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Good news on dual compensation and disability compensation

On Oct. 5, President Clinton signed the FY2000 Defense Authorization Act into law (Public Law 106-65).

Good news. As of Oct. 1, uniformed service retirees who take positions with the federal government will no longer have to forfeit part of their retired pay for that privilege. The higher retired pay amounts should be reflected in the Nov. 1 or Dec. 1 retirement checks (retroactive to Oct. 1).

More good news. Also, certain retirees who received non-disability retirements after at least 20

years of service, and who received 70 percent or higher disability ratings from the VA within four years of service, will be eligible to receive an extra \$100-300 special compensation. The rules used to determine eligibility are very complicated, and will require the DoD and VA to match retiree records. It could take up to six months to identify those eligible depending on each individual's case.

You do not need to file an application or call anyone at this time; retirees will be centrally identified through the payroll systems.

- *Retired Activities Branch*

TRICARE pilot pharmacy benefit announced for MEDICARE-eligible, age 65 and older military retirees

On August 5, two sites were selected by a random drawing for a TRICARE pharmacy redesign pilot study specified in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999. The counties selected were Okeechobee, Fla., and Fleming, Ky. Members of the Military Coalition and Alliance participated in the randomized selection.

The pilot program will make network retail and mail order pharmacy benefits available to DoD beneficiaries in the demonstration areas who are Medicare-eligible, age 65 and older, and who have Medicare Part

B. To be eligible for the program, potential enrollees must live in designated zip codes in and around these counties. It is anticipated that services will begin in the spring of the year 2000.

"The pharmacy benefit pilot program is one of several programs being tested by DoD across the country to expand healthcare access for military retirees," said Dr. Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "This new pharmacy demonstration program helps solve the problem of high out-of-pocket healthcare costs for our age-65-and-older beneficiaries who do not

have access to a MTF and who do not have a prescription benefit through other health insurance. For our retirees in these pilot areas, prescriptions will finally be affordable under this program."

To comply with the 1999 legislation, the new benefit will be offered in two counties that were selected based on two criteria. First, the two sites had to be non-catchment areas. These are areas lacking a military treatment facility (MTF). Second, one site required a high presence of health maintenance organizations (HMOs) in the area, and the other

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Send reunion notices early

Send reunion information as far in advance as possible, and include: Command name, reunion location, dates, point of contact with mailing address, telephone number and E-mail address if available. There are several Web Sites available that provide more current information than can be published in a quarterly publication. These can be found at:

www.reunionsmag.com/reunions_list.html#Navy;

www.lonesailor.org/cgi-bin/Reunion/reunion.pl;
and www.fra.org/reunions/

Mail all reunion information for publication to:

Navy Personnel Command
Public Affairs Office (PERS-05)
Attn: Shift Colors Reunions
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-0500
(901) 874-3154

E-mail:
p05s@persnet.navy.mil

New staff at Retired Activities Branch

We are proud to announce Mr. Dennis Mills, former SBP Program Manager, has accepted the position as Assistant Branch Head, Navy Retired Activities. Mr. Mills' spirited leadership and vast experience made this a most welcomed transition.

Mr. Basil Coleman, USMC (Ret) relieved Mr. Mills as the SBP Program Manager. Prior to his selection, Mr. Coleman served as Head, Benefits and Entitlements Section in Navy Casualty Assistance Branch.

PNC Injee Yoon has assumed the position of Retired Activities Office (RAO) Program Manager. Chief Yoon transferred from Seoul, Korea.

We are happy to have them aboard and they looking forward to serving you. - *Retired Activities Branch*

Widowed retirees can suspend SBP premium payments

If you are a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) participant with spouse coverage, you may have your premiums suspended by forwarding a copy of your spouse's death certificate and a cover letter (identifying yourself) requesting premiums be suspended due to death of spouse.

Mail to:

Defense Finance and
Accounting Service
Directorate for Retired Pay
P.O. Box 99191
Cleveland, OH 44199-1126

Disability Retirement Section

Questions about the Temporary Disability Retirement List and the Permanent Disability Retirement List should be directed to Navy Personnel Command (PERS-821D) at (901) 874-3231 or E-mail p821d@persnet.navy.mil

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A message from the Chief of Naval Personnel



Dear Retiree,

It is a true privilege for me to speak to you as the Navy's new Chief of Naval Personnel. I relieved Vice Admiral Dan Oliver in November. This is the third time I have had the honor of relieving Admiral Oliver and am fortunate again to be taking over a tremendous organization. I am committed to continuing his outstanding support to our retired community.

Returning to Navy Personnel Command, after having served here before, and having served most recently as the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs, I am keenly aware of the issues facing you today. Working with Navy leadership and the Congress during my last tour will serve me well in my role as your advocate, as well as the advocate for all of our Sailors and their families.

High among my priorities as CNP will be to continue to improve medical benefits for retirees. I know this is your biggest concern and am optimistic there will be improvement. Although we have a long way to go, we moved in the right direction in the budget process for Fiscal Year 2000 when Congress approved a \$1.8 billion increase to veteran's funding as part of a \$99.5 billion Appropriations Bill. Almost all of that increase was directed to health care. This bill provided money to help speed benefit claims processing and included construction money for veteran's facilities. In today's climate, every additional dollar marks a victory and demonstrates the commitment to making our life better. I assure you that your concerns and well-being are of great concern to Navy leadership and are on the minds of most of our key leaders in Congress. I intend to continue the push on this issue.

As we begin this new year, I am excited by the prospects ahead. The FY-00 budget contains numerous examples that the Administration and Congress are committed to improving personnel issues in the military. Our goal now is to build on the successes of 1999 and carry that momentum well into the new millennium. We'll continue to do that with your support and active involvement.

As always, we'll keep you posted here in *Shift Colors*.

Thank you for your dedicated service and superb example. It is an honor to serve you as CNP, and I look forward to working with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norbert Ryan, Jr." in a cursive style.

NORBERT R. RYAN, JR.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

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required a low presence of HMOs. Sometimes HMOs offer a pharmacy benefit to Medicare-eligible enrollees, and by taking into account their presence in the site selection, the DoD can study relationships between private HMO benefits and the pilot DoD pharmacy benefit.

Both network retail and mail order prescription services will be available in the pilot program. Beneficiaries may choose to continue their use of Military Treatment Facility pharmacies. The pilot benefit incorporates no financial limit on drug purchases. An enrollment fee and co-payments for drugs purchased under the program will be charged.

Enrollment is expected to begin in spring of the year 2000. DoD Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, age 65 and older, may call their TRICARE Service Center to find out if their zip code falls within the jurisdiction of the pilot program. Eligible beneficiaries in the designated zip codes may enroll. Zip code information is also available on the TRICARE Web Site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>

For more information, TRICARE representatives for the Okeechobee, Fla., area can be reached at (800) 444-5445; and for the Fleming, Ky., area at (800) 941-4501. Customer service representatives will be able to let callers know when they may start enrolling in the program. - *Office of the Secretary of Defense*

RAOs offer wealth of valuable assistance

In 1979, the Secretary of the Navy's Committee on Retired Personnel (CRP) called on the Navy to emphasize the value of a Retired Activities Office (RAO) to local commanders, to direct its support in working with selected retiree volunteers, and to help organize and operate a RAO and Retired Advisory Committee in their geographical areas.

RAOs are established based on the number of retirees and family members residing in the area and the agreement of the commanding officer of the local Department of Defense (DoD) Command to provide support. The level of support provided by the host command varies according to available resources.

The Navy currently has 69 active RAOs world-wide in areas of high concentration of retired Navy personnel. Most are located

in Family Service Centers, with others located in Reserve Centers or supported locally by a DoD Command.

RAOs are largely supported by a volunteer staff, most of whom are Navy retirees. The RAO Directors at San Diego, Calif., and Kings Bay, Ga., serve in paid positions.



A few RAOs have active duty personnel assigned. The size of the field volunteer staff varies from one to 80 people, and some of the volunteers work as much as 40

hours each week.

RAOs provide a wide range of information and referral services on survivor assistance, military benefits and eligibility, health care, and second careers. In addition, RAOs produce newsletters to keep retirees informed of local and national retiree policies, and RAOs sponsor annual retiree seminars, when funding is available, to keep local retirees updated and informed on issues relating to their military benefits and eligibility.

The Retired Activities Branch (PERS-622) is the central support for the RAOs. Section staff provide current policy information in response to retiree questions, speakers for annual seminars, training for the field RAO staff, and assistance with recognizing volunteers.

We need your help. If you have a few hours and want to help retirees, please volunteer.

RAOs need volunteers to serve fellow retirees

The Retired Activities Office's (RAO) mission is to serve as a point of contact between the retired community and all Navy and Marine Corps agencies to solve problems of retirees, provide liaison support to survivors of retirees and dependents of military retirees and assist in conducting Retired Personnel Seminars sponsored by their installations.

The RAO's most import resource is its VOLUNTEERS. The following RAO sites are looking for retirees or their spouses who can commit to serving their country and working with the Navy. How do you volunteer for the RAO? Potential volunteers can contact their local RAO or PERS-622 at 1-800-255-8950 or (901) 874-4309.

Areas Needing Volunteers

Phoenix, AZ
Tucson, AZ
Seal Beach, CA
Monterey, CA
San Diego, CA
Sunnyvale, CA
Groton, CT
Marietta, GA
Brunswick, ME
Annapolis, MD
Patuxent River, MD
Mt. Clements, MI

Minneapolis, MN
Gulfport, MS
Bridgeton, MO
Portsmouth, NH
Colts Neck, NJ
Amityville, NY
Scotia, NY
Goose Creek, SC
Millington, TN
Corpus Christi, TX
Houston, TX
Ingleside, TX

Kingsville, TX
San Antonio, TX
Dahlgren, VA
Oak Harbor, WA
Marysville, WA
Milwaukee, WI
Naples, IT
Atsugi, JA
Rota, SP
London, UK

Retired Activities Offices Phone Listings

Arizona

Phoenix, AZ
(N&MCRESREDCEN)
(602) 353-3033
0900-1400 (Tue/Wed/Thur)

Tucson, AZ
(N&MCRESCEN)
(520) 228-6277/89
0930-1500 (Tue-Fri)

California

China Lake, CA
(NAVAIRWPASTA)
(760) 446-3246
0900-1100 & 1300-1500

Lemoore, CA
(NAS)
(559) 998-4042
0730-1630

Monterey, CA
(NAVSUPPACT)
(831) 656-3060
1000-1600 (Wed)

Port Hueneme, CA (NCBC)
(805) 982-1023/5037
0930-1330 (Mon-Fri)

San Diego, CA
(Coronado - NAB)
(619) 437-2780
0900-1200

San Diego, CA
(NAVSTA)
(619) 556-8987
0800-1600

Sunnyvale, CA
(Onizuka Air Station-Formerly
Moffett Field)
(650) 603-8047
0930-1530

Seal Beach, CA (NWS)
(562) 626-7152
0900-1500

Connecticut

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

Delaware

Wilmington, DE
(N&MCRESCEN)
(302) 998-3328
0900-1430 (Mon/Wed/Fri)
0900-1530 (Tue/Thur)

Florida

Jacksonville, FL
(NAS)
(904) 542-5783 Ext. 26
0900-1500

Mayport, FL
(NAVSTA)
(904) 270-6600 Ext. 137
0730-1600

Milton, FL

(NAS Whiting Field)
(850) 623-7177
0900-1200 (Tue/Wed)
1200-1600 (Thur)

Orlando, FL

(DFAS Bldg.)
(407) 646-5775/6/8
1000-1400

Pensacola, FL

(NAS)
(850) 452-5990/1
0900-1300

Georgia**Atlanta, GA**

(NAS)
(770) 919-6735 Ext. 123
1000-1400 (Tue/Thur)

Kings Bay, GA

(SUBASE)
(912) 673-4509
0730-1630

Hawaii**Pearl Harbor, HI**

(NAVSTA)
(808) 473-3345 Ext. 6
0800-1500

Illinois**Great Lakes, IL (NTC)**

(847) 688-3603 Ext. 118
1-888-231-0714
0900-1500

Louisiana**New Orleans, LA**

(NAVSUPPACT)
(504) 678-2134
0900-1200

Maine**Brunswick, ME**

(NAS)
(207) 921-2609
0900-1200

Maryland**Annapolis, MD**

(USNA)
(410) 293-2641
0900-1200 (Wed)

Bethesda, MD

(NNMC)
(301) 295-4120/1
0930-1530

Patuxent River, MD

(NAS)
(301) 342-4911
1500-1700

Massachusetts**Quincy (NAVRESCEN)**

(617) 753-4636/26
1200-1700 (Wed-Fri)

Michigan**Mt. Clemens, MI**

(SEL ANGB)
(810) 307-5991/4317
0900-1500

Detroit, MI

(MC RESCEN)
(313) 824-4542
0800-1500

Minnesota**Minneapolis, MN**

(NAVRESREDCOM)
(612) 713-1578
1000-1400 (Tue/Thur)

Mississippi**Gulfport, MS**

(NCBC)
(228) 871-3000 Ext. 35
0900-1200

Missouri**St. Louis, MO**

(NAVRESREDCEN)
(314) 263-6443
0930-1330 (Tue and
1st Thur of each month)

Nebraska**Lincoln, NE**

(NAVRESCEN)
(402) 470-2136
0900-1200 (Wed/Thur)

New Jersey**Earle, NJ**

(WPNSTA)
(732) 866-2115
0730-1630

Lakehurst, NJ

(NAVAIRENGSTA)
(732) 323-5099
0900-1500 (Wed/Thur)

New York**Amityville, NY**

(AFRESTRGCEN)
(631) 842-6620
0900-1600 (Tues)
0900-1200 (Wed)
1300-1600 (Thur)
0900-1300 (Fri)

Rochester, NY

(N&MCRESCEN)
(716) 247-2052
24 hr Voice Mail

Scotia, NY

(Naval Admin Unit)
(518) 395-3643
1300-1600 (Tue/Thur)

Nevada**Fallon, NV (NAS)**

(775) 426-3333/2
0730-1600

New Hampshire**Portsmouth, NH**

(207) 438-1868
1000-1400 (Tue/Thur)

Oregon**Central Point, OR**

(NAVRESCEN)
(541) 772-2566
0900-1500

Eugene, OR

(N&MCRESCEN)
(541) 686-9266
1000-1500

Portland, OR

(N&MCRESCEN)
(503) 285-4566/9587 Ext. 548/532
0900-1300 (Mon-Thur)

Pennsylvania**Willow Grove, PA**

(NAS JRB)
(215) 443-6033
1-800-773-1569
1000-1500

Rhode Island

Newport, RI (NETC)
 (401) 841-4089
 0900-1500 (Mon/Fri)
 0900-1200 (Tue-Thur)

S. Carolina

Charleston, SC
 (NAVWPNSTA)
 (843) 764-7480 Ext. 16
 0830-1630

Tennessee

Millington, TN
 (NAVSUPPACT)
 (901) 874-5195
 1000-1400

Texas

Corpus Christi, TX
 (NAS)
 (361) 961-3113/2372/3722
 1000-1130 (Mon)
 1300-1500 (Wed)
 0730-1230 (Tue/Thur)

Dallas, TX (NAS JRB)

(817) 782-5442/5287
 0700-1600

Houston, TX

(N&MCRESCEN)
 (713) 795-4109
 0900-1300

Ingleside, TX (NAVSTA)

(512) 776-4551
 0800-1600

Kingsville, TX (NAS)

(361) 516-6105/6333
 1300-1600

San Antonio, TX

(NAVRESCEN)
 (210) 225-2997 Ext. 119
 1000-1400

Virginia

Dahlgren, VA
 (NSWC)
 (540) 653-1839
 0900-1600 (Mon/Wed/Fri)

Little Creek, VA

(NAB)
 (757) 462-7763
 0900-1300

Norfolk, VA

(NAVSTA)
 (757) 322-9113
 1-800-372-5463
 0930-1530

Washington**Bangor, WA**

(SUBASE)
 (360) 396-4115/(800) 562-3301
 0930-1500

Bremerton, WA

(NAVSHIPYD Puget Sound)
 (360) 476-5113/
 1-800-634-4100 (WA Only)
 0900-1400

Whidbey Island, WA

(NAS)
 (360) 257-8054/55
 0900-1500

Everett, WA

(NAVSTA)
 (425) 304-3775/3721
 1000-1300

Wisconsin

Milwaukee, WI
 (N&MCRESCEN)
 (414) 744-9766
 0900-1500 (Mon-Thur)

Overseas Locations**Puerto Rico**

Roosevelt Roads
 (NAVSTA)
 (787) 865-3369/4566
 0800-1500

Spain

Rota
 (NAVSTA)
 011-34-956-82-3232
 1300-1700 (Mon/Wed/Fri)

United Kingdom**London**

(COMNAVACT)
 011-44-1895-616551
 0700-1630

Japan**Yokosuka, JA**

(COMFLEACT)
 011-81-311-743-9626
 Local: 0468-21-1910 Ext. 243-9626
 0800-1630

Atsugi, JA (NAF)

011-81-311-764-3628
 0900-1300 (Tue)

Italy**Naples, IT**

(NAVSUPPACT)
 011-39-81-568-4857
 0730-1600

La Maddalena, IT

(NAVSUPPACT)
 011-390-789-736161

Guam

(NAVACTS)
 (671) 339-7632/333-2056/7/8

Unofficial RAOs

The following independent RAOs are not officially sponsored by the U.S. Navy; however, these offices may be able to provide valuable assistance to retirees and their family members.

Philippines**Baguio City**

(074) 442-3328
 Baybay Leyte
 6 Magsaysay Ave.

Manila

United Seaman Service Center
 011-63-47-527-2585
 Metro Manila
 Las Pinas

Olongapo City

011-63-47-222-2314

VA Secretary ensures treatment for “Group 7” veterans

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Togo D. West, Jr. recently announced that VA medical facilities will enroll all honorably-discharged veterans who seek VA health care during the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

The VA Secretary’s announcement ensures continued treatment next year for “Priority Group 7” veterans, the lowest in a seven-group listing of veterans that began in 1998 under a nationwide VA enrollment system. Priority Group 7 veterans do not have service-connected disabilities; they are rated as “zero-compensable” for service-connected disabilities; or their incomes exceed a threshold level.

“It is my intention to serve as many veterans as possible under the law and give them access to the full range of services they need,” Secretary West said.

West’s decision assures veterans in all priority groups that they are eligible to enroll during fiscal year 2000. VA officials still recommend that veterans retain private health insurance, since it may cover services, such as emergency care, that VA does not usually provide.

The VA’s enrollment program was established by the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996. It requires most veterans to enroll to receive health care at VA medical facilities. Veterans can apply at any time. Veterans who fall into the following groups are not required to enroll:

- Veterans who have received VA health care since Jan. 1, 1996;
- Veterans with a service-connected disability of 50

percent or more;

- Veterans seeking care for a service-connected disability; and
- Veterans discharged from military service for less than one year for a disability that was determined to have been incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, but that VA has not yet rated.

While not required, these exempted veterans are still encouraged to enroll so VA can plan more effectively to meet their health-care needs.

Under the enrollment program, VA offers an expanded array of health-care services, such as preventive care; primary care; inpatient and outpatient services; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care; and drugs and pharmaceuticals in conjunction with VA treatment.

Veterans can use these VA services even if they have Medicare, Medicaid, Department of Defense or private health insurance coverage.

To apply for enrollment, veterans can call, write or visit their nearest VA health-care facility. Most facilities have designated special enrollment coordinators to assist veterans and their families, and to answer any questions they may have. Information, brochures, etc., are also available by calling the VA Health Benefit Services Center at (toll-free) 1-877-222-VETS (1-877-222-8387). The Services Center operating hours are Monday - Friday, 0800-2000 (EST). - *Veterans Administration*

NRPC lists “gray area” retiree benefits

“Gray area” retirees are Naval Reservists currently retired without pay, pending receipt of pay (generally age 60). Being retired from the reserves, they are eligible for certain benefits.

- Identification Card. Members are entitled to an Armed Forces Identification Card. Their eligible dependents are entitled to a DoD Reserve Family Member Identification Card.

- Commissary, Exchange and MWR Facilities. Members and

authorized dependents are allowed 24 days of access to commissary privileges per calendar year and unlimited exchange and MWR access with valid identification cards.

- Wearing of the Uniform. Per Uniform Regulations, all retired personnel, not on active duty, may wear the prescribed uniform of the rank/rate in which retired on appropriate occasions.

- Use of Military Title. All retirees are permitted to use their military title subject to certain restrictions and the

exercise of good judgement.

- Space Available Travel. Retirees (members only) are eligible for space available travel within the continental U.S. on DoD-owned/controlled aircraft upon presentation of their Notice of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 and their identification card.

- Service Clubs. All retirees are entitled to use the facilities of their respective clubs when local space and staff permit.

- Naval Reserve Personnel Center

7 states offer alternative to TRICARE Prime

Do you live in Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Texas or Washington State? The Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) offers a comprehensive package of major medical healthcare coverage plus the advantages of preventive care, including annual physicals, mammograms, immunizations and well-baby care. Medically necessary care is covered by the plan - **including coverage for prescription drugs**. The USFHP is an alternative to TRICARE Prime. You have the option of enrolling in either program in your area.

Enrollment is easy. All you have to do is complete an application and submit it to the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan program of your choice. Enrollment is contingent on available space and you must reside in the service area of a USFHP program to enroll. Active duty families can enroll at any time throughout the year for a one-year period of time. Retirees and their family members can only enroll during an open enrollment season that varies for each

program, but is held annually in the spring for a 30-day period. When you enroll in the USFHP, you make a one-year commitment to receive your care from the plan - unless you move out of the area or your eligibility status changes.

USFHP is an added healthcare option in seven areas of the country for:

- **Eligible family members of active duty families**
- **Military retirees - even those over age 65**
- **Eligible family members of military retirees - even those over age 65**
- **Eligible family members of deceased active duty or retired service members**

For an informational brochure about the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, call the national office at 1-888-25U-SFHP (1-888-258-7347) or obtain information at www.usfhp.org

- ***Retired Activities Branch***

What retirees get and don't get from TRICARE

***By Douglas J. Gillert
American Forces Press Service***

WASHINGTON — More than 470,000 military retirees and eligible family members have enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program since its inception in 1998. Many of those enrolled, however — and many who are undecided about enrolling — don't fully understand how the plan works, program administrators said.

The most common misconception is that the retiree plan is the same as the plan for active duty families, according to Dr. Lowell Daun, senior vice president and general manager of the Federal Services Division Delta Dental Plan of California, the private contractor DoD selected to run the plan. In fact,

he said, the program is not like either typical employer-funded programs or the TRICARE Active Duty Family Members Dental Program.

What the plan offers is affordable diagnostic, preventive and basic restorative services, and the freedom to choose your own dentist, Daun said.

“It's important to understand, however, that other services are only partly covered and a few are not covered at all,” Daun said. Crowns and bridges, for example, aren't covered benefits.

Delta doesn't cover crowns and bridges because to do so would violate DoD regulations aimed at limiting the program's cost, Daun said.

The retiree dental plan was created with the idea of keeping

costs for retirees and their family members to a minimum, without the government subsidizing the program. DoD called for a basic, economical program to defray some of the cost of dental care, while promoting early diagnosis and prevention of dental disease.

“Bridges, cast crowns and dentures were specifically excluded, while excellent coverage for basic diagnostic and restorative procedures, emergency care, oral surgery and periodontal services was included,” Daun said.

Enrollees may use any licensed dentist they choose for care under this program. However, Delta has an agreement with 24,000 “DeltaSelect USA” dentists to participate in this program, and enrollees may save money by

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How do I make sure my spouse knows what to do in the event of my death?

This question has been asked of “Shift Colors” and the Retired Activities Branch hundreds of times. Unfortunately, the question usually comes after the death of a loved one has already occurred. While it may be impossible to truly prepare for the overwhelming emotions and dilemmas that arise with the loss of a loved one, it does help when most of the issues have already been settled.

This checklist is designed to equip you and your loved ones with knowledge and information that may prove helpful as you prepare one another for the task of handling the affairs of a deceased loved one.

— **Create a military file** that includes your retirement orders, separation papers, medical records, etc. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.

— **Create a military retired pay file** that includes the pertinent information for DFAS and Navy Personnel Command:

**Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Directorate of Retired Pay (Code FR)
PO Box 99191
Cleveland, OH 44199-1126
(800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955**

**Navy Personnel Command
Retired Activities Branch
PERS-622
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220**

(This file should also include the number of any VA claim still pending and the address of the VA office being used; a list of deductions currently being made from benefits; and the name, relationship and address of the person you have made the beneficiary of any unpaid retired pay at the time of death.)

— **Create an annuities file.** This should include the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), Civil Service, etc. Information regarding SBP annuities can be obtained from the Denver DFAS office at 1-800-435-3396.

— **Create a personal document file** that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.

— **Create an income tax file.** Include copies of both of your state and federal income tax returns.

— **Create a property tax file.** Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related information.

— **Create an insurance policy file.** Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.

- ___ In a secure location, **maintain a list of all bank accounts** (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.
- ___ In a secure location, **maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards**. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.
- ___ **Maintain a list of all associations and organizations** of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.
- ___ **Maintain a list of all friends and business associates** who may be helpful. Include name, address and phone number.
- ___ **Spend time with your spouse discussing your plans** in respect to the type of funeral, burial, cremation or service you would prefer. If they know your desires, it may resolve many of the questions they might have to face at a later date.
- ___ **Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services**. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.
- ___ **Investigate the decisions** that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials At Sea can be obtained by calling the Naval Office of Medical/Dental Affairs-Mortuary Affairs Division at 1-800-876-1131.
- ___ Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, **have a will drawn up** outlining all your wishes.
- ___ Insure that your will and all other **official documents are maintained in a secure location** known by your loved ones.
- ___ When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, **sit back and continue to enjoy life**. Rest assured that you have done everything possible to help prepare your loved ones for a day when you may no longer be there to help.

If you have other suggestions that might prove helpful and would like to share them with your fellow retirees, send them to the Retired Activities Branch for inclusion in a future issue.

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Navy Personnel Command
Retired Activities Branch (PERS-622)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington TN 38055-6220**

Straight from the Source

Dear Retirees,

In September 1999, I had the pleasure of visiting the Pacific Northwest, making stops at the Retired Activities Offices (RAOs) in Washington at Whidbey Island, Everett and Bremerton, as well as the Oregon RAOs at Portland, Eugene and Central Point. I also attended the Retiree Seminar at Bangor, and made office calls with RADM William Marshall (Commander, Navy Region Northwest) and Col. Almquist, Chief of Pharmacy at Madigan Army Medical Center. It was a very productive trip, and I learned a lot about the good work that is being done there.

In October, I attended the U.S. Air Force Retiree Council and learned a great deal about their retiree programs and similar issues and concerns. Following the conference, I visited the RAOs in Earle and Lakehurst, N.J. and attended the Retiree Seminar at Willow Grove, Pa. What an event with more than 400 attendees! Mr. Dennis Mills, Assistant Branch Head, also attended Retiree Seminars in Groton, Conn.; Norfolk, Va.; Charleston, S.C.; and Great Lakes, Ill., all of which were great events. Again, tremendous pride, professionalism and coordination between the Family Service Center and the RAO produced dynamic and informative sessions. We are very impressed with the volunteer spirit in all of the RAOs. **It just reinforces my perception that RAOs are the best retirees we have!** I also was very happy to learn RADM Marshall plans to establish a local retiree council that will be able to provide recommendations for regional concerns to the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council. We hope all regional commanders will do the same. We plan to visit every RAO at least once every 18 months, and hope to coordinate our visits with retiree seminars in the area.

On another tack, most of our prospective retirees seem to need answers to a few questions regarding the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). An alarming concern; many of you want to know whether you should choose SBP or life insurance. The simple answer is you should choose both. If in doubt about participating in SBP, there are two convincing reasons to do so. First, if you don't like the program you can disenroll between your second and third year. Second, your premiums will stop after you have reached age 70 and have paid into the program for 30 years (this is effective Oct. 1 2008).

Short splices: You can obtain an advance copy of Shift Colors online by going to the Web Site www.bupers.navy.mil Look under the "News Stand" section.

We need more RAOs! Virtually every RAO needs additional volunteers. If you can answer a phone and take messages, you're qualified. We know that many retirees will shy away from these positions because they are afraid of providing the wrong advice or information. Don't worry. You will find that our RAOs are helpful and eager to teach you and besides, we're only a phone call away and we too are happy to help.

Michael P. Wardlaw
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I just remarried. Now what?

If you were a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and had SBP coverage for a previous spouse (that was suspended because of a death or divorce), you have to make a decision within one year, to increase coverage, not participate or continue coverage. If nothing is done after one year, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Cleveland (DFAS-CL) will automatically enroll you in the plan. This may cause a financial hardship for you and your new spouse, so when in doubt, please contact DFAS-CL, your nearest RAO or the Navy Retired Activities Branch at (1-800-255-8950).

Coping with a death abroad

Dealing with the unexpected death of an American citizen overseas is eased somewhat if one has precise guidance available. The State Department maintains a Citizens Emergency Center, which is staffed continuously to assist in expediting procedures necessary when a death occurs overseas.

Local laws and customs in the foreign country where death occurs must be followed. Assistance is the only function of the American embassy or consular office. No State Department or embassy funds are available to assist in costs involved at the local level, or return to the states of remains or ashes of an American citizen who dies abroad. The exception is active duty military personnel. Space-A travel may be an option for the remains of military retirees and their eligible family members.

As soon as possible after death, the person making arrangements should visit or contact the nearest American embassy or consular office. That office will report the death to the next of kin or legal representative in the United States. This

generally is accomplished through the Citizens Emergency Center. If requested or required, the center will, in addition to locating next of kin, provide guidance on arrangements for burial abroad or return of remains to the United States. The family's instructions and necessary funds to cover the costs accrued abroad can be relayed through the center to the embassy or consular office. When the remains are returned stateside, the next of kin or specified funeral home will be informed in advance by the center of the scheduled date, time of arrival and carrier data.

Stateside family members can contact the State Department Citizens Emergency Center for assistance at (202) 647-5225 between 0815 and 2200 EST Monday through Friday, and between 0900 and 1500 EST Saturday. During weekends and holidays, call (202) 634-3600 and ask for the overseas citizens services duty officer.

Once the necessary formalities within the overseas country and stateside have been

completed, a Report of the Death of an American Citizen, Form FS-192 (Optional Form 180), is prepared by the embassy or consular office. This is the official notice of the death abroad of an American citizen, as distinguished from the first notification to the next of kin. It provides all essential facts concerning the death and custody of the personal estate of the deceased. A copy of the form will be forwarded to the next of kin or legal representative.

The embassy or consulate office may issue six or more copies of the Form FS-192 free. Extra copies can be obtained from the Correspondence Branch, U.S. Passport Services, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. The cost is \$10 each, which may be remitted by personal check or money order payable to Passport Services or the Department of State. It may take the Correspondence Branch six months or more to respond, pending receipt and filing of Form FS-192.

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TRICARE question and answer

Question: I am a retiree and have decided to enroll in TRICARE Prime. I have already paid my enrollment fee. If I choose to disenroll after I have enrolled in TRICARE Prime, what penalty is incurred? Can I get back into TRICARE Prime if I don't like the other options?

Answer: As a retiree or family member of a retiree, you will have to pay an enrollment fee of \$230 for yourself (or \$460 for your whole

family) each year for health care coverage under TRICARE Prime. Enrollment is for 12 months. You will not receive a refund on enrollment fees that you have paid should you decide to disenroll from the TRICARE Prime Program. If you disenroll early, that is before your 12-month enrollment period ends, you must wait for 12 months to be eligible to re-enroll in the TRICARE program.

Good advice from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service

The Navy Retired Activities Branch routinely receives customer service complaints about Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Cleveland (DFAS). We want to pass along some factual information that you may not know.

The retiree call center has approximately 120 Customer Service Reps to work with a retiree population of more than two million. We are not defending poor customer service, but want to pass along some useful advice. Needless to say, the worst time to call is on the first of the month. Here are some other tips:

1. Please have paper and pencil handy to write down the information received from the Customer Service Rep. This includes writing down their name, the date and time of the call.

2. If you are calling to change or start direct deposit of your retired pay, please make sure you have the Routing Transit Number (RTN) of your bank and your account number available.

3. If you are the spouse of a retiree, DFAS cannot disclose any information to you regarding the retiree's account, even if you have a Power of Attorney. This is prohibited under Federal Law.

4. If you are a former spouse of a retiree and are receiving a portion of his/her retired pay under the Former Spouse's Protection Act, and wish to change your check or correspondence address, this must be done in writing. Please forward your written request to the Former Spouse Section at DFAS or fax to (216) 522-5752.

5. If you are a retiree and are calling to report the death of your spouse in relation to coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), we cannot take this information over the telephone. Please forward a copy of your spouse's death certificate and a written request to suspend SBP deductions to DFAS.

6. If you are calling to change your check and/or correspondence address for Veterans Administration Benefits, please call 1-800-827-1000.

7. If your anticipated wait for a Customer Service Rep is too long for you to remain on hold, please call again later. Their hours are from 0700 till 1930, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

8. Tax season is approaching. If you have moved lately, make sure you contact DFAS and change your mailing address.

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using a network provider.

Enrollment averages about \$13 a month per person, with the first four months' premiums due when you sign up. The Defense Finance and Accounting Office automatically withdraws the premiums from military retired pay. What some enrollees may not understand, however, is that they incur a two-year commitment to the plan when they sign up. DoD included the minimum enrollment requirement to make sure members reach what Daun called "dental maintenance."

"This term refers to improving the status of a dental

plan member's oral health to the point where regular cleanings and exams will effectively maintain healthy teeth and the supporting gum tissue," Daun said. "Experience shows that a mandatory [minimum] enrollment period is necessary to ensure that those with overwhelming dental needs won't leave the program once their most immediate (and expensive) needs are met. A voluntary dental program is simply not financially sustainable under such conditions."

Daun said the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is more competitive than other plans

available through private insurers. "The power of the uniformed services retiree population as a group enables Delta to offer a program that complies with federal regulations, increases the affordability of dental care and motivates retirees to seek care before expensive and painful dental problems occur," he said.

Delta provides answers to the most frequently asked questions at its Web Site, <http://www.ddpdelta.org> and through its customer service office at (888) 336-3260. You also can enroll online. In addition, Delta sends detailed information packets to new enrollees.

Please send your change of address to the appropriate office:

Shift Colors' mailing list is derived from several sources. It is imperative that you send your change of address to the right place to ensure that the mailing list is updated. Choose the appropriate address below for your status when submitting your change of address.

Retirees Receiving Pay
DFAS-Directorate for Retired Pay
P. O. Box 99191
Cleveland, OH 44199-1126
1-800-321-1080/(216) 522-5955

Annuitant Widows and Widowers
DFAS-DE/FRB
6760 East Irvington Place
Denver, CO 80279-6000
1-800-435-3396/(303) 676-6552

Retirees NOT Receiving Pay
Naval Reserve Personnel Center
4400 Dauphine Street (N321)
New Orleans, LA 70149-7800
1-800-535-2699/(504) 678-5895

Non-annuitant Widows and Widowers
Navy Personnel Command
Shift Colors (PERS-05)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-0500
(901) 874-3154

Request for Change of Address

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirees receiving pay | <input type="checkbox"/> Annuitant Widows and Widowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirees NOT receiving pay | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-annuitant Widows and Widowers |

Name _____

Social Security No. (SSN) _____

Name of Deceased Retiree _____

SSN of Deceased Retiree _____

Old Address _____

New Address _____

Upcoming Reunions

USS AJAX (AR-6)
Minneapolis, MN; Jun 15-19 2000
Contact Dick Kujawa
2251 139th Avenue NW
Andover, MN 55304-3909
(612) 757-9201
E-mail chief.dpc.usn@worldnet.att.net

USS ALBUQUERQUE (PF-7)
Baton Rouge, LA; Mar 24-26 2000
Contact Eddie Kidd
P O Box 838
Weatherford, TX 76086
(817) 594-1201
FAX (817) 594-0160

USS ALTAIR (AD-11/AKS-32)
Louisville, KY; May 18-20 2000
Contact Walter J. Miller
15 N Brentwood Circle
Avon Park, FL 33825-2162
(941) 452-6569

USS AMERICA CARRIER
VETERANS ASSOCIATION
Seekonk, MA; Jun 19-24 2000
Contact Albert E. Allard
3520 Doerr Road
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-8361
E-mail oldsalty1@aol.com

USS ASHLAND (LSD-1/LSD-48)
Pensacola, FL; May 17-20 2000
Contact Paul S. Adams, Jr
9 Andrea Road
Newark, DE 19702-5109
(302) 834-1806
E-mail psadams@delanet.com

USS ASHTABULA (AO-51)
Bahama Cruise; May 18-21 2000
Contact Walter B. Carroll, Jr.
1549 Fieldcrest Circle
Rock Hill, SC 29732
(803) 366-2016

USS BARB (SSN-596)
San Diego, CA; Oct 5-9 2000
Contact Joseph W. Turskey
4638 Newport Avenue
San Diego, CA 92107-2944
(619) 222-9430
E-mail jturskey@ix.netcom.com

USS BARBEL (SS-580)
Portland, OR; Apr 6-12 2000
Contact Chris Stafford
15585 S. Carus Road
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 632-4535
E-mail cstafford@bctonline.com

USS BATAAN (CVL-29)
Norfolk, VA; May 17-21 2000
Contact Clancy Decker
6818 Finch Place
Philadelphia, PA 19142
(215) 365-5873
E-mail scosenza@early.com

USS BERGALL (SS-320/SSN-667)
Nags Head, NC; May 11-13 2000
Contact Carl A. Weber
15 March Street
Nashua, NH 03060-5353
(603) 888-2675
Web Page inetworld.net/aft/bergall.html

USS BERKELEY (DDG-15)
Las Vegas, NV; Sep 21-24 2000
Contact Jim Barrett
P O Box 700715
San Jose, CA 95170-0715
(408) 996-7035
E-mail ddgberk@aol.com

USS BLUEBACK (SS-581)
Portland, OR; Apr 6-12 2000
Contact Ron Mutz
10963 Bay Meadows Circle
Sandy, UT 84092
(801) 576-0104
E-mail mutzbl@gateway.net

USS BONEFISH (SS-582)
Portland, OR; Apr 6-12 2000
Contact Ron Merwin
4185 Cheff Lane
Ronan, MT 59804
(406) 644-2804
E-mail rjmerwin@charlo.net

USS BOXER
(CV/CVA/CVS-21/LPH/LHD-4)
Las Vegas, NV; Sep 26-28 2000
Contact George W. Lawson
1229 Belle Terrace
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 272-0914
E-mail geo.doris.law@juno.com

USS BROWN (DD-546)
Evansville, IN; Sep 21-23 2000
Contact Ollie Poulson
8619 Nicholas Street
Omaha, NE 68114-2950
(402) 391-4736

USS CADMUS (AR-14)
Norfolk/Portsmouth, VA; May 4-7 2000
Contact Bill Owens
5000 Fable Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3035

USS CAPERTON (DD-650)
Bath, ME; Jun 1-4 2000
Contact Vernon C. Follett
246 Providence Pike
N. Smithfield, RI 02896
(401) 769-5862

USS CASTOR (AKS-1)
St. Louis, MO; Oct 13-15 2000
Contact Walt Whittemore
2245 Cascade Street
Las Vegas, NV 89142-1717
(702) 431-1290
E-mail castogram@aol.com

USS CHARLES R WARE (DD-865)
Jacksonville, FL; May 4-7 2000
Contact Ken Anthony
4332 Blitzgel Drive
Florence, SC 29501-8945
(843) 669-3380

USS CHICAGO (CA-14/CA-29/
CA-136/CG-11/SSN-721)
Springfield, MO; May 3-7 2000
Contact Stuart P. Stewart
1705 South 227th Place
Seattle, WA 98198
(206) 824-4814
E-mail backstay@halcyon.com

USS CHIPOLA (AO-63)
San Diego, CA; Sep 20-24 2000
Contact Lawrence Ed Fields
13433 Pequot Drive
Poway, CA 92064
(858) 748-8475
E-mail fasteddy@funtv.com

USS COLHOUN (DD-801)
Jacksonville, FL; Apr 4-7 2000
Contact Ernest Amaral
19790 Mella Drive
Volcano, CA 95689
(209) 296-7542

USS COURTNEY (DE-1021)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
E-mail marc-a@ma.ultranet.com

USS CROMWELL (DE-1014)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
E-mail marc-a@ma.ultranet.com

USS DASHIELL (DD-659)
Branson, MO; Jun 11-14 2000
Contact George King
P O Box 321
Puxico, MO 63960
(573) 222-3021
E-mail king@sheltonsbbbs.com

USS DEALEY (DE-1006)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
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98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
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USS DEKALB COUNTY (LST-715)
Oklahoma City, OK; May 5-6 2000
Contact Roy D. Caves
76 Redbud Lane
Madison, MS 39110
(601) 856-8672
E-mail rdc@aol.com

USS DEMPSEY (DE-26)
Virginia; 2000
Contact Joel E Gillum Sr.
818-3 Cherryville Road
Shelby, NC 28150
(704) 482-7401
E-mail joeigillum@aol.com

USS DONNER (LSD-20)
Virginia Beach, VA; Apr 28-30 2000
Contact Tom Nelson
740 Home Avenue
Edwardsville, IL 62025
(618) 656-0131
E-mail nellie0131@yahoo.com

USS EARL V. JOHNSON (DE-702)
Cincinnati, OH; Sep 21-23 2000
Contact Kenneth D. Channell
21 Park Avenue
Natick, MA 01760-2704
(508) 653-2973

USS ELOKOMIN (AO-55)
Gettysburg, PA; Oct 2000
Contact Gene Lehner
P O Box 546
Wolfeboro, NH 03894-0546
(603) 569-1322

USS ENOREE (AO/ TAO-69)
San Diego CA; Oct 15-18 2000
Contact David Neuenschwander
919 Sendero Avenue
Escondido, CA 92026-3109
(760) 746-4075
E-mail daneu@nctimes.net
Or Floyd A. Carriker
10342 Westminster Avenue Apt #2
Garden Grove, CA 92843-4821
(714) 534-3025

USS ENRIGHT (DE-216/APD-66)
Mystic, CT; May 2000
Contact Tom Kelly
102 Yorkview Road
Yorktown, VA 23692-4246
(757) 898-4151

USS ESSEX (CV/CVA/CVS-9/LHD-2)
San Antonio, TX; May 22-28 2000
Contact C. Leonard Schlamp
2911 Rugby Avenue
Evansville, IN 47711-3653
(812) 476-5645
E-mail clschlamp@juno.com

USS EVERGLADES (AD-24)
Seattle, WA; Sep 27-31 2000
Contact Matt Skopiec
P O Box 452
Fennville, MI 49408-0452
(616) 561-2044
E-mail mattsszk@accn.org

USS FLUSSER (DD-368)
Grand Rapids, MI; Aug 16-20 2000
Contact E. B. Dennis
113 Coachman's Road
Madison, MI 39110
(601) 853-4661

USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
(CVB/CVA/CV-42 AIRWING)
Nashville, TN; May 17-21 2000
Contact Joseph Donahue
5 W. Wright Avenue
Waterloo, NY 13165
(800) 437-0869

USS GENERAL H. W. BUTNER
(AP-113)
Painted Post, NY; Apr 30-May 4 2000
Contact John Bianchi
18 Stamford Avenue
Amsterdam, NY 12010-1302
(518) 843-0720

USS GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR
(AP-145)
Oconomowoc, WI; Jun 1-4 2000
Contact Jim Bonnot Jr.
312 Bellwood Avenue
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
(423) 429-5698

USS GENERAL M. B. STEWART
(AP-140)
Milwaukee, WI; Jun 1-4 2000
Contact Malcom Grounds
633 Pole Lane Road
Marion, OH 43302-8381
(740) 389-4180
E-mail jennymacg@marion.net

USS GREGORY (DD-802)
Branson, MO; Jun 8-11 2000
Contact J. L. Williams
2315 S. Sunset Drive
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

USS GREENLING
(SSN 614/SS 213)
Phoenix, AZ; Sep 2 2000
Contact George Hinda Jr.
172 W Middlesex Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-8495
(717) 243-3855

USS G. W. CARVER (SSBN-656)
New London, CT; Sep 21-24 2000
Contact J. J. Del Core
21 Petti Drive
West Warwick, RI 02893
(401) 822-2570
E-mail mail@gwcarver.org

USS GYPSY (ARSD-1)
Kansas City, MO; Oct 2000
Contact Jack W. Streeter
4022 Detlor Road
Grantville, KS 66429-9284
(785) 246-4418

USS HANSON (DD/DDR-832)
Seattle, WA; Sep 7-11 2000
Contact Roy Ridderbusch
3910 Maple Road
Lynnwood, WA 98037
(424) 742-6591
E-mail royrr@webtv.net

USS HARLAN R DICKSON
(DD708)
Tauton, MA; Sep 10-14 2000
Contact Louis Borges
54 Cherry Avenue
Tauton, MA 02780
(508) 822-4154

USS HARTLEY (DE-1029)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
E-mail marc-a@ma.ultranet.com

USS HARWOOD (DD/DDE-861)
Branson, MO; Sep 28-Oct 1 2000
Contact Anthony Jandron
67 Sachem Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852-2109
E-mail tony636@juno.com

USS IDAHO (BB-42)
El Segundo, CA; May 7-14 2000
Contact USS IDAHO Association
P O Box 711247
San Diego, CA 92171
(858) 271-6106

USS JOSEPH K TAUSSIG (DE-1030)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
E-mail marc-a@ma.ultranet.com

USS KANKAKEE (AO-39)
Tennessee; Jun 8-12 2000
Contact Roy Stewart
523 Mockingbird Drive
Long Beach, MS 39560
(228) 864-3010
E-mail ussao39@aol.com

USS KEMPER COUNTY (LST-854)
Nashville, TN; Jun 22-25 2000
Contact James Simonson
2931 Cooper Ave South
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(320) 253-2167
E-mail jsimonson@stcloudstate.edu

USS KLEINSMITH (APD-134)
San Diego, CA; Sep 28-Oct 1 2000
Contact Robert Penn
1721 Mission Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 457-0234

USS LARK (AM-21/ATO-168)
Reno, NV; Jun 4-7 2000
Contact Royce Grimes
10324 Hillcrest Road
Sherwood, AR 72120
(501) 835-3786
E-mail rwgrimes@flash.net

USS LENAWEE (APA-195)
Washington, DC; Oct 4-8 2000
Contact Tom Hatch
2808 Blue Spruce Lane
Wheaton, MD 20906
(301) 460-3516

USS LESTER (DE-1022)
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
98 Oxbow Road
Charlton, MA 01507
(508) 248-5072
E-mail marc-a@ma.ultranet.com

USS MACDONOUGH (DLG-8/DDG-39)
Lancaster, PA; May 4-7 2000
Contact Bill Landry
RR 4 Box 4482 C
Berwick, PA 18603
(570) 759-1817

USS MACON (CA-132)
Cleveland, OH; May 11-14 2000
Contact Harold E. Foley
64 Halsey Avenue
Wellesley, MA 02482-4445
(781) 237-3242
E-mail hfoley@britesites.com

USS MAUNA LOA (AE-8)
Pensacola, FL; Jun 1-4 2000
Contact John M. Carter
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Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-9808
E-mail jc1@sonicnet.net

USS MENDER (ARSD-2)
Kansas City, MO; Oct 2000
Contact Jack W. Streeter
4022 Detlor Road
Grantville, KS 66429-9284
(785) 246-4418

USS MULIPHEN (AKA-61)
Charleston, SC; May 4-7 2000
Contact Ronald L. Wiant
105 Sonant Drive
Newark, DE 19713
(302) 737-1751
E-mail rwiant@delanet.com

USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571)
San Diego, CA; Sep 29- Oct 1 2000
Contact Bill Gaines
3710 Sioux Avenue
San Diego, CA 92117
(858) 534-1797
E-mail wag@mpl.uscd.edu

USS NAVASOTA (AO-106)
Reno, NV; May 14-16 2000
Contact William R. Slaughter
3860 Walker View Road
Wellington, NV 89444
(775) 266-3329
E-mail jojola7@aol.com

USS NELSON (DD-623)
Harrisburg, PA; May 4-6 2000
Contact Joseph L. Bobby
411 Oak Street
Port Carbon, PA 17965-1708
(570) 622-9867

USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)
San Diego, CA; Aug 23-27 2000
Contact Joe Brunner
2745 Mercury Drive
Lemon Grove, CA 91945-2100
(619) 466-2132
FAX (619) 466-8595
E-mail waldoj@home.com

USS NITRO (AE-2/AE-23)
Chicago, IL; Jun 22-25 2000
Contact Robert F. Eberlein
12215 Ashland
Granger, IN 46530-9654
(219) 277-3128
Web Page <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/nalc820/ussnitro.htm>

USS NOA (DD-841/ DD343)
Charleston, SC; Mar 16-19 2000
Contact Wilma Bennett Rascoe
129 Willow Drive
Lake Helen, FL 32744-3121
(904) 228-3366

USS PAKANA (ATF-108)
Lake Havasu City, AZ; Jan 24-28 2000
Contact Paul or Joy Wing
206 N Park Avenue
P O Box 494
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(520) 927-4090

USS PARGO (SSN-650)
Groton, CT; Jul 14-16 2000
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USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB-38)
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Virginia Beach, VA; Apr 7-10 2000
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USS PLYMOUTH ROCK (LSD-29)
Buffalo, NY; Sep 13-17 2000
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USS QUINCY (CA-39)
Sarasota, FL; May 5-8 2000
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USS RALEIGH (CL-7)
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USS RATON (SS/SSR/AGSS-270)
Atlantic City, NJ; Oct 16-29 2000
Contact Bill Decker
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Woodbridge, VA 22192-3709
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USS REGULUS (AF-57)
Philadelphia, PA; Oct 5-8 2000
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USS RICHARD S EDWARDS (DD-950)
St. Louis, MO; Jun 1-4 2000
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USS ROCHESTER (CA-124)
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USS SAINT PAUL (CA-73/SSN-708)
Colorado Springs, CO; Aug 22-26 2000
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Atlanta, GA 30328-1912
(770) 393-3185
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USS SALAMAUA (CVE-96)
& Squadrons VC-70 & VC-87
Kansas City, MO; Sep 27-30 2000
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Ankeny, IA 50021-8823
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USS SALISBURY SOUND (AV-13)
Beaverton, OR; Sep 14-16 2000
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Albuquerque, NM 87123
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USS SALVAGER (ARSD-3)
Kansas City, MO; Oct 2000
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(785) 246-4418

USS SKAGIT (AKA-105)
Sacramento, CA; Sep 13-17 2000
Contact Gerald Gaughan
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North Olmsted, OH 44070
(440) 777-9569
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USS SMALLEY (DD-565)
Newport, RI; May 17-21 2000
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USS SPHINX (ARL-24)
Branson, MO; Sep 11-14 2000
Contact Frank Ironi
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USS STANLY (DD-478)
San Antonio, TX; Sep 6-9 2000
Contact H. R. Thompson
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Alvin, TX 77511
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USS STRICKLAND (DE/DER-333)
Fort Worth, TX; Oct 4-6 2000
Contact J. J. White
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Cleburne, TX 76031
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USS TERROR (CM-5)
Miami, FL; Aug 21-25 2000
Contact Ed Wolfe
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New York, NY 10009
(212) 673-3198

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Pigeon Forge, TN; Oct 22-29 2000
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Concord CA; May 18-21 2000
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(716) 473-1065
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San Antonio, TX; Oct 2000
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USS TRITON (SSRN/SSN 586)
Mystic, CT; Oct 6-8 2000
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Groton, CT 06340
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USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35)
San Diego, CA; Nov 2000
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ASSOCIATION
Charleston, SC; July 5-8 2000
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Holland, MI 49423
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USS WALLACE L. LIND (DD-703)
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Biloxi, MS; Oct 15-19 2000
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USS WARRICK (AKA-89)
New Orleans, LA; Jun 18-21 2000
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USS WILLIAM. M. WOOD
(DD-715/DDR-715)
Philadelphia, PA; Apr 6-9 2000
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(757) 340-9056

USS WINDLASS (ARSD-4)
Kansas City, MO; Oct 2000
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(785) 246-4418

USS WORCHESTER (CL-144)
Ship's Company, Marine Detachment,
Flag Members & Aviation Personnel
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(914) 255-2603 or (914) 256-0761
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USS WYANDOT (AKA-92)
Norfolk, VA; Sep 16-20 2000
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USS YARNALL (D-143/DD-541)
Reno, NV; May 8-10 2000
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(818) 894-4982
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USS YORKTOWN (CV-10)
Engineers & Ships Company
Las Vegas, NV; Apr 24-28 2000
Contact Edward W. Tietgen
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Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250-4740
(904) 246-6943

USS YORKTOWN (HS-4)
USS Yorktown Patriots Point
Charleston, SC; Mar 16-20 2000
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USS ZEAL (AM-131)
Gettysburg, PA; Apr 27-30 2000
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San Diego, CA; Feb 28-Mar 5 2000
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CORTRON 8, 10 & 14
Lake George, NY; Sep 2000
Contact Marc Arsenault
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HC-7 HELICOPTER COMBAT
SUPPORT SQUADRON SEVEN
Las Vegas, NV; Jun 27-30 2000
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JUSMMAT GOLCUK TURKEY
St. Louis, MO; Aug 3-6 2000
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NAUA CAMP DAVID
Branson, MO; May 11-14 2000
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(816) 628-5650

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Marietta 1959-Present)
Dillard, GA; May 19-20 2000
Contact Don N. Lear
203 Bluff Creek Drive
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Lincoln, NE; Jun 10 2000
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Virginia Beach, VA; May 17-21 2000
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Shepherdstown, WV; Oct 6-8 2000
Contact Gary Tucker
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(304) 876-6628

NAVY MUSICIANS REUNION
New Orleans, LA; Aug 9-13 2000
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Buffalo Gap, TX 79508
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NCPOA (NATIONAL CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION)
San Diego, CA; Oct 11-15 2000
Contact William A. Williams
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Boerne, TX 78006-7925
(830) 537-4899

MINEMAN 26TH REUNION
Charleston, SC; Aug 11-13 2000
Contact The Association of Minemen
P O Box 71835
Charleston, SC 29415
Web Page www.battle.netgate.net

PBM MARINER-P5M MARLIN
Pensacola, FL; May 3-6 2000
Contact Joel T. Strohl
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Pretty Prarie, KS 67570-0323
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SQUADRON 13 C
Tucson, AZ; May 26-28 2000
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St. Louis, MO; Sep 6-10 2000
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UNDERWATER SWIMMER
SCHOOL (UWSS)
Panama Beach, FL; May 19-22 2000
Contact Erasmo "Doc" Riojas
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St. Louis, MO; May 3-7 2000
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U.S. NAVY HELICOPTER ALUMNI
San Diego, CA; Mar 28-Apr 1 2000
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Web Site www.navhelo.org

VA-155/VA-728
San Diego, CA; May 3-7 2000
Contact Herb Althouse
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VB-109/VPB-109
Branson, MO; Sep 5-7 2000
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Fort Worth, TX 76137
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VB/VPB-142
Nashville, TN; Oct 15-19 2000
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VF-53 SANS REPROCHE
Jacksonville Beach, FL; Sep 28-Oct 1 2000
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VF 213 FIGHTER SQUADRON
Jacksonville, FL; Oct 13-15 2000
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VMF (N) MARINE AIR WARNING
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San Antonio, TX; May 17-21 2000
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VP-8 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
New Orleans, LA; Sep 25-29 2000
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VP-14/VB-102/VPB-102
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VP-16/VP-741
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Fall 2000
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VR-22
Lancaster, PA; Apr 27-30 2000
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VR-24
Oxnard, CA; Sep 27-30 2000
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VS-39/ VS-34 Officers
Newport, RI; Oct 18-22 2000
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Danvers, MA; Jul 13-17 2000
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| Arlington National Cemetery | 1-703-695-3250/3255 |
| Army Retired Affairs | 1-800-336-4909 |
| Awards Information (Washington, DC) | 1-202-685-1770 |
| Coast Guard Retired Affairs | 1-800-772-8724 |
| DEERS Verification | 1-800-538-9552 |
| Alaska/Hawaii | 1-800-527-5602 |
| California Only | 1-800-334-4162 |
| Defense Finance and Accounting - Cleveland | |
| Active Duty | 1-800-346-3374 |
| Retired Pay Customer Service | 1-800-321-1080 |
| Defense Finance and Accounting - Denver | |
| SBP Annuity Section | 1-800-435-3396 |
| Dependent Scholarship Program | 1-800-962-1425 |
| Dept. of Justice Radiation Compensation | 1-800-729-7327 |
| I.D. Cards, Benefits, and Eligibility | 1-800-443-9297 |
| | 1-901-874-3360 |
| Internal Revenue Service | 1-800-829-1040 |
| Marine Corps Retired Affairs | 1-800-336-4649 |
| National Personnel Records Center | 1-314-538-4141 |
| Naval Reserve Personnel Center (Records) | 1-800-535-2699 |
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| 25-49 Use Ext 5404/5405 | 50-74 Use Ext 5430/5431 |
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| Navy Lodge Reservation Service | 1-800-628-9466 |
| Navy Retired Activities Office | 1-800-255-8950 |
| Navy Uniform Shop | 1-800-368-4088 |
| Reserve Component SBP Section (Code 416) | 1-800-419-1473 |
| Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) | 1-800-419-1473 |
| Shift Colors | 1-901-874-3154 |
| Social Security Administration (SSA) | 1-800-772-1213 |
| Ships Historian (Washington, DC) | 1-202-433-3643 |
| TRI-CARE Headquarters | 1-303-676-3526 |
| U.S. Naval Home | 1-800-332-3527 |
| U.S. Soldiers and Airmen Home | 1-800-422-9988 |
| VA National Service Life Insurance (NSL) | 1-800-669-8477 |
| VA Regional Office | 1-800-827-1000 |
| VA Service Department Burial Benefits | 1-800-697-6947 |
| Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI) | 1-800-419-1473 |
| World Wide Locator | 1-901-874-3388 |

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**National Personnel Records Ctr.
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St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

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**5720 Integrity Drive
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