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SECNAV Retiree Council welcomes new members

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Seven Sailors and two Marines, representing a wide range of experiences and skills, are the newest members of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Retiree Council.

The advisory body is one of the four pillars of the Navy’s Retired Activities Program, established to review issues of significance to retirees and their families.

The council also facilitates communication between Navy leadership and the department’s retired community, and to facilitate participation in other aspects of the Retired Activities Program.

NOTE: At press time, two Marine Corps nominees were awaiting approval by the Secretariat.

James Herdt, MCPON (Ret)

Joining the Navy in 1967, Herdt became the service’s most senior enlisted leader, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), in 1998.

As MCPON, he served as the principal advisor to the Chief of Naval Operation, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Congress on all matters concerning the health and well-being of the U.S. Navy enlisted force, and was the direct communicator to nearly half a million Sailors.

His significant tours of leadership included Chief of the Boat on the USS Skipjack (SSN-585), as well as Command Master Chief of Nuclear Field “A” School, the USS Theodore Roosevelt and Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois. Herdt served as the Force Master Chief for Naval Education and Training Command, before becoming the ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. Herdt retired from the Navy in 2002 after serving more than 35 years.

Since retiring from active duty, he has founded Herdt Consulting, Inc., and has joined his peer former senior enlisted leaders of the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard to form Pinnacle Five, LLC, which provides a variety of services to companies and organizations supporting America’s veterans.

Wayne Greenleaf, CAPT (Ret)

Wayne Greenleaf spent five years enlisted service in the enlisted ranks as a Quartermaster 2nd Class before serving 25 years as an officer, eventually rising to the rank of captain.

During his naval career, he served aboard the USS New Jersey (BB-62) in the weapons section, and on the USS St. Louis (LKA-116) in engineering.

With 45 years experience in compensation, benefits and pensions as a manager at the corporate level, he said one of the issues facing retirees includes the law requiring that the amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) received be deducted from the amount of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments, despite the fact that the retiree has already been paying for this from his/her retirement benefit.

“I look forward to playing a part in the important work of helping ensure that the sacrifices of our veterans are acknowledged and that they and their families enjoy as comfortable and secure a life as possible, after completing their service to the country,” he said.

Warren Hull, LS1 (Ret)

Currently the Retired Activities Officer (RAO) at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, retired Logistics Specialist 1st Class Warren Hull thinks the choice of new council members is a good one.

“With the diverse background of the new members, we can do a better job of ensuring the needs of our veterans are met,” he said.

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MNCC offers 24/7 retiree customer service

The MyNavy Career Center (MNCC), which launched last fall, delivers expanded customer service to retired Sailors and their families seeking assistance with its contact center, open 24/7. Retirees can inquire about a number of topics such as ID cards/DEERs, medical benefits, status of Reserve retirement, Post-911 GI Bill, and survivor benefits plans. To reach an agent by phone, call (833) 330-MNCC/6622 or via email at askmncc@navy.mil.
to be involved and active in organizations such as the SECNAV Retiree Council is an easy one.

“Serving military families is an honor and I believe it to be a privilege to have an opportunity to do so in the same place I am raising my children,” he said. “The chance to serve others and support military families is one I do not take for granted. My desire to learn and share knowledge as a part of (the council) would benefit this community and enable us all to act from a position of strength and unity.”

Hull’s 20 years of service includes service with numerous ships and flying squadrons. Shortly after retiring he completed his education in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He also provides service to the community through his work as a Red Cross volunteer, serving at a local soup kitchen and being a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans.

Marsha Williamson, CAPT (Ret)

Marsha Williamson, a Nurse Corps Officer, held assignments at Navy medical centers, Navy fleet hospitals and nurse executive positions. She obtained a Masters’ Degree in Nursing/Health Care Administration, attended multiple courses at the Naval War College and completed the Navy Executive Officer course.

She continues to hold current registered nursing licenses and is a Florida-certified health care risk manager and legal nurse consultant.

Stan Kurtz, HTCS (Ret)

Stan Kurtz, a retired Hull Technician Senior Chief Petty Officer, has prior council experience, having served as a member from 2013 to 2015.

During his Navy career, he served 23 years and was actively involved in the development of Navy policy, manuals and training.

As a civilian, he has served as director of Veteran Employment Services for the Texas Veterans Commission in Austin, Texas, where he has provided oversight to a multi-million dollar jobs program and conducted negotiations for staffing contracts with multiple labor boards.

He currently serves as director for the Veterans Business Outreach Center program for the Small Business Administration, and is an active member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

“Since retirement, I have worked in the veteran services community for over 14 years and during that time I learned about many of the benefits and services available to veterans, retirees and their families that most retirees are unaware of,” he said. “I also feel most retirees do not keep track of the retiree benefits and the challenges in keeping them. I believe the council can assist in communicating that message.”

John Patterson, CDR (Ret)

John Patterson completed 22 years’ service in various commands, both active and Reserve, including time on a Congressional service-academy selection team, and as a long-time U.S. Naval Academy Blue & Gold Recruiter.

His civilian career featured 30 years in management roles with AT&T, followed by six years as a technical and training consultant in America and Europe.

In 2017, he was appointed by the Washington State Attorney General to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Office of Military & Veteran Legal Assistance Committee, and currently serves with the Washington State Army Advisory Committee (WSAAC) working on Army Recruiting (USAREC) projects.

“Being on the Compensation Committee fits with my job as an auditor for the Northwest-States Associations belonging to the nation’s USA Track & Field organization,” he said. “Our committee’s role here is to listen to retirees of all ages, investigate any military-related inequities, and advocate fairness based on their years of service.”

Raymond Applewhite, HMCS (Ret)

Raymond Applewhite enlisted in the Navy in 1971 and retired as a Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman after 22 years. During his career, he was credited with the initial recommendation and planning which led to the first assignment of female Hospital Corpsmen to Fleet Marine Force Units at Camp Lejeune. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery re-
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SECNAV RETIREE COUNCIL

MCPON James Herdt (Council Co-Chair select)
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CAPT Wayne Greenleaf
LS1 Warren Hull
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LTCOL Danny Strand

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Plotting the Course Ahead

According to retired-Captain Martin Menez, Council chief of staff, the ambition for the current evolution, aside from its operational mandate, is to raise visibility, and therefore effectiveness, of the council and its activities within the Navy leadership, active-duty, Reserve and retiree communities.

He said the top issues facing retirees during the upcoming evolution are:

**Medical:** Tricare, exposures and presumptive conditions (such as Navy Blue Water/Agent Orange) coverage and the Veterans’ Administration, mental health and suicide, medical retirement process, access and quality of care, electronic medical records availability, post traumatic stress disorder treatments, survivor issues, etc.

**Compensation:** SBP/DIC offset “Widow’s tax,” commissary/exchange issues, Tricare fees, concurrent receipt, etc.

**Overseas, Resources and Overseas:** Transition GPS to retirement; space available travel, mail issues for overseas retirees and families etc.

“Our goals and challenges are getting the word out to Navy and Marine Corps retiree constituents in order to identify and address their concerns,” he said, “and getting the larger Navy to consider Retirees as assets — recruiting, mentoring, volunteerism — rather than as a cost.”

Every year, the council reviews current programs and policies affecting retirees and makes recommendations concerning improvements to privileges, benefits, assistance to retirees, quality of life, and any other matters relating to retired personnel to the deputy assistant secretary of the Navy (military personnel policy).

The 24-member council will convene at the 2019 annual meeting, scheduled to take place Aug. 12-16 at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. https://go.usa.gov/xEh2v

NORMAN, Oklahoma (March 11)
Capt. Kenneth Collins, right, commanding officer of the Navy Band, thanks retired Chief Petty Officer Charles Allen, a 101-year-old World War II veteran, for his military service following a performance at the University of Oklahoma.

Navy photo by Musician 1st Class Sarah Blecker

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Recently placed his name as potentially being the first African-American Navy instructor at Field Medical Service School, Camp Johnson, NC.

Since retiring, he has served in a number of health-service organizations, to include fundraising and mentoring. He also volunteers in his community.

For a number of years, he served the military medical community as a public affairs officer, establishing internal and external communications and messaging, community outreach planning and coordination, and facilitating media partnerships with local and national news agencies.

“I am gravely concerned, as are other retirees and their families, about the rising cost of healthcare, which obviously includes Tricare fee hikes,” he said. “To me, the biggest challenges are provider shortages and the planned reduction in medical billets.”

“I am concerned a reduction of this magnitude may cause further strain on an already strained military treatment facility, possibly causing access issues.”
Understand your TRICARE explanation of benefits

While not a bill, EOB is important to comprehend

From TRICARE

If you’ve ever visited the doctor or hospital and used your health benefits, you’ve probably received an explanation of benefits (EOB). An EOB is sent after the claim for your visit is processed. It’s an itemized statement that breaks down the cost-shares and deductibles.

While an EOB isn’t a bill, it’s still an important document to read through and understand.

MEDICAL

Your EOB will include the date you received the medical treatment or service, along with several amounts. This includes the amount billed, the amount covered, and the amount paid by TRICARE, Medicare, or other health insurance. It will show any balance you owe your provider.

It will also let you know how much has been credited toward your annual deductible and catastrophic cap.

Each time you receive an EOB, compare it to the receipt or statement from the health care provider. Contact your primary insurance claims processor if you see charges for services you didn’t receive. And remember to keep your EOB statements with your health insurance records for reference.

After reviewing your EOB, you can:

- **Make an appeal** - Take action if you don't agree with a decision made about your benefit.
- **File an appeal** - within 90 days of the date of the EOB notice.

TRICARE regional and overseas contractors don’t mail EOBs to you. EOB statements are available online on your TRICARE regional or overseas contractor website. You must first log in or register on their secure portal to get access to your EOB statements online.

After you log in, you can then view and print your TRICARE EOB. This gives you access to your information anytime.

To get to your regional or overseas contractor website, select a link below:

- TRICARE East
- TRICARE West
- TRICARE Overseas Program
- TRICARE For Life

TRICARE contractors don’t issue an EOB to you when claims involve services related to certain sensitive diagnoses. To learn more about this, contact your TRICARE regional or overseas contractor.

PHARMACY

Your pharmacy EOB statement is a summary of your prescription claims history when you use your TRICARE pharmacy benefit. Express Scripts, the TRICARE Pharmacy Program contractor, will send you an EOB only if there’s claim activity from a retail pharmacy or TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. If you only fill your prescription at a military pharmacy, you won’t get an EOB.

Pharmacy EOB statements are printed and mailed quarterly. However, if you sign up to receive your EOB online, you’ll get a monthly notification when it’s ready. You’ll also be able to view your statements online anytime. To register online, follow the instructions on the Express Scripts website.

DENTAL

If you’re enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), you’ll receive a Dental Explanation of Benefits (DEOB) from United Concordia Companies, Inc. that explains what was covered for your dental services.

The DEOB breaks down the costs for the procedures, and helps you understand how much you have to pay in cost-shares, if any. You can view your DEOB on the TDP website. Find more about a DEOB in the TRICARE Dental Program Handbook.

Remember, an EOB and a DEOB are not bills. These two statements simply show you what action TRICARE has taken on your claims.

For more information related to an explanation of benefits, visit the Filing Claims section. To learn more about your health care costs, visit Costs on the TRICARE website.

www.tricare.mil
WASHINGTON (NNS) — In February, the Department of the Navy released its proposed $194.1 billion (Base and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)) budget for fiscal year (FY) 2019. This budget is part of the $716 billion (Base and OCO) defense budget President Donald Trump submitted to Congress the same day.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget, Rear Adm. Brian Luther, briefed media during a Department of Defense press conference on the Navy and Marine Corps portion of the budget. “The Department has worked diligently in this request to ensure the funding provided protects and sustains the readiness gains of FY18 and creates a balanced warfighting force with the capabilities needed for the fight and the capacity to win the fight,” said Luther.

This year’s budget request is focused on restoring wholeness by growing the readiness, capability and capacity of the Navy and Marine Corps in an effort to build a more lethal, resilient and agile force to deter and defeat aggression by great power competitors and adversaries in all domains across the conflict spectrum. This force is necessary to fulfill the maritime responsibilities articulated in the National Defense Strategy.

Wholeness will be achieved by focusing on six specific dimensions: building a bigger, better, networked, talented, agile and ready fleet.

This budget includes a $63.4 billion (base and OCO) request for operation and maintenance, funding the maximum executable amounts for ship depot maintenance, aviation depot maintenance and the flight-hour program. The operation and maintenance request represents an emphasis on the importance of restoring wholeness to build capacity and improve lethality in the future.

The submission will build on current programs and invest in innovation to enable the Navy to compete in a fast-paced, complex global maritime environment - today and in the future. The submission includes a $58.5 billion (base and OCO) procurement budget that would buy 10 new ships and 54 ships across the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) and invest in high-tech systems including unmanned, cyber and directed energy weapons.

The 10 new ships the budget would purchase include three Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, two Virginia-class submarines, one littoral combat ship and one expeditionary staging base to prioritize stability in major combatant shipbuilding as the fleet continues to grow. Additionally, the budget funds the construction of 120 aircraft in FY19 and 655 aircraft across the FYDP.

By fully funding the Columbia-class SSBN program, the FY19 budget maintains the Navy’s commitment to providing the nation with a credible and survivable sea-based strategic deterrent.

In order to meet dynamic changes in the security environment of today, this year’s submission includes $18.6 billion for research and development, supporting the Navy-Marine Corps team of the future through technological advantages designed to counter adversaries in all environments and across all spectrums.

The budget supports our personnel by funding career-development initiatives and providing a 2.6 percent pay increase, while developing and procuring the most cutting-edge platforms and weapons available. It also continues to invest in Sailor 2025, to promote the transformation of internal business processes to improve service to Sailors, increase organizational agility and responsiveness and reduce cost.

Lastly and equally important, the Department of the Navy (DON) remains fully committed to the audit effort and transforming our business culture by adopting strong internal controls consistent with industry standards. Internal processes and programs were reviewed to achieve reform and funding savings over $5 billion across the FYDP. Our reform efforts continue to focus on improving organizational effectiveness; eliminating, restructuring or merging activities; and workforce management.

View the entire fiscal 2019 Department of the Navy budget proposal at: www.finance.hq.navy.mil/fmb/PB/books.htm
DoD wants sharp commissary budget cuts as overall defense budget increases

From Fleet Reserve Association

The commissary budget will take a 21 percent cut in fiscal 2020, if Congress approves the Defense Department’s budget request. Defense officials are asking for $995 million in taxpayer funding to operate the 236 commissary stores worldwide, down from $1.27 billion in fiscal 2019, according to recently released DoD budget documents.

Part of the reduction is likely due to an 11 percent decrease in the commissary work force. Those work force cuts in the Defense Commissary Agency started in fiscal 2019 and will carry forward into fiscal 2020 — going from 14,000 employees worldwide to 12,500 during fiscal 2020. Information is not yet available about how those cuts affect stores and customers.

The budget cut comes as the Defense Department is moving toward merging the three military exchange systems and the commissary system into one “defense resale enterprise,” in efforts to save money. But that proposal hasn’t yet been approved — at this writing it was awaiting approval by Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense David Norquist. A report and legislative proposals will then be sent to Congress.

In a memo signed March 1, Lisa Hershman, acting DoD chief management officer, approved the business case for the merger. In order for DoD to fully merge those systems, some laws will have to be changed, such as the current law requiring separate commissary and exchange systems.

For a number of years, some within the Defense Department have floated proposals to reduce the commissary budget. The commissary proposed budget is about 0.13 percent of the overall defense budget request, which has increased this year.

The budget overview states there’s a $400 million net decrease from the fiscal 2019 funding for military family support programs, and that is driven by the commissary’s use of funds left over from the previous year and “military construction phasing of DoD school projects.” In its long-term effort to replace and renovate schools, the Department of Defense Education Activity is proposing to spend about $150 million in 2020 on three schools and an administrative office; about $218 million less than what they spent in fiscal 2019.

Funding for other programs in the “family support” category stayed the same, except for a $100 million increase in warfighter and family support programs, to $1.8 billion.

Funding for child care and youth programs remained level at $1.4 billion; and for MWR programs, level at $1.6 billion.

The budget proposal doesn’t specify how much taxpayer funding was left over in the commissary budget from the previous year, or why there were funds left over. But it doesn’t appear that those funds would offset the $271 million decrease in the budget request, compared to fiscal 2019.

“I find it interesting that the budget briefing doesn’t mention reduced appropriations due to offsetting revenues derived from operational efficiencies, [such as] private label and variable pricing. You would think that would be something to tout,” said Tom Gordy, president of the Armed Forces Marketing Council.

The commissary has introduced a number of private label products, and has gone from a system that sold all products at cost from the vendor, to a system that allows them to mark up or mark down prices.
VA strengthens care and benefits for vets with $220 billion budget

From the Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump is proposing a total of $220.2 billion in his fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), a 9.6 percent increase above fiscal 2019.

“The budget request will ensure the nation’s veterans receive high-quality health care and timely access to benefits and services,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “The budget supports the most significant transformation of VA since its inception, positioning the department as the premier provider for veterans’ services and benefits. This is a significant increase in VA funding and demonstrates the administration’s commitment to supporting our veterans.”

Budget highlights

The FY 2020 budget includes $97 billion (an increase of $6.8 billion, or 7.5 percent) in discretionary funding, including resources for health care, benefit administration, and national cemeteries, as well as $123.2 billion (an increase of $12.3 billion or 11.1 percent) in mandatory funding above 2019 for benefit programs inclusive of Compensation and Pensions, Readjustment Benefits, Housing and Insurance. This budget provides robust funding for the secretary’s top priorities.

**MISSION Act:** $8.9 billion for implementation of the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MIS- SION Act) to provide greater choice on where veterans receive their care, maintain care for current Choice Program users, provide a new urgent care benefit and expand the Caregivers program.

**Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM):** $1.6 billion ($496 million above FY 2019) to create and implement a single longitudinal electronic health record for military service members from their active duty to veteran status, and ensure interoperability with the Department of Defense. The increase will support ongoing activities at the three initial deployment sites and the deployment to further sites, as well as additional site assessments.

**Transforming Business Systems:** Funds the continued deployment of a modern integrated financial and acquisition management system ($184.9 million) and implementation of the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support ($36.7 million).

**Improving Customer Service:** $8.1 million to maintain VA’s trajectory of improving its customer service. The results of a recent customer-experience feedback survey of veterans regarding their trust of the department’s health care outpatient services showed “trust scores” for outpatient services increased from 84.7 percent in June 2017 to 87.9 percent in January 2019.

**Preventing Veteran Suicide:** $9.4 billion ($426 million above 2019) for mental health services, which includes $222 million for suicide-prevention outreach, a $15.6 million increase over 2019.

**Women’s Health:** $547 million ($42 million above 2019) for gender-specific women’s health care. This increase will help meet VA’s goals of developing Designated Women’s Health Primary Care Providers at every site where women access VA care, and improve the availability and quality of services to women Veterans.

**Capital Investments:** $1.6 billion for major and minor construction, including $410 million for the construction of a new hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, and $150 million for the Manhattan, New York, medical center.

The following are a few pieces of legislation affecting veterans/retirees under discussion before the House or Senate.

**H.R. 124: Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals**

Sponsor: Joseph Kennedy III (D-Mass)  
This resolution is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on February 11, 2019. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.  
The House Majority Leader indicated on March 21, 2019 that this resolution may be considered in the weeks ahead.  
H.R. 124 is a simple resolution in the United States Congress, used for matters that affect just one chamber of Congress, often to change the rules of the chamber to set the manner of debate for a related bill. It must be agreed to in the chamber in which it was introduced. It is not voted on in the other chamber and does not have the force of law. Read the full text at:  
[www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hres124/text](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hres124/text)

**House Resolution 846: Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2019**

Sponsor: Jenniffer González-Colón (R-Puerto Rico)  
This resolution seeks to amend the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a vacancy and recruitment database to facilitate the recruitment of certain members of the Armed Forces to satisfy the occupational needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish and implement a training and certification program for intermediate care technicians in that Department, and for other purposes.  
This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on January 29. The earliest version of this resolution was introduced in H.R. 5287, on July 26, 2002, and has been introduced seven times prior to its current form. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. Read the full text at:  
[www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr846/text](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr846/text)

**House Resolution 1802: To amend title 38, U.S. Code, to authorize Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the VA, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: Lloyd Smucker (R-Penn)  
This bill was introduced into Congress on March 14, 2019. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. It must be passed by both the House and Senate in identical form and then be signed by the President to become law. Text was not available at press time. For updates, go to:  
[www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr1802](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr1802)

**H.R. 463: Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act**

Sponsor: Walter Jones Jr. (R-NC)  
This resolution seeks to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for forgiveness of certain overpayments of retired pay paid to deceased retired members of the Armed Forces.  
This is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on Jan. 10. The earliest version of this resolution was introduced in H.R. 5287, on July 26, 2002, and has been introduced seven times prior to its current form. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. Read the full text at:  
[https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr463/text](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr463/text)

**H.R. 303: Retired Pay Restoration Act**

Sponsor: Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.)  
S. 208: Retired Pay Restoration Act  
Sponsor: Jon Tester (D-Mont.)  
House - A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.  
The House version was introduced into Congress on Jan. 8, 2019. The Senate version was introduced on Jan. 24. Both will typically be considered by committee next before possibly being sent on to the respective chamber as a whole. Read the full House version at:  
[https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr303/text](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr303/text)  
Read the full Senate version at:  
[https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/s208/text](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/s208/text)
an accurate headcount of the ship’s personnel, a total of 429 crewmen — 415 Sailors and 14 Marines — could not be accounted for and were presumed dead. In a marvel of engineering the ship was righted and salvaged in the few years, eventually. The USS Oklahoma was stabilized enough to place the ship in drydock. Repairs needed to return the ship to duty were deemed too expensive and it was sold as scrap. The ship sank while being towed to a California scrapyard. 

Through June 1944, Navy personnel recovered remains from the USS Oklahoma, interring them in the Halawa and Nu’uanu Cemeteries in Hawaii. 

When World War II ended, the United States government launched the largest initiative ever undertaken by any nation to repatriate its war dead. The U.S. Army was the branch of service given responsibility for locating and identifying all U.S. service casualties. To accomplish this task, the Army created the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS). As part of its global mission, in September 1947, the AGRS disinterred the USS Oklahoma remains from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Those efforts enabled individual identifications for only 35 men — 32 Sailors and three Marines — from the remains believed to be those of the USS Oklahoma’s missing crew members, leaving a total of 394 from the ship still unaccounted for.

After AGRS officials determined that no other identifications could be made, in 1950, the remains associated with the USS Oklahoma were placed in 62 caskets and buried as Unknowns in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The USS Oklahoma Unknowns lay undisturbed for nearly 50 years until Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor, began to conduct some research at the request of the family of an unaccounted-for USS Oklahoma Sailor. Emory found records that indicated at least one set of the USS Oklahoma remains could be individually identified if the remains could be disinterred for a thorough forensic examination.

In 2003, one of the 62 caskets containing remains from the USS Oklahoma was disinterred from the Punchbowl and accessioned into the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii. The staff concluded that the remains came from more than 100 individuals, giving a good indication of the extent that remains from the ship had comeled. The laboratory made its first individual identification from the remains in that single casket in 2008, ultimately identifying a total of five Sailors from that casket between 2008 and 2010.

In 2012, based on the information and experience gained through those six identifications, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command — the organization charged with running the Hawaii lab at that time — put feelings to proposal to disinter the remaining 61 caskets of USS Oklahoma unknowns in hopes of finding the Sailors and Marines who remained unaccounted for. On Nov. 10, 2015, the last of the USS Oklahoma unknown caskets was removed from the cemetery. Its contents, along with the remains from the other 60 caskets and the unidentified material from the initial casket, were eventually transferred to Offutt Air Base. All of the material was accessioned into the lab under a unified protocol, “The DPAA USS Oklahoma Project. The 200-identification benchmark is the result of a lot hard work by many people. To help get the project proposal approved, Navy POW/MIA Branch pushed to contact family members to provide DNA reference samples, resulting in nearly 85% of the ship’s missing personnel having a sample in the vault before the identification process began. "Navy POW/MIA Branch is honored to be a part of the entire group of professionals who work so diligently in the effort to account for missing persons from past conflicts" said Rudy Gonzalez, Branch Head, Navy POW/MIA. "This milestone could not have been achieved without the hard work, dedication, and determination of past and current employees of Navy POW/MIA Branch and NPC’s leadership. “Delivering the good news of an identification and assisting families with burials is the highlight of our work. When you meet a family in person, and they are overcome with joy, it really drives home the reason why we are all doing this. We look forward to our continued partnership with DPAA and working this honorable mission.” The DPAA laboratory staff has worked diligently to handle what to date is DPAA’s single biggest influx of remains. For example, the initial phase assessment of the remains consisting of almost 13,000 skeletal elements took nearly a year to complete. The laboratory staff also collected and submitted nearly 5,000 samples for DNA testing that were sent to the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System’s DNA Operations, the sole Department of Defense DNA testing laboratory tasked with assisting current and past conflicts human identification efforts. “It is remarkable for us to reach the 200th identification,” said Mr. Sean Patterson, Armed Forces Medical Examiner System’s DNA Operations Quality Manager. “We’ve identified so many people in a short amount of time using new technology such as the next-generation sequencing as well as with conventional technology. It is a huge boost of morale when we put a name and picture to the identification. This is especially significant for our newer analysts who spent the first few years of their careers identifying the 200 service members.” None of it may have happened if not for Emory, who passed away Aug. 20, 2018, at age 97. His family held a small funeral service and he was laid to rest on Dec. 3, 2018 in a private cemetery not far from Pearl Harbor. DPAA’s mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for personnel missing from past conflicts. As Brown looks at the poster boards, he is hopeful that more answers are soon to come for the nearly 50 percent of the crew who have yet to be identified. Photos can be found on the Shift Colors webpage.
NOTE: The Blue Angels show schedule is subject to change without notice.

April
6 - 7  * Lakeland, FL
Sun 'n Fun Air Show
www.flysnf.org

13 - 14  * NAS Corpus Christi, TX
Wings Over South Texas
www.wingsoversouthtexas.com

27 - 28  * MCAS Beaufort, SC
MCAS Beaufort Air Show
www.beaufortairshow.com

May
4 - 5  * Fort Lauderdale, FL
Fort Lauderdale Air Show
www.fortlauderdaleairshow.com

11 - 12  * Joint Base Andrews, MD
Joint Base Andrews Air Show
www.jba.af.mil/Home/Air-Show

18 - 19  * Cape Girardeau, MO
Cape Girardeau Air Festival
www.capegirardeauairfestival.com

22  * Annapolis, MD
U.S. Naval Academy Air Show
(no dedicated website)

25 - 26  * Miami Beach, FL
Miami Beach Air and Sea Show
www.usasalute.com/the-air-sea-show

June
1 - 2  * Oklahoma City, OK
Star Spangled Salute Air Show
www.aerospaceokc.com

8 - 9  * Smyrna, TN
Great Tennessee Air Show
www.greattennesseeairshow.com

15 - 16  * Ocean City, MD
OC Air Show
www.ocairshow.com

29 - 30  * Davenport, IA
Quad City Air Show
www.quadcityairshow.com

July
6 - 7  * Kansas City, MO
Kansas City Air Show
www.kcairshow.org

13  * Pensacola Beach, FL
Pensacola Beach Air Show
www.naspensacolaairshow.com

20 - 21  * Duluth, MN
Duluth Air and Aviation Expo
www.duluthairshow.com

27 - 28  * Grand Junction, CO
Grand Junction Air Show
www.gjairshow.com

August
3 - 4  * Seattle, WA
Boeing Seafair Air Show
www.seafair.com

September
1  * Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada
Air Show Atlantic
www.airshowatlantic.ca

7 - 8  * Chesterfield, MO
Spirit of St. Louis Air Show
www.spirit-airshow.com

21 - 22  * NAS Lemoore, CA
Central Valley Air Show
www.centralvalleyairshow.org

28 - 29  * MCAS Miramar, CA
MCAS Miramar Air Show
www.miramarairshow.com

October
5 - 6  * Sacramento, CA
California Capital Air Show
www.californiacapitalairshow.com

12 - 13  * San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Fleet Week
www.fleetweeksf.org/air-show

19 - 20  * Fort Worth, TX
Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show
www.allianceairshow.com

26 - 27  * Jacksonville Beach, FL
Jacksonville Sea and Sky Air Show
www.specialevents.coj.net

November
2 - 3  * Moody AFB, GA
Thunder Over South Georgia Air Show
Website not yet updated

8 - 9  * NAS Pensacola, FL
Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show
www.naspensacolaairshow.com

The mission of the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country through flight demonstrations and community outreach.
From Defense Finance and Accounting Service

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service’s (DFAS) pay management system, myPay, is undergoing a significant transformation with a simpler design, streamlined navigation and easier use on customers’ mobile devices.

DFAS officials have not yet released a date for the change, but assure customers that information will be provided via the agency’s social media channels and website (www.dfas.mil). The transition to the refreshed myPay will occur after the traditional tax season ends.

myPay account holders can expect to see differences when they access the application after the change is launched. The most striking difference will be the myPay home page, which will look fresher and more modern. Customers can always ensure they are connected to the official myPay system by checking their browser’s address bar for the correct myPay URL: https://mypay.dfas.mil.

myPay currently provides service for more than six million military retirees and annuitants, military members, and federal civilian employees. Not only does it provide account holders a more secure way to receive tax documents such as 1099-Rs and W-2s, myPay is also the quickest way to update bank account, mailing and email addresses and other vital information necessary to manage retiree and annuitant accounts.

In addition, with an email address in myPay, retirees and annuitants can also receive important email notifications from DFAS about their pay accounts.

DFAS is also updating video and website content to help customers accomplish a variety of common online tasks, such as accessing a myPay account for the first time, password updates, and bank account and address changes.

For more myPay information, go to:
- www.dfas.mil
- www.facebook.com/DFAS
- www.linkedin.com/company/dfas
- www.youtube.com/user/DFAS

REUNIONS

To ensure your reunion has the more exposure, send us your information as soon as details are finalized.

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<td>USS CONSERVER (ARS-39)</td>
<td>April 24-28</td>
<td>(610) 780-5484</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kcwrde@yahoo.com">kcwrde@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>USS STEINAKER (DD/DDR-863)</td>
<td>April 25-28</td>
<td>(904) 654-7321</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ken.kohnen@yahoo.com">ken.kohnen@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>Retired Navy Downeast'r</td>
<td>April 26-27</td>
<td>(910) 330-7713</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cozz20@aol.com">cozz20@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>USS MULLINNIX (DD-944)</td>
<td>May 1-5</td>
<td>(302) 650-3042</td>
<td><a href="mailto:muxassn@hotmail.com">muxassn@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td><a href="http://www.ussmullinnixassociation.com">www.ussmullinnixassociation.com</a></td>
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<td>USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)</td>
<td>May 5-10</td>
<td>(910) 622-0518</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bpldousnret@gmail.com">bpldousnret@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643)</td>
<td>May 6-9</td>
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<td>USS RICH (DD/DDE 820)</td>
<td>May 6-10</td>
<td>(937) 672-8568</td>
<td><a href="mailto:reunion2019@ussrich.org">reunion2019@ussrich.org</a> <a href="http://www.ussrich.org">www.ussrich.org</a></td>
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<td>The “THREE SISTER SHIPS”</td>
<td>May 6-10</td>
<td>(703) 624-7956</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mva41vpr@comcast.net">mva41vpr@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://www.ussmidway.net/home.html">www.ussmidway.net/home.html</a></td>
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<td>USS GRAYBACK (SSG/LPSS/SS 574)</td>
<td>May 7-9</td>
<td>(702) 810-8056</td>
<td><a href="mailto:madimmick@cox.net">madimmick@cox.net</a> <a href="http://www.usgrayback574.com">www.usgrayback574.com</a></td>
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<td>USS MANATEE (AO-58)</td>
<td>May 7-9</td>
<td>(734) 721-1867</td>
<td><a href="mailto:finch67@sbcglobal.net">finch67@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="http://www.ussmanatee.org/reunion2019.html">www.ussmanatee.org/reunion2019.html</a></td>
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<td>USS CARPENTER (DD-825)</td>
<td>May 16-20</td>
<td>(714) 776-4019</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kennjd3@gmail.com">kennjd3@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>USS SATYR (ARL-23)</td>
<td>May 16-20</td>
<td>(904) 641-5354</td>
<td><a href="mailto:toney@usssatyr-arl23.com">toney@usssatyr-arl23.com</a> <a href="http://www.usssatyr-arl23.com">www.usssatyr-arl23.com</a></td>
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<td>USS GRAFFIAS (AF-29) &amp; all AFs of Servron 7</td>
<td>May 19-23</td>
<td>(540) 442-0007</td>
<td><a href="mailto:john_w_morrow@yahoo.com">john_w_morrow@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6)</td>
<td>May 23-25</td>
<td>(330) 262-7667</td>
<td><a href="mailto:wvcox915@aol.com">wvcox915@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>June 3-5</td>
<td>(760) 889-2216</td>
<td><a href="mailto:secretary@usscogswell.com">secretary@usscogswell.com</a></td>
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<td>USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN-643)</td>
<td>June 6-9</td>
<td>(760) 203-3126</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tbs062247@aol.com">tbs062247@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.ssbn643.org/2019reunionpage.html">www.ssbn643.org/2019reunionpage.html</a></td>
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<td>USS DULUTH (LPD-6, CG-87)</td>
<td>June 12-16</td>
<td>(610) 213-6379</td>
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<td>Naval Air Station Sanford</td>
<td>June 20-23</td>
<td>(407)302-2252</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dlfrsf@aol.com">dlfrsf@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:cperez8236@aol.com">cperez8236@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>USS BOSTON (CA-69/CAG-1/SSN-703)</td>
<td>July 4-7</td>
<td>(203) 767-6093</td>
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<td>USS NORMANDY (CG-60)</td>
<td>July 13</td>
<td>(717) 434-3126</td>
<td><a href="mailto:fc2turbomss@gmail.com">fc2turbomss@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>USS BAUSELL (DD-845)</td>
<td>July 17-21/22</td>
<td>(256) 443-1969</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ussbausellreunionplanner@gmail.com">ussbausellreunionplanner@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>USS HORNET (CVS-12 &amp; Apollo 50)</td>
<td>July 18-22</td>
<td>(814) 224-5063</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hornetcva@aol.com">hornetcva@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.usshornetassn.com">www.usshornetassn.com</a></td>
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<td>USS CUSHING (DD-376/DD-797/DD-985)</td>
<td>Aug. 30 -Sept. 2</td>
<td>(321) 249-2874 (904) 528-0422</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kkaaihue@gmail.com">kkaaihue@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:gibson_w@outlook.com">gibson_w@outlook.com</a></td>
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<td>USS TAKELMA (ATF-113)</td>
<td>Sept. 3-7</td>
<td>(651) 455-1876</td>
<td><a href="mailto:richard_rosemary@msn.com">richard_rosemary@msn.com</a></td>
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<td>USS RASHER (SS/SSR/AGSS-269)</td>
<td>Sept. 4-8</td>
<td>(804) 815-0730</td>
<td><a href="mailto:drifterpilot@cox.net">drifterpilot@cox.net</a></td>
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### Pensacola Retired Activities Office seeks staffers

The Retired Activities Office at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, located in the Fleet and Family Support Center, Building 625, is looking for military retirees/survivors to staff its office.

Duties include: casualty reporting, assisting survivor’s in obtaining benefits and answering general questions concerning retirement benefits. The position requires a desire to assist your fellow retirees and survivors. Volunteers should have an administrative background with knowledge of computer programs, e.g. Microsoft Outlook, Word, etc. For further details, call the Retired Activities Office at (850) 452-5622, or e-mail nasp.rao.fct@navy.mil

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<td>USS SAN MARCOS (LSD-25)</td>
<td>Sept. 5-8</td>
<td>(215) 287-4311</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jacklieberman8104@comcast.net">jacklieberman8104@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>USS STOZZARD (DD-566)</td>
<td>Sept. 11-14</td>
<td>(573) 517-1996</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cjruch@LDD.net">cjruch@LDD.net</a></td>
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<td>Patrol Squadron 4 (VP-4)</td>
<td>Sept. 11-15</td>
<td>(503) 688-9804</td>
<td><a href="mailto:larry.hames@VP4Association.com">larry.hames@VP4Association.com</a>, <a href="http://www.vp4association.com">www.vp4association.com</a></td>
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<td>USS FISKE (DD/DDR 842)</td>
<td>Sept. 24-26</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:sm1ret@nycap.rr.com">sm1ret@nycap.rr.com</a>, <a href="mailto:jrrapson@cox.net">jrrapson@cox.net</a></td>
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<td>USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634)</td>
<td>Sept. 18-21</td>
<td>(530) 567-5192</td>
<td><a href="mailto:daf360hd@att.net">daf360hd@att.net</a></td>
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<td>USS WILTSIE (DD-716)</td>
<td>Sept. 22-26</td>
<td>(360) 508-1382</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dd716ted@comcast.net">dd716ted@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>USS ABNAKI (ATF-96)</td>
<td>Sept. 23-27</td>
<td>(916) 893-3198</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@beaverloghomesinc.com">info@beaverloghomesinc.com</a></td>
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<td>USS FISKE (DD/DDR-842)</td>
<td>Sept. 24-26</td>
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<td>USS HOLDER (DD/DDE 819, DE 401)</td>
<td>Sept. 25-28</td>
<td>(831) 458-9062</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ussholder_dde819@hotmail.com">ussholder_dde819@hotmail.com</a>, <a href="http://www.ussholder.com">www.ussholder.com</a></td>
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<td>USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635)</td>
<td>Sept. 26-29</td>
<td>(207) 651-5875</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ssbn635aganger@gmail.com">ssbn635aganger@gmail.com</a>, <a href="http://www.ssbn635.org">www.ssbn635.org</a></td>
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<td>USS ROBERT A. OWENS (DD/DDE-827)</td>
<td>Sept. 30-Oct. 3</td>
<td>(502) 458-3140</td>
<td><a href="mailto:larrymc3140@gmail.com">larrymc3140@gmail.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mine Division 113 Vietnam</td>
<td>Oct. 3-6</td>
<td>(501) 620-0593</td>
<td><a href="mailto:don9329@hotmail.com">don9329@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Naval Training Center Bainbridge, MD</td>
<td>Oct. 10-14</td>
<td>(423) 313-3775</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kali8824z@aol.com">kali8824z@aol.com</a>, <a href="http://www.USNTCB.org">www.USNTCB.org</a></td>
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<td>Navy Lithographers Association</td>
<td>Oct. 16-20</td>
<td>(540) 295-7631</td>
<td><a href="mailto:navylithographers@gmail.com">navylithographers@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>USS NICHOLAS (DD-449/DDE-449)</td>
<td>Oct. 23-26</td>
<td>(928) 246-7927, (928) 446-1580</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bill.margie@yahoo.com">bill.margie@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>USS COOK (DE/FF 1083)</td>
<td>Oct. 25-27</td>
<td>(619) 222-6440</td>
<td><a href="mailto:baraniecki@verizon.net">baraniecki@verizon.net</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>USS STICKELL (DD/DDR-888)</td>
<td>Oct. 28-30</td>
<td>(401) 847-1706</td>
<td><a href="mailto:francisdonalobrien@gmail.com">francisdonalobrien@gmail.com</a></td>
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Retired Activities Office Phone Listing

NOTE: Locations listed with ‘★’ need volunteers.

**Navy and Joint RAOs**

**Arizona**
- Retired Activities Office
  Navy Operational Support Center 14160 W. Maralena St.
  Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ 85309
  9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (602) 353-3033

**California**
- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Air Weapons Station
  Code 7SH000D
  1 Administration Circle
  China Lake, CA 93555-6100
  9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (760) 939-0978

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  966 Franklin Ave.
  Naval Air Station
  Lemoore, CA 93246-5001
  (559) 998-4032

- Retired Activities Office
  Housing Office Bldg. 587
  Moffet Field, CA 94035-0162
  9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Tues., Wed., Fri.)
  ☎️ (650) 603-8047

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  1000 23rd Ave, Bldg 1169
  Port Hueneme, CA 93043
  9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (805) 982-1023

- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Amphibious Base (NAB)
  3324 Guadalcanal Road, Bldg. 16
  Coronado, CA 92155
  8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thu.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (619) 437-2780

- Retired Activities Office
  Navy Base San Diego (NSBD)
  3005 Corbina Alley, Bldg 259
  San Diego, CA 92136-5190
  0830-1600
  ☎️ (619) 556-8987

- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach
  800 Seal Beach Blvd.
  Bldg. 22, Room 2
  Seal Beach, CA 90740-5000
  9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.)
  9 a.m. - noon (Fri.)
  ☎️ (562) 626-7152

**Connecticut**
- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Sub Base, New London
  Building 83, Room 172
  P.O. Box 93
  Groton, CT 06349-5000
  9 a.m. - noon (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (860) 694-3284

**Florida**
- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Air Station, Jacksonville
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  554 Childs St., Bldg. 876
  P.O. Box 136
  Jacksonville, FL 32212-0136
  9000-1500 (Mon-Fri)
  ☎️ (904) 542-5790

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  Naval Air Station Whiting Field
  7511 USS Enterprise St., Bldg. 3025
  Milton, FL 32570-5000
  8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Mon. & Fri.)
  ☎️ (850) 623-7215/7177

**Hawaii**
- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  4827 Bougainville Drive
  Honolulu, HI 96818-3174
  8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (808) 474-0032

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  850 Ticonderoga St Ste 100 (RAO)
  Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-5101

**Maryland**
- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  NSA Annapolis
  168 Bennington Rd.
  Annapolis, MD. 21402
  9 - 11 a.m. (Wed.)
  ☎️ (410) 293-2641

**Massachusetts**
- Retired Activities Office
  Navy Operational Support Center
  85 Sea St.
  Quincy, MA 02169
  11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Fri.)
  ☎️ (617) 753-4636/26

**Michigan**
- Retired Activities Office
  P.O. Box 450045 Bldg. 168
  Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB)
  MI 48045
  9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Tue-Fri)
  ☎️ (800) 645-9416, x 239-5580

**Minnesota**
- Retired Activities Office
  Naval Operational Support Center
  5055 34th Avenue South
  Minneapolis, MN 55450
  10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Tue. & Thu.)
  ☎️ (612) 713-4646

**Missouri**
- Retired Activities Office, St Louis
  Navy Operational Support Center
  Air National Guard Base
  10810 Lambert International Blvd.

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  1090 Tautog Circle
  Silverdale, WA 98381
  ☎️ (360) 396-1768/4115
  (Call for appointment)

- Retired Activities Office
  10810 Lambert International Blvd.

- Retired Activities Office
  Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort Story
  1450 D Street
  Virginia Beach, VA 23459
  10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (757) 445-4380

**Washington**
- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  Naval Station Everett
  13910 45th Ave. NE, Rm. 818
  Marysville, WA 98271
  10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (425) 304-3775/3721

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island
  Bldg. 184
  Oak Harbor, WA 98278
  9 a.m. - noon (Mon.)
  ☎️ (360) 257-6432

- Retired Activities Office
  Fleet And Family Support Center
  Bangor
  (supports Bangor, Kitsap, Keyport and surrounding areas)
  1099 Tautog Circle
  Silverdale, WA 98381
  ☎️ (360) 396-1768/4115
  (Call for appointment)

**Wisconsin**
- Retired Activities Office
  Navy Operational Support Center
  2401 South Lincoln Memorial Dr
  Milwaukee, WI 53207-1999
  9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (414) 744-9766

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- Retired Activities Office
  NS Rota Community Support
  Bldg 329
  P.O. Box 819, Box 57
  FPO AE 96645-5500
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  011-34-956-82-3232 (From Conus)

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  Navy Operational Support Center
  103 Hill Blvd, Bldg. 503, Rm. 122
  Joint Base Charleston, S.C. 29404
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  ☎️ (843) 963-2228

**Maine**
- Retired Activities Office
  62 Pegasus Street, Ste. 101
  Unit B, Box 5
  Brunswick, ME 04011
  9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
  ☎️ (207) 46-11014/11414

**New York**
- Retired Activities Office
  25 Balancing Place
  Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735
  11 a.m. - noon (Tue. & Fri.)
  ☎️ (631)-768-3248

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- Retired Activities Office
  Via De Amicis No. 16
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  100 percent email contact
  ➢ panznic@hotmail.com

**Subic Bay (Philippine Region)**
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  Subic Bay-Olongapo
  No. 34 National Highway
  Barrio Barretto, Subic Bay Freeport Zone
  Rota, Philippines

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NOTE: Locations listed with ‘★’ need volunteers.

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Arizona ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Operational Support Center
14180 W. Marawaer St.
Lake AFB, Phoenix, AZ 85309
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(602) 353-3033

California ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Air Weapons Station
Code 7SH000D
1 Administration Circle
China Lake, CA 93555-6100
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(760) 939-0978

★ Retired Activities Office (★)
Fleet And Family Support Center
966 Franklin Ave.
Navy Air Station
Lemoore, CA 93246-5001
(559) 998-4032

★ Retired Activities Office
Housing Office Bldg. 587
Moffet Field, CA 94035-0162
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Tues., Wed., Fri.)
(650) 603-8047

★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
1000 23rd Ave, Bldg 1169
Port Hueneme, CA 93043
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(805) 982-1023

★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Area San Diego (NAB)
3324 Guadalcanal Road, Bldg. 16
Coronado, CA 92155
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Mon., Tues., Thu.-Fri.)
(619) 437-2780

★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Base San Diego (NBSD)
3005 Corbina Alley, Bldg 259
San Diego, CA 92136-5190
0830-1600 (Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri)
(619) 556-8987

★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Weapons Station Seal Beach
800 Seal Beach Blvd.
Bldg. 22, Room 2
Seal Beach, CA 90740-5000
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.)
9 a.m. - noon (Fri.)
(562) 626-7152

Connecticut Retired Activities Office
Navy Sub Base, New London
Building 83, Room 172
P.O. Box 93
Groton, CT 06349-5000
9 a.m. - noon (Mon. - Fri.)
(860) 694-3284

Florida ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Air Station, Jacksonville
Fleet And Family Support Center
554 Childs St., Bldg. 876
P.O. Box 136
Jacksonville, FL 32212-0136
9:00-1500 (Mon-Fri)
(904) 542-5790

★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
Navy Air Station Whiting Field
7511 USS Enterprise St., Bldg. 3025
Milton, FL 32570-5000
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Mon. & Fri.)
(850) 623-7215/7177

★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
Navy Air Station
151 Elyson Ave.
Pensacola, FL 32508-5217
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(850) 452-6622

Hawaii ★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
4827 Bougainville Drive
Honolulu, HI 96818-3174
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(808) 474-0032

★ 850 Ticonderoga St Ste 100 (RAO)
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-5101

Maryland ★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
Navy Annex Annapolis
168 Bennion Rd.
Annapolis, MD. 21402
9 - 11 a.m. (Wed.)
(410) 293-2641

Massachusetts ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Operational Support Center
85 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Fri.)
(617) 753-4636/26

Michigan (Joint) ★ Retired Activities Office
P.O. Box 450045 Bldg. 168
Selfridge Air National Guard Base
(SANGB)
MI 48045-1
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Tue-Fri)
(800) 645-9416, x 239-5580

Minnesota ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Operational Support Center
5905 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Tue. & Thu.)
(612) 713-4664

Missouri ★ Retired Activities Office, St Louis
Navy Operational Support Center
Air National Guard Base
10810 Lambert International Blvd.
Bridgeport, MO 63044-2314
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Tues.);
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Fri.)
(314) 524-9553

New Hampshire ★ Retired Activities Office
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Code 866 Bldg. 22
Portsmouth, NH 03804-5000
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Tue.-Thu.)
(207) 438-1868

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South Carolina (Joint) (*)
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Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404
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(843) 963-2228

Tennessee (*) ★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
Bldg. 456, 1st Floor
NSA Memphis, Code N 763
Millington, TN 38045-5000
1000-1400 (Tue & Thu)
(901) 874-5195

Virginia (*) ★ Retired Activities Regional Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
7928 14th St. Ste. 149
Norfolk, VA 23505-1219
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(757) 445-4380

★ Retired Activities Office
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort Story
1450 D Street
Virginia Beach, VA 23459
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(757) 482-8663/7563

Washington ★ Retired Activities Office
Fleet And Family Support Center
Navy Station Everett
13910 45th Ave. NE, Rm. 818
Mariesville, WA 98271
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(425) 304-3775/3721

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Fleet And Family Support Center
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
2000 0900-1500 (Mon-Fri)
(Olson) 011-63-47-222-2314
(Office) 011-63-47-222-2314
(24/7 Cell) 639065705335

Wisconsin ★ Retired Activities Office
Navy Operational Support Center
2401 South Lincoln Memorial Dr
Milwaukee, WI 53207-1999
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
(414) 744-9766

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1300 Verterans Way
Orlando, FL 32827
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Barrio Barretto 2200
Olongapo City
PSC 517, Box R-S
FPO/AIP 96517-1000
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OKINAWA, Japan (Feb. 21, 2019) Seaman Frank Serio, assigned to Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, rappels down a wall at Camp Lester in Okinawa, Japan. This course certifies Marines and Sailors, allowing them to participate in joint and interagency operations throughout Indo-Pacific Command.

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