

# Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

## Retirement Benefits

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**For other benefits, view Benefits and Claims Assistance**

### Requesting Your DD-214

Whenever a veteran requests benefits and services, a copy of the individual's discharge papers are required to verify eligibility. This includes admission to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Maryland's five cemeteries, VA claims and a myriad of other services provided to veterans and their families. Veterans and their next of kin can request a copy of the service member's DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the National Archives. You can request the DD214 online via their website - [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records). Click on the link "Submit your request online". You can also make a request by sending a letter to the address listed below.

**National Personnel Records Center**  
1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138

1-866-272-6272 (Toll Free)

### Air Force Retiree Services

AFPC/DPFFF  
550 C Street W, Suite 8  
JBSA Randolph, TX 78150  
E-mail: [afpc.retiree@us.af.mil](mailto:afpc.retiree@us.af.mil)  
[www.retirees.af.mil](http://www.retirees.af.mil)

1-800-525-0102 (Toll Free)

Airmen are eligible to retire after 20 years of service with the Air Force and begin receiving benefits the day they retire – no matter their age.

### Army Retirement Services - Department of the Army

[www.soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement](http://www.soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement)

#### Retirement Services Offices:

**Headquarters** 703-571-7232 (V)  
251 18<sup>th</sup> Street South, Suite 210  
Arlington, VA 22202  
E-mail: [ArmyRSO@mail.mil](mailto:ArmyRSO@mail.mil)

**Aberdeen Proving Ground** 410-306-2320 (V)  
E-mail: [usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil) 410-306-2323 (V)

**Fort Detrick** 301-619-3381 (V)  
E-mail: [kenneth.w.daniels14.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kenneth.w.daniels14.civ@mail.mil)

**Fort Meade** 301-677-9603 (V)  
E-mail: [armysomeade@mail.mil](mailto:armysomeade@mail.mil)

**Walter Reed Army National Medical Center** 301-400-1095 (V)  
E-mail: [joyce.baldwin@med.navy.mil](mailto:joyce.baldwin@med.navy.mil)

Provide information on benefits and entitlements to active duty soldiers and families preparing for retirement and to

retired soldiers and families through Army installation retirement services officers. Retirement Service Officers prepare soldiers and spouses for retirement and continue to support them after retirement. Website offers pre-retirement information including a Pre-Retirement Counseling Guide. Also publish the bulletin Army Echoes to keep retired soldiers informed of their rights and privileges, and updated them on developments in the army:

[www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/echoes.asp](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/echoes.asp).

### Coast Guard – Pension and Retirement

U. S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center

1-800-772-8724 (Toll Free)

444 SE Quincy St

Topeka KS 66683-3591

E-mail: [psc-dg-ras@uscg.mil](mailto:psc-dg-ras@uscg.mil)

[www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/retirementprocessing.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/retirementprocessing.asp)

The U.S. Coast Guard provides a pension for its members who serve for at least 20 years. After serving 20 years, members will receive 50% of their basic pay in retirement compensation. This amount increases each year by 2.5%, and after 30 years of service, members will receive 75% of their basic pay in retirement compensation. Retirement income is adjusted each year to compensate for increases in the cost of living. Military members also have the option of enrolling in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is a tax-deferred, government sponsored investment fund. Complete the Career Intentions Worksheet at least two months before your planned departure (on leave or last day of active duty, whichever is earlier) and forward it to your Servicing Personnel Office, via your chain of command: [www.uscg.mil/PPC/forms](http://www.uscg.mil/PPC/forms).

### Marine Corps – Separation & Retirement Branch

Separation and Retirement Branch

703-784-9304 (V)

Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps

3280 Russell Road

Quantico, VA 22134

[www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M\\_RA\\_HOME/MM/H\\_SR](http://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/H_SR)

Twenty years of Active duty is considered "qualifying service." Those who have reached the 20 year active duty status, can receive retired pay that will continually increase each year. Service members who stay in for 40 years will be eligible for 100 percent of their basic pay at retirement.

### Navy Personnel Command – Retirement Benefits

E-mail: [Enlisted\\_Active\\_Duty\\_Retirements@navy.mil](mailto:Enlisted_Active_Duty_Retirements@navy.mil)

1-866-827-5672 (Toll Free)

[www.npc.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/retirement/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.npc.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/retirement/Pages/default.aspx)

From the day military service begins, money begins accruing toward a retirement pay for the rest of your natural life. As a military member, you make no contribution toward your military retirement. The military retirement system is funded under an accrual accounting technique.

**The following applies to members who retire prior to December 31, 2006:** After completing only 20 years of honorable service, a military retiree would receive 50% of the permanent basic pay. Each year of service thereafter adds an additional 2.5% until 30 years of service is reached, at which the retiree would receive 75% of the permanent basic pay as retirement income."

**The following applies to members who retire after December 31, 2006:** In the case of a member who retires after December 31, 2006, with more than 30 years of creditable service, the percentage to be used is the sum of 75 percent and the product (stated as a percentage) of 2 1/2 and the member's years of creditable service) in excess of 30 years of creditable service. In other words, for people who retire after December 31, 2006, the 75% at 30 years cap is no longer in effect.