



Shift Colors

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Eligible uniformed services retirees, spouses, survivors to get expanded health care benefits

President Clinton signed the FY01 National Defense Authorization Act on Oct. 30, 2000, bringing many new initiatives to the TRICARE program, including two dramatic improvements for Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees, their spouses and survivors who are age 65 and over.

Effective April 1, 2001, eligible beneficiaries will receive pharmacy benefits to include access to military treatment facility pharmacies, the National Mail Order Pharmacy program and retail civilian pharmacies.

Effective Oct. 1, 2001, eligible beneficiaries who continue to receive care from their current Medicare providers will have TRICARE become second payer to Medicare. This means that TRICARE will pay out-of-pocket costs for services covered under Medicare, plus these beneficiaries will be eligible for TRICARE benefits not covered by Medicare.

If you are currently age 65 or older or will be 65 before April 1, 2001, you will be eligible to use civilian retail and mail order pharmacy benefits without being enrolled in Medicare Part B.

If you turn 65 on or after April 1, 2001, you will need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B in order to use civilian retail and mail order pharmacy benefits.

For the medical care (TRICARE as second payer) benefit you must be eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B to participate in the health program.

Update your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) record with your correct address and any changes in family status such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption. Home addresses are important because the address on file with DEERS is used to send out information on

health benefits. Note: Health benefits could be denied if DEERS is not updated to reflect a new spouse or child.

Retirees may update DEERS by:

- going to the nearest military personnel office;
- E-mailing changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil;
- mailing changes to the DEERS Support Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771;
- calling the toll-free numbers for the DEERS Support Office, (800) 334-4162 (California only), (800) 527-5602 (Alaska and Hawaii), and (800) 538-9552 for the rest of the United States;

If you are eligible, enroll in Medicare Part B if you haven't done so already. If you are not sure if you are enrolled, check your Medicare card for this information.

To enroll, submit an application to enroll in Medicare Part B directly to the Social Security Administration (SSA). For details, beneficiaries may call the SSA toll free at (800) 772-1213 or visit any Social Security Office.

Note: The General Enrollment Period for enrollment in Medicare Part B is held Jan. 1 through March 31 of each year, and Part B coverage starts on July 1 of that year. See the Medicare Web Site <http://www.medicare.gov> for details on enrollment in Part B.

Important note: Eligible seniors should not immediately cancel their current Medigap insurance coverage. The Department of Defense (DoD) is working with the Health Care Financing Administration, the organization that administers the Medicare benefit, to provide the most accurate information on the appropriateness of continued enrollment in Medigap insurance policies.

Straight from the source

Dear Fellow Retirees,

As I write this article, I am reflecting on the many achievements made this year for and by the retiree community. As most of you know by now, major improvements to retiree medical care are now reality. Two huge advances, expansion of the mail order pharmacy program and TRICARE Senior Prime, should vastly improve quality of life for hundreds, if not thousands, of our retirees and their families. Your cards, letters, E-mails, and telephone calls to your Congressional leadership coupled with the leadership of our military fraternal organizations made the difference!

A little closer to home, we have been working very hard over the last year to strengthen our service delivery to you. A brief recap of our work follows:

- Completed the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Summit, gathering ideas, recommendations and concerns to improve our overall administration of this program.
- Conducted our first training course for 28 Retired Activities Office (RAO) volunteers, including case management and computer training.
- Initiated the "Joe Sal" Project aimed at providing support and assistance to our terminally ill retirees and their families. Since inception in April, 252 retirees have enrolled.
- Launched the RAO Reach Program. Using commercially produced tabletop displays, this marketing initiative is designed to create awareness of retiree services available in the local area, promote volunteerism among retirees, and assist us in getting important Survivor Benefit Plan information into the hands of those who need it most – the prospective retiree spouses.
- Visited 23 RAOs and participated in 12 retiree seminars, including first-ever trips to Europe and the Western Pacific to meet with our overseas retiree families.
- Significantly improved electronic communications with our RAOs by providing funding for computer equipment and software applications.
- Expanded our marketing program for the Survivor Benefit Plan by developing a comprehensive, professionally produced pocket guide that will be distributed to prospective retirees.

While we are proud to have gained so much ground over the last year, we are still aware that much more work remains. We will continue our work to improve participation rates in the Survivor Benefit Plan and continue our RAO visit and seminar schedule. We appreciate your support and guidance. Please let us know how we can improve our service to the retiree community.

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A message from the Chief of Naval Personnel



Dear Retirees,

In my message to you in the last edition of *Shift Colors*, I discussed several important legislative initiatives included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY01. As you may know, the President signed the NDAA on Oct. 30, 2000, and I am happy to report significant improvements across the board in areas of interest to retirees and active duty members.

Three key improvements are TRICARE Senior Prime; expansion of the mail-order pharmacy program for Medicare-eligible retirees and family members; and long-term care provisions for our elder retirees. TRICARE will be modified to provide a "wrap-around" protection for Medicare-eligible retirees, so that beginning Oct. 1, 2001, TRICARE will pay for any authorized medical expense not covered by Medicare. The NDAA also provides for an expansion of the mail-order-pharmacy service (effective April 1, 2001) for all beneficiaries, including Medicare-eligible retirees. Of course, retirees may still obtain prescription drugs at military treatment facilities for free.

The experts in our Retired Activities Branch recommend that you update your record in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). However, Medicare-eligibles should not cancel their MEDIGAP insurance coverage yet. The front page article in this issue of *Shift Colors* provides more specific information on these changes; please read it carefully and seek advice from your medical care advisor for more information. We will continue to keep you informed in future editions of *Shift Colors*.

The Retired Activities Branch (PERS-622) staff continued their visits to Retired Activities Offices (RAOs) by making stops in the Philippines, Guam, and Japan, in October, concluding with a retiree seminar briefing at Seal Beach, Calif. They also visited NAS Patuxent River and NSWC Dahlgren, Md., and participated in the NAS JRB Willow Grove, Pa., Annual Retiree Seminar. As you may have guessed, I want these folks on the road to meet with you regularly so they can keep me abreast of your concerns.

Mr. Michael Wardlaw, Head of the Retired Activities Branch, welcomes your ideas and recommendations, and thanks you for your input. Please feel free to contact him or his staff at (800) 255-8950, E-mail p622s@bupers.navy.mil or regular mail at PERS-622, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-6220. As always, you can also E-mail me at p00@bupers.navy.mil. All the best for a great 2001.

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

NORB RYAN, JR.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

President signs 'Duty to assist veterans', COLA bills

The House concluded its veterans agenda for the 106th Congress by passing final versions of a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and a measure directing the VA secretary to help veterans obtain evidence for their disability claims.

Both the COLA (H.R. 4850) and the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 (H.R. 4864) passed unanimously and went to the White House, where the President signed them into law.

The COLA, effective Dec. 1, 2000, increased the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for survivors. The increases match the COLA granted to Social Security recipients. The increase is expected to be between three and four percent.

The Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 eliminates the requirement that a claimant first submit a "well-grounded" claim before receiving assistance from the VA, and clarifies the claimant's and VA's duties

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One last thought: Our RAOs do need your help. Even if you have been away from the Navy for several years, you can still assist. Now is not the time to be bashful; please volunteer a few hours to help us make a difference.

All the Best,
Michael P. Wardlaw
Head, Navy Retired
Activities Branch

Short Splices:

Senior Chief Joe Saldivar, the inspiration for the "Joe Sal" Project, a humanitarian initiative for terminally ill retirees, passed away Nov. 22. We are dedicated to keeping this valuable program moving forward. To date, 252 retirees have enrolled. During the last few months of his life, Joe, as always, was eager to help and share what he had learned with others. We sincerely thank him for his leadership and extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to his family. God speed, Joe Sal.

In the October-December *Shift Colors*, the Web Site for Joe Sal Project forms was inadvertently published as <http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers622/firstpage.htm>. The correct address is <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers622/firstpage.htm>. We apologize for the error.

with respect to obtaining evidence in support of claims for veterans benefits. The measure requires VA to obtain any relevant records in VA's possession, or within any other federal agency, at no cost to the veteran. The bill mandates the VA Secretary to make several efforts to obtain relevant evidence identified by the claimant, along with notifying the claimant and his or her representative of those efforts. The VA will also be required to provide a medical examination, if warranted. Under H.R. 4864, veterans will have two years from the act's enactment to ask the VA to reopen a claim if it had been denied as not well-grounded subsequent to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, *Morton v. West* decision.

IG examines military balloting

*By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service*

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen has asked the DoD inspector general to look into problems concerning military absentee balloting.

Cohen ordered the inquiry following reports that many absentee ballots from service members were not counted because they lacked postmarks.

"The secretary's goal and his instruction to the IG is to make sure we have a system that makes every vote count," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said during a news conference Nov. 28. He said Cohen asked the IG to examine the process and recommend any changes to make it "more efficient, more fair, more inclusive and to make it easier."

In his instructions, Cohen asked the IG to examine current procedures for handling military ballots, standard cancellation and postmarking, and how those procedures are actually implemented.

One problem that disqualified military absentee ballots in Florida, for instance, was that they arrived without a postmark. Postmarks indicate where and when a piece of mail was sent. DoD postal regulations require all mail be postmarked, including postage-free mail such as absentee ballots. Military Postal Service Agency officials said the IG will obviously look into why so many ballots arrived without postmarks.

"Your review will serve as a basis for any changes that can and should be implemented by DoD in order to ensure that the voting rights of all U.S. military personnel are respected and that everything possible will be done to make sure that every vote counts," Cohen said in his written instructions to the IG.

There is no timetable for the IG to deliver a report.

Postal Service unveils stamp honoring veterans

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

The U.S. Postal Service recently unveiled a new commemorative first-class postage stamp entitled "Honoring Veterans" that is scheduled to be issued in May 2001.

"The 'Honoring Veterans' stamp reminds us of the thousands of Americans, who have fought to keep our country free," said Deborah K. Willhite, the Postal Service's senior vice president for government relations and public policy, who unveiled the stamp. "It will serve as a 'thank you' to those who continue to serve as members of veterans service organizations."

She said many veterans organizations aid veterans and their families, including assistance with benefit applications, transportation to

Veterans Affairs medical facilities and burial and memorial services. The present population of U.S. veterans is estimated to be nearly 25 million, Willhite noted.

Designed by Carl Herrman of Carlsbad, Calif., the stamp features a photograph of the American flag. The flag symbolizes veterans' patriotic service to the nation in peace and war. The phrase "Honoring Veterans" is at the top of the stamp, and the phrase "Continuing to Serve" appears at the bottom.

The new stamp and other currently available philatelic items can be viewed and ordered at the Postal Service Web Site at <http://www.usps.com>. They also can be ordered by calling toll-free (800) STAMP-24.

VA applications go online

Veterans can now apply online for benefits and health care with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Two new systems will allow veterans quick, easy and secure access to apply for compensation, pension, rehabilitation benefits and health care.

"This is the first step toward an electronic VA," said Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Hershel W. Gober. "We will use the best in the business world and the latest in the high technology sector to deliver world-class benefits and care to veterans. That's a promise."

To apply for health care, veterans can fill out and submit an Internet-based 10-10 EZ application. Initially tested at 30 VA facilities, the 10-10 EZ is automatically E-mailed to the VA health care facility selected by the veteran. VA employees register the data, print the form and mail it back to the veteran for signature. Veterans can also print out the completed form and mail it to a VA health care facility themselves.

"Veterans On Line Applications" (VONAPP) is designed for veterans to apply for compensation, pension, and vocational rehabilitation benefits through the Internet. Completed applications are sent electronically to the veteran's local VA office. Processing begins right away and veterans receive a response letting them know the status of their applications.

"Of course, security is of paramount importance," said Gober. "These forms are individually encrypted,

ensuring the privacy of veterans' personal data. This is part of VA's approach to department-wide security planning and management."

Later this year, VA plans to offer education applications on the Internet. Currently, veterans attending school under the Montgomery GI Bill can make their monthly certification of enrollment at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Along with 10-10 EZ and VONAPP, VA has redesigned its Web page. "When veterans access <http://www.va.gov>, there will be no doubt that the focus and content reflects the department's commitment to veterans," said Gober. "The new design makes it easy to find information, as well as online applications."

VA aims to eventually put all its health care and benefits applications online. However, veterans are not required to apply online and can continue to use paper applications. To download other VA applications, see: <http://www.va.gov/forms>.

"Online applications, bar coding for medications, computerized record systems, telemedicine, and, in the near future — Smart Cards — are all examples of VA developing information technology on par, and often ahead of, the rest of the country," said Gober. "I'm really excited about what technology can do to allow us to do a better job in caring for the nation's veterans."

To access Internet applications go to: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/>

Military Service and Social Security

The earnings of people who serve in the military services on active duty, or on active duty for training, have been covered under Social Security since 1957. Inactive duty service in the armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has been covered by Social Security since 1988. People who served in the military before 1957 did not pay into Social Security directly; however, their records are credited with special earnings for Social Security purposes that count toward any benefits that might be payable. Additional earnings credits are given to military personnel depending on when they served. This fact sheet explains how and when these special earnings are credited and provides other general information military personnel need to know about the benefits available from Social Security.

Paying Social Security and Medicare taxes

While you're in military service (from 1957 on), you pay Social Security taxes the same way civilian employees do. Those taxes are deducted from your pay and an equal amount is paid by the U.S. government as your employer. In 2000, the tax rate is 7.65 percent, up to a maximum of \$76,200. If you earn more than that, you continue to pay the Medicare portion of the tax (1.45 percent) on the rest of your earnings.

How you earn Social Security credits

You earn Social Security credits when you work in a job in which you pay Social Security taxes. Before any benefits can be paid on your record, you must have credit for a certain amount of work covered by Social Security. In 2000, you earn four credits (the maximum) if your annual earnings are \$3,120 or more. (You can earn one credit for each \$780.) The amount needed for each credit will increase in future years to reflect increases in average wages. The number of credits you need to qualify for Social Security depends on your age and the type of benefit you might be eligible for. Nobody needs more than 40 credits (10 years of

work or military service) to be eligible for Social Security. In some situations, you can qualify with less than 40 credits.

When additional earnings are added to your military records

The amount you receive from Social Security depends on your earnings averaged over much of your working lifetime. Generally, the higher your earnings, the higher your Social Security benefit.

Under certain circumstances, special earnings can be credited to your military pay record for Social Security purposes. The extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. (No additional earnings are granted for inactive duty training, and Social Security cannot add extra earnings credits to your earnings record until you file for Social Security benefits.)

Here's when the additional earnings are granted:

Service in 1978 and later

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after Sept. 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

Service in 1957 through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

Service in 1940 through 1956

If you were in the military during this period, including attendance at a service academy, you did not pay Social Security taxes. However, your Social Security record may be credited with \$160 a month in earnings for military service from Sept. 16, 1940, through Dec. 31, 1956, under the following circumstances:

➤ You were honorably discharged after 90 or

more days of service, or you were released because of a disability or injury received in the line of duty; or

- You are still on active duty; or
- You are applying for survivors benefits and the veteran died while on active duty.

You cannot receive these special earnings credits if you're already receiving a federal benefit based on the same years of service. But there is one exception to this rule: If you were on active duty after 1956, you can still get the special earnings for 1951 through 1956, even if you're receiving a military retirement based on service during that period.

When you apply for Social Security benefits

There are many kinds of benefits available from Social Security besides those for retirement and disability. Members of your family and your dependents can receive survivor's benefits if you should die. There's also Medicare coverage and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. For more information about these benefits, ask Social Security for a copy of the booklet, *Understanding The Benefits* (Publication No. 05-10024).

When you apply for Social Security benefits, you'll be asked for proof of your military service (DD Form 214) or information regarding your reserve or National Guard service.

If you receive both Social Security and military retirement

You can receive both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You'll get your full Social Security benefit based on your earnings. However, your Social Security benefit may be reduced if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you didn't pay Social Security taxes.

Ask Social Security for a copy of the factsheet, *A Pension From Work Not Covered By Social Security* (Publication No. 05-10045).

Social Security survivors benefits may affect benefits payable under the optional Department of

Defense Survivors Benefit Plan. Check with the Department of Defense or your military retirement advisor for more information.

If your child gets SSI

SSI pays monthly benefits to people with low incomes and limited assets who are age 65 or older, or blind or disabled. If you have a child who gets SSI, those payments may continue if you're stationed outside the United States (including Puerto Rico and U.S. territories and possessions) while in military service and the child lives with you. Your child must have received SSI the month before you reported for duty.

When you become eligible for Medicare

If you have health care protection from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or under the TRICARE program, your health benefits may change or end when you become eligible for Medicare. You should contact the VA or a military health benefits advisor for more information.

For more information

You can obtain recorded information about Social Security 24 hours a day by calling their toll-free number, (800) 772-1213. You can speak to a service representative between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on business days. The lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so, if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. Whenever you call, have your Social Security Number handy.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call their toll-free TTY number, (800) 325-0778, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on business days.

You also can reach the Social Security Administration on the Internet. Type <http://www.ssa.gov> to access Social Security information.

Social Security treats all calls confidentially, whether they're made to the toll-free numbers or to one of SSA's local offices. To ensure that you receive accurate and courteous service, a second Social Security representative monitors some incoming and outgoing telephone calls.

Upcoming Retiree Seminars

California

Sunnyvale

April 2001
(650) 603-8047

Delaware

Wilmington

March 31, 2001
Dover Air Force Base
(302) 998-3328

Florida

Orlando

March 2001
(407) 646-4204/4259/4260

Illinois

Great Lakes

Sept. 2001
(847) 688-3603/Ext 118

Louisiana

New Orleans

Sept. 2001
(504) 678-2134

Maryland

Bethesda

Sept. 2001
(301) 295-4120/1

Patuxent River

June 2001
(301) 342-4911

Michigan

Mt. Clemens

Aug. 25, 2001
(810) 307-5580

Missouri

St. Louis

Sept. 2001
(314) 263-6443

Mississippi

Gulfport

May 2001
(228) 871-3000/Ext 35

Nevada

Fallon

July 2001
(775) 426-3333

New York

Rochester

Aug. 2001
(716) 247-2052

Rhode Island

Newport

April 2001
(401) 841-4089/2283

Tennessee

Millington

April 2001
(901) 874-5195

Texas

Corpus Christi

March 31, 2001
Fort Sam Houston
(361) 961-2372

NAS Fort Worth RAO
phone number has changed to
(817) 782-5442

What's the big deal about attending Military Retiree Seminars?

Military retiree seminars provide updated information on benefits and entitlements from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), TRICARE and the Social Security Administration. Additionally, information about base activities, renewal of Military ID Cards, special MWR offers, legislative updates and numerous other helpful information is presented. To top it off, you have an opportunity to meet and greet other military members and retirees. So, the next time you receive a card or letter from the Retired Activities Office (RAO) advertising an upcoming seminar, please consider attending with your spouse.

Ingleside

March 31, 2001
Fort Sam Houston
(361) 776-4551

Kingsville

March 31, 2001
Fort Sam Houston
(361) 516-6333

San Antonio

March 31, 2001
Fort Sam Houston
Blesse Auditorium
(0730-1530)
(210) 225-2997/Ext 119

Virginia

Norfolk

Oct. 6, 2001
NAB Little Creek
Rockwell Hall
Norfolk (800) 372-5463
(757) 322-9113

Little Creek: (757) 462-7763

Washington

Bangor

Sept. 7, 2001
NSB Bangor
(360) 396-4115

Bremerton

Sept. 7, 2001
NSB Bangor
(360) 476-5113

Everett

May 19, 2001
Support Complex (Smokey Point)
in Fleet and FSC and Totem
Recreation Hall (0800-1300)
(425) 304-3775
(800) 531-1787 (ask for RAO)

Whidbey Island

Sept. 8, 2001
(360) 257-8054

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

June 2001
(414) 744-9766

Spain

Rota

Sept. 2001
011-34-956-82-3232

Upcoming Reunions

USS ABNAKI (ATF 96)

Pendleton, OR; Oct. 3-7, 2001
 Contact Joe Baker
 Lucky Seven, Space 7
 Pendleton, OR 97801
 (541) 276-7027

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602)

Minneapolis, MN; Sept. 14-16, 2001
 Contact Rolly Conklin
 1022 East Avenue
 Red Wing, MN 55066
 (651) 388-2985
 E-mail rklin@win.bright.net
 Web site <http://www.geocities.com/ussab/>

USS AGAWAM (AOG 6)

Minneapolis, MN; June 15-17, 2001
 Contact John Nicholson
 2743 Danbury Road
 Springfield, OH 45505
 (937) 323-0173

USS AGERHOLM (DD 826)

Salt Lake City, UT; Oct. 2001
 Contact Harold Thompson
 2264 La Vista Woods Drive
 Tucker, GA 30084
 (770) 493-7648

USS ALBERT T. HARRIS (DE 447)

Williamsburg, VA; Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2001
 Contact Charles J. Cook
 4820 S. Florence Place
 Tulsa, OK 74105
 (918) 749-8434
 E-mail ccook13@compuserve.com

USS ALLAGASH (AO 97)

Washington, DC; Aug. 22-25, 2001
 Contact Kenneth Goodwin
 510 Palace Drive
 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
 (407) 862-4819
 or George Delfem
 (508) 845-3519
 E-mail kengash97@webtv.net
 Web site <http://www.welcome.to/ussallagashao97>

USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678)

Groton, CT; July 20-22, 2001
 Contact John Carcioppolo
 28 Lincoln Drive
 Gales Ferry, CT 06335
 (860) 464-8770
 E-mail gumba700@aol.com
 or Robin McAteer
 (860) 564-4949
 E-mail rmcateer@ebmail.gdeb.com

USS ASCELLA (AK 137) 1943-1945

Lafayette, LA; Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2001
 Contact Larry Wiltz
 510 Willow Street
 Opelousas, LA 70570
 (337) 942-5846

USS ASHLAND (LSD 1/48)

Springfield, IL; June 20-23, 2001
 Contact Paul S. Adams, Jr.
 9 Andrea Road
 Newark, DE 19702-5109
 (302) 834-1806
 E-mail psadams@delanet.com

USS BASHAW (SS/AGSS 241)

Estes Park, CO; March 8-10, 2001
 Contact Frederick Mochel
 1231 Juniper Court
 Fort Collins, CO 80521-1727
 (970) 493-2670
 E-mail tripled1@uswest.net

USS BEALE (DD/DDE 471)

Medora, ND; July 26-29, 2001
 Contact Duane Wamre
 Box 1051
 Dickinson, ND 58602-1051
 (701) 225-9632

USS BIDDLE (DLG/CG 34)

Longview, TX; July 12-14, 2001
 Contact James Treadway
 Rt. 1, SB 32
 Lake Cherokee, TX 75691
 (903) 643-8719
 E-mail treadwaj@flash.net
 Web site <http://www.ussbiddle.org>

USS BIRMINGHAM (CL 62)

Norfolk, VA; Sept. 12-16, 2001
 Contact M. A. Jeffreys
 122 John Drive
 Chester, IL 62233
 (618) 826-4432
 E-mail jeffreys@midwest.net

USS BLACKFIN (SS 322)

Peoria, IL; Sept. 14, 2001
 Contact Donald Brown
 13730 Algonquin Drive
 Reno, NV 89511
 (775) 853-5309
 E-mail travelstore@att.net

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (CV/CVA 31 & LHD 6)

Ship's Company and Air Wing
 Spokane, WA; Aug. 10-12, 2001
 Contact Ralph Pound
 P. O. Box 1531 - 410 Clark Street
 Tupelo, MS 38802
 (662) 842-8247

USS BOSTON

(CA 69/CAG 1/SSN 703)
 Andover, MA; July 20-22, 2001
 Contact Arthur L. Hebert
 P. O. Box 816
 Amherst, NH 03031-0816
 (603) 672-8772

USS BRISTOL (DD 857)

Buffalo, NY; Sept. 27-30, 2001
 Contact John Watt
 1020 W. Evan Hewes Highway
 Space 57
 El Centro, CA 92243
 (760) 353-1408

USS BROWNSON (DD 868)

Orlando, FL; May 6-10, 2001
 Contact Nahum Doskow
 823 Brookdale Road East
 Tacoma, WA 98445
 (253) 537-4771
 E-mail ndoskow@gte.net

USS BUCK (DD 761)

Charleston, SC; May 6-9, 2001
 Contact John Connolly
 7 Tenerife Way
 Hot Springs NP, AR 71909
 (501) 922-3969
 E-mail joncon@ipa.net

USS BURTON ISLAND (AGB 88/AGB 1)

Las Vegas, NV; June 20-24, 2001
 Contact Greg Reel
 4900 NE Park Lane
 Kansas City, MO 64118-5928
 (816) 454-7991
 E-mail gbreel@swbell.net

USS BUTTERNUT (AN 9/YN 4)

Jackson, CA; Sept. 18-21, 2001
 Contact Earl Garner
 19901 Cal-Am Drive
 Volcano, CA 96589
 (209) 296-5998
 E-mail renrag@goldrush.com

USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)

Portland, OR; Sept. 10-13, 2001
 Contact John Turner
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 Modesto, CA 95355
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USS CATSKILL (LSV 1)

Branson, MO; April 24-26, 2001
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USS CHARRETTE (DD 581)

San Diego, CA; Feb. 21-24, 2001
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USS CHEVALIER (DD/DDR 805)

San Diego, CA; Sept. 10-14, 2001
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USS COMPTON (DD 705)

Portland, ME; May 5-8, 2001
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 Freeport, ME 04032
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USS CONE (DD 866)

Guntersville, AL; Sept. 19-22, 2001
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 Guntersville, AL 35976-2522
 (256) 582-4231

USS CONWAY (DD/DDE 507)

Gettysburg, PA; Sept. 20-24, 2001
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 Pinehurst, NC 28370
 (910) 295-3782

USS COOLBAUGH (DE 217)

Omaha, NE; Sept. 9-13, 2001
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 290 Montridge Drive
 Canfield, OH 44406
 (330) 533-5753
 E-mail captmilt53@aol.com
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USS COWELL (DD 547)

Peoria, IL; Sept. 5-9, 2001
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 Greenville, SC 29609-4043
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USS DAMATO (DD 871)

Baltimore, MD; Sept. 13-17, 2001
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 Annapolis, MD 21401
 (401) 757-2313
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USS DIODON (SS 349)

Peoria, IL; Sept. 11-16, 2001
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 Fresno, CA 93727
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USS DREXLER (DD 741)

SURVIVORS
 Niagara Falls, NY; May 16-20, 2001
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 Prineville, OR 97754
 (541) 447-5422

USS EARL V JOHNSON (DE 702)

Branson, MO; Oct. 10-14, 2001
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 Dennisport, MA 02629-1159
 (508) 760-3087
 E-mail dockchannel@aol.com

USS ELMER MONTGOMERY (FF 1082)

Mayport, FL; April 27-29, 2001
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 Land o' Lakes, FL 34639
 (813) 996-2194
 E-mail wsalter@techtransfer.com

USS ENGLISH (DD 696)

Las Vegas, NV; Sept. 17-19, 2001
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Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
(760) 347-2825

USS FARENHOLT (DD 491)

Seattle, WA; Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2001
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Olympia, WA 98516
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E-mail afry1607@aol.com
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(707) 443-1359

USS FISKE (DD/DDR 842)

Jacksonville, FL; Sept. 27-30, 2001
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(732) 469-2868

USS FLASHER (SS 249)

Branson, MO; May 16-20, 2001
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USS FLASHER (SSN 613)

Peoria, IL; Sept. 11-16, 2001
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USS FLUSSER (DD 368)

Branson, MO; Sept. 12-16, 2001
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Brandon, MS 39047
(601) 992-3766

USS FRANCIS MARION (APA/LPA 249)

San Antonio, TX; Oct. 18-21, 2001
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c/o Bob Martin
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Melrose, MA 02176
(781) 665-9222
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USS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT (CVA/CVB/CV 42) & AIR WING

Mobile, AL; May 16-20, 2001
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Waterloo, NY 13165
(800) 437-0869

USS GARDINERS BAY (AVP 39)

Seattle, WA; Aug. 20-27, 2001
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Terrytown, LA 70056
(504) 367-5242
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USS GENERAL HARRY

TAYLOR (AP 145)
Virginia Beach, VA; June 7-10, 2001
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Indianapolis, IN 46256
(317) 849-3207

USS GENERAL H W BUTNER (AP 113)

Arlington, TX; May 3-7, 2001
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Arlington, TX 76013-1162
(817) 469-7807
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USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20)

Biloxi, MS; Aug. 5-10, 2001
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USS GOODRICH (DD/DDR 831)

Newport, RI; April 25-29, 2001
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Glen Burnie, MD 21061
(410) 761-7479
or Phil Abate
862 Fox Meadow Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 846-6685

USS GREENLING (SS 213/SSN 614)

St. Louis, MO; Aug. 25, 2001
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172 W. Middlesex Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-8495
(717) 243-3855

USS GUAM (LPH 9)

Norfolk, VA; July 19-22, 2001
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La Vale, MD 21502
(301) 724-2467
E-mail tuna21502@yahoo.com

USS HAZELWOOD (DD 531)

Boston, MA; April 28-30, 2001
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Groton, CT 06340
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USS HELENA (CL 50/CA 75/SSN 725)

Las Vegas, NV; Sept. 9-13, 2001
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Arcadia, CA 91007
(626) 446-7361

USS HERMITAGE (LSD 34)

Pigeon Forge, TN; April 29-May 2, 2001
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104 Dominique Place
Bull Shoals, AR 72619
(870) 445-4967

USS HUGH W HADLY (DD 774)

Hampton, VA; May 17-20, 2001
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USS INTREPID

Clear Lake, TX; April 26-29, 2001
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USS JOHN W WEEKS (DD 701)

Biloxi, MS; Oct. 14-18, 2001
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USS KALININ BAY (CVE 68) & VC 3

Tulsa, OK; May 23-27, 2001
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Tulsa, OK 74145-1218
(918) 270-2791
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USS/USCGC LANSING (DE/DER 388, WDE 488)

Virginia Beach, VA; Oct. 17-21, 2001
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USS LSM(R) 401 Renamed USS

BIG BLACK RIVER
Vicksburg, MS; Oct. 18-20, 2001
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USS LUDLOW (DD 438)

Middletown, RI; June 3-7, 2001
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La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-8955
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USS MANSFIELD (DD 728)

Branson, MO; May 15-20, 2001
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Bella Vista, AR 72714
(501) 855-9553
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USS MCDERMUT (DD 677)

Buffalo, NY; Sept. 13-15, 2001
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(919) 787-8390

USS MONSSEN (DD 798)

Jacksonville, FL; Oct. 4-7, 2001
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Jacksonville, FL 32223-7261
(904) 880-8698
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USS MONTROSE (APA/LPA-212)

San Diego, CA; Oct. 18-21, 2001
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Stanton, CA 90680
(714) 636-6267
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USS MORTON (DD 948)

San Diego, CA; Oct 10-13, 2001
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USS MULIPHEN (AKA 61)

Williamsburg, VA; May 3-6, 2001
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Newark, DE 19713
(302) 737-1751
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USS MUSTIN (DD 413)/USS

HORNET (CV 8) JOINT REUNION
Pensacola, FL; April 26-28, 2001
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Palm City, FL 34990
(561) 283-3417

USS NAVASOTA (AO 106)

Las Vegas, NV; March 18-20, 2001
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Wellington, NV 89444
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USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62)

1942-1990, USN & USMC
Branson, MO; Sept. 13-16, 2001
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San Diego, CA 92139
(619) 470-3659
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83 Queens Way
Daytona Beach, FL 32119
(904) 756-1144
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USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA 148)

Norfolk, VA; June 28-July 1, 2001
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USS NITRO (AE 2/AE 23)

Charleston, SC; June 21-24, 2001
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USS NOA (DD 841/DD 343/APD 24)

Mayport, FL; March 28-April 1, 2001
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USS NOBLE (APA 218)
Myrtle Beach, SC; May 9-12, 2001
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USS NORRIS (DD/DDE 859)
Laughlin, NV; Oct. 4-7, 2001
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(302) 541-0685

USS ORLECK (DD 886)
Seattle, WA; July 4-8, 2001
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Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-9806

USS OTTAWA (AKA 101)
St. Louis, MO; May 3-5, 2001
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USS PELIAS (AS 14)
Las Vegas, NV; May 21-24, 2001
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(406) 961-4481
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E-mail lorenzspur@uswest.net
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USS PICKAWAY (APA 222)
Denver, CO; Oct. 10-13, 2001
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(303) 660-0575
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USS PORTLAND (CA 33)
Colorado Springs, CO; Sept. 13-17, 2001
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Dallas, TX 75238-0549
(214) 341-7152
E-mail tw320@juno.com

USS PREVAIL (AGS 20)
Atlantic City, NJ; Aug. 2001
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Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234-7655
(609) 926-3410
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USS RALEIGH (CL 7)
All Omaha class cruiser Sailors welcome
Laughlin, NV; April 17-19, 2001
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259 5th Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910-4018
(619) 422-4945

USS RASHER (SS/SSR/AGSS 269)
Charleston, SC; Oct. 5-8, 2001
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555-3013
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USS RATHBURNE (DE/FF 1057)
Great Lakes, IL; Sept. 13-16, 2001
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USS ROBERT E LEE (SSBN 601)
Melbourne Beach, FL; Oct. 26-27, 2001
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USS SAMPSON (DDG 10)
Chicago, IL; Aug. 16-19, 2001
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USS SARGO (SSN 583)
San Diego, CA; Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2001
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USS SARSFIELD (DD/DDE 837)
Las Vegas, NV; April 2-5, 2001
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USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584)
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USS SEMINOLE (AKA 104)
Arlington Heights, IL; May 4-6, 2001
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USS SMALLEY (DD 565)
Nashville, TN; May 16-20, 2001
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USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32)
Pensacola Beach, FL; Oct. 18-21, 2001
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Appleton, WI 54911-3680
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USS SPINAX (SSR/SS 489)
Reno, NV; Oct. 1-3, 2001
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USS TANGIER (AV 8)
Pensacola, FL; May 5-13, 2001
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USS TARAWA (CV 40 & LHA 1)
Jacksonville, FL; April 26-29, 2001
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Victorville, CA 92392
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Walton, NY 13856
(607) 865-4076

USS THOMAS E FRASER (DM 24)
Chattanooga, TN; May 21-24, 2001
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USS TUTUILA (ARG 4)
Revere Beach, MA; Sept. 20-23, 2001
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USS ULVERT MOORE (DE 442)
San Antonio, TX; March 22-25, 2001
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USS UNION (AKA 106)
Baton Rouge, LA; Oct. 20-23, 2001
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USS VESOLE (DD/DDR 878)
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USS WALKER (DD 723)
South Portland, ME; Oct. 20-25, 2001
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USS WALLACE L LIND (DD 703)
Plankowner's Reunion
Seattle, WA; June 20-24, 2001
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USS WHITEHURST (DE 634)
Knoxville, TN; June 28-30, 2001
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Morgantown, WV 26508
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USS WILKES (DD 441)
Branson, MO; Sept. 24-28, 2001
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USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659)
Tulsa, OK; June 28-July 1, 2001
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Kissimmee, FL; Sept. 6-9, 2001
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USS ZANE (DMS 14/DD 337)
USS PALMER (DMS 5)
JOINT REUNION
Sacramento, CA; April 18-22, 2001
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ACORN 7 ASSOCIATION
(All Navy Personnel, CASUs, PATSUs, Lions & Cubs serving with ACORN units in South Pacific during WWII)
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AIRANTISUBRON TWO NINE (VS 29)

San Diego, CA; June 2001
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 (619) 276-0317
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AIR COFAT DIVISION OF NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY, SAIGON 1965-1966

San Diego, CA; May 2001
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 Fallbrook, CA 92028
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AOCS CLASS 19-59

Pensacola, FL; July 26-29, 2001
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ATTACK SQUADRON 144 ROADRUNNERS

Chicago, IL; June 22-24, 2001
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 Lindenhurst, IL 60046-8942
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BEACHMASTER UNIT ONE - KOREAN VETERANS

Fort Walton Beach, FL; May 20-23, 2001
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 Nashville, TN 37221
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CASU 3

Hot Springs, AR; Sept. 9-11, 2001
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COMBINED FORCES, U.S. NAVY, ASIATIC FLEET (1910-1942)

Baton Rouge, LA; Feb. 27-March 4, 2001
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 St. Petersburg, FL 33733
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CVWR-20 & CVWR-30 (1970 to present)

Colorado Springs, CO; June 21-24, 2001
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FIGHTER SQUADRONS VF-5/5A/51

Reno, NV; Aug. 16-19, 2001
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Philadelphia, PA; April 2001
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GROPAC SIX (Tinian Island)

Millington, TN; April 12-13, 2001
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 Memphis, TN 38127
 (901) 358-2915

HCS 130-52 PORTSMOUTH, VA

Lincoln, NE; April 2001
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USS Iowa, New Jersey, Missouri, and Wisconsin
 Panama Canal Cruise
 Oct. 30-Nov. 9, 2001
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LEMOORE VIETNAM AVIATORS

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MCMURDO NUKES, PM-3A/NNPU

Vancouver, Canada; Oct. 7-11, 2001
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MINE SQUADRON TEN

MSB MSL Atlantic Fleet
 Moncks Corner, SC; April 6-8, 2001
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 Charleston, SC 29417-1362
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NAVAL AIR STATION ATLANTA

Dillard, GA; May 18-19, 2001
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NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING UNIT AT NAS LAKEHURST NJ (1946-1978)

Fort Dix, NJ; May 19, 2001
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NAVAL STATION MIDWAY ISLAND

San Diego, CA; Oct. 8-12, 2001
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 San Diego, CA 92126-6092
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NAVY MUSICIANS

Virginia Beach, VA; April 18-22, 2001
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 Buffalo Gap, TX 79508
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NAVY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION

Alaskan Cruise from Vancouver, BC
 May 11-17, 2002
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 Silverdale, WA 98383-0646
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Washington, DC; June 2001
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In conjunction w/ USS Butternut
 Jackson, CA; Sept. 18-21, 2001
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 Volcano, CA 95689
 (209) 296-5998
 E-mail renrag@goldrush.com

NSA/NSF DANANG

(and all detachments)
 Hampton, VA; Feb. 2-4, 2001
 Contact Jerry Hubbs
 3115 Pomeroy Drive
 Louisville, KY 40220
 (502) 491-8794

PARACHUTE RIGGERS ASSOCIATION

Pensacola, FL; July 19-22, 2001
 Contact Scott MacMurray
 554 East Ten Mile Road
 Pensacola, FL 32514
 (850) 474-6242
 E-mail smacksx5@aol.com

PATROL CRAFT SAILORS/ PATROL COASTALS

Omaha, NE; May 16-20, 2001
 Contact Richard Elmendorf
 1320 Lantern Court
 Elizabethtown, KY 42701
 (270) 737-3974

PATROL SQUADRON FOUR (VP 4)

Pensacola, FL; May 17-20, 2001
 Contact Steve Andruszkewicz
 13115 Le Parc #35
 Chino Hills, CA 91709
 (909) 591-2329
 Information (405) 321-0287
 E-mail stevez@bigfoot.com
 Web Site www.vp4association.com

PBM MARINER/P5M MARLIN ASSOCIATION

Tuscon, AZ; April 19-21, 2001
 Contact Emmet "Doug" Anderson
 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Road
 Arlington, VA 22202
 (703) 892-5893

RADAR PICKET SHIPS (AGRs)

Guardian, Lookout, Skywatcher, Searcher, Scanner, Locator, Picket, Interceptor, Investigator, Outpost, Protector, Vigil, Interdictor, Interpreter, Tracer, Watchman, and USS YR-23 & YR 65 while attached to RADRON TWO
 San Diego, CA; June 14-16, 2001
 Contact Harry Miller
 230 West Forest Avenue
 Pawtucket, RI 02860-3318
 (401) 724-7278
 E-mail yagr@msn.com

SITE ONE HOLY LOCH SCOTLAND

Dunoon, Scotland; April 30-May 3, 2001
 Contact Dolly Ebert
 P. O. Box 553
 Rockland, ME 04841
 (207) 845-3188
 E-mail kdebert@midcoast.com
 Web site <http://www.rayplumlee.com/holyloch/>

SOUTH CHINA YANGTZE PATROL ASIATIC FLEET

Jacksonville, FL; April 26-May 1, 2001
 Contact Denver Kepling
 79 Caesars Circle
 Amherst, OH 44001-3507
 (440) 985-2044
 E-mail denverkep@aol.com

U.S. NAVAL FACILITY PACIFIC BEACH, WA (1958-1962)

Pacific Beach, WA; Sept. 28-30, 2001
 Contact Jim Rygh
 6183 Green Needle Drive
 Loves Park, IL 61111
 (815) 636-2063

U.S. NAVY BASIC/INSTRUMENT SQUADRON 13 CHARLIE

Colorado Springs, CO; May 16-18, 2001
 Contact Art Vanek
 PMB 357
 8175A Sheridan Boulevard
 Arvada, CO 80003-1928
 (303) 423-8661

USNMCB-9

Arlington, VA; June 21-24, 2001
 Contact Bobby Fletcher
 1758 Golden Vista Drive
 Las Vegas, NV 89123-2440
 (702) 897-6613
 E-mail ichibanseabee@aol.com

**USNR MIDSHIPMEN'S
SCHOOL NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY 1940-1945**
Honolulu, HI; March 21-25, 2001
Contact Bob Wilch
N61 W. 29799 Stoney Hill Court
Hartland, WI 53029
(262) 367-5643
E-mail sjqw@cedar.net

**USNR MIDSHIPMEN'S
SCHOOL NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY 1940-1945**
Chicago, IL; Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2001
Contact Bob Wilch
N61 W. 29799 Stoney Hill Court
Hartland, WI 53029
(262) 367-5643
E-mail sjqw@cedar.net

VA 155/VA 728
Charleston, SC; May 2-5, 2001
Contact John Woodard
175 Deer Circle
Brunswick, GA 31525
(912) 264-8792
E-mail adrc@hotmail.com

VB/VPB/VP 106
Branson, MO; June 11-15, 2001
Contact Art Hacker
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Melbourne, FL 32940
(321) 242-1937
E-mail wood610@worldnet.att.net

VC 4/VF(AW) 4
Mystic, CT; May 17-20, 2001
Contact Bob Good
12730 Soule Street
Poway, CA 92064
(858) 748-1947
E-mail nightcapper@home.com

VIETNAM ERA SEABEES
NMCB-62, NMCB-121,
NMCB-133, CBMU-302
Hampton, VA; Feb. 2-4, 2001
Contact Bruce MacDougall
P. O. Box 36781
Richmond, VA 23235
(804) 739-5526

VP 17 (1963-1969)
Monterey, CA; April 2-4, 2001
Contact Judge Bob Ahern
980 Twin Brook Drive
San Jose, CA 95126
(408) 275-6152
E-mail graeagle5@aol.com

VP 44
Daytona Beach, FL; Aug. 16-19, 2001
Contact Ray Beck
534A S. Conway Road
Orlando, FL 32807
(407) 894-6742
E-mail raybeck55@hotmail.com
Web site http://www.geocities.com/vp44_pelicans

VR 21
Reno, NV; June 14-16, 2001
Contact William E. Schweitzer
11210 White Sage Drive
Reno, NV 89506
(775) 972-1391
E-mail cschweitzer2@earthlink.net

**WWII FIGHTER-TORPEDO
SQUADRON VC 90**
Virginia Beach, VA; Oct. 3-7, 2001
Contact Earl W. Keegan
1413 N. Woodhouse Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-1631
(757) 496-7370

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**

or E-mail to: p05s@persnet.navy.mil

Please send reunion information as far in advance of the event as possible (not less than five months), and include: Command name, reunion location, dates (including year), point of contact and point of contact's 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; <http://www.military.com/Resources/ReunionList/> and www.fra.org/reunions/

This listing is provided as a convenience to our readers and is not meant to imply endorsement.

DFAS beneficiary card mailing

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland site mailed a card to all retirees in an effort to update the beneficiary information contained in retiree files.

Wording on this card may be misleading. Under Legal Order of Precedence, option (2), it states "your children and their dependents, by representation." It should state "your children and their *descendants*, by representation." The form is currently being corrected for future use. DFAS apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

Please call (800) 321-1080 with any questions.

VA sends out new enrollment letters

Seventy-five thousand veterans will soon be receiving letters from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that not only welcomes them to VA health care, but also includes their priority group and appeal rights.

On Nov. 13, 2000, VA started mailing 75,000 letters per business day, and will continue through the end of January 2001. In all, 3.6 million veterans will be contacted about their enrollment status for VA health care.

Up until now, "enrollment welcome" letters have not contained the veteran's enrollment priority group. However, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs mandated a change to that policy last year. Now veterans will not only be informed of their priority group, but also will receive information about their appeal rights, along with a fact sheet explaining priority groups and frequently asked questions.

Seven enrollment priority groups were established by Public Law 104-262, to help ensure that VA resources are allocated to veterans with the highest priority for care. Priority level funding may change from year to year, depending on Congressional appropriations. If VA cannot renew a veteran's enrollment for the following year, they will be notified before the enrollment period expires. At this time, VA is enrolling veterans in all seven priority groups for VA health care.

The enrollment law generally does not require veterans in the first six priority groups to make a co-payment for medical care. The seventh enrollment group, primarily composed of nonservice-connected veterans and zero percent non-compensable service-connected veterans with income and net worth above the established threshold, must agree to a VA co-payment for their care.

Ready Reference Telephone Numbers

Air Force Retired Affairs	(800) 531-7502
Arlington National Cemetery	(703) 695-3250/3255
Army Retired Affairs	(800) 336-4909
Awards Information (Washington, D.C.)	(202) 685-1770
Coast Guard Retired Affairs	(800) 772-8724
DEERS Verification	(800) 538-9552
Alaska/Hawaii	(800) 527-5602
California Only	(800) 334-4162
Defense Finance and Accounting - Cleveland	
Active Duty	(800) 346-3374
Retired Pay Customer Service	(800) 321-1080
Defense Finance and Accounting - Denver	
SBP Annuity Section	(800) 435-3396
Dependent Scholarship Program	(800) 962-1425
Dept. of Justice Radiation Compensation Program	(800) 729-7327
I.D. Cards, Benefits and Eligibility	(800) 443-9297
	(901) 874-3360
Internal Revenue Service	(800) 829-1040
Marine Corps Retired Affairs	(800) 336-4649
National Personnel Records Center	(314) 538-4141
Naval Reserve Personnel Center (Records)	(800) 535-2699
Use the extension listed below which corresponds to the last 2 digits of your SSN	
SSN Ending in 00-24 Use Extension 5400 or 5401	
25-49 Use Ext 5404/5405	50-74 Use Ext 5430/5431
75-79 Use Ext 5435/5436	
Navy Lodge Reservation Service	(800) 628-9466
Navy Retired Activities Office	(800) 255-8950
Navy Uniform Shop	(800) 368-4088
Reserve Component SBP Section (Code 416)	(800) 535-2699
Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)	(800) 419-1473
Shift Colors	(901) 874-3154
Social Security Administration (SSA)	(800) 772-1213
Ships Historian (Washington, D.C.)	(202) 433-3643
TRI-CARE Headquarters	(303) 676-3526
U.S. Naval Home	(800) 332-3527
U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home	(800) 422-9988
VA National Service Life Insurance (NSL)	(800) 669-8477
VA Regional Office	(800) 827-1000
VA Service Department Burial Benefits	(800) 697-6947
Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)	(800) 419-1473
Navy Worldwide Locator	(901) 874-3388

Service Records

Retirees desiring a copy of their discharge certificate (DD214), personnel records or medical/dental records should write to:

**National Personnel Records Ctr.
9700 Page Ave.**

St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

All requests must be written, dated and signed, and should include full name, rate/rank, Social Security Number, dates of service and date of birth. Requests for records are processed in four to six months. You may want to check out their Web Site at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html> prior to making any request.

Annuitant Pay

Questions regarding Annuitant Pay should be directed to Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Denver at (800) 435-3396 or E-mail dfas-de-frb@dfas.mil

Retiree Pay

Questions about retiree pay should be directed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland at (800) 321-1080, (216) 522-5955 or E-mail at ccl-retired-pay@dfas.mil

ID Card Eligibility

For ID Card and DEERS information, contact the Navy Personnel Command Benefits Branch at (901) 874-3362, FAX (901) 874-2766 or E-mail at p312d3@persnet.navy.mil

Retiree Dental Program

For information and eligibility guidelines, call the customer service number at (888) 336-3260. You may also visit their Web Page at: <http://www.ddpdelta.org> or write:

DDP*DELTA

P.O. Box 537008

Sacramento, CA 95853-7008

Reporting a Retiree's Death

To report the death of a Navy retiree, contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Casualty Assistance Branch at (800) 269-5170 or (216) 522-6680/81.

(If a Retired Activities Office is nearby, they can provide valuable assistance.)

For Other Retiree**Personnel****Matters Contact:**

**Navy Personnel Command
Retired Activities Branch**

(PERS - 622)

5720 Integrity Drive

Millington, TN 38055-6220

Tel: (800) 255-8950 or

(901) 874-4307

E-mail p622s@persnet.navy.mil

(Please include your phone number with all correspondence.)

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