cost shares

is to have both Medicare Part D and TRICARE. TRICARE officials caution beneficiaries that it may not be to their advantage to have Medicare Part D because they already have a robust TRICARE pharmacy benefit.

For more information on shingles and the vaccine, you may visit the CDC Web site, www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-shingles.pdf. For more information on TRICARE’s coverage of the shingles vaccine, visit www.TRICARE.mil/faqs/question.aspx?ID=1741 or your local military treatment facility Immunization Clinic.

¿Habla Español? TRICARE speaks your language

Courtesy TRICARE

TRICARE beneficiaries now have a choice when it comes to how they receive their healthcare information. Spanish language versions of key healthcare information materials are now available at all TRICARE Service Centers (TSC) or can be downloaded at <http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart/SearchResults.aspx?s=spanish>.

TRICARE publications in Spanish include: TRICARE Prime Handbook, TRICARE Prime Remote Handbook, TRICARE Latin America and Canada Handbook, TRICARE Choices for the National Guard & Reserve Flyer, TRICARE Summary of Beneficiary Cost Flyer, TRICARE Overseas Program At a Glance Flyer, and a few other forms and letters. Visit TRICARE Publications Smart Site under the “My Benefit” portal at www.tricare.mil for the complete list of products.

TRICARE ‘backs’ new surgeries

Courtesy TRICARE

TRICARE beneficiaries with pain from fractured vertebrae may rest assured that TRICARE “has your back.” Percutaneous vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty, two minimally invasive back surgeries, are now covered under TRICARE. Either may replace spinal fusion, an invasive surgical procedure, for treatment of fractured vertebrae. The policy change is retroactive to March 1, 2007.

Usually occurring in patients with

osteoporosis, many vertebral fractures heal on their own with bed rest and anti-inflammatory medication in approximately three months. It is only when pain persists beyond three months that surgery is recommended. Percutaneous vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty are outpatient surgeries which can have patients back to relative normality in 24 hours.

Approval must be obtained from a provider for surgery. For more information, check out TRICARE online at www.tricare.mil.

Guide for family members of surviving spouses

Family members of surviving spouses of military retirees may not know where to turn when a death happens. This information is intended to be a general guide and is not all-inclusive.

- Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at 1-800-321-1080 if the surviving spouse was receiving an annuity for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP), Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) or "Forgotten Widows Annuity."

- If the survivor was a civil service retiree or receiving an annuity from the federal government, notify the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at 1-800-767-6738, in the Washington D.C. area you can call (202) 606-0500.

- If the survivor was receiving Dependency and Indemnity

Compensation (DIC) or other compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) please contact that agency at 1-800-827-1000.

- Notify private sector or retirement custodian if the deceased received funds from an employer-sponsored plan.

- Notify financial institutions where the deceased invested, saved or maintained funds.

- Notify insurance companies.

- Contact your nearest Retired Activities Office (RAO) or Retired Services Office (RSO) for assistance. The RAO phone numbers are routinely listed in Shift Colors. Call your nearest military installation for the RSO locations.

- If the deceased was receiving Social Security benefits notify the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, toll-free TTY 1-800-325-0778.

- If the deceased participated in the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contact the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at 1-877-968-3778, TDD 1-877-847-4385.

- If the deceased was a member of a military fraternal group, such as, the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), The Retired Officers Association (TROA), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), The American Legion or DAV, please notify that organization.

If you have any suggestions about how to make this guide better, please contact *Shift Colors* at Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil or call toll free 1-866-827-5672.

Editor's note: Surviving spouses, please take note of the information above, and get with your family members or legal representative about which portion will pertain to you.

Reporting the death of a military retiree or annuitant

Courtesy Defense Finance and Accounting Service

The following was prepared to assist family members in reporting the death of a military retiree or annuitant. The information provided is meant to serve as a general guide.

Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at either (800) 269-5170 or (800) 321-1080. Please have the decedent's Social Security Number and the date of death when you call. Please send one photocopy of the death certificate indicating the cause of death. Send it to:

For Retirees

DFAS U.S. Military Retirement Pay
P.O. Box 7130

London, KY 40742-7130
Fax: (800) 469-6559

For Annuitants

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

DFAS will take steps to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments. If the deceased was a retiree enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), DFAS will initiate pay accounts for eligible survivors.

Designated beneficiaries of retirees should expect a Standard Form 1174 and, if applicable, SBP/RSFPP-related forms in the mail within seven to 10 business days of reporting the

death. If assistance is needed call.

Notify the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.

Notify the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System at (800) 538-9552.

If the member was receiving disability compensation or Dependency Indemnity Compensation, **notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** at (800) 827-1000.

If the member was a civil servant or retired civil servant, **notify the Office of Personnel Management** toll-free at (888) 767-6738.

If the member enrolled in VA-sponsored insurance such as National Service Life Insurance or Servicemembers' Group Life

Insurance, **notify them** at (800) 669-8477.

Military installations may be able to help with administrative matters through their Casualty Assistance Officer or Retired Activities/Affairs Office. Please note that these services are not available at all military installations.

Here are some additional toll-free numbers that may be useful:

- Armed Forces Benefit Association (800) 776-2322
- Burial at Sea 866-787-0081
- Funeral Honors (877) 645-4667
- Military Benefit Association (800) 336-0100
- Officers Benefit Association (800) 736-7311
- Uniformed Service Benefit Association (800) 368-7021.

Retirement Seminars

Check the Shift Colors Web site (<http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Publications/ShiftColors/>) for a full listing of Seminars

California

NAS Lemoore
Sept. 13
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Base Theatre
POC: (559) 998-4042

San Diego
Nov. 1
Rock Academy
2777 Rosecrans St.
San Diego, CA 92106
POC: RAO (916) 526-7412

Connecticut

NAVSUBASE Groton
Oct. 18
9 a.m. – noon
Dealey Center Auditorium
Registration Info: (860) 694-3284
RAO@subaseenlon.navy.mil

Florida

Jacksonville
Oct. 18
9 a.m. – noon
River Cove Catering & Conference Ctr.

POC: Retired Activities Office
(904) 542-2766 ext. 126

Pensacola
Oct. 18
9 a.m. – noon
Naval Air Station Pensacola
Bldg. 633
POC: Retired Activities Office
(850) 452-5990 ext. 3111
Retired.activities.nasp@mchsi.com

Minnesota

Prior Lake
Joint Retiree Appreciation Day
Sept. 27
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mystic Lake Casino
Navy POC: (612) 726-9391
Air Force POC: (800) 231-3517
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Pennsylvania

Willow Grove
Oct. 18
9 a.m. – noon
NAS JRB Willow Grove

Info/Registration: (215) 443-6033 or
(800) 773-1569

Tennessee

Millington
Sept. 13
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
NSA Gym (north side of Navy Road)
NSA Mid-South
POC: Julia Powell (901) 874-5147

Virginia

Hampton Roads
Nov. 8
Rockwell Hall
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek
Info/Registration: russell.hodges1.ctr@navy.mil
(757) 322-9113

Washington

Bangor (Kitsap)
Sept. 5
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bangor Base Theatre
POC: Bob Dahl, (360) 476-5116

Upcoming Retiree Appreciation Days

Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs) are designed with retirees in mind. They're a great source for the latest information. RADs vary from installation to installation, but, in general, they provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances, listen to guest speakers, renew ID Cards, get medical checkups, and various other services. Some RADs include special events such as dinners or golf tournaments. The following is a list of upcoming RADs:

- Orlando, Fla. Aug. 16 (912) 767-5013
- Twin Cities, Minn. Aug. 22 (763) 566-2219
- Camp Ripley, Minn. Aug. 23 (763) 441-2630
- Fort McCoy, Wis. Sept. 5 (608) 388-3716
- Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Sept. 5-6 (256) 876-2022
- Fort Bragg, N.C. Sept. 5-6 (910) 396-5304
- Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Sept. 6 (717) 245-4501

- Fort Drum, N.Y. Sept. 6 (315) 772-6434
- Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Sept. 12-13 (573) 596-0947
- Lemoore NAS, Calif. Sept. 13 (559) 998-4038
- Fort Eustis, Va. Sept. 13 (757) 878-3648
- Fort Sill, Okla. Sept. 18-20 (580) 442-2645
- Fort Dix, N.J. Sept. 20 (609) 562-2666
- Duluth, Minn. Sept. 26 (218) 725-5285
- Fort Hamilton, N.Y. Sept. 27 (718) 630-4552
- Fort Bliss, Texas Sept. 27 (915) 568-5204
- Nellis AFB, Nev. Sept. 27 (702) 652-9978
- Selfridge, Mich. Sept. 27 (586) 307-5580
- Fort Lee, Va. Sept. 27 (804) 734-6973
- Houston Oct. 4 (210) 221-9004
- Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Oct. 4 (808) 655-1585
- Fort Myer, Va. Oct. 10 (703) 696-5948
- Fort Monmouth, N.J. Oct. 11 (732) 532-3734
- Fort Monroe, Va. Oct. 16 (757) 788-2093
- Fort Meade, Md. Oct. 17 (301) 677-9603

- Fort Riley, Kan. Oct. 17 (785) 239-3320
- Benelux Oct. 18 (0032) 65-6238
- Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Oct. 18 (410) 306-2320
- Fort Carson, Colo. Oct. 18 (719) 526-2840
- Fort Hood, Texas Oct. 24-25 (254) 287-5210
- Fort Rucker, Ala. Oct. 24-25 (334) 255-9124
- Fort Polk, La. Oct. 25 (337) 531-0363
- Rock Island, Ill. Oct. 25 (563) 322-4823
- Fort Campbell, Ky. Oct. 25 (270) 798-5280
- Andrews AFB, Md. Oct. 25 (301) 981-2726
- Grafenwoehr, Germany Oct. 25 09641-83-8540
- Fort Knox, Ky. Oct. 31-Nov. 1 (502) 624-1765
- Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Nov. 1 (913) 684-2425
- Fort Benning, Ga. Nov. 7 (706) 545-1805
- Bolling AFB, DC Nov. 8 (202) 767-5244
- Fort Detrick, MD Nov. 13 (301) 619-3381
- Heidelberg, Germany Nov. 15 06221-57-3347
- Fort Sam Houston, Texas Dec. 6 (210) 221-9004

Reunions

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Reunion 2008	Date	Phone #	Web/E-mail/
US Navy Amphibious Force Veterans	Sept. 2-7	(732) 367-6472	apa224vp16@comcast.net
VR-7/8	Sept. 3 & 4	(816) 532-6213	
USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584)	Sept. 3-5	(707) 429-4796	tompops@aol.com
USS AGERHOLM (DD 826)	Sept. 3-6	(770) 493-7648	
USS CURTISS (AV 4)	Sept. 3-6	(952) 891-5954	jckstadt@frontiernet.net
USS RATHBURNE (FF 1057)	Sept. 3-6	(901) 837-6106	fs5124@wildblue.net
USS HECTOR (AR 7)	Sept. 3-6	(605) 439-3245	mcbonnet1930@yahoo.com
USS PICKAWAY (APA 222)	Sept. 3-6	(859) 229-7402	rogerdcunningham@yahoo.com
USS HYADES (AF 28)	Sept. 3-7	(757) 345-3635	
USS TRITON (SSN 586/SS 201)	Sept. 3-7	(706) 999-1637	henry.jackson@plantationcable.net
VP 28 All Hands	Sept. 3-7	(270) 601-4306	www.patron28.org
USS GRAFIAS	Sept. 3-8	(847) 299-0248	john_w_morrow@yahoo.com
USS GURNARD (SS 254 /SSN 662)	Sept. 4 & 5	(608) 269-1464	pag9985@gmail.com
USS BLANDY (DD 943)	Sept. 4-7		mrwork@mindspring.com
USS SELLERS (DDG 11)	Sept. 4-7	(480) 892-8033	hilton.l.roberts@boeing.com
USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB 48)	Sept. 4-7	(231) 584-2280	BB-48@hullnumber.com
USS SHENANDOAH (AD 26)	Sept. 4-8		http://toughtender.tripod.com/AD26/ad26.html
Heavy Attack Squadron VAH-21/TRIM	Sept. 5-7	(951) 926-6047	trippg748@roadrunner.com
Farragut Naval Training Station	Sept. 6	(208) 660-0660 (208) 683-5707	
Navy MATS VRs	Sept. 7-9	(972) 223-0787	webmaster@navymats.org
USS TRATHEN	Sept. 7-9	(615) 773-5741	merrittg@tds.net
USS MERRICK (AKA 97)	Sept. 7-11	(503) 982-7117 (360) 735-7438	dcbonn@wbcable.net hpoletc@yahoo.com
USS MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC/LCC 7)	Sept. 7-11	(763) 425-6315	lateman@comcast.net
USS WALLACE L. LIND (DD 703)	Sept. 7-11	(570) 842-4218	circledrj@aol.com
VP 44, VPB 204, BP 204, VPMS 4	Sept. 7-12	(301) 481-9136	www.vp44goldenpelicans.com
USS PORTERFIELD (DD 682)	Sept. 7-13	(260) 632-4019	twrahamil2000@att.net
MCB 9 Seabees	Sept. 8-11	(702) 897-6613	ichibanseabee@aol.com
USS CABILDO	Sept. 8-12	(417) 581-1325	dbittle@centurytel.net
USS AGAWAM (AOG 6)	Sept. 9-12	(405) 359-1513	dcy@aol.com
USS FORT SNELLING (LSD 30)	Sept. 9-12	(570) 256-7369	
USS ELDORADO (AGC 11)	Sept. 9-12	(413) 525-6222	reappl@aol.com
USS IOWA (BB-61)	Sept. 9-13	(360) 692-6032	kjoggpr@aol.com
Naval Weather Service Assoc.	Sept. 9-13	(703) 524-9067	don.cruse@verizon.net
USS CHARLES LAWRENCE	Sept. 10-13	(301) 620-4045	dbf.doc@verizon.net
US Navy Competitive Shooters	Sept. 10-13	(970) 667-6375	bartbob@aol.com
US Navy Mail Service Vets Assoc.	Sept. 10-14	(812) 446-3726 (812) 605-0433	mafmath@juno.com
USS CORRY (DD/DDR 817)	Sept. 10-14	(330) 544-3301	jimbo817@sbcglobal.net
USS HALSEY POWELL (DD 686)	Sept. 10-14	(435) 752-2026	halsey.powell@comcast.net
USS JOHN LAND (AP 167) WW II	Sept. 10-14	(918) 245-2651	sandites5@yahoo.com
USS PICTOR (AF 54)	Sept. 10-14	(307) 382-2293	
USS WAYNE (APA 54)	Sept. 10-14	(515) 953-0424	ssjmor@msn.com
VP47	Sept. 10-14		seavp47run@sbcglobal.net www.geocities.com/lazymho@sbcglobal.net/2008-VP47-Reunion.html
USS DOUGLAS A MUNRO (DE 422)	Sept. 11 & 12	(336) 674-7385	DE-422@hullnumber.com
USS ATLANTA CL-52/CL-104/IX-304/SSN 712	Sept. 11-13	(702) 474-4670 (440) 729-9331	Prairie1932@aol.com
USS CAPTERTON (DD 650)	Sept. 11-13	(207) 646-2684	janeil59@maine.rr.com
USS CAPE ESPERANCE (CVE 88) WW II and Korea	Sept. 11-13	(631) 284-3506	
USS CANOPUS (AS 34/AS 9)	Sept. 11-14	(503) 689-1712	AS-34@hullnumber.com www.usscanopus.org

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USS COTTON	Sept. 11-14	(404) 373-0120 (501) 794-1218	ramunlim@yahoo.com gshollmire@sbcglobal.net
USS DALLAS (SSN 700)	Sept. 11-14	(860) 514-7064	ussdallasreunion@comcast.net
USS ROBINSON (DD 562)	Sept. 11-14	(409) 935-2253	ajbowne@comcast.net
USS ROBISON (DDG 12)	Sept. 11-14	(715) 787-4559	ddg12assn@frontiernet.net
USS RUPERTUS (DD 851)	Sept. 11-14	(989) 686-5967	rupertusdd851@aol.com
USS THOMASTON (LSD 28)	Sept. 11-14	(319) 396-5065	mmcret81@mchsi.com
USS WEISS (APD 135)	Sept. 11-14	(513) 460-6780	eva5hom@aol.com
USS TAKELMA (ATF 113)	Sept. 11-15	(479) 438-0262	rray45@msn.com
USS GAINARD (DD 706)	Sept. 14-17	(270) 586-6619	3266ftcm@apex.net
USS ABSD 1	Sept. 14-18	(801) 374-6126	raycox2796@comcast.net
USS CASCADE (AD 16)	Sept. 14-22	(302) 945-2719 (314) 843-6615	
USS COOLBAUGH (DE 217)	Sept. 15-18	(330) 533-5753	captmilt53@aol.com
USS MIDDLESEX COUNTY (LST 983)	Sept. 15-18		countryry@verizon.net
USS TALLADEGA (APA 208)	Sept. 15-19	(760) 747-0796	sljosdal@cox.net
USS RANDOLPH (CV/CVA/CVS 15) 1944-1970	Sept. 15-21	(321) 454-2344	
USS FLOYD B PARKS (DD 884)	Sept. 15-22	(530) 283-2165	
USS BAINBRIDGE (DD 246)	Sept. 16-18	(724) 588-7355	emlore388@hotmail.com
USS JONAS INGRAM (DD 938)	Sept. 16-19	(973) 627-7491	pete.ventola@att.net
USS GRAND CANYON (AD/AR 28)	Sept. 16-20	(317) 881-8866	robert.t.dunn@att.net
USS HAMUL (AK 30/AD 20)	Sept. 16-20	(763) 537-7592	garryagrimes@comcast.net www.usshamul.com
USS BRUSH (DD 745)	Sept. 17-20	(508) 935-8929	j.larney@comcast.net
USS FRYBARGER (DE/DEC 705)	Sept. 17-20	(937) 773-5373	
USS ANTIETAM (CV/CVA/CVS 36 & CG 54)	Sept. 17-21	(703) 768-6419	william.hiebert@att.net
USS BELLEAU WOOD (CVL 24)	Sept. 17-21	(413) 637-3515	phildkcom@verizon.net
USS HOLLISTER (DD 788)	Sept. 17-21	(503) 656-4949	hnrupp@comcast.net
USS HONOLULU (CL 48/SSN 718)	Sept. 17-21	(602) 266-4513	jks1234@yahoo.com
USS INTREPID Assoc. Air Show Blue Angels 50th Anniversary	Sept. 17-21	(864) 998-4764	intrepid_tom@meta-net.net
USS MONTEREY (CVL 26)	Sept. 17-21	(727) 848-5409	rdfread@verizon.net
USS NASSAU (CVE 16)	Sept. 17-21	(585) 567-8839	
USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33)	Sept. 17-21	(757) 588-2023	usn3030@cox.net
USS ST FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR 525)	Sept. 17-21	(304) 278-5722	pedlar1470@juno.com
USS WILHOITE (DE/DER 397)	Sept. 17-21	(405) 354-9204 (479) 968-8192	cporettn@cox.net canerday@suddenlink.net
American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen	Sept. 17-21	(315) 699-5274	AAoNHC@yahoo.com www.AAoNHC.org
Destroyer Leaders Association	Sept. 17-21	(513) 542-9488	raymondsr@fuse.net
USS SALISBURY SOUND (AV 13)	Sept. 17-21	(505) 293-3841	brubru@comcast.net
USS MITSCHER (DL 2/DDG 35)	Sept. 18-19	(410) 768-0751	
USS BLUE (DD 744)	Sept. 18-20		linannking@sbcglobal.net
USS MATTAPONI (AO 41)	Sept. 18-20	(325) 248-0261	hfkbn@netscape.com
Navy Classifiers (2612/14/16/18)	Sept. 18-20	(386) 672-6217	cfreeman13@cfl.rr.com
Naval Base Guantanamo Bay	Sept. 18-21	(419) 882-1723	
USS BEXAR (APA 237)	Sept. 18-21	(360) 373-1093	ussbexar@comcast.net
USS GRIGGS (APA 110), USS GRUNDY (APA 111)	Sept. 18-21	(336) 357-6476	ctforshee@lexcominc.net
USS GUITARRO (SSN 665)	Sept. 18-21	(210) 496-1134 (360) 456-4078	gmartin2@satx.rr.com lynjac@worldnet.att.net
USS HALIBUT (SSGN/SSN 587)	Sept. 18-21	(804) 966-9736	java@hotmail.com http://users.rcn.com/marelk/index.html
USS HUNTINGTON (CL 107)	Sept. 18-21	(512) 926-7008	evolcik@aol.com
USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16)	Sept. 18-21	(520) 586-0256	mflood@powerc.net
USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CV/CVA/CVS 39)	Sept. 18-21	(607) 532-4735	gcarroll@rochester.rr.com
USS NEW MEXICO (BB 40)	Sept. 18-21	(636) 949-9413	
USS OGLETHORPE (AKA 100)	Sept. 18-21	(908) 475-4435	misty639@embarqmail.com
USS PASSUMPSIC (AO 107)	Sept. 18-21		www.geocities.com/bobbrockman

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USS PLYMOUTH ROCK	Sept. 18-21	(870) 236-3725 (870) 566-2619	tazrhondave@yahoo.com rmathis98@yahoo.com
USS TOWERS (DDG 9)	Sept. 18-21	(415) 566-7285	usstowersddg9@pacbell.net
VQ 1, 2, 5 and 6 & Support Groups (all eras)	Sept. 18-21	(805) 482-1204	pierreputt@earthlink.net
USS STODDARD (DD 566)	Sept. 18-20 (Optional Sept. 21 & 22)	(425) 483-9106	capt01john@aol.com www.usstoddard.org
USS WINDHAM BAY (CVE 92)	Sept. 18-22	(210) 495-4845	windhambay@aol.com
USS INTREPID Assoc. Ohio-Michigan	Sept. 19-21		pintobob169@yahoo.com
USS LINDENWALD (LSD 6)	Sept. 19-21		bbreitzig@adelphia.net
USS GREENLING (SS 213/214)	Sept. 19-23	(512) 352-7034	jstone40@austin.rr.com
VP 92, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915	Sept. 20	(781) 585-4950	haniganwilliam@aol.com
USS DIXIE (AD 14)	Sept. 20-24	(615) 513-2440	AD-14@hullnumber.com
USS BADOENG STRAIT (CVE 116)	Sept. 21-24	(210) 658-3447	hctrotter@yahoo.com
USS CAPE COD (AD 43)	Sept. 21-24	(302) 841-9280	jcs@intercom.net
USS WEST POINT (AP 23)	Sept. 21-25	(928) 342-6394	boondock2@aol.com
USS SABINE (AO 25)	Sept. 22-24	(513) 731-5463	johnnyjclancy@yahoo.com
NMCB-4 Seabees	Sept. 22-25	(402) 466-1378 (785) 484-2566	kjaeg@aol.com stiles_betty@yahoo.com
USS FULTON (AS 11)	Sept. 22-26	(401) 846-6536	rhnhks@verizon.net ussfulton.org
USS COBLER (SS 344)	Sept. 23-25		SE-344@hullnumber.com
USS ELOKOMIN (AO 55)	Sept. 23-26	(617) 288-3755	theeloman@verizon.net
USS RUSHMORE (LSD 14)	Sept. 23-27		LSD-14@hullnumber.com
USS CASA GRANDE (LSD 13)	Sept. 23-28	(860) 868-0408	benjunelines@aol.com
Patrol Squadron 45 (VP 45)	Sept. 24-28	(817) 244-2703	s.riddle@ieee.org www.vp45association.org
USS FLETCHER (DD/DDE 445, DD 992)	Sept. 24-27	(419) 628-2974	jnorb@fletcher.org
USS FRANK KNOX (DDR 742) 1944-1971	Sept. 24-27	(727) 724-1279	orv.nancy@verizon.net
USS REMEY (DD 688)	Sept. 24-27	(631) 475-8239	
USS SPERRY (AS 12)	Sept. 24-27	(727) 525-1181	http://ussperryas12.org/Reunioninfo.html
USS GALVESTON (CLG 3)	Sept. 24-28	(866) 398-2655	galveston@comcast.net
USS KRETCHMER (DE 329/DER 329)	Sept. 24-28	(773) 736-0955	
USS MENIFEE (APA 202)	Sept. 24-28	(812) 378-5939	choefflin@comcast.net
USS TALUGA (AO 62)	Sept. 24-28	(757) 852-2133	michaeljwalsh3@cox.net
USS WILTSIE (DD 716)	Sept. 24-28	(360) 357-6135	dd716ted@comcast.net
VB/VPB 109 Bombing Squadron Reunion	Sept. 25-27	(814) 866-6683	
USS HASSAYAMPA (AO/TAO 145)	Sept. 25-27	(405) 590-3717	barronnp@aol.com
MCB 11 Seabees (all eras)	Sept. 25-28	(325) 655-0788	seabeeof@aol.com
USS ERNEST G SMALL (DD/DDR 838)	Sept. 25-28	(909) 465-1460	ronpalinkas@aol.com
USS FAIRVIEW (E-PCE(R) 850)	Sept. 25-28	(800) 377-6834	fjones@maine.rr.com
USS GEORGE CLYMER (APA 27)	Sept. 25-28	(850) 251-4402	homer@homertedder.com
USS MAHAN (DD 364/DLG 11/DDG 42/72)	Sept. 25-28	(817) 915-2418	jrs5546@yahoo.com
USS PERKINS (DD 26/DD 377/DDR 877)	Sept. 25-28	(580) 564-4319	djohnson8108@sbcglobal.net
USS VAN VOORHIS (DE 1028), USS COURTNEY (DE 1021), USS CROMWELL (DE 1014), USS DEALEY (DE 1006), USS HARTLEY (DE 1029), USS JOHN WILLIS (DE 1027), USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE 1030), USS LESTER (DE 1022)	Sept. 25-28	(508) 248-5072	marc-a@charter.net
USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) 50th Anniversary of 1957&58 Arctic Explorations	Sept. 25-28	(860) 460-4265	panopo@gmail.com http://users.gotsky.com/rcave
Trinidad Reunion Assoc. inc. Fasron 105, VPB 208, VPMS 8, VP 48, VP 34 & USMC Det.	Sept. 25-28	(870) 496-2285	barrett@ozarkisp.net
USS VESOLE (DD/DDR 878) 1945-1976	Sept. 25-29	(845) 896-2074	www.ussvesole.org
NMCB 13 "Black Cat Battalion"	Sept. 26-28	(631) 981-2936 (631) 399-6199	
USS FLETCHER (DD/DDE 445/DD 992)	Sept. 26-28	(419) 628-2974	
Navy Reserve Center, Altoona 1947-1994	Sept. 27	(814) 943-1385	
USS PRAIRIE AD 15	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	(315) 676-3280	mpelton613@alltel.net
VS 931, VS 20, USS SICILY (CVE 118)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	(610) 277-4374	bobwagner@msn.com

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USS CARTER HALL (LSD 3)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	(281) 292-6210	waynemulkey@sbcglobal.net
USS SPANGLER (DE 696)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	(805) 642-2689	
USS CHICKASAW (ATF-83)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 3	(704) 243-2303	rdgibson@prodigy.net
USS WASP (CV/CVA/CVS 18)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 3	(716) 649-9053	
USS JUPITER (AK 43/AVS 8)	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4	(209) 823-0978	lchall39@comcast.net
USS CLINTON (APA 144)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	(409) 739-1341	deape@aol.com
USS DUXBURY BAY (AVP 38)	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2	(781) 878-5593	navwill@verizon.net
USS MEREDITH (DD 434, 726, 890)	Sept. 30 - Oct. 5	(973) 839-0332	hlwcaw@aol.com
USS YANCEY (AKA 93)	October	(708) 425-8531	clifs@ameritech.net
VA-176 Thunderbolts	Oct. 1-4		jsutton123@verizon.net
USS COLUMBUS (CA 74/CG 12/SSN 762)	Oct. 1-4	(260) 486-2221	hope4391@comcast.net
USS JOHN RODGERS (DD 574)	Oct. 1-4	(815) 883-8443	
USS MOUNT KAMAI (AE 16)	Oct. 1-4	(510) 352-1257	mbganitch@earthlink.net
USS TUSK (SS 426)	Oct. 1-4	(860) 536-6586	SS-426@hullnumber.com
PBY Catalina Assoc.	Oct. 1-5	(631) 298-2685 (504) 392-1227	pbydon@optonline.net glotomcat@msn.com
USS CALVERT (APA 32)	Oct. 1-5	(507) 789-6344	
USS CONSOLATION (AH 15)	Oct. 1-5	(301) 774-6746	ljohn43492@aol.com
USS GRENADIER (SS 210/SS 525)	Oct. 1-5	(410) 639-7619	beachcomberbrowns@verizon.net
USS LEYTE (CV 32)	Oct. 1-5	(732) 727-5993	leyte1956@aol.com
USS PIEDMONT (AD 17)	Oct. 1-5	(785) 272-2604 (201) 339-5155	bmk1930@sbcglobal.net
All Navy Net Tender/Layer Reunion	Oct. 2-4	(208) 362-2659	epinson@spro.net
USS ABBOT (DD 629)	Oct. 2-4	(508) 771-4161	thekar@msn.com
USS GRANT COUNTY (LST 1174)	Oct. 2-4	(989) 202-2257	goblue@hotmail.com
USS THEODORE E. CHANDLER (DD 717)	Oct. 2-4	(575) 748-3909	plumber@pvt.net
USS GREENWICH BAY (AVP 41)	Oct. 2-5	(910) 582-3791	avp-41@comcast.net
All S2 Pilots	Oct. 2-5	(530) 582-9505	rafs_stoof@sbcglobal.net www.r-a-f-s.org
USS SARATOGA (CV 3, CVA/CA 60)	Oct. 2-5	(877) 360-7272	
USS ENOREE (AO/TAO 69)	Oct. 2-6	(714) 534-3025	
USS ROCHESTER (CA 124)	Oct. 2-6	(703) 683-8885	willis885@verizon.net
USS TACONIC (AGC 17)	Oct. 2-6	(727) 869-1977	ctmyer@webtv.net
USS WALDRON (DD 699)	Oct. 2-6	(512) 282-4507	hughronwells@yahoo.com www.usswaldron.org
USS CONSTANT (MSO 427)	Oct. 3-5	(615) 643-0085	libgarsutr@cs.com
USS PROMETHEUS (AR 3), USS VESTAL (AR 4)	Oct. 3-6	(641) 792-5619	pvpnavyreunion@gmail.com
USS PUGET SOUND (AD 38)	Oct. 3-6	(901) 853-1450	rebels45@yahoo.com
USS TELFAIR (APA 210)	Oct. 3-7	(765) 643-1060 (765) 640-3885	flfox1@juno.com usstelfair.org
USS WILLIAMSBURG (AGC 369)	Oct. 3-7	(617) 323-3459 (713) 436-1935	rdlaham@verizon.net
VR 771, VR 772, VR 773, VR 774	Oct. 4	(909) 985-3624	pscandlyn@mac.com
USS TOLOVANA (AO 64)	Oct. 5-7	(828) 926-2217	mtlaurainman@bellsouth.net
VP 61 / VJ 61	Oct. 5-9	(505) 858-3078	egdarrow@myway.com
USS CABOT (CVL 28)	Oct. 5-9	(484) 494 5533 (610) 495-0139	msaraceni729@comcast.net sharok100@aol.com
USS TOM GREEN COUNTY (LST 1159)	Oct. 5-9	(702) 897-6932	shopmar@aol.com
USS WITEK (EDD/DD 848)	Oct. 5-9	(570) 427-4652	countryry@verizon.net
USS NAVARRO (APA 215)	Oct. 6-10	(573) 636-2587	bbrbison@hotmail.com
VC-35/VA(AW)-35	Oct. 7-11	(972) 772-4323	steveb_2@sbcglobal.net
USS MILLER (DD 535)	Oct. 7-11	(610) 929-8343	
USS CANBERRA (CA 70/CAG 2)	Oct. 8-12 Cutoff date Sept. 2	(740) 423-8976	crewservices@usscanberra.com
USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659)	Oct. 8-12	(781) 507-0106	www.usswillrogers.org
USS COGSWELL (DD 651)	Oct. 9-11	(760) 889-2216	uss-cogswell@cox.net
USS DAVIDSON (DE/FF 1045)	Oct. 9-11	(641) 792-3930	colking@pcpartner.net
USS BRYCE CANYON (AD 36)	Oct. 9-12	(619) 562-5690	thenezz@cox.net

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USS HOLDER (DD/DDE 819/DE 401)	Oct. 9-12	(831) 458-9062	ussholder_dde819@hotmail.com www.ussholder.com
USS INTREPID Assoc. Midwest	Oct. 9-12	(219) 762-8714	w5147956@yahoo.com
USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32)	Oct. 9-12	(715) 787-4559	lsd32@frontiernet.net
USS PROTEUS (AS 19)	Oct. 9-12	(619) 237-1314	
NMCB-1 Seabees	Oct. 10-12	(781) 837-0393	SeabeeMCB1@msn.com
USS CURRENT (ARS 22)	Oct. 10-12	(317) 996-2759 (317) 908-6886	brickletter@ccrtc.com
VAL 4 Black Ponies	Oct. 10-12	(757) 481-7919	sscheuman@peoplepc.com
USS RAINIER (AE 5)	Oct. 12-14	(620) 365-2535	
USS WILLIAM C. LAWE (DD 763)	Oct. 12-14	(919) 553-3844	KCOONSSR729@aol.com
USS HUSE (DE 145)	Oct. 12-15	(561) 368-7167	dbp14@hotmail.com
USS FRANCIS MARION	Oct. 12-16	(781) 665-9222	bob@ussfrancismarion.com
USS HULL (DD 350/DD 945)	Oct. 14-16	(818) 701-0882	2008reunion@usshullassociation.org
USS JOHN R PIERCE (DD 753)	Oct. 14-16	(337) 537-7533	www.ussjohnrpiercedd753.com Cthomp9785@hughes.net
USS BACHE (DD/DDE 470)	Oct. 14-18	(765) 647-0870	
USS JOUETT (DLG/CG 29)	Oct. 14-19	(401) 683-4509	www.ussjouett.com
National CPO Assoc.	Oct. 15-18	(703) 283-6960	ncpoa@goatlocker.org
USS MIDDLESEX COUNTY (LST 983)	Oct. 15-18	(570) 427-4652	countryy@verizon.net
USS THOMAS JEFFERSON Veterans Assoc.	Oct. 15-18	(860) 334-6457	hogan343@aol.com
USS WINSTON (AKA/LKA 94)	Oct. 15-18	(225) 752-1508	jymyoyoj@cox.net
USS JOHN R CRAIG (DD 885)	Oct. 15-19	(734) 525-1469	jemail@ameritech.net www.ussjohnrcraig.com
USS INDEPENDENCE (CV/CVA 62)	Oct. 15-19	(850) 936-4668 (609) 585-1452	plittle4668@bellsouth.net atlantismarketing@msn.com www.ussindependencenv-62.org
USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2/LHD 7), USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11), USS OKINAWA (LPH 3), USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10)	Oct. 15-19	(866) 237-3137	yujack@megalink.net
USS MCGOWAN (DD 678)	Oct. 15-19	(434) 753-9304	DD-678@hullnumber.com
USS RATON (SS/SSR/AGSS 270)	Oct. 15-19	(360) 697-2842	ratonagss270@hotmail.com
USS INTREPID Assoc. West Coast	Oct. 15-20	(925) 462-6877	gmohler123@comcast.net oldsalt2@comcast.net
VP 24 BATMEN	Oct. 16-19	(901) 794-1642	jwitmer59@comcast.net
USS HANSON (DD/DDR 832)	Oct. 16-19	(573) 785-0991	jdether@boycomonline.com
USS DAVIS (DD 937)	Oct. 16-19	(860) 747-8761	ptlii37@aol.com
USS DELONG (DE 684)	Oct. 16-19	(812) 257-1907	rdbpjb@avenuebroadband.com
USS MORRIS (DE 1036)	Oct. 16-19	(972) 219-9674	julorgal@tx.rr.com
USS NEVADA (BB 36/SSBN 733)	Oct. 16-19	(858) 676-3963	
USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD/DDR 715)	Oct. 16-19	(412) 461-6010	jkwalters@yahoo.com
USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD/DDR 830)	Oct. 16-20	(703) 978-6558	pbarnett1@cox.net
USS FOOTE (DD 511)	Oct. 16-20	(770) 517-3382	ussfootedd511@yahoo.com
USS TAYLOR (DD/DDE 468)	Oct. 16-20	(703) 257-5474	pozipf@earthlink.net
VP Officers Reunion	Oct. 17-19	(408) 732-4307	tom.spink@att.net
USS HENRY B WILSON (DDG 7)	Oct. 18-25	(520) 841-3272	pemarks@hughes.net
USS GYATT (DD 712/DDG 1)	Oct. 19-22	(843) 553-2451	www.ussgyatt.org
USS BEGOR (APD 127)	Oct. 21-25	(504) 528-3009	www.ussbegor.org
Marine Air Groups WWII-Present	Oct. 22-25	(417) 535-4945 (636) 327-5854	james.m.jordan@hughes.net mbobsue13@aol.com
Navy Lithographers Association	Oct. 22-25	(303) 795-5350	jiffy@rmi.net
USS GHERARDI (DD 637/DMS 30)	Oct. 22-25	(217) 662-8563	dms30secretary@sbcglobal.net
SST Boat/SQD 12 Staff	Oct. 22-26	(503) 762-2706	jolodel@msn.com
USS ST. LO (CVE 63)	Oct. 22-26	(360) 456-8015	southmg@comcast.net
VF-14 (1951-57 era)	Oct. 22-26	(904) 737-6346	edfeeks@bellsouth.net
USS MISPELLION (AO 105)	Oct. 23-25	(217) 438-3529	stevedsr@verizon.net www.ussmispillion.com
USS SOLACE (AH 5) WWII	Oct. 23-25	(407) 869-1731	
USS WALTON (DE 361)	Oct. 23-25	(573) 291-1922	

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USS ATAKAPA (ATF 149)	Oct. 23-26	(410) 867-1972	
USS BLACK (DD 666)	Oct. 23-26	(314) 259-7848	gerald.johnson@ngc.com
USS DOUGLAS H. FOX (DD 779)	Oct. 23-26	(212) 850-1501	jsczyrek@seligmandata.com
USS LYMAN K SWENSEN (DD 729)	Oct. 23-26	(352) 536-9016	bmaguire3@cfl.rr.com www.dd729.com
USS NEWMAN K PERRY (DD/DDR 883)	Oct. 23-26	(563) 355-3638	v_vance_nkperry@yahoo.com
VAP 61/VAP 62	Oct. 23-26	(757) 721-3077	templej2@cox.net
USS GILLESPIE (DD 609), USS HOBBY (DD 610), USS KALK (DD 611), USS WELLES (DD 628)	Oct. 24-27	(410) 235-4471	captjack228@gmail.com
USS PORTER (DD356)	Oct. 24-27	(425) 822-0168	
USS CONSTELLATION (CVA/CV 64)	Oct. 26-31	(210) 590-9190	jackkilcrease@yahoo.com
USS BELKNAP (DLG/CG 26)	Oct. 29 - Nov. 2	(281) 988-7036	ctaylor77083@yahoo.com
USS DIODON	Oct. 30 - Nov. 1	(918) 786-8851	jayss349@grandsavingsbank.com
USS RANKIN (AKA/LKA 103)	Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	(412) 367-1376	ussrankin@aol.com
USS RUDYERD BAY (CVE 81) and VC 77 and VC 96 personnel	Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	(480) 969-7835	ussrudyerdbay@yahoo.com
Submarine NR 1	November		nr1reunion@nr1.navy.mil
Patrol Squadron (VP) 93	Nov. 1-2	(734) 658-7701	g5av8or@aol.com
USS SHIELDS (DD 596)	Nov. 2-5	(205) 425-9197	jimandevelyn@aol.com
USS DUNCAN (DDR 874)	Nov. 5-8	(866) 874-7447	www.militaryreunionplanners.com/Duncan www.ussduncan.org
USS SAN JOSE (AFS 7)	Nov. 5-9	(785) 550-1523	joeostronic@sbcglobal.net
Old Antarctic Explorers Assoc.	Nov. 5-7	(850) 492-1666	lcliptak@cox.net
USS TRUXTUN (DLGN/CGN 35)	Nov. 6-8	(434) 946-5563	knightsmarefarm@aol.com
USS CAMP (DE 251)	Nov. 6-9	(870) 385-7218	DE-251@hullnumber.com
USS MISSISSIPPI (EAG 128)	Nov. 6-9	(910) 256-6173	eag128reunion@yahoo.com
USS SABLEFISH (SS 303)	Nov. 7-8	(860) 442-3790	cwilkyjr@aol.com
USS PURSUIT (AM 108/AGS 17)	Nov. 9-12	(951) 682-1743	jcsgunner@aol.com www.usspursuitreunion.org
USS SAVANNAH (AOR 4)	Nov. 9-12	(812) 886-4252	aor4dale08@charter.net
USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CL 91/CLG 5/CG 5/SSN 723)	Nov. 9-14	(800) 998-1228 (480) 998-1112	brian@cruiseholidaysaz.com
AMCM Association (HM-12, HM-14, HM-15, HM-16, HM-18, HM-19, MCM Unit ALPHA, MCM Unit BRAVO, and HC-4)	Nov. 23-26	(757) 226-9594	webhome@amcm.org
USS NOXUBEE (AOG 56)	Dec. 5-8	(707) 460-3085	dicbarber@aol.com www.ussnoxubee.org
USS RUTLAND (APA 192)	Dec. 6-13	(360) 681-7486	fduncan1927@msn.com
USS SALEM (CA 139)	Dec. 8-11	(352) 326-5377	bedaniels53@aol.com

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available resources. A recent DON survey indicates over 60 percent of retirees are willing to volunteer to support military missions. The council believes the scope of retiree support to operational commanders could be expanded.

The SECNAV RC Web site

The Secretary of the Navy should continue to support the council Web site.

The site was created and successfully launched in March 2004 on the Lifelines Web site. However, in July 2007, the contract for webmaster and technical support of the Lifelines

Web site was moved from Washington Navy Yard to Pensacola, Fla. The new contract apparently did not include technical support for the council Web site. Continued support of the Web site (updating information and links, modifications of the Web pages, etc.) require technical support and expertise not currently available in the SECNAV RC support office.

Additional Comments to the Secretary of the Navy:

Outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) support to military retirees - The council appreciates the secretary for his efforts in support of

raising the postal rates for retirees. The OCONUS Retiree Survey documented that this is a source of dissatisfaction for Navy and Marine Corps retirees residing overseas.

Space available (Space A) travel for surviving spouses and minor children of deceased military retirees - Only a small number of retirees use this benefit and it would be unlikely that the flood gates would open if surviving spouses used it as well. The recommendation was Space A be opened up for surviving spouses and minor children of deceased retirees. The effects on air missions, if any, would be negligible.

Retired Activities Office Phone Listing

Arizona

Phoenix, AZ (N&MCRESREDCEN)
(602) 353-3033
0830-1500(Mon-Fri)
Tucson, AZ (N&MCRESCEEN)
(520) 228-6277/89
0930-1500(Tue-Fri)

California

China Lake, CA (NAVAIRWPASTA)
(760) 939-0978
0900-1100 1300-1500(Mon-Fri)
Lemoore, CA (NAS)
(559) 998-4042
0800-1630 (Mon-Fri)
Monterey, CA (NAVSUPPACT)
(831) 656-3060
0800-1500(Wed)
Point Mugu, CA
(805) 982-1023
0800-1600 (Mon-Fri)
San Diego, CA (CORONADO - NAS)
(619) 437-2780
0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)
San Diego, CA (NAVSTA)
(619) 556-8987
0800-1600 (Mon-Fri)
Seal Beach, CA (NWS)
(562) 626-7152
0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)
Sunnyvale, CA (Onizuka Air
Station-formerly Moffett Field)
(650) 603-8047
0930-1530 (Mon-Fri)

Connecticut

Groton, CT (SUBASE)
(860) 694-3284
0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Delaware

Wilmington, DE (N&MCRESCEEN)
(302) 998-5194
0800-1630(Mon-Fri)

Florida

Jacksonville, FL (NAS)
(904) 542-2766 Ext 126
0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)
Mayport, FL (NAVSTA)
(904) 270-6600 Ext 122
0730-1600 (Mon-Fri)
Milton, FL (NAS WHITING FIELD)
(850) 623-7177
1000-1300(Wed/Thu)
Orlando, FL (DFAS BLDG)
(407) 646-4204/4262
1000-1400 (Mon-Fri)
Pensacola, FL (NAS)
(850) 452-5990 Ext 3111
0900-1300 (Mon-Thu)

Georgia

Atlanta, GA (NAS)
(678) 655-6699
1000-1200 (Tue/Thurs)
Kings Bay, GA (SUBASE)
(912) 573-4512
0730-1630 (Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri)
0900-1630 (Thurs)

Hawaii

Pearl Harbor, HI (NAVSTA)
(808) 474-1999 Ext 6317
0800-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Illinois

Great Lakes, IL (NTC)
(847) 688-3603 Ext 118
0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Louisiana

New Orleans, LA (NAVSUPPACT)
(504) 678-2134
0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)

Massachusetts

Quincy, MA (NAVOPSUPPCTR)
(617) 753-4636/26
1200-1600 (Wed/Fri)

Maryland

Annapolis, MD (USNA)
(410) 293-2641
0900-1200 (Wed)
Bethesda, MD (NNMC)
(301) 295-4120
0930-1530 (Mon-Fri)

Maine

Brunswick, ME (NAS)
(207) 921-2609
0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)

Michigan

Mt. Clemens, MI (SEL ANGB)
(586) 307-5580
0900-1500 (Tue-Fri)

Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN (NAVAIRRESCEN)
(612) 727-2854
1000-1430 (Tue/Thu)

Missouri

St. Louis, MO (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(314) 263-6443
0930-1330 (Tue/Thurs)
1130-1330 Friday

Mississippi

Gulfport, MS (NCBC)
(228) 871-3000 Ext 35
0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)

New Hampshire

Portsmouth, NH
(207) 438-1868
1000-1400 (Tue-Thu)

New Jersey

Lakehurst, NJ (NAVAIRENGSTA)
(732) 323-5099
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Nevada

Fallon, NV (NAS)
(775) 426-3333
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New York

Amityville, NY (AFRESTRGCEN)
(631) 842-6620
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0930-1200 (Wed)
0930-1400 (Fri)

Oregon

Eugene, OR (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(541) 686-9266
1000-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Pennsylvania

Willow Grove, PA (NAS JRB)
(215) 443-6033
1-800-773-1569
1000-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Rhode Island

Newport, RI (NAVSTAMPT)
(401) 841-4089
0900-1200 (Mon-Fri)

S. Carolina

Charleston, SC (NAV/WPNSTA)
(843) 764-7480
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Greenville, SC (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(864) 277-9775 opt 4
1-866-524-6585 Opt 4
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Tennessee

Millington, TN (NAVSUPPACT)
(901) 874-5147
1000-1400 (Tues-Thurs)

Texas

Corpus Christi, TX (NAS)
(361) 961-3113/2372/3722
0800-1230 (Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri)
1300-1500 (Wed)
Ft. Worth, TX (NAS JRB)
(817) 782-5287
0800-1600 (Mon-Fri)
Houston, TX (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(713) 795-4109/4068
0900-1200 (Tue-Fri)
Kingsville, TX (NAS)
(361) 516-6105/6333
1300-1500 (Mon/Wed/Fri)
San Antonio, TX (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(210) 225-2997 Ext 119
1000-1400 (Mon-Fri)

Virginia

Dahlgren, VA (NSWC)
(540) 653-1839/3291
1-800-500-4947
0800-1530 (Mon-Fri)
Hampton Roads Regional Office
Norfolk, VA (NAVSTA)
(757) 322-9105
1-800-372-5463
1000-1400 (Mon-Fri)
Little Creek, VA (NAB)
(757) 462-8663
1000-1400 (Mon-Fri)
Norfolk, VA (NAVSTA)
(757) 322-9113
1-800-372-5463
1000-1400 (Mon-Fri)

Washington

Bremerton, WA (NavSta Bremerton)
(360) 476-5116
1-866-572-4341
0900-1330 (Mon-Fri)
Everett, WA (NAVSTA)
(425) 304-3775
1-888-463-6697 opt5 then opt
2 ask for RAO
1000-1300 (Mon-Fri)
Whidbey Island, WA (NAS)
(360) 257-8054/55
0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)

Wisconsin

Milwaukee, WI (NAVOPSUPPCEN)
(414) 744-9766
0900-1500(Mon-Fri)

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Guam

NAVACTS
(671)339-7635/333-2056/7/8

Italy

La Maddalena, IT (NAVSUPPACT)
011-390-789-73-6161
DSN: (314) 623-8205
24HRS (Mon-Sun)
Naples, IT (NAVSUPPACT)
011-39-081-811-6550
DSN: (314) 629-6550
1000-1400 (Mon/Thurs/Fri)

Japan

Atsugi, JA (NAF)
Local: 0467-78-5015 Ext 264-4190
011-81-311-764-4190 (fm conus)
DSN: (315) 264-4190
0900-1200 (Tue/Fri)
Sasebo, JA (COMFLEACT)
011-81-611-752-3108 (fm conus)
DSN: (315) 252-3108
1300-1500 (Wed)

Yokosuka, JA (COMFLEACT)

Local: 046-816-9626
011-81-46-816-9626 (fm conus)
DSN: (315) 243-9626
0800-1630 (Mon-Wed/Fri)
0800-1500 (Thurs)

Spain

Rota (NAVSTA)
011-34-956-82-3232 (fm conus)
DSN: (314) 727-2850
1100-1700 (Mon/Wed/Fri)
1100-1500 (Tue/Thurs)

Thailand

JUSMAGTHAI
66-2-287-1036 / 1045 ext. 165
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Ready Reference Contact Information

Air Force Retiree Services: (800) 531-7502; www.retirees.af.mil/
Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000; www.arlingtoncemetery.org

Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988; www.afrh.gov

Army & Air Force Exchange Service: (214) 312-2011; www.aafes.com

Army Retired Services: (703)325-9158; www.armyg1.army.mil/retire

Burial at Sea Information: (866) 787-0081; www.npc.navy.mil

Combat Related Special Compensation:

www.donhq.navy.mil/corb/crsb/crscmainpage.htm

DEERS: (800)-538-9552, Fax: (831) 655-8317;

www.tricare.osd.mil/deers

Defense Commissary Agency: www.commissaries.com

DFAS Casualty Assistance Branch: (800) 269-5170; (For Reporting a Retiree's death, press 2)

Fleet Reserve Association: (703) 683-1400; www.fra.org

Gulf War homepage: www.gulflink.osd.mil

I.D. Cards Benefits and Eligibility: (866) 827-5672;

www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/PayPersSupport/IDcards

Internal Revenue Service: (800) 829-1040; www.irs.gov

Marine Corps Retired Affairs: (800) 336-4649; www.usmc.mil
(Hover over "Marine Services" then click on "Retired Services")

Medicare: (800) 633-4227. TTY: (877) 486-2048; www.medicare.gov

Military Officers Assoc. of America: (800) 234-6622; www.moaa.org

National Burial Services: (800) 697-6940

NPC Navy Reserve Personnel Management (PERS 9): (866) 827-5672,

www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/ReservePersonnelManagement/

Navy Retired Activities Office: (866) U-ASK-NPC (866-827-5672);

MILLRetiredActivities@navy.mil;

www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/RetiredActivities

Navy Uniform Shop: (800) 368-4088; www.navy-nex.com/uniform

Navy Worldwide Locator: (901) 874-3388;

www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/NavyWorldWideLocator

Reserve Component SBP: (877) 807-8199

Retiree Dental — Delta Dental: (888) 838-8737; www.trdp.org

Servicemembers Group Insurance (SGLI): (800) 419-1473;

www.insurance.va.gov

Naval Historical Center: (202) 433-2210; www.history.navy.mil

Social Security Administration: (800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

TRICARE: www.tricare.mil

TRICARE North: (877) TRICARE (874-2273); www.hnfs.net/:
CT, DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH,
PA, RI, VT, VA, WI, WV, some zips in IA, MO, TN

TRICARE South: (800) 444-5445; www.humana-military.com:
AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, SC, TN (except 35 TN zips near
Fort Campbell), and TX (except the extreme SW El Paso area)

TRICARE West: (888) TRIWEST (874-9378); www.triwest.com:
AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IA (except 82 zips near Rock Island),
KS, MO (except St. Louis area), MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR,
DE, SW TX, UT, WA, WY

TRICARE Overseas: (888) 777-8343; www.tricare.mil

TRICARE For Life: (866) 773-0404; www.tricare.mil/tfl

TRICARE mail order pharmacy: (866) 363-8667;

www.tricare.mil/pharmacy

TRICARE retail pharmacy: (866) 363-8779;

www.express-scripts.com

VA: www.va.gov

Regional offices: (800) 827-1000 (overseas retirees should
contact the American Embassy/consulate), TDD (800) 829-4833

Insurance:

VA Regional Office and Insurance Center

PO Box 7208 (claims inquiries) -OR-

PO Box 7327 (loans) -OR-

PO Box 7787 (payments)

Philadelphia PA 19101

(800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov

Burial information: (800) 827-1000; www.cem.va.gov

GI Bill: (888) 442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov/

Records:

**For replacement DD 214, service records, medical records,
award information:**

Retired prior to 1995: www.vetreca.archives.gov

Retired after 1995:

Navy Personnel Command

PERS-312E

5720 Integrity Drive

Millington, Tn 38055-3120

Fax requests to: (901) 874-2664

Gray-area reservists: (866) 827-5672

Sister service retiree publications:

Air Force Afterburner: www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner

Army Echoes: www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp

Coast Guard Evening Colors: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/retnews/>

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis: www.usmc.mil (hover over
"Marine Services," click on "Retired Services," then hover over
"Retired Activities" in the left menu and click on "Semper Fidelis
Newsletter")

Navy recreation: www.mwr.navy.mil/

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites: <http://dodlodging.net>

ITT: http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/itt_military_special.htm

Pay/SBP Questions: www.dfas.mil

**Pay inquiries and update of pay or SBP records in case of
death, divorce or remarriage:**

Retiree:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

U.S. Military Retirement Pay

PO Box 7130

London KY 40742-7130

(800) 321-1080, (216) 522-5955

SBP/RSFPP annuitant:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

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PO Box 7131

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Don't let your questions go unanswered. If you're not sure who to contact,
Call 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672)
Let the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center help you!

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Need to change your address for Shift Colors?

If you are **receiving retirement pay or benefits from the Navy**, you need only contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080.

Ask DFAS to update your correspondence address. The change will automatically update the Shift Colors database.

If you are a **"gray**

area" retiree (a retired Reservist not yet receiving retirement pay) call Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

Surviving spouses who wish to continue receiving Shift Colors upon their spouse's passing should call the NPC Customer Service Center or write to

Shift Colors at:

Department of the Navy
Shift Colors (PERS 00R)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055

Be sure to include the following information:

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Your full Social Security Number
- Your spouse's full name
- Your spouse's full SSN

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