



SEMPER FIDELIS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR RETIRED MARINES, SURVIVING SPOUSES AND FAMILIES



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COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



Memorial Day is a National Day of Remembrance - a time for us to commemorate the brave men and women who laid down their lives in defense of our Nation, our freedoms, and our way of life. As we observe this day, we must honor the legacy of those who came before us and extend our deepest gratitude to the families who bear the quiet, enduring weight of their loss. Since the founding of our Republic, Americans from every generation have answered the call to serve, knowing the cost could be profound. As we approach the 250th anniversary of our Nation's independence, we are reminded that our enduring liberties are underwritten by the extreme hardships and sacrifices of those who have worn the cloth of our Nation. Their resolute courage, selfless service, and steadfast dedication to our founding

ideals will forever be inscribed in the history of our Nation. Memorial Day is not only a time for remembrance, but a call to action. As Marines, it is our sacred duty to ensure that the legacy of our fallen heroes lives on through our conduct, our commitment, and our gratitude. We must ensure that their stories are never forgotten and the ideals they fought for continue to guide our mission and our character every day. I ask that you stay safe and look out for one another. You are the living tribute to our fallen—honor their memory through your actions and return ready to continue the mission of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Eric M. Smith,
General, U.S. Marine Corps,
Commandant of the Marine Corps



CORPS & VETERAN NEWS

USMC Modernization Initiatives. Force Design 2030 Initiatives (FD2030). The overarching modernization blueprint guiding the Corps through the decade.

Key Priorities.

Distributed Maritime Operations (DMO) Marines operate in small, dispersed, lethal units across the littorals to complicate adversary targeting.

Stand-In Forces (SIF) Forward-deployed Marines positioned inside contested zones to sense, make sense, and support naval campaigns.

Integration with the Navy Emphasis on sea denial, sea control, and enabling fleet maneuver.

Unmanned Systems Expansion.

A major modernization thrust across air, ground, and maritime domains.

Focus Areas

- Loitering munitions and organic precision fires for small units
- Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for reconnaissance, targeting, and logistics
- Unmanned surface and subsurface vessels to support naval kill webs

Long-Range Precision Fires & Lethality.

The Corps is fielding new systems to strike farther and more accurately.

Examples

- NMESIS (Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System)
- Long-range anti-ship missiles integrated into expeditionary units
- Improved organic fires for small units

Maneuver & Mobility Modernization.

Enhancing the ability to move, survive, and fight in contested environments.

- Light Amphibious Warship (LAW) development to support littoral mobility
- Modernized amphibious platforms for MEUs and MEBs
- Improved tactical mobility for small, distributed teams

Joint Kill Web Integration.

The Corps is shifting from isolated kill chains to networked kill webs.

Capabilities

- Advanced sensors and data fusion
- Resilient C2 networks that survive electronic warfare
- Integration with joint and allied fires

Logistics in Contested Environments. A critical modernization area as adversaries target supply lines.

Efforts

- Distributed, low-signature sustainment
- Expeditionary advanced bases (EABs) for refuel/rearm
- Experimentation with autonomous resupply

Talent Management & Training Reform. Preparing Marines for a more technical, data-driven fight.

- Updated training pipelines for unmanned systems, cyber, and EW
- Revised PME to emphasize decision-making in contested environments
- Talent retention initiatives for high-skill Marines

Installations & Infrastructure Modernization.

Ensuring bases can support new technologies and rapid deployment.

- Resilient energy systems
- Modernized ranges for unmanned and long-range fires training
- Improved digital infrastructure

VETERANS & RETIREE BENEFITS UPDATE

2026 COLA Increase for Retirees & Survivors.

Military retirees, SBP annuitants, VA disability recipients, and Social Security beneficiaries receive a 2.8% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2026. This increase took effect with December 2025 pay (paid Jan 1, 2026).

Applies to:

- Military retired pay
- Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities
- VA disability compensation
- VA pension
- Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

REDUX retirees receive a 1.8% COLA (CPI-1%) until age-62 catch-up.

2026 Veteran & Retiree Benefits Increase.

Veterans, retirees, and survivors receive a 2.8% increase to their benefits in 2026, aligned with the Social Security Administration's COLA.

This includes:

- VA disability payments
- VA pension
- Survivor benefits
- Retired pay (all systems except REDUX)

TRICARE Updates for 2026.

TRICARE costs for retirees rise slightly in 2026 across Prime, Select, and Retired Reserve plans. Key updates:

What's New

- Higher enrollment fees, copays, and catastrophic caps compared to 2025.
- **TRICARE For Life** continues with no enrollment fee and remains secondary to Medicare A & B.
- **Retiring in 2026?** You must enroll in a retiree TRICARE plan within 90 days of retirement or risk a lapse in coverage.
- **FEDVIP** dental/vision premiums increase

moderately; 11–12 dental and 5 vision carriers

- remain available.

FEDVIP Dental & Vision Options for Retirees.

Retirees continue to access dental and vision coverage through FEDVIP, with modest premium increases for 2026.

- Dental: 11–12 carriers
- Vision: 5 carriers
- Enrollment available during Open Season or after qualifying life events (e.g., retirement)

DFAS Modernization & Retiree Services.

DFAS announced several improvements in its March 2026 Retiree Newsletter, enhancing support for retirees and SBP annuitants.

Key Enhancements

- New AI-assisted system to help establish retired pay accounts for gray-area retirees.
- Improved DFAS Customer Care phone menu for faster routing.
- AskDFAS Tips video now available—5-minute guide to managing retired or SBP pay accounts.
- Direct Remittance improvements for SBP premium processing.
- Tax season tools to help retirees access missing tax documents.
- Promotion of Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs) as one-stop events for benefits updates.

Support from Marine Corps & Partner Organizations.

The Marine Corps and partner agencies continue to expand support for veterans and retirees.

Highlights

- Military OneSource continues to support newly retired Marines transitioning to civilian life.

VETERANS & RETIREE BENEFITS UPDATE

- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) provided \$47M in financial assistance to over 40,000 active duty and retired Sailors and Marines in 2025.
- Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council continues to advocate for retiree issues through HQMC M&RA (MMSR-6).

Retired Services & Pay (MMSR-6) – Ongoing Support.

MMSR-6 continues to provide comprehensive assistance to retired Marines, dependents, and survivors. Services include:

- Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) management
- ID card & DEERS support
- Secondary dependency determinations
- Former spouse benefits (20/20/20 & 20/20/15)
- Retire-Retain processing
- Coordination with DFAS for pay issues
- Publication of the Semper Fidelis Newsletter
- Support to the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council

Key Veteran & Retiree Benefits Affecting April–June 2026

Pay Dates & Financial Benefits (April–June 2026).

These dates matter for retired pay, SBP annuitants, and VA disability compensation.

- April 2026 Retired Pay: Paid May 1, 2026
- May 2026 Retired Pay: Paid June 1, 2026
- June 2026 Retired Pay: Paid July 1, 2026

VA Disability Compensation Pay Dates (2026).

VA disability payments follow the same schedule:

- April benefits → Paid May 1
- May benefits → Paid June 1
- June benefits → Paid July 1

2026 COLA Increase (Affects All Payments Starting January 2026).

2.8% COLA increase for military retirees, disabled

veterans, and survivors.

- Retirees receive \$28 more per \$1,000 of monthly pension.
- CSB/REDUX retirees receive \$18 more per \$1,000.
- VA disability increases range from +\$4.91/month (10%) to +\$107.28/month (100% rating).
- DIC survivor benefits also increase 2.8%.
- These increases continue to apply through April–June 2026.

Survivor Benefits (SBP / DIC) — Updates Relevant to Spring 2026.

SBP Annuitant Pay Dates

- April 2026 SBP Pay: April 1, 2026
- May 2026 SBP Pay: May 1, 2026
- June 2026 SBP Pay: June 1, 2026

DIC (Dependency & Indemnity Compensation).

- Continues to follow the VA disability pay schedule (May 1, June 1, July 1).
- Receives the 2.8% COLA increase for 2026.

Additional Survivor Programs Operating on Same Schedule

- Veterans & Survivors Pension
- Aid & Attendance
- Housebound Benefits
- Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)

Administrative & Claims-Related Updates (Spring 2026). New DFAS Tools for Retirees (Active in 2026)

- DD Form 2656 Smart Wizard — simplifies applying for retired pay.
- askDFAS Online Tools — update address, request 1099-R, verify pay, upload documents. These tools remain active and relevant for retirees filing claims or updating accounts during April–June 2026.

MARINES, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED AGE RETIREMENT

Don't Leave Hard-Earned Benefits on the Table. For many retired and retiring USMC Reserve Component Marines, reduced age retirement is an option that often goes unclaimed. If your service includes qualifying active duty periods, you may be entitled to retire earlier than you think.

Generally, Gray Area Retirees can begin receiving retired pay at age 60.

However, certain types of service during specific times will qualify a Gray Area Retiree to begin receiving retired pay earlier than age 60.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2008, section 647, amended USC Title 10, section 12731, reducing the eligibility age, in limited circumstances, for Non-Regular (Reserve/Guard) retired pay.

This is referred to as "reduced age" retired pay, Reduced Retired Pay Age (RRPA), "early drop," or "early receipt" of retired pay.

The law regarding reduced age retired pay is complicated. Please see the applicable laws and/or information provided by your Branch of Service for specifics.

It is important to note:

Service time that qualifies for reduced age retired pay is very specific.

The earliest age to begin receiving reduced age retired pay is age 50.

Only eligible service on or after January 29, 2008, can be credited for the purpose of receiving retired pay prior to age 60.

If you retired on or prior to May 1, 2008, you are not eligible for reduced age retirement.

If you served on active duty prior to joining the Reserve/Guard, your active duty time counts toward retired pay but NOT toward reduced age retired pay.

Retiree health care eligibility begins at age 60 even if retired pay begins earlier than age 60. age of the member.

What You Should Do Next

1. Review Your Qualifying Service. Look over your active duty periods, mobilizations, and qualifying orders that may reduce your retirement age.

2. Understand the Reduced Age Rules. Eligibility varies based on the type and duration of your service. If the regulations feel complex, that's exactly why we're here.

3. Gather Your Documentation. Have your point statements, orders, and retirement credit records ready to help streamline the review. service.

4. Contact MMSR 5 at smb_manpower_mmsr5@usmc.mil

Our team will help you verify your eligibility, explain your options, and ensure you receive every benefit you've earned through your service.

MARINES, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED AGE RETIREMENT

5. Take Action, Marine. If you believe you may qualify for reduced age retirement—or even if you’re unsure—reach out to MMSR-5. Your service deserves full recognition, and your benefits should reflect that.

What Service Time Qualifies for “Reduced Age” Retired Pay?

The age 60 requirement is reduced by three months for each aggregate period of 90 days in any fiscal year on or after January 29, 2008, for specific types of service. Aggregate means the 90 service days do not need to be continuous.

However, service time that is less than 90 days cumulative within a fiscal year prior to October 1, 2014, does not qualify. After September 30, 2014, the 2015 NDAA authorized 90-day periods to cross over the fiscal year boundary for two consecutive fiscal years. This cross-over is not retroactive; it is only for service after September 30, 2014.

Reduced Age Retirees Now Have a New Avenue to Stay Connected: A New Kind of myPay Account. For Marine Corps Reserve Gray Area Retirees, there is a new avenue to stay connected and informed between the time they stop drilling and the time they start receiving retired pay.

It’s a new kind of myPay account especially for Gray Area Retirees. This basic “Future Retiree” myPay account provides Gray Area Retirees a convenient way to keep their contact information updated with DFAS during the gray area period, so that they can receive important news from DFAS and from their Branch of Service

With your current contact information, DFAS and MMSR-5 can keep you informed about changes in the laws or policies that may affect you through the Semper Fidelis Newsletter and the DFAS Retiree Newsletter, and remind you when the window to apply for retired pay is approaching.

In addition, with current contact information in the new myPay account, when DFAS receives a completed Reduced Age Retiree application for retired pay from the Branch of Service, DFAS will send email status notifications to the retiree: when DFAS receives the application, when DFAS begins working on the application, and when DFAS completes it.

The process for RAR for those eligible under NDAA 2008 includes sending a complete non-regular (reserve) retired pay application packet to the MMSR-5 at via email at SMB.MANPOWER.MMSR5@usmc.mil.

If you have Questions, please call MMSR-5 at 703-784-9306/7. Marine’s RAR packets must also include the following:

Orders with the qualifying title and authority code and corresponding DD214/214-1/215 Leave and Earning Statements (LES) for orders under 90 days.

MARINE SPOTLIGHT: SGTMAJ (RETIRED) JOHN L. CANLEY,

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—A MARINE'S MARINE



SgtMaj John L. Canley (Ret.) is one of the most inspiring Marines to ever wear the uniform. SgtMaj John L. Canley exemplified what it means to be a Marine during the Battle of Hué in 1968, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue wounded Marines and lead his company through some of the fiercest urban combat of the Vietnam War. His actions earned him the Medal of Honor decades later, but those who served with him say he never sought recognition — only to take care of his Marines. His legacy of courage, humility, and leadership continues to inspire Marines across generations.

- He served 28 years in the Marine Corps.
- Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Trump in 2018 for heroic actions during the Battle of Hué (1968).
- Took command of Alpha Company after his CO was wounded — leading Marines through intense urban combat.
- Personally carried wounded Marines to safety under fire.
- Known for humility, leadership, and unwavering devotion to his Marines.
- Passed away in 2022, but his legacy continues to inspire Marines of every generation.

Medal of Honor Citation

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN CANLEY UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy while serving as Company Gunnery Sergeant, Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division from 31 January to 6 February 1968, in the Republic of Vietnam. Company A fought off multiple vicious attacks as it rapidly moved along the highway toward Hue City to relieve friendly forces that were surrounded by enemy forces. Despite being wounded in these engagements, Gunnery Sergeant Canley repeatedly rushed across fire-swept terrain to carry his wounded Marines to safety. After his commanding officer was severely wounded, Gunnery Sergeant Canley took command and led the company into Hue City. At Hue City, caught in deadly crossfire from enemy machine gun positions, he set up a base of fire and maneuvered with a platoon in a flanking attack that eliminated several enemy positions. Retaining command of the company for three days, he led attacks against multiple enemy fortified positions while routinely braving enemy fire to carry wounded Marines to safety. On 4 February, he led a group of Marines into an enemy-occupied building in Hue City. He moved into the open to draw fire, located the enemy, eliminated the threat, and expanded the company's hold on the building room by room. Gunnery Sergeant Canley then gained position above the enemy strongpoint and dropped in a large satchel charge that forced the enemy to withdraw. On 6 February, during a fierce firefight at a hospital compound, Gunnery Sergeant Canley twice scaled a wall in full view of the enemy to carry wounded Marines to safety. By his undaunted courage, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering devotion to duty, Gunnery Sergeant Canley reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

HISTORY & HERITAGE

APRIL 2026 — HISTORY & HERITAGE

April has always been a month of transition for Marines — a time when the Corps has found itself at the crossroads of major battles, humanitarian missions, and defining moments of leadership.

On April 1, 1945, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps stormed the beaches of Okinawa in what would become the largest amphibious assault of the Pacific War. The fighting was brutal, the terrain unforgiving, and the stakes enormous. For many Marines, Okinawa was the final push toward ending World War II, and the courage shown there still echoes through the Corps' legacy.

Another defining moment came on **April 12, 1918**, when Marines of the 4th Brigade began their march toward Belleau Wood. Though the fiercest fighting would come later, April marked the beginning of a campaign that would forever change how the world viewed the United States Marine Corps. The actions of those Marines laid the foundation for the “Devil Dog” legend that still inspires today.

And on **April 29, 1975**, Marines carried out the final evacuation of Saigon during Operation Frequent Wind. Helicopter crews and security forces worked through chaos and danger to rescue American personnel and at-risk Vietnamese allies. It was the last chapter of a long and difficult war, and Marines were the last to leave — as they always are.

Tradition Spotlight: The Marine NCO Sword
The Marine Corps is the only branch where Non-Commissioned Officers carry a sword — a tradition that speaks volumes about the Corps' respect for enlisted leadership. The NCO sword is more than ceremonial steel; it is a symbol of trust, responsibility, and the unbroken chain of leadership that binds generations of Marines. When an NCO wears the sword, they carry not just authority, but the weight of

every Marine who came before them.

MAY 2026 — HISTORY & HERITAGE.

This Month in Marine Corps History

May is a month of remembrance and reflection — a time when Marines honor the sacrifices that shaped the Corps and the nation.

On May 15, 1862, Marines fought at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff, helping repel Union naval forces during the Civil War. Though often overshadowed by larger battles, Drewry's Bluff showcased the adaptability and fighting spirit of Marines long before amphibious warfare became doctrine.

Another milestone came on **May 22, 1912**, when the Marine Corps formally established its Aviation Section. What began with a handful of pilots and fragile aircraft evolved into the powerful close-air-support culture that Marines rely on today. From biplanes to F-35s, Marine aviation has always been about one mission: supporting Marines on the ground.

And of course, May brings **Memorial Day**, a solemn reminder of the Marines who gave their lives in service to the nation. For retired Marines, this day carries deep personal meaning — names remembered, stories retold, and sacrifices honored. Whether through ceremonies, quiet reflection, or gathering with fellow veterans, Marines ensure the fallen are never forgotten.

Tradition Spotlight: The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor
The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, adopted in 1868, is more than a symbol — it is a promise. The eagle represents the nation Marines defend, the globe reflects worldwide service, and the anchor honors the Corps' naval heritage. Every Marine remembers the moment they first received the EGA. It is the moment a recruit becomes a Marine, and the moment a lifelong bond is 9
forged.

HISTORY & HERITAGE

June is a month marked by grit, determination, and some of the most iconic battles in Marine Corps history.

June 2026 History & Heritage

On **June 1, 1918**, Marines entered Belleau Wood, beginning nearly a month of ferocious fighting against entrenched German forces. The battle was brutal, close-quarters, and relentless. It was here that Marines earned the nickname “Teufel Hunden” — Devil Dogs, a testament to their tenacity under fire. Belleau Wood remains one of the defining chapters of Marine Corps heritage.

June also marks the anniversary of D-Day, **June 6, 1944**. While the Army led the landings, Marines played a critical role aboard Navy ships, providing naval gunfire support and amphibious expertise. Their contributions helped pave the way for the liberation of Europe.

On June 25, 1950, the Korean War began, and Marines were among the first to respond. Their actions at the Inchon landing, the Pusan Perimeter, and the Chosin Reservoir became legendary examples of Marine Corps resolve. The stories from Korea — frozen rifles, impossible terrain, and unwavering brotherhood — continue to inspire Marines today.

Tradition Spotlight: The Rifleman’s Creed

Written by MajGen William H. Rupertus during World War II, the Rifleman’s Creed is a reminder that every Marine, regardless of MOS, is first and foremost a rifleman. The creed is not just recited — it is lived. It reflects the discipline, responsibility, and warrior ethos that define the Marine Corps. Even in retirement, Marines carry that mindset with them: prepared, capable, and committed.

The Marine Corps Museum: Preserving the Legacy.

Located just outside the gates of MCB Quantico, the

National Museum of the Marine Corps is one of the most visited military museums in the country. June is a significant month for the museum, as it often hosts Belleau Wood commemorations and Korean War remembrance events. Many retired Marines in the Quantico region volunteer here, helping preserve the stories of the Corps for future generations.

There is Always Something Happening at the Museum.



History Night at the Museum — USMC 250 Lecture Series

May 5, 2026 — 1900–2000 National Museum of the Marine Corps, Scuttlebutt Theater. Free lecture series exploring Marine Corps history and public opinion. Museum galleries and Tun Tavern stay open late.

Trivia Night at Tun Tavern (NMMC)

May 26, 2026 — 1800–2100

Tun Tavern, National Museum of the Marine Corps A fun, casual event perfect for retirees looking to reconnect.

JUNE 2026 EVENTS

Sunset Parades — Marine Barracks Washington (8th & I)

June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 — 1900

USMC War Memorial, Arlington, VA Featuring the Silent Drill Platoon & Drum & Bugle Corps. Free, no reservations required — a must-attend for retirees.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & MEETUPS



- Veteran resource days

Quantico Base Activities

June events include:

- Base fitness challenges
- Family days
- Retiree appreciation events

Summer Classic Car Show — National Museum of the Marine Corps

June 27, 2026 — 0900–1200 □ NMMC Parking Lot, Triangle, VA A family-friendly event with classic cars and Marine Corps community turnout.

RecruitMilitary Veteran Job Fairs (National — Virtual & In-Person)

These are great for retirees still working or mentoring younger vets.

June 4, 2026

- Atlanta Veterans Job Fair
- NAS Jacksonville Job Fair

June 9, 2026

- Virtual Career Fair (Transitioning Service Members & Spouses)

June 16–18, 2026

- Schofield Barracks
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii

June 25, 2026

- Houston Veterans Job Fair
- Fort Carson Job Fair

June 30, 2026

- Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair

Local Quantico-Area Events (Recurring)

These are not date-specific but occur every June in the region:

Marine Corps Museum Summer Programs

The NMMC typically hosts:

- Outdoor concerts
- Family movie nights
- Special ceremonies

SBP PREMIUMS AND VA DEDUCTIONS

Retirees who have most, or all, of their retired pay waived due to receipt of disability payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) do not have a direct channel to pay the premiums for their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage. Generally, SBP premiums are automatically deducted from a member's retired pay, but in this situation, there isn't enough retired pay to cover the premium amount, and the member is responsible for paying the SBP premiums on their own. In this case, the most convenient way to pay for SBP premiums is to have the money deducted from their VA disability payments and sent directly to DFAS. If you are in this situation, complete a DD Form 2891 Interim, which can be found on our Forms Library webpage at <https://www.dfas.mil/raforms>.

The DD Form 2891 Interim is a simple form to complete. Fill in your information in Section I. You will need your current monthly SBP premium amount. You can find this amount by looking at your most recent Retiree Account Statement (RAS) on myPay or on your SBP premium bill.

You should verify your net retired pay is less than the SBP premium amount. Once you have the amount of your SBP premium, and confirm it exceeds your net pay, enter it into the block in Section II. There is no need for the VA to review or complete any portion of the form.

The most convenient way to submit your documents is uploading them to DFAS online 24/7 via the askDFAS online upload tools. More information about uploading your documents on askDFAS can be found at <https://www.dfas.mil/askdfas/>.

You may also mail documents to the address below or fax to (800) 469-6559.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

Having your SBP premiums deducted by the VA and sent directly to DFAS is the easiest way to ensure your loved ones are taken care of and your SBP premiums are paid on time. For any questions about SBP premiums or anything related to your retired pay, please visit our website at <https://www.dfas.mil/payforsbp>.

USMC Reunions

<u>Organization/POC</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
W/C-610 Marines of MCAS K-Bay Las Vegas, NV Michael Warriner John Mitravich	6 June 2026	425-402-6975 808-271-0655	TopMJW@Live.com /JohnMit@me.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/1395918457768385/
USMC Weather Service (METOC) Binghamton, NY Dave Englert/Kathy Donham	14-18 June 2026	812-630-2099 Dave 252-342-8459 Kathy	englertd@psci.net Kathy.dohham@hotmail.com
1st Marine Division Association - 79 Reunion San Diego, CA Anyone who supported the Blue Diamond is welcome	24-30 August 2026	760-763-3268	june.oldbreed@fmda.us www.1stmda.org
USMC Vietnam Tanker Association mini-reunion Homewood Suites KC International Airport Kansas City, MO John Wear	10-13 September 2026	719-495-5998	johnwear2@verizon.net
2026 Marine Corps Engineer Association's and Awards Banquet Double Tree by Hilton - Sacramento Sacramento, CA George Carlson	17-19, September 2026	931-307-9094	treasurer@marcorengasn.org www.marcorengasn.org
7th Engineer Battalion Vietnam Veterans Association Handelry Hotel, San Diego, CA Dave Haunty Hank Rudge	15-20 September 2026	878-271-1468 814-706-2026	dah5312@hotmail.com hankrudge@yahoo.com
Marine Corps Motor Transport Association Jacksonville, NC George Hanlin	20-24 September 2026	301-514-1087	secretary@usmcmta.org
Women Marines Association Frankenmuth, MI	21-25 September 2026	816-916-5812	CPC@womenmarines.org
VMFA/VMA-311 Antlers Hotel Colorado Springs, CO Bob Simmons	27 September - 1 October 2026	719-494-7996	blsimmons1@cox.net vmfa.vma.311@gmail.com
Marine Corps Musicians Association Quantico, VA Krista Hackler	29 September - 3 October 2026	843-941-3693	mcmaadministrator@gmail.com mcmaadministrator@gmail.com https://mcma.clubexpress.com/
VMFA-531 (All Years) Dallas, TX Richard Niedner	12-18 October 2026	703-566-6865	rustysmith1521@gmail.com schorse@verizon.net https://531grayghostsquadron.org/history
Marine Fighter Foray Reunion Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX / Donnie Herrin / William Pratt, / Rick Packard	14-18 October 2026	214- 632-5124 210-441-9889 352-988-0410	dherrin@vmfareadyroom.com prattwf@gmail.com Packard.rick@gmail.com
Marine Corps Air Transport Association (MCATA) Fairfield Inn & Suites, Stafford, VA David "Bags" Harshbarger	18-22 October 2026	630-251-2346	Bagsh18@gmail.com
Force Reconnaissance Association Arlington, TX Dave Darvis	19-22 November 2026	760-716-3713	jarvisda77@gmail.com http://www.forcerecon.com
(AT) TOW Co. 8th Tank BN, 4th MAR DIV Desert Storm 36-Year Reunion (Final Formation) Miami Dade Museum & Memorial Miami, FL MGySgt Montes (Ret.)	16 January 2027	954-816-7034	abiud.montes@gmail.com
Marine Embassy Guard Association Tucson, AZ Vincent Downes	22-25 July 2027		contact@embassymarine.org embmarine@gmail.com

2026 Military Retiree Appreciation Days



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
26 June 2026	JB Lewis-McChord, WA	253-966-5884
15 August 2026	TobyHanna Army Depot, PA	570-615-7019
11 September 2026	Fort McCoy, WI	502-898-3716
11-12 September 2026	Fort Leonard Wood, MO	573-596-6637
12 September 2026	Camp Pendelton, CA	760-725-5704/6090
17 September 2026	Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	410-306-2322
19 September 2026	Camp Lejeune, NC	910-451-2712
25 September 2026	Rock Island, IL	563-508-5123
26 September 2026	Fort Lee, VA	804-734-6973/7345
27 September 2026	JB Langley-Eustis, VA	757-878-3648
23 October 2026	Fort Huachua, AZ	520-533-1120-1383
30 October 2026	Fort Rucker (formerly Novosel)	334-255-9124
31 October 2026	Fort Leavenworth, KS	520-692-6599/6598
7 November 2026	Fort Polk, LA	726-780-0895/0903

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2026 | SHOW SCHEDULE

JULY

5 · 6 | Jones Beach, NY | Four-Leaf Air Show
11 · 12 | Brunswick, ME | Great State of Maine Air Show
18 | Pensacola Beach, FL | Pensacola Beach Air Show

AUGUST

1 · 2 | Seattle, WA | Boeing Seafair Air Show
8 · 9 | JBER, AK | Arctic Thunder Air Show & Open House
15 · 16 | McMinnville, OR | Oregon International Air Show
22 · 23 | Billings, MT | Yellowstone International Air Show
29 · 30 | Lake Charles, LA | Thunder Over Louisiana Air Show

SEPTEMBER

5 · 7 | Cleveland, OH | Cleveland National Air Show
19 · 20 | NAS Oceana | NAS Oceana Air Show
26 · 27 | MCAS Miramar | MCAS Miramar Air Show

OCTOBER

3 · 4 | Grand Junction, CO | Grand Junction Air Show
10 · 11 | San Francisco, CA | San Francisco Fleet Week
17 · 18 | NAS Jacksonville, FL | NAS Jacksonville Air Show
24 · 25 | El Paso, TX | Amigo Airsho Inc.
31 | Peachtree City, GA | Air Dot Show Atlanta

NOVEMBER

1 | Peachtree City, GA | Air Dot Show Atlanta
6 · 7 | NAS Pensacola, FL | Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show
May 13, 2022 - Marine Barracks Washington

2026 Parade Season Schedule "The Oldest Post of the Corps"



Friday Evening Parade Schedule

To reserve tickets for the Friday Evening Parade, select your desired date below to be directed to the reservation website. Reservations are not required to attend the Sunset Parades.

May 1	June 5	July 10	August 7
May 8	June 12	July 17	August 14
May 15	June 19	July 24	August 21
May 22	June 26	July 31	August 28
May 29			

Sunset Parade Dates

June 9	July 14	August 4
June 16	July 21	August 11
June 23	July 18	
June 30		

May 13, 2022 - Marine Barracks Washington

Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon execute their "long line" sequence during a Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. The hosting official was General Eric Smith, the 36th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the guests of honor were General Thomas R. Morgan (Ret.), 21st Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Walter E. Boomer (Ret.), 24th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Terrence Dake (Ret.), 27th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps,

General Robert Magnus (Ret.), 30th Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John M. Paxton Jr (Ret.), 33rd Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Mark Morales)

Event Overview

The Tuesday Sunset Parade begins at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. This 45-minute ceremony features "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps and the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, showcasing Marine Corps precision, discipline, and tradition. Admission is free, and no reservations are required.

Historical Significance

The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, dedicated on Nov. 10, 1954, commemorates all Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Sunset Parade tradition began in 1956 as a tribute to the Marines whose "uncommon valor was a common virtue." Standing in the shadow of the Memorial's 32-foot-high figures, guests experience a unique ceremony that honors Marine Corps heritage and dedication.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Physical Readiness — Spring Joint Reset

Years of ruck marches, humps, and field ops take a toll. Now is the perfect time to restart mobility.

Recommended Routine:

- 10 minutes of hip mobility (leg swings, hip circles)
- 10 minutes of shoulder mobility (band pull-aparts, wall slides)
- 15 minutes of low-impact cardio (walking, rowing, or cycling)

Why it matters: Retired Marines often deal with knee, back, and shoulder wear. Mobility reduces inflammation and improves daily function.

Mental Resilience — Spring Check-In

Now is a good time to reconnect with Marines you served with.

Actionable Tip: Reach out to **one Marine buddy** you haven't talked to in a while. A simple "Checking in, Devil Dog" goes a long way.

Seasonal Wellness — Allergy Season

Specific Spring Tips:

- Keep windows closed on high-pollen days
- Shower after outdoor activities
- Use saline nasal rinses to reduce irritation
- Check your local pollen index daily

Nutrition Corner — Anti-Inflammatory Foods

Great for Marines with joint pain.

Consider adding these to your chow:

- Salmon or tuna
- Berries
- Spinach
- Turmeric (with black pepper)
- Olive oil

Physical Readiness — Hydration & Heat Prep

May in Northern Virginia can hit the mid-80s.

Hydration Plan for Retired Marines:

- 8–10 cups of water daily
- Add electrolytes if outdoors for more than 45 minutes
- Avoid energy drinks (common among Marines, but rough on the heart)

Mental Resilience — Mental Health Awareness

May is officially Mental Health Awareness Month.

Specific Marine-Focused Tips:

- Schedule a VA mental health check-in (virtual or in-person)
- Attend a local veteran meetup (Quantico Museum, MCL detachment)
- Practice 5 minutes of breathing exercises daily

Signs to watch for:

- Irritability
- Sleep changes
- Loss of interest in hobbies
- Withdrawing from others

Seasonal Wellness — Memorial Day Stress

Memorial Day can be emotionally heavy for Marines.

Healthy Coping Strategies:

- Visit a National Cemetery
- Attend a remembrance ceremony
- Share stories with fellow Marines
- Avoid isolating yourself

Nutrition Corner — Healthy Grilling

Memorial Day cookouts don't have to wreck your health.

Marine-friendly swaps:

- Chicken or turkey burgers instead of beef
- Grilled veggies instead of chips
- Water or iced tea instead of soda

HEALTH & WELLNESS

JUNE 2026 — HEALTH & WELLNESS

Physical Readiness — Summer Heat Safety

June brings humidity that hits like a wall.

Heat Injury Prevention for Retired Marines:

- Exercise before 1000 or after 1800
- Wear moisture-wicking clothing
- Take breaks every 20 minutes outdoors
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion (dizziness, nausea, headache)

MENTAL RESILIENCE — STAY CONNECTED

Summer can increase isolation for retirees.

Specific June Action: Attend at least one Marine Corps community event:

- Sunset Parade (8th & I)
- NMMC Summer Programs
- Local MCL meeting

NUTRITION CORNER — SUMMER HYDRATION FOODS

Great for Marines who don't like drinking water.

Hydrating foods:

- Watermelon
- Cucumbers
- Oranges
- Strawberries
- Coconut water
- Every day is a chance to improve your position.

RECOGNIZE HEAT INJURY SIGNS DIZZINESS

- Headache
- Nausea
- Rapid heartbeat
- Confusion
- If you feel off, stop and cool down.

SUN & SKIN PROTECTION (ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER)

The Corps stresses UV protection due to high skin-cancer rates among veterans.

- Use SPF 30+ sunscreen

- Reapply every 2 hours
- Wear a hat and UV-blocking sunglasses
- Avoid peak sun (1100–1500)



NEW
VET

CENTER LOCATIONS

Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional counseling to eligible Veterans, service members, including National Guard and Reserve components, and their families.

Counseling is offered to make a successful transition from military to civilian life or after a traumatic event experienced in the military to include military sexual trauma (MST). Individual, group, marriage and family counseling is offered in addition to referral and connection to other VA or community benefits and services. Vet Center counselors and outreach staff, many of whom are Veterans themselves, are experienced and prepared to discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief and transition after trauma. counselor works from a Vet Center Outstation

The new Vet Centers and Vet Center Outstations will be located in Arizona, California, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tennessee, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

Vet Center Call Center 1-877-927-8387 is a free, around the clock confidential call center where Veterans, service members and their families can talk about their military experience or any other issue they are facing in transitioning after military service or trauma and get connected to their nearest Vet Center.

Q&A: How TRICARE covers BY DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT **By TRICARE COMMUNICATIONS**



FALLS CHURCH, Va. – You may know someone who uses a wheelchair or walker to get around, or a glucose monitor for their diabetes. These items are just a few of many useful items that TRICARE covers as durable medical equipment.

Durable medical equipment is a major part of managing health conditions at home, work, and in daily life, and TRICARE covers a wide range of products,” said Jennifer Stankovic, health systems specialist, TRICARE Health Plan, at the Defense Health Agency. “It’s a good idea to understand your TRICARE plan’s coverage of DME.”

Keep reading to learn more about how TRICARE covers DME.

Q: What is DME?

A: TRICARE defines DME as an item that can handle repeated use, has a medical purpose, is not usually helpful to someone who isn’t sick or injured. A few examples of DME are:

- Mobility aids like walkers and wheelchairs
- Glucose monitors
- Infusion pumps
- Breast pumps and other supplies

Q: When does TRICARE cover DME?

A: TRICARE only covers DME when it’s prescribed by a provider. The DME must:

- Help a body part work better, or to keep your condition from getting worse
- Help you function as well as possible
- Help you have the right level of performance and quality for your condition

TRICARE covers most breast pumps and breastfeeding supplies at no cost for new and expecting mothers. Your regional contractor will either rent or buy your DME depending on its cost and your needs.

Q: Does TRICARE cover DME repairs, replacements, and maintenance?

A: TRICARE may cover repairs for DME you own. TRICARE covers DME replacement if:

- There’s a change in your physical condition
- The DME is damaged costs more to fix than to replace
- The DME no longer works and can’t be fixed
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says it no longer meets safety standards

You’ll need a prescription from your TRICARE-authorized provider for a replacement. TRICARE may also ask for other medical information, or documentation showing why the DME needs replacement.

TRICARE only covers regular maintenance like testing or cleaning the machine, when the manufacturer requires an expert to service the DME.

Q&A: How TRICARE covers BY DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT **By TRICARE COMMUNICATIONS**

Q: How does TRICARE For Life cover DME?

A: If you have TRICARE For Life coverage, your plan follows Medicare's rules for getting DME, unless you live overseas (outside the U.S. and U.S. territories). Ask your DME supplier if they participate in Medicare, since you'll pay less if they do.

Note: TRICARE doesn't cover certain non-medical equipment like bath rails or safety beds, but they may be covered by Medicare.

Check out Medicare.gov for more on DME coverage, including where to find DME equipment and suppliers.

Q: What kind of equipment doesn't TRICARE cover?

A: TRICARE doesn't cover equipment if:

- It has extra deluxe or luxury features. You may be able to choose to pay the extra cost for these features yourself.
- It isn't just for medical use. For example, humidifiers, electric air cleaners, or smart watches.
- You could get the same equipment from a military hospital or clinic, if you're enrolled at one.
- It's provided for free by a facility where you're a patient..

Q: What will I pay for DME under TRICARE?

A: Cost-sharing for DME varies depending on your TRICARE plan. Network providers and suppliers often cost you less out of pocket than non-network providers and suppliers. Go to TRICARE Health Plan Costs to look up your TRICARE plan's cost-shares for DME.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: If you have questions about what DME is covered, visit TRICARE Covered Services. This list of covered services and supplies isn't all-inclusive. If you have questions about coverage and costs or you need help finding a provider or supplier, call your TRICARE regional contractor.



https://tricare.mil/Publications/Handbooks/national_guard_reserve



https://tricare.mil/Publications/Handbooks/tricare_for_life

HUMOR & MOTIVATION

MARINE JOKES OF THE QUARTER

“Why did the Marine bring a ladder to the gym?”

- Because he heard the PT test was going to the next level.”

“How many Marines does it take to change a lightbulb?”

- One — and he’ll do it faster than the Army, cheaper than the Navy, and with more style than the Air Force.”

“What’s a Marine’s favorite summer activity?”

- Finding shade and pretending it’s tactical.”

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES

- Courage is endurance for one moment more.” — Unknown Marine at Okinawa
- “Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference. Marines don’t have that problem.” — Ronald Reagan
- “Retreat, hell! We just got here!” — Capt. Lloyd Williams, USMC, Belleau Wood

MARINE TRUTHS

- You know you’re a Marine when you still fold your T-shirts like you’re expecting an inspection.
- You know you’re a Marine when you still call your civilian friends “sir” or “ma’am” out of habit.
- You know you’re a Marine when you still stand at parade rest in line without realizing it.

MOTIVATIONAL BLURB

- Spring is a season of renewal — and Marines don’t wait for perfect conditions. Whether it’s reconnecting with old friends or starting a new routine, take one step forward this month. Momentum is a Marine’s best ally.
- May is a month of remembrance. Honor the fallen by living with purpose — stay connected, stay active, and keep leading from the front. Marines don’t fade away; they set the example.
- Summer heat tests everyone — but Marines know how to push through discomfort with discipline and humor. Stay hydrated, stay sharp,

and stay connected. Brotherhood doesn’t retire.

QUOTES FROM OUR 39TH COMMANDANT GEN. ERIC

M. SMITH

ON THE SOUL OF THE MARINE CORPS

- “Our Corps has always drawn its soul from the infantry. We say ‘every Marine a rifleman’ for a reason. It’s not a recruiting slogan. It’s a truth baked into our bones.”

ON THE CORPS’ PURPOSE

- “The Marine Corps is, first and foremost, a warfighting organization. We exist to fight and win our country’s battles.”

ON DISCIPLINE

- “Discipline is the foundation of our warrior ethos... Without it, we are a collection of individuals; with it, we are an unstoppable, cohesive force ready to fight any adversary.”

ON STANDARDS

- “The Marine Corps has not and will not lower its standards or change its warfighting culture.”

ON READINESS

- “Marines do not train for comfort, fairness, or convenience – we train for war.”

ON BEING FORWARD-DEPLOYED

- “We ask for nothing more than the chance to be First to Fight.”

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESENCE

- “Crises don’t avail themselves to anyone’s timeline... When an ARG/MEU is not present, it puts Americans at risk.”

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME



Did you enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces, or know someone who spent at least half of their career as an enlisted member, warrant officer, or limited-duty officer? The Armed Forces Retirement Home offers an activity-filled lifestyle in beautiful settings at two locations: 3700 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011-8400 and 1800 Beach Drive, Gulfport, MS 39507. They are a unique institution: an independent Federal agency designed to provide residences and healthcare for eligible retired and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses. For more information, virtual tours, or to request an application, visit the official AFRH website: <https://www.afrh.gov/>. This site also provides comprehensive details about eligibility, services, campus life, and ways to support the Home through volunteering or donations.

MMSR Visits Washington, DC Armed Forces Retirement Home



Military Funeral Honors (TAPS)

The Defense Department provides military funeral honors to recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our nation's veterans. The following individuals are eligible to receive military funeral honors: Military members who die while on active duty, Veterans who served in the active military, naval or air service, and were discharged or released from that service by means of an "honorable" or "under honorable conditions" discharge. Providing military funeral honors is the nation's way of showing gratitude and paying final tribute to a veteran's honorable military service.

Learn how the military can honor a veteran at their funeral, and find out how to get a military grave marker. Who is eligible for military funeral honors and how to request them Funeral honors include the playing of "Taps," the presentation of a U.S. flag, and a detail of uniformed military personnel. Learn more about what happens during military funeral honors. These honors are provided for free for veterans and active-duty members. See if you or your loved one is eligible for military funeral honors. Please visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/casualty-assistance/military-funerals/eligibility/>

How to Request Military Funeral Honors. The funeral director who handles the veteran's service will request the honors. You will need to provide the veteran's discharge papers to verify eligibility. If you need a copy, submit an emergency request for military records to the National Archives. Please visit <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Misc%20Files/mos-mfh-nara-form.pdf>

Military Funeral Memorials. Veterans and reservists are eligible for other memorial items. Learn how to apply for memorials, including: Headstones, markers, medallions, plaques, and urns, burial flag Presidential memorial certificate These memorials are available for veterans buried in private cemeteries. Spouses or dependent children buried at national or veterans cemeteries may also be eligible for headstones or markers. Please visit <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/>



Military Funeral Honors Directory. Use the Military Funeral Honors Directory by locating the state or territory in which the requested funeral honors will take place. Under the state, you will find a local phone number for each of the military services.

Choose the phone number that corresponds to the military service of the deceased. Numbers for each military service will apply, in most cases, to the state as a whole. But some states will have more than one phone number per military service, listed by county or city. For additional information, contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/tools/military-funeral-honors-directory/>

Military Funeral Honors (TAPS) Honoring Those Who Served



U.S. Marine Corps military funerals are conducted to recognize the proud American tradition of honorable service which USMC men and women have given to their country. Our Nation regards the memorializing of its military deceased as an honorable and sacred obligation.

On behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, we offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following Marines:

BRIGADIER GENERAL

AMOS, GRANVILLE R.
CATES, GEORGE L.

RET/Death

Aug 93/Mar 26
Sep 93/Mar 26

COLONEL

BATTISTONE, CARL L.
BJORKLUND, KAY D.
BRYSON III, WALTER J.
CORBETT, DAVID C.
CULLEN, THOMAS B.
DAVIS, NANCY A.
DEFORREST, RICHARD A.
DENNIS, RICHARD L.
ELWELL JR, LEO R.
FOLEY, COLEMAN J.
GAHAN, TIMOTHY M.
GARDNER, DAYNE G.
GOULD, DAVID W.
KAY, WILLIAM M.
KLINE, JOSEPH F.
LANGDON II, JOHN
LOUGHRIDGE, ROBERT E.
MANZIONE JR, JOHN A.
MAY III, WESLEY F.
OWEN JR, JACK E.
RAST, HOWARD E.
RAGOSTA, LUIGI L.
RIMER III, FRANK D.
ROUSH, PAUL E.
STUCKRATH JR, EDWARD G.
THOMAS JR, DUDLEY E.
THORNELL III, JOHN F.

RET/Death

Jun 80/Feb 26
Nov 84/Apr 26
Jul 89/Mar 26
June 90/Apr 26
Jun 90/Mar 26
Nov 06/Feb 26
Sep 10/Feb 26
Aug 79/Feb 26
Aug 86/Feb 26
Aug 98/Mar 26
Nov 94/Mar 26
Jan 91/Feb 26
Dec 01/Apr 26
Jul 94/Mar 26
Jul 92/Apr 26
Jul 00/Mar 26
Jan 95/Feb 26
Jul 85/Mar 26
Mar 08/Feb 26
Jun 11/Mar 26
Jun 86/Feb 20
Jan 93/Oct 25
Feb 99/ Mar 26
Aug 83/ Mar 26
Sep 90/Apr 26
Sep 96/Mar 26
Feb 99/Mar 26

TRIMBLE, ARCH E.
VANFLEET, JAMES E.
WAGNER, JOHN H.
WATERS, KENNETH D.
WEEDE, RICHARD D.
WELLS, JAMES R.
ZELL, ANTHONY J.
ZIMMERMAN, ROBERT R.

May 88/ Apr 26
Jul 86/ Mar 26
Jan 98/Feb 26
May 87/Feb 26
Apr 89/ Apr 26
Jan 85/ Apr 26
Jan 00/Feb 26
Jan 98/Mar 26

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

AJINGA, CHRISTOPHER F.
BARKER, STUART M.
BEEMAN, DAVID L.
BENDER, ROBERT G.
BREWTON, ROBERT R.
BROWER, GEORGE H.
CALLISON, GEORGE R.
CAMPBELL JR, WILLIAM R.
CHARLES, ROBERT S.
DALTON, ROBERT J.
DOLLARD, CHARLES W.
DREWELOW, DAVE G.
EKLUND, RICHARD M.
ERICKSON, RANDALL L.
FARRELL, LOUISE.
FELITON, JAMES A.
FISHER, BARNEY J.
GIANNELLI JR, UMBERTO
GUILLIAMS, RONALD G.
HANKINS, FRANCIS T.
HARMON, BERNARD J.

RET/Death

May 05/Feb 26
Nov 19/Apr 26
Jan 96/Feb 26
Jul 88/Mar 26
Aug 92/Feb 26
Nov 93/Jan 26
Apr 86/Feb 26
Aug 82/Feb 26
Dec 78/Mar 26
Oct 84/Apr 26
Sep 74/Apr 26
Mar 79/Feb 26
Jul 99/Feb 26
Jan 03/Feb 26
Dec 91/Feb 26
Jun 63/Feb 26
Sep 93/Apr 26
Jul 83/Feb 26
May 10/Feb 26
Sep 01/Feb 26
Jul 89/ Apr 26

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

HODGES, JAMES W.
 HOLLESH, BRIAN A.
 JACOBSEN, DONALD E.
 JOINER, RICHARD K.
 KYLER, DUANE E.
 LOTT, JEFFERY L.
 MANZER, MICHAEL W.
 MARTIN, RAYMOND W.
 MARTINO, FRANK W.
 MASCORRO, SUSANO
 MOORE, ROBERT H.
 NAPPI, LOUIS T.
 O'DONNELL, MATTHEW J.
 POWELL, NORRIS L.
 RILLING, DAVID S.
 RIZNYCHOK, WILLIAM L.
 ROBERTS, MORRIS R.
 RONALDS, HUGH A.
 SHORT, DALE E.
 SKANKEY, ROBERT B.
 SPECTOR, RONALD H.
 STAUCH JR, VICTOR D.
 TOYEAS, GEORGE E.
 VANAIRSDALE, JAMES B.
 VIOLA, RICHARD J.
 WALSH, JOHN J.
 WANIATA, ROGER P.
 WCISLO, ANDREW J.
 WELLMAN JR, DANIEL T.
 WILSON, MICHAEL P.

MAJOR

CARNICLE, GARY L.
 CARROLL, NANCY A.
 COLLINS, BILLY D.
 CONNELL, JAMES J.
 DOUGLAS, ARTHUR J.
 FRANCIS, RONALD R.
 FULK, STEPHEN R.
 GARDNER JR, CHESTER M.
 GUENTHER, ERIC W.
 HILLMAN, JAMES E.
 HUDSPETH, JACKSON G.
 KLEIN, HERBERT H.
 KLING, HARRY A.
 KRONE, MELVIN P.
 LAFRENIER, KEVIN J.
 LARSON, ANDREW D.
 LEEPER JR, HARRY C.
 LINDHOLM, HANS W.
 LING II, HARRY A.
 MARSHALL, MATT J.
 MILLER, RICHARD N.
 MOORE JR, JULIAN A.
 MOYLAN, MICHAEL J.
 O'DONOVAN, LEE P.
 ROMANO, NICK C.
 SARAGA, JOHN T.
 SCHUETTE, JOEL N.
 SHAPIRO, BRUCE L.
 SPENCE, JACK R.
 STOVER, SIMON F.
 STRASSENBERG, DONALD E.

RET/Death

Nov 92/Feb 26
 Oct 16/Apr 26
 Oct 78/Mar 26
 Nov 82/Feb 26
 June 05/Feb 26
 Aug 92/Feb 26
 Jul 98/Feb 26
 Mar 01/Feb 26
 Aug 81/Apr 26
 Aug 92/Mar 26
 Sep 97/Mar 26
 Aug 78/Mar 26
 Feb 07/Mar 26
 Apr 00/Mar 26
 Sep 81/Mar 26
 Sep 94/Apr 26
 Oct 80/Mar 26
 Sep 88/Mar 26
 Apr 20/Mar 26
 Aug 10/Feb 26
 Jan 03/Mar 26
 Sep 74/Feb 26
 Jul 79/Mar 26
 Jul 71/Apr 26
 Jan 00/Mar 26
 Nov 67/Feb 26
 Jul 88/Apr 26
 Feb 07/Mar 26
 Feb 87/Mar 26
 Aug 98/Mar 26

RET/Death

Oct 76/Mar 26
 Nov 78/Mar 26
 Dec 75/Apr 26
 Jul 73/ Mar 26
 Nov 82/Apr 26
 Apr 87/Mar 26
 Nov 85/ Mar 26
 Jul 84/ Apr 26
 Feb 01/Feb 26
 Aug 77/Mar 26
 June 94/ Apr 26
 Feb 89/Mar 26
 Feb 85/Feb 26
 Mar 80/ Mar 26
 Apr 19/Apr 26
 Jun 82/Jan 26
 Sep 83/Apr 26
 Jul 85/Oct 25
 Jul 79/ Apr 26
 Jul 81/Apr 26
 Nov 94/ Mar 26
 Jul 78/Feb 26
 Mar 80/Feb 26
 Jun 97/Apr 26
 Feb 72/Apr 26
 Oct 94/Mar 26
 Jun 81/Apr 26
 Aug 79/Mar 26
 Jun 73/Feb 26
 Mar 83/Feb 26
 Sep 78/Mar 26

TOHOLSKY, RALPH E.
 WALTON, THEODORE C.

Mar 77/Apr 26
 May 68/Apr 26

CAPTAIN

ANDERSON, PERRY B.
 BABINEAU JR, RAYMOND O.
 BRYANT, MURRAY W.
 BUMGARNER, OLIN L.
 BUSSELL, BRICE L.
 CALISE, DANIEL L.
 CAMPBELL, EVERETT J.
 COLE, BOBBY D.
 CUSTIS, GARY W.
 DUCHAINE, LONNIE F.
 DUGGAN, MICHAEL J.
 ELLIOTT, VERNON R.
 FELNER, THEODORE K.
 FRANKLIN, BERNARD J.
 FREUND, MAURICE H.
 HANSFORD, GEORGE F.
 IHDE, ROBERT D.
 JACKSON, EDWARD N.
 KULAWIAK, STEPHEN M.
 LARSSON, THOMAS R.
 LEWIS, CORBY F.
 RENNO, ROBERT E.
 SAWIN, PETER B.
 STEWART, JOHN F.
 URITESCU, JERRY.
 VONDERHEYDE, GUNTER E.
 WIESE, SCOTT D.
 WILKERSON, KENNETH J.

RET/Death
 Oct 75/Mar 26
 May 72/Apr 26
 Nov 78/Mar 26
 Sep 75/Apr 26
 Sep 73/Apr 26
 Nov 81/Feb 26
 Sep 79/Apr 26
 Jul 76/Mar 26
 Jun 00/Jan 26
 Jul 78/Apr 26
 Jul 76/Apr 26
 Jul 74/Mar 26
 Jul 73/Apr 26
 Nov 87/Mar 26
 Sep 81/Apr 26
 Oct 69/Apr 26
 Jun 89/Sep 25
 Mar 09/Feb 26
 Jan 16/Apr 26
 May 76/Feb 26
 Dec 79/Mar 26
 Mar 73/Mar 26
 Aug 80/Apr 26
 Jun 80/Mar 26
 Sep 79/Feb 26
 Oct 89/Mar 26
 Mar 26/Mar 26
 Mar 72/Apr 26

FIRST LIEUTENANT

DALY, CHARLES U.
 FOOTE, WILLIAM L.
 MOLNAR, RICHARD J.
 SWOFFORD, DONALD N.
 THOMPSON, J. P.
 YOUNG, NEIL A.

RET/Death
 May 52/Feb 26
 May 58/Feb 26
 May 64/Feb 26
 Jul 81/Apr 26
 May 69/Mar 26
 Apr 75/Apr 26

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4

DOSS, THOMAS L.
 JONES III, CHARLES L.
 KELTY, JAMES M.
 KONDO, HERBERT S.
 MCMAINS, STEPHEN L.

RET/Death
 Feb 86/Feb 26
 Apr 00/Mar 26
 Aug 97/Jan 26
 Dec 79/Apr 26
 Jul 09/Feb 26

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3

GEIGER, RICHARD L.
 HALFORD JR, JOHN L.
 LEWIS, DAVID S.
 MILLER, JULIAN S.
 WOODARD, DONALD P.

RET/Death
 Mar 81/Feb 26
 May 97/Feb 26
 Jan 91/Mar 26
 Aug 91/Mar 26
 Feb 00/Jan 26

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2

BAKER, TODD A.
 BARNES, FRANCIS C.
 RICE, DAVID J.
 WILSON, JERYL M.
 ZUBIATE, FRANK C.

RET/Death
 Nov 05/Feb 26
 Jul 70/Feb 26
 May 06/Mar 26
 Jan 71/Nov 25
 Nov 76/Jan 26

SERGEANT MAJOR
 BASTIAN, ROBERT C. Jun 01/Mar 26
 BENNINGTON, TERRY J Jul 95/Apr 26
 BREWER, JIMMY L. Jul 88/Mar 26
 CAMACHO JR, JUAN G. Oct 08/Feb 26
 DELEON JR, RODOLFO D. Sep 95/Feb 26
 EBELING, EDWARD R. Mar 90/Mar 26
 ELARTON, THOMAS W. Dec 77/Mar 26
 GREEN, WILFRED A. Jan 97/Mar 26
 HENDRICKS JR, JEREMIAH L. Aug 97/Mar 26
 HORROCKS, ROGER A. Jul 06/Apr 26
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For Our Retirees, Veterans, and Marine Corps Families

Marines and Families, As we close this issue, the MMSR Branch wants to speak to you not just as former Marines, but as members of a family that never stops growing, never stops caring, and never stops remembering the journey you've taken together.

To our retirees and veterans: You carried the colors through long nights, hard deployments, and moments that shaped the course of your lives. You led Marines, mentored them, protected them, and stood shoulder-to-shoulder through challenges most Americans will never see. Your service didn't end when you stepped off the parade deck for the last time — it lives on in the way you lead your families, support your communities, and continue to embody the values of the Corps.

To the families:

You served too. You held the home front together through separations, uncertainty, and sacrifice. You celebrated the homecomings, endured the goodbyes, and carried the emotional weight that comes with loving a Marine. Your strength made our strength possible. Your resilience made our mission achievable. And your love made every Marine better.

As you move through retirement or veteran life, please remember this: You are not alone. You are not forgotten. And you are still part of us.

The MMSR Branch remains committed to supporting you — whether you're navigating benefits, adjusting to new routines, or simply staying connected to the Corps that shaped your life. We are here to ensure you continue to receive the respect, care, and recognition you have earned through a lifetime of service.

Wherever life takes you next, carry this with you: **You will always be part of the Marine Corps family. Once a Marine, Always a Marine.**

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