

# Shift Colors

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## RAO volunteers provide invaluable support to retired military community

The Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Admiral Norb Ryan Jr., showed his appreciation to volunteers from the retired community during a July visit to the Retired Activities Office (RAO) at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in July.

While RAOs are staffed entirely by volunteers, they receive computer support, training, information and other assistance from the Retired Operations Section (PERS-62) at Navy Personnel Command.

Here, Vice Admiral Ryan discusses RAO functions with Commander E. Duane Kemp, USN(Ret), a volunteer at RAO Whidbey Island. RAOs offer a range of services to the retired military community, serving as a liaison for retirees and surviving spouses in such areas as pay issues, the Survivor Benefits Program and



the Department of Veterans Affairs.

While each branch of service operates RAOs, retirees from any branch are welcome at any RAO. One difficulty the offices face, however, is a lack of volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, contact your nearest RAO. If there isn't one in your area, and you would like to establish one, contact PERS-62 at 1-800-255-8950 ext. 2490 for assistance.

## Presidential Certificates of Appreciation available

After a temporary hiatus due to the change in administrations, President Bush announced the continuation of the "Presidential Certificate of Appreciation" for service members retiring from active duty with 20 or more years of active service.

Any service member with 20 or more years of active service, who has retired or transferred to the Fleet Reserve since January 21, 2001, is entitled to the certificate.

Those entitled to the certificate may write to:

**Commander  
Navy Personnel Command  
(PERS-823)  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-8230**

Service members should include name, Social Security Number, retirement rank or rate, date of retirement or transfer to the Fleet Reserve, and a home or forwarding address.

## Straight from the source

Dear Fellow Retirees,

During a recent realignment, Michael Wardlaw became Deputy Director, Casualty Assistance and Retired Activities Division, and I took the job of Head, Retired Operations Section. My name is Dennis Mills, and I have worked for the Retired Activities Branch for more than eight years (six as the Survivor Benefit Plan Program Manager). I too am a Navy retiree, so I share the same concerns that you and your families have regarding benefits and entitlements.

I want to bring your attention to the Navy Retiree Seal decal enclosed in this issue of *Shift Colors*. The Chief of Naval Personnel wanted to provide you with a visible symbol of the pride we all take in our Naval service, as well as a symbol recognizing your honorable service to your country. In a time when fewer people are joining the armed services, the decal will also serve to generate interest in your Naval service, and hopefully the possibility of pursuing a career in the Navy. Display it with pride!

That said, I want to inform you of what we've been doing in the Retired Operations Section. The 2001 Retired Activities Office (RAO) Directors Conference was held here in Millington, Tenn., June 26-28, and was attended by more than 50 RAOs from around the country and the world.

Thanks to PNC Injee Yoon, NCCM Todd Pike, ITCM Del Turner, BM1 David Lomax and PN1 Joakim Jnystrom, the conference was a tremendous success. The RAOs received updated briefs on TRICARE for Life (TFL), TRICARE Retired Dental Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, Temporary Disability Retired List program, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the Armed Forces Retirement Home and the Survivor Benefit Plan, as well as updates from a Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council (SECNAV RC) representative. The RAOs also worked to contribute to the rewriting of instructions affecting them in the field and received computer training. I want to emphasize that our RAOs are volunteers motivated to attend these conferences by their desire to better serve you and your families.

The last edition of *Shift Colors* highlighted the 2001 SECNAV RC's Report. We will publish SECNAV's responses as soon as they are available; however, we contribute information to *Shift Colors* well before publication, so information may change within that period. Also, please review the listing of upcoming Retiree Seminars in each edition of *Shift Colors* as the dates are subject to change.

By now, those eligible to participate in the TFL program should have received the newest TFL package. Be aware that there may be hurdles to clear in the early going. If so, I'm sure leadership will work out the bugs.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who applied for the vacant positions on the 2002 SECNAV RC. We received more than 80 applications this year. Combined with the applications from last year, the selection committee had a tough job choosing from the high caliber applicants. All who applied for the two vacancies will receive a status letter in the near future. Thank you for volunteering to serve.

In Your Service,  
Dennis Mills  
Head, Navy Retiree Operations

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# A message from the Chief of Naval Personnel



Dear Retirees,

It is an honor to hear from so many of you since the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11. Your offers to help, including returning to active duty to battle terrorism, are inspirational, and I sincerely thank you for your example and unconditional support. At present, we are mobilizing thousands of reserves but at this time do not plan on recalling retirees who volunteer. We have kept all volunteer names on file. In the meantime, you can help by sharing our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, your experience and well-honed leadership skills with those in your community who are actively supporting our nation's mission. As veterans, each of you can be an anchor for your community's confidence, faith and resolve.

Your experiences in the Fleet should tell you that we are prepared to win this difficult war against terrorism. We are focused on our mission and we are ready. Your words and actions that reflect this message are invaluable. You have set the standard for each and every Sailor of today's Navy; you are the example to follow and you should be very proud of the strong force you have helped create.

This tragedy has deeply impacted the families of the 42 Sailors, Navy civilians and contractors who were proudly serving their country in the Pentagon, as well as those shipmates lost in the four aircraft and World Trade Center. As we continue to support the needs of our Navy families who suffered the loss of loved ones, I know that you will serve them also, by extending your hand to those who may need you. If you are interested in helping families in need, [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil) contains a lot of organizations that DoD officials recommend individuals contact to make donations.

In days to come, many citizens will look to you for support and reassurance as our nation begins to build momentum in this campaign against terrorism. I know you will continue to serve your nation and Navy by offering your guidance, wisdom and strength to those you touch in your every day lives. In times of crisis like this, our nation is blessed to have as its steadfast bedrocks the wonderful men and women who wear our country's military uniforms and its selfless veterans.

We ask for your continued support and patience with the inconveniences you may experience due to the military facilities and ships that remain at an increased state of alert. Ship and base visits will be altered and you will likely experience longer waits and requests for additional identification for you and your vehicles. I know you understand that this leads to a safer environment for all of us.

Your continued support of our President, the United States military, and in particular, our Sailors and their families is appreciated far more than I can describe. The example you have set for us will guide us as we begin the battle to eradicate terrorism.

Much will be asked of all of us in the future. We will succeed as long as we work together and take care of each other. I sincerely appreciate your efforts on behalf of shipmates and their families. I couldn't be more proud to be on your team. All the best.

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

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

## Internet resources treasure trove of information

This listing of government and Department of Defense web sites is by no means complete, but it provides a good starting point for information on a wide variety of issues affecting the retired community. Besides pay and medical benefits, these sites contain information on pending legislative issues, historical information and links to alphabetical and categorical lists of Navy web sites. We think you will find them both useful and interesting.

**Defense Finance and Accounting Service - [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil)**

**Delta Dental - [www.ddpdelta.org](http://www.ddpdelta.org)**

**Department of Defense News - [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil)**

**Department of Veterans Affairs - [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**

**Official Navy Web Site - [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil)**

**House Committee on Veterans' Affairs - [www.veterans.house.gov](http://www.veterans.house.gov)**

**Legislative Information - <http://thomas.loc.gov>**

**Medicare - [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**

**National Personnel Records Center - [www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html](http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html)**

**Naval Historical Center - [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)**

**Naval Reserve Personnel Center - [www.nrpcweb.nola.navy.mil](http://www.nrpcweb.nola.navy.mil)**

**Navy Exchange System - [www.navy-nex.com](http://www.navy-nex.com)**

**Navy Office of Information - [www.chinfo.navy.mil](http://www.chinfo.navy.mil)**

**Navy Retired Activities Branch - [www.bupers.navy.mil/pers62/RetAct/firstpage.htm](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers62/RetAct/firstpage.htm)**

**Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee - [www.senate.gov/~veterans](http://www.senate.gov/~veterans)**

**Shift Colors on-line - [www.persnet.navy.mil](http://www.persnet.navy.mil) (click on News Stand on left side of screen)**

**Social Security Administration - [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)**

**TRICARE - [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)**

## Current DEERS information vital to benefits

It is important to update your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data to show any changes of address, family status such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption. (Each family member's eligibility is independent and must be updated.)

Home addresses are important because DEERS uses them to send out information on health benefits. Also, health benefits could be denied if DEERS is not up to date.

You may update your DEERS address in several ways:

- Visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) and use the 'browse by topic' (DEERS Address Change).
- Visit a local personnel office that has a Uniformed Services I.D. card facility. Call ahead for hours of operation and for instructions if you are updating a record for someone who is housebound. To locate the nearest ID card facility visit [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/) (You may search for an ID card facility by city, state, ZIP code or name).
- Call the Defense Manpower Data Center

Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552. The best time to call is between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. PST, Wednesday through Friday to avoid delays.

- Fax address changes to (831) 655-8317.
- Mail the change information to:

**DSO**

**ATTN: COA**

**400 Gigling Road**

**Seaside, CA 93955-6771**

- Visit a military treatment facility.

Other DEERS information may be updated by sending appropriate documentation (such as marriage or death certificates) to DEERS by mail or fax, or by visiting the nearest military ID card facility.

For additional questions regarding your DEERS record, call DSO at 1-800-538-9552. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. PST, Monday - Friday (excluding federal holidays).

# VA announces CHAMPVA For Life

Improvements to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) will bring financial relief to older survivors and dependents of some disabled or deceased veterans who face medical expenses not paid by Medicare or other third-party payers.

Called "CHAMPVA for Life," the new benefit is designed for spouses or dependents who are 65 or older. They must be family members of veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death. They also must have Medicare coverage.

"This improved benefit is part of VA's continuing effort to make sure the families of disabled veterans have health care when the veterans can no longer provide it," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "I'm delighted we can provide prescription outpatient medication coverage, a benefit not offered by Medicare."

Beginning Oct. 1, 2001, CHAMPVA will pay benefits for covered medical services to eligible beneficiaries who are 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. The "CHAMPVA for Life" benefit is payable after payment by Medicare or other third-party payers. For services not covered by

Medicare or other insurance, such as outpatient prescription medications, CHAMPVA will be the primary payer.

CHAMPVA beneficiaries who reached age 65 as of June 5, 2001, but were not enrolled in Medicare Part B on that date, will be eligible for this expanded benefit even though not enrolled in Medicare Part B. There is no change in CHAMPVA coverage for those beneficiaries 65 and older who do not qualify for Medicare.

Information about the new benefit was recently mailed to all previous CHAMPVA beneficiaries and providers who have filed claims with CHAMPVA.

People over age 65 who have never been eligible for CHAMPVA can request an application by writing to the VA Health Administration Center (HAC), P.O. Box 469028, Denver, CO 80246-9028.

Veterans and family members can also call toll-free, 1-888-289-2411, to obtain the latest recorded information, leave a change of address, or request information to be mailed to them. This phone line is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be e-mailed to [hac.inq@med.va.gov](mailto:hac.inq@med.va.gov).

Updates about "CHAMPVA for Life" and other benefits information will be posted to the VA's Health Administration Center web site at [www.va.gov/hac](http://www.va.gov/hac).

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## TRICARE information available on web, by phone

The most comprehensive and up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa).

For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered by the TRICARE web site, there are new TRICARE toll-free telephone numbers to TRICARE representatives with answers on TRICARE For Life, the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, and TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty and their family members.

These new telephone numbers will greatly expand TRICARE's ability to provide accurate information.

One of the best features of the new information technology center is the "warm hand-off." When beneficiaries reach a TRICARE Information Center representative, they are not disconnected until they have their questions answered, or they have been connected to another person who can help them. There are no telephone recordings or directories to sort through.

The toll-free telephone numbers for these TRICARE programs are:

▣ **Senior Pharmacy Program**  
**1-877-363-6337.**

▣ **TRICARE For Life program 1-888-363-5433.**

▣ **TRICARE Prime Remote** for active duty and their families **1-888-363-2273.**

Accessing the TRICARE web site and using the tools available, such as "Frequently Asked Questions" you can get the answers you need when you need them.

Hours of operation for the telephone information center are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET.

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# Survivors' Checklist

The information below is provided for family members of surviving spouses of military retirees in the event of the death of the surviving spouse. The information is intended as a guide and is not all-inclusive.

- Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Denver (DFAS-DE) if the surviving spouse was receiving an annuity from the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP), the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) or "Forgotten Widows Annuity." Call DFAS-DE at **1-800-435-3396**.
- If the survivor was a civil service retiree or receiving an annuity from the federal government, notify the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at **724-794-8690, Option 3 or 1-888-767-6738**.
- If the survivor was receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) or other compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), please **contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000**.
- Notify private sector or retirement custodian if the deceased received funds from an employer-sponsored plan.
- Notify financial institutions where the deceased saved, invested or maintained funds.
- Notify insurance companies.
- Contact your nearest Retired Activities Office (RAO) or Retired Services Office (RSO) for assistance. The RAO phone numbers are routinely published in *Shift Colors*. Call your nearest military installation for the RSO locations.
- If the deceased was receiving Social Security benefits, **notify the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213**.
- If the deceased participated in the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contact the Federal Retirement Thrift Board at **504-255-6000**.
- If the deceased was a member of a military fraternal group, such as the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), The Retired Officers Association (TROA), The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), The American Legion or DAV, please notify that organization.

Realizing that the above list is incomplete we would appreciate any input from retirees or survivors on information that would be pertinent for the family members of deceased survivors. Mail suggestions to:

**Navy Personnel Command  
Casualty Assistance and Retired  
Activities Division  
(PERS-62)  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-6200**

## How to Contact Us

The combining of the Retired Activities Branch and the Casualty Assistance Branch has resulted in a change of e-mail addresses for the Retired Activities Branch. You may also reach us by calling 1-800-255-8950 and using the extension listed below.

Mr. Basil Coleman, Head, Administrative Services (SBP Program Manager) **Ext. 4304, p62s@persnet.navy.mil**  
 Ms. Rena Koger, Administrative Assistant **Ext. 4307, p62s2@persnet.navy.mil**  
 Mr. Dennis Mills, Head, Retired Operations Section (Retiree Matters) **Ext. 4308, p62r@persnet.navy.mil**  
 NCCM Todd Pike, Retired Activities Office (RAO) Program Manager **Ext. 2490, p62r2@persnet.navy.mil**  
 PNC Injee Yoon, Assistant RAO Program Manager **Ext. 4309, p62r3@persnet.navy.mil**

# What TRICARE Senior Pharmacy users need to know about other health insurance

“What if I have other health insurance? How does my TRICARE coverage work?” These questions continue to be among the most commonly asked about the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program that began April 1, 2001. TRICARE beneficiaries with other health insurance have “double coverage,” and basically, TRICARE is second payer. TRICARE pays after the other health insurance has paid a claim for covered drugs, or when the beneficiary’s prescription coverage under that plan is exhausted for the year.

Another related frequently asked question is “What if I have other health insurance, but it does not include prescription coverage?” Beneficiaries may need to contact one of the two regional claims centers to change their other health insurance information to indicate that they do not have prescription coverage. They should call the toll-free TRICARE Pharmacy Help Line at 1-877-363-6337, to find out what information and documentation is required, the telephone and fax numbers, and address for their regional claims center. If they have double coverage and must fill a prescription before their information is updated, they may have to pay for the prescription initially, and file a claim for reimbursement from TRICARE.

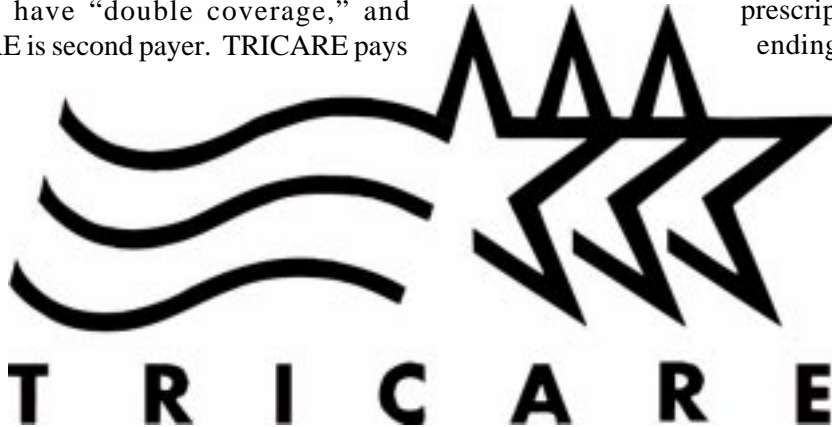
A third question beneficiaries are asking is “Can I use TRICARE’s National Mail Order Program (NMOP) if I have prescription coverage under other health insurance?” They may only use the NMOP when their required medication is not covered under their other plan, or if they exceed the dollar limit of coverage under that plan. Otherwise, their other health insurance is still first payer and they may not use the NMOP.

“Double coverage sometimes causes confusion, but it does not prevent our beneficiaries from enjoying the benefits of their TRICARE Senior

Pharmacy Program,” explains Army Col. William Davies, Department of Defense (DoD) pharmacy director.

“Most of our beneficiaries with other health insurance find that they have the best possible prescription coverage, often ending up with little or no

out-of-pocket costs,” he said. “They can file a claim to TRICARE for reimbursement of their out-of-pocket costs after their other health insurance pays on their



prescription claims. It’s important that they hang on to their pharmacy receipts showing out-of-pocket expenses, and their explanation of benefits (EOB) statement from their other health insurance. By providing adequate documentation to the TRICARE claims processor, they will be able to maximize their reimbursement.” TRICARE will provide reimbursement up to the amount TRICARE would have paid as first payer, or the amount of the beneficiary’s out-of-pocket expense, whichever is less.

Examples of other health insurance plans TRICARE beneficiaries may have are those that provide coverage through a current or former employer, an association or private insurer, a Medicare health maintenance organization, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), or a Medigap supplemental insurance with a prescription benefit.

More information about this program is available through the toll-free TRICARE Pharmacy Help Line at 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337). The Help Line is operational weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 7 a.m.-11 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Eastern Time. Information also is available on the TRICARE web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy).

## Were you a WWII Navy or Marine Corps Prisoner of War?

The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for FY01 directs the Department of the Navy to pay back-pay to persons interned during World War II, who were selected for promotion but not available to accept the promotion. The bill authorizes payment to the former member or a surviving spouse of the deceased former member. If there is no surviving spouse, no claim will be paid.

The period of eligibility for World War II is from Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946. A surviving spouse is defined as a husband or wife by lawful marriage who outlives the other spouse.

Eligible veterans, retirees or surviving spouses may complete the form on the facing page to provide the necessary information. A special section has been established within our

organization to handle these requests.

Please complete the form on page 9 and mail it to:

**World War II POW Section  
(PERS-62W)  
Navy Personnel Command  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-6200**

The process of determining promotion eligibility and the computation of the amount to be paid will require researching each request by hand and sifting through hundreds of documents in the member's personnel and pay records. The bottom line is that this will take time so please be patient. Should you have questions, you may call 1-800-762-8567.

### TRICARE for Life mailing

TRICARE for Life (TFL), which results in most members of the military retiree community being eligible for benefits formerly provided only to those under 65, began Oct. 1. By now, eligible beneficiaries should have received an information package that describes the new program.

Eligible beneficiaries who have not received an information package should call the toll-free TFL number, 1-888-363-5433. Those who are hearing or speech impaired should call TTY/TDD at 1-877-535-6778. Information is also available at the TRICARE web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

### How do I stay informed on events that affect me and my family?

*Shift Colors* makes every effort to provide you with updated important information about entitlements, benefits and programs that affect the retiree community, but it should not be your sole source of information. There are numerous web sites that offer current initiatives by military fraternal groups that act as our advocates to Congress.

If you do not have a computer, it is strongly advised that you join a veterans or retiree organization that will represent you and keep you informed.

### Plain talk

We have received comments from some of our retirees to use "plain talk" in our articles.

Where we (the *Shift Colors* editor and the Retired Activities Branch) have control over the information in this newsletter, we will make every attempt to use plain language in conveying our message.

However, barring typos and recognized inaccuracies, contributions from our various sources and agencies are often in technical language which would change meaning through alteration.

### Do You Know Any Widows of Retirees?

If you know any widows or widowers of Navy retirees, and you are not sure they are up to date on their entitlements, have them call 1-800-255-8950 ext. 4307. We want to help those who may not be receiving current information.



# WWII Prisoner of War Promotion Back Pay Application

**Privacy Notice:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579), this notice informs you of the purpose of the requested information and how it will be used. Please read it carefully.

**Authority:** 5 USC 301, Departmental Regulations; E.O. 9397 (SSN); and Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. Section 667 (Public Law 106-259).

**Principal Purpose:** Information provided will be used to determine eligibility for pay entitlements as authorized by Public Law 106-259.

**Routine Uses:** Used by Navy and Marine Corps offices to determine eligibility and then sent to DFAS for payment.

**Disclosures:** Voluntary. However, failure to provide information may result in our inability to approve the claim.

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**Veteran's Full Name (Last, First, Middle)**

**Service Number**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth**

**Place of Birth**

**Place of Entry into Service**

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address (Street, Apartment Number, City, State, Zip Code)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service (Circle One)**

**Navy**

**Marine Corps**

**Telephone Number (with Area Code)**

**Dates of Internment**

**Rank at Internment**

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Repatriation**

**Rank at Discharge**

**Date of Discharge**

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran's Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**If veteran is deceased, the surviving spouse is also requested to provide the following information:**

**Date of Death** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Include copy of Death Certificate)*

**Full Name of Surviving Spouse (Last, First, Middle)**

**Spouse's Social Security Number**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Include copy of Marriage License)*

**Current Address (Street, Apartment Number, City, State, Zip Code)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Surviving Spouse's Telephone Number (including Area Code)** \_\_\_\_\_

# Short splices on Survivor Benefit Plan

Information about your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election appears on the reverse side of your Retiree Account Statement (RAS). The RAS is distributed annually by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland (DFAS-CL), and any time there is a change in your pay. It is important that you and your spouse be aware of your SBP election and the financial implications should you predecease your spouse.

If you are an SBP participant (whether premiums are being deducted or are suspended), you have one year to enroll any newly acquired spouse or child.

If you divorce and are required to continue coverage for your former spouse, you or your spouse must provide a copy of your divorce decree and a cover letter specifically requesting continuation in SBP under the former spouse category within one year to DFAS-CL. If you do not provide the divorce decree, your former spouse, or their attorney, may do so and have the coverage "deemed" on their behalf. If you divorce and provide your divorce decree without a cover letter, your SBP coverage may be terminated.

Maintain current beneficiary information with both DFAS-CL and the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

The Social Security Administration requires all of

your DD Form 214s in order to apply for benefits. Do not wait until you are 62 years of age to search for them. Verify that you have all copies now. In fact it is a good idea to have your DD-214 entered into the official record at your local county court, as well as keeping copies in more than one place (your spouse should know their location also).

Ensure your spouse knows which government agency to contact should you predecease them.

1. DFAS-CL at **1-800-269-5170**
2. The nearest Retired Activities Office (RAO) for assistance (Navy, Army, Air Force or Marine Corps)
3. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at **1-800-827-1000**
4. The Social Security Administration (SSA) at **1-800-772-1213**

Finally, inform your spouse about your benefits and entitlements. Share information contained in *Shift Colors* and other pertinent information regarding entitlements for them.

## Totally disabled retirees may have SBP premiums suspended

If you are a participant in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) with a service-connected disability rated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (for at least 10 consecutive years) as totally disabling (or, if for a lesser period, at least five years from the date of last discharge or release from active duty), you may request to discontinue participation in SBP. To do so, you must provide a written request accompanied by the written consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries under the plan to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS-CL). The initial date for determining the five or 10 year period is the effective date of the VA rating of total disability. Validation must be obtained from the VA if not available from the member.

## Reserve Component SBP participation, basic annuities

On October 30, 2000, former President Clinton signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for FY01. This new law amended the Reserve Component SBP to require spousal consent for a member to elect: (1) to not participate in SBP; or (2) to designate the effective date for commencement of SBP payments (in the event the member dies before reaching age 60) to be the 60th anniversary of the member's birth. Additionally, Congress expressed a sense that there should be legislation enacted during the 106th Congress that increases the minimum basic annuities provided under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) for surviving spouse of members of the uniformed services who are age 62 or older. Widows and widowers, as well as current retired members should actively support this type of legislation as well.

***Please send your change of address to the appropriate office:***

The *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 request.

<p><b><i>Retirees Receiving Pay</i></b> DFAS-Directorate for Retired Pay P. O. Box 99191 Cleveland, OH 44199-1126 (800) 321-1080/(216) 522-5955 E-mail ccl-retired-pay@dfas.mil</p>	<p><b><i>Annuitant Widows and Widowers</i></b> DFAS-DE/FRB 6760 East Irvington Place Denver, CO 80279-6000 (800) 435-3396/(303) 676-6552 E-mail dfas-de-frb@dfas.mil</p>
<p><b><i>Retired Reservists NOT Receiving Pay</i></b> Naval Reserve Personnel Center 4400 Dauphine Street (N321) New Orleans, LA 70149-7800 (800) 535-2699/(504) 678-5895 E-mail address@nrpc.nola.navy.mil</p>	<p><b><i>Non-annuitant Widows and Widowers</i></b> Navy Personnel Command Shift Colors (PERS-05) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-0500 (901) 874-3154 E-mail p05s@persnet.navy.mil</p>

## Request for Change of Address

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Upcoming Retiree Seminars

## Arizona

### *Phoenix*

Oct. 27, 2001  
 Luke Air Force Base  
 Glendale, AZ  
 Joint with Air Force  
 (602) 353-3033  
 ra\_phx@hotmail.com

## California

### *San Diego (NAVSTA)*

Nov. 3, 2001  
 Marine Corps Recruit Depot  
 San Diego Base Theater, Bldg. 30  
 (0800-1400)  
 (619) 556-8987  
 poole.lynell@ns.cnrsw.navy.mil

## Connecticut

### *Groton*

Dec. 8, 2001  
 Dealey Center Theatre  
 Submarine Base  
 (860) 694-3284  
 trice2@aol.com  
 rao@subasenlon.navy.mil

## Florida

### *Jacksonville*

Oct. 27, 2001  
 Bldg. 30 (VP-30 Hangar)  
 (900-1500)  
 (904) 542-5783/2766 Ext 126  
 raojax@nasjax.navy.mil

### *Pensacola*

Oct. 20, 2001  
 NAS Pensacola, Bldg. 633  
 (900-1200)  
 (850) 452-5990/1 Ext 111  
 nasp-retired-activities@cnet.navy.mil

## Hawaii

### *Pearl Harbor*

Nov. 3, 2001  
 Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 46  
 891 Valkenburgh, Honolulu  
 (0800-1200)  
 (808) 473-4222 Ext 231  
 www.pearlharbor.navy.mil/ffsc

## Maryland

### *Bethesda*

Oct. 13, 2001  
 (301) 295-4120/1  
 rao@bethesda.med.navy.mil

## New York

### *Amityville*

Nov. 10, 2001  
 Ft. Hamilton Station Theater  
 Brooklyn, NY  
 (0800-1200)  
 (631) 842-6620  
 raoamityville@yahoo.com  
 jules\_verne\_steinhauer@yahoo.com

## Texas

### *Fort Worth*

Oct. 27, 2001  
 Ceremonial Hangar  
 NAS JRB Ft. Worth  
 (0800-1300)  
 (817) 782-5442/5287  
 james@cnrf.navy.mil

### *Houston*

Oct. 13, 2001  
 (0800-1500)  
 (713) 795-4109/4068  
 raohou@hotmail.com

### *San Antonio*

March 30, 2002  
 Fort Sam Houston  
 Blesse Auditorium in the School  
 of Medicine  
 satrao@cnrf.nola.navy.mil

## Virginia

### *Dahlgren*

Nov. 7, 2001  
 NSWC Gymnasium  
 (1000-1600)  
 (540) 653-1839  
 1-800-500-4947  
 rao@nswc.navy.mil  
 pla1@worldskyline.com

## Washington

### *Whidbey Island*

Oct. 6, 2001  
 (360) 257-8054  
 rao@naswi-navy.mil

## United Kingdom

### *RAF West Ruislip*

Nov. 17, 2001  
 (1000-1600)  
 01895-61-6500  
 001-44-1895-61-6500 (fm US)  
 00-44-1895-61-6500 (fm other  
 countries)  
 williams@cnauk.navy.mil

## 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 other helpful information are 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.

# Upcoming Reunions

**USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617)**

St. Mary's, GA; Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2001  
Contact Clark LaPointe  
309 Ashley Drive  
Summerville, SC 29485-5705  
(843) 873-4664

**USS ALLEN M. SUMNER (DD 692)**

Mobile, AL; June 13-16, 2002  
Contact Joe Gall  
56 Amsterdam Avenue  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
(716) 692-2697  
ams692@aol.com

**USS AMPHION (AR 13)**

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact Henry Miller  
1214 Langstonshire Lane  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
(919) 677-9554  
hmillersr@nc.rr.com

**USS ARCADIA (AD 23)**

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact Andrew Malone  
38 Croyden Lane  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 681-0725  
arcd23@aol.com

**USS BIGELOW (DD 942)**

Jacksonville, FL; April 10-14, 2002  
Contact Frank or Brenda Calandrillo  
707 Thoreau Court  
Mahwah, NJ 07430  
(201) 818-9668  
frankmcal@aol.com

**USS BLAKELY (FF 1072)**

Charleston, SC; July 18-21, 2002  
Contact Merle Houk  
PO Box 52  
Volant, PA 16156  
(724) 533-2297  
mhok20@hotmail.com

**USS BOSTON (SSN 703)**

New London, CT; Jan. 18-20, 2002  
Contact Arthur Hebert  
PO Box 816  
Amherst, NH 03031-0816  
(860) 688-2058  
www.ussboston.org

**USS BUCK (DD 761)**

**ASSOCIATION**  
Colorado Springs, CO; May 23-26, 2002  
Contact John Connolly  
7 Tenerife Way  
Hot Springs, AR 71909  
(501) 922-3969  
joncon@ipa.net

**USS BUTLER (DD 636/DMS 29)**

Norfolk, VA; Oct. 3-7, 2001  
Contact Joseph Walsh  
3932 Indian River Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
(757) 471-5499

**USS CADMUS (AR 14)**

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact Robert Baschmann  
11231 Bullis Road  
Marilla, NY 14102  
(716) 655-5415  
dinamlrs@aol.com

**USS CAMBRIA (APA 36)**

Charleston, SC; April 2002  
Contact David Stoll  
508 West Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-3786  
destoll@bright.net

**USS CAPERTON (DD 650)**

Phoenix, AZ; Nov. 8-10, 2001  
Contact Robert Smithson  
3812 East Kachina Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85044  
(480) 496-0705

**USS CEBU (ARG 6)**

Myrtle Beach, SC; Oct. 28-31, 2001  
Contact Harold Bond  
75 Calabash Drive  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467  
(910) 579-3777

**USS CHARLES H. ROAN (DD 853)**

Norfolk, VA; Apr. 4-7, 2002  
Contact Robert Sipka  
412 Betsy Ross Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
(757) 490-0630  
resipka@cs.com

**USS CHINCOTEAGUE (AVP 24)**

Sacramento, CA; May 2-4, 2002  
Contact Cecil Hornbeck  
1608 Messina Drive  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
(530) 671-2929  
clhuan@teamsters.workfam.com  
Or Evelyn Butcher  
4049 Gelding Drive  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314  
(928) 775-4085  
cebutter@prodigy.net

**USS COLHOUN (DD 801)**

Great Lakes, IL; April 3-6, 2002  
Contact Ernest Amaral  
19790 Mella Drive  
Volcano, CA 95689-9784  
(209) 296-7542

**USS CONYNGHAM**

**(DD 371/DDG 17)**  
Tampa, FL; May 1-5, 2002  
Contact Len Gordon  
PO Box 106  
Milltown, NJ 08850-0106  
(732) 432-0588  
ddgusboat@aol.com

**USS DONNER (LSD 20)**

Branson, MO; May 20-23, 2002  
Contact Bill Gibson  
PO Box 226  
Viburnum, MO 65566  
(573) 244-5698  
gibson@misn.com  
Or Tom Nelson  
740 Home Avenue  
Edwardsville, IL 62025  
(618) 656-0131  
nellie0131@yahoo.com

**USS EARLE B. HALL (APD 107)**

Baltimore, MD; May 2-5, 2002  
Contact Robert Grimm  
4740 West Grange  
Greenfield, WI 53220-5039  
(414) 421-8436  
rg Grimm@milwpc.com

**USS FRONTIER (AD 25)**

Tucson, AZ; Nov. 8-11, 2001  
Contact Joseph Olean  
12 Doreen Dr  
Westerly, RI 02891  
(401) 596-0143  
Fax (401) 348-3060

**USS GEORGE E. BADGER**

**(DD 196/AVD 3/APD 33),**  
**CLEMSON (DD 186/AVD 4/APD 31)**  
Virginia Beach, VA; May 2-4, 2002  
Contact Johnnie Muse  
803 Custis Avenue  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-7306

**USS GEORGETOWN (AGTR 2)**

Key West, FL; April 11-14, 2002  
Contact Jack Merrill  
J-150 West Turner Road  
Lodi, CA 95242  
(209) 334-3952  
jmerrill@ussgeorgetown.com

**USS HARRY E. HUBBARD (DD 748)**

Nashville, TN; May 15-19, 2002  
Contact Richard Oliver  
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St. Petersburg, FL 33703-5533  
(727) 527-9448  
tewaka@cs.com

**USS HARWOOD (DD/DDE 861)**

Jacksonville Beach, FL; May 8-12, 2002  
Contact Anthony Jandron  
67 Sachem Road  
N. Kingstown, RI 02852-2109  
(401) 884-2417  
tony636@juno.com

**USS HAYNSWORTH (DD 700)**

Portsmouth, NH; Nov. 1-4, 2001  
Contact Herb Potter  
26 Karen Road  
Middleton, NH 03887  
(603) 755-3617  
hpotter@unix.worldpath.net

**USS HOLT (DE 706)**

Jacksonville, FL; Apr. 24-27, 2002  
Contact Bill Morgan  
3356 Northaven Road  
Dallas, TX 75229-2544  
(214) 352-6718  
wjn-lgm@msn.com

**USS JOHN C. CALHOUN**

**ASSOCIATION**  
Hampton, VA; Jul. 11-14, 2002  
Contact Ralph White  
HC2 Box 250  
King & Queen C. H., VA 23085  
(804) 785-9001  
mspa@oasisonline.com

**USS KENNETH D. BAILEY**

**(DD/DDR 713)**  
Mobile, AL; April 2002  
Contact Robert Levine  
439 Weld Street  
West Roxbury, MA 02132-1109  
(617) 327-3286  
rh1713@aol.com

**USS KEPPLER (DD/DDE 765)**

Milwaukee, WI; May 30-June 2, 2002  
Contact Willard Darrell  
23 Kenneth Lane  
North Babylon, NY 11703  
(631) 586-4565  
dinamlrs@aol.com

**USS MACOMB (DD 458/DMS 23)**

Mobile, AL; May 1-5, 2002  
Contact James Dimond  
4940 Baywood Lane  
Millington, TN 38053-3963  
(901) 873-2865  
emcsusnet@aol.com

**USS MARIAS (AO 57)**

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact Ray Bower  
3471 Blackjack Court  
Lake Wales, FL 33853  
(863) 676-4047  
dinamlrs@aol.com

**USS NANTAHALA (AO 60)**

San Antonio, TX; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact Jack Gibbs  
40695 Newport Drive  
Plymouth, MI 48170-4742  
(734) 455-9306  
jegibbs@mediaone.net

**USS NASHVILLE (CL 43)**

Albuquerque, NM; May 2-5, 2002  
Contact Don Hill  
4020 Inca NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87111  
(505) 299-4133

**USS NAVASOTA (AO 106)**

Las Vegas, NV; March 10-13, 2002  
Contact William Slaughter  
3860 Walker View Road  
Wellington, NV 89444  
(775) 266-3329  
jojola7@aol.com

**USS NORTHAMPTON  
(CA 26/CLC 1/CC 1)**  
San Jose, CA; Oct. 25-29, 2001  
Contact Paul White  
28 Jerz Lane  
Northford, CT 06472-1513  
(203) 484-9875

**USS PAWCATUCK (AO 108)**  
Phoenix, AZ; June 19-23, 2002  
Contact David Willis  
15807 W. Cimarron Drive  
Surprise, AZ 85374-6153  
(623) 214-9835  
Pager (602) 408-6038  
dwshs53@aol.com

**USS PURDY (DD 734)**  
Norfolk, VA; May 2-5, 2002  
Contact Larry DiPasquale  
3744 Surrey Drive  
Allentown, PA 18103-5329  
(610) 433-4787  
chiefdi@juno.com

**USS REGULUS (AF 57)**  
Branson, MO; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact David Cunningham  
916 Timberlake Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464-3232  
(757) 467-6682  
dcunnin884@aol.com

**USS RICH (DD/DDE 820)**  
Beaufort, SC; April 17-21, 2002  
Contact Dave Dore  
209 Dataw Drive  
Dataw Island, SC 29920  
(843) 838-1191  
scdores@islc.net  
www.usrich.org

**USS ROANOKE (CL 145)**  
Baltimore, MD; May 2-5, 2002  
Contact Forrest Doucette  
4701 W. Placita de Suerte  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 743-7383  
fhdoucette@aol.com

**USS RUTLAND (APA 192)**  
Nashville, TN; May 15-19, 2002  
Contact Bud Duncan  
2731 W. 18  
Port Angeles, WA 98363  
(360) 457-3906  
francesduncan@prodigy.net

**USS SCHOFIELD (DEG/FFG 3)**  
St. Louis, MO; May 2002  
Contact Richard Cohagan  
801 E. Rittenhouse Street, Lot 85  
Houston, TX 77076-1657  
(713) 692-6649  
rick\_cohagan@juno.com

**USS SMALLEY (DD 565)**  
San Diego, CA; May 15-19, 2002  
Contact George Bauersfeld  
1874 Crompond Road Building 3  
Apartment C6  
Peekskill, NY 10566  
(914) 736-6377  
dd565@prodigy.net

**USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32)**  
Pensacola Beach, FL; Oct. 18-21, 2001  
Contact Chuck Siedschlag  
218 E. Randall #117  
Appleton, WI 54911-3680  
(920) 731-3330  
lsd32@webtv.net

**USS TARAWA  
(CV/CVA/CVS 40/LHA 1)**  
St. Louis, MO; April 18-21, 2002  
Contact Frank Grosey  
14430 Amethyst Road  
Victorville, CA 92392  
(760) 241-7472  
bt2fpg@msn.com

**USS TRUXTUN  
(DLG/DLGN 35/CL/CLN 35)**  
Philadelphia, PA; May 23-26, 2002  
Contact Charles Martin  
1925 Sussex Avenue  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-3721  
(856) 795-0720 or  
David Holland  
djhollnd@pacbell.net  
dave@daveshelp.com

**USS VICKSBURG (CL 86)**  
Philadelphia, PA; May 16-19, 2002  
Contact George Shaffer  
32 Valley Road  
Colonia, NJ 07067  
(732) 382-3869  
dinamlrs@aol.com

**USS WILLIAM M. WOOD  
(DD/DDR 715) ASSOCIATION**  
Virginia Beach, VA; May 2-4, 2002  
Contact Chuck Traub  
784 Glasgow Court  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
(757) 340-9056  
ctraub3@cs.com

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN**  
Pensacola, FL; Nov. 7-12, 2001  
Contact Rev. Thomas Fournier Sr.  
6401 Aspen Avenue  
Milton, FL 32570  
(850) 623-4849  
4niertsr@bellsouth.net

**AP TRANSPORT GROUP  
USS GENERALS MITCHELL (AP 114),  
RANDALL (AP 115),  
GORDON (AP 117), RICHARDSON  
(AP 118), WEIGEL (AP 119),  
ADMIRALS BENSON (AP 120),  
CAPPS (AP 121), EBERLE (AP 123),  
HUGHES (AP 124), MAYO  
(AP 125), HODGES (AP 144),  
BRECKINRIDGE (AP 176)**  
Dallas, TX; June 6-9, 2002  
Contact Chuck Ulrich  
35 Oak Lane  
New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
(516) 747-7426

**FLYING MIDSHIPMEN  
ASSOCIATION**  
Virginia Beach, VA; May 19-23, 2002  
Contact Herb Sargent  
2513 Inlynnview Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
(757) 481-6264  
hasfma@aol.com

**HS 2 GOLDEN FALCONS**  
San Diego, CA; March 2002  
Contact LCDR Bill Halverson  
Commanding Officer HS-2  
Unit 25171  
FPO, AP 96601-5702  
(619) 545-0840  
halverson.william.k@hs2.nansi.navy.mil  
www.hs2.navy.mil

**MCB 133 VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
Hampton, VA; Feb. 1-3, 2002  
Contact Dennis Ruocco  
449 Cedarview Drive  
Bolivia, NC 28422  
(910) 842-1341  
wdrdennis@aol.com

**NAVAL RESERVE  
RECRUITING ASSOCIATION**  
Columbia, MD; June 6-9, 2002  
Contact Jay Knight  
62 Narrow Lane Court  
Pensacola, FL 32506-7500  
(850) 455-8831  
nrramcpo@msn.com

**NMCB 22**  
Corpus Christi, TX; March 8-10, 2002  
Contact Jerry (Stores) Alvarez  
4922 Wexford Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
(361) 992-9394

**NMCB 40**  
Atlantic City, NJ; April 11-14, 2002  
Contact Ed Holston  
P.O. Box 112  
Franklinville, NJ 08322  
(856) 875-1300  
nmseabee40@aol.com

**U. S. NAVY ARMED GUARD  
SOUTHWEST REGION**  
Laughlin, NV; Oct. 15-17, 2001  
Contact Richard Hudnall  
11088 Charnwood Court  
Sun City, AZ 85351-1519  
(623) 977-3596  
bjandrc@aol.com

**USNTC BAINBRIDGE  
ASSOCIATION**  
Brookfield, WI; Oct. 3-7, 2001  
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P.O. Box 611  
Mt. Airy, MD 21771-0611  
kali8824z@aol.com

**VAH 1/RVAH 1**  
Pensacola, FL; Oct. 25-28, 2001  
Contact James Mathews  
8118 Oregon St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32220  
(904) 783-6943  
jimhmath@bellsouth.net

**VC 4/VF 4**  
Pensacola, FL; May 2-5, 2002  
Contact Bob Good  
12730 Soule Street  
Poway, CA 92064  
(858) 748-1947  
nightcapper@home.com

**VF/VA/VFA 113 STINGERS**  
Virginia Beach, VA; April 24-29, 2002  
Contact Stinger Reunion Committee  
2801 N. Brandywine Street  
Arlington, VA 22207  
(703) 532-0559  
crcooper@starpower.net

**VP 8 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
Reno, NV; April 28-May 3, 2002  
Contact John O'Brien  
6702 Willow Creek Road  
Bowie, MD 20720-3326  
(301) 464-1276 (evenings)  
jjobrien30@aol.com

**VR 21**  
Pensacola, FL; May 16-18, 2002  
Contact Wayne Dennis  
6433 Winston Brown Road  
Milton, FL 32570-6443  
(850) 626-0818  
peggy375@cs.com

**VW 1 ASSOCIATION**  
Pensacola, FL; April 30-May 3, 2002  
Contact Ed or Sally Metzger  
710 Edgewater Drive  
Inverness, FL 34453  
(352) 726-4943  
saled@shadrach.net

**1<sup>ST</sup> MEDICAL BATTALION  
GROUP**  
San Antonio, TX; May 2-5, 2002  
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El Paso, TX 79912  
(915) 584-1753  
darjon9@aol.com

Mail all reunion information for publication to:

**Navy Personnel Command  
Public Affairs Office (PERS-05)  
5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-0500**

or e-mail to: **p05s@persnet.navy.mil**

Please send reunion information no less than five months in advance. 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.

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## Ready Reference Telephone Numbers

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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
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
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
Servicemembers' 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
TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program	(877) 363-6337
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

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**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 visit their web site at [www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html](http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html) prior to making any requests.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 site at [www.ddpdelta.org](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 - 62)**

**5720 Integrity Drive  
Millington, TN 38055-6220**

Tel: (800) 255-8950 or  
(901) 874-4307

E-mail [p62s2@persnet.navy.mil](mailto:p62s2@persnet.navy.mil).

*(Please include your phone number with all correspondence.)*

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