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IRS telephone scam affecting retirees

WASHINGTON -- Officials have issued a warning to taxpayers to beware of phone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service in an effort to defraud them.

"This is the largest scam of its kind that we have ever seen," said J. Russell George, head of the Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration. George noted that the TIGTA has received reports of more than 20,000 contacts and has become aware of thousands of victims who have collectively paid over \$1 million as a result of the scam.

"At all times, and particularly during the tax filing season, we want to make sure that innocent taxpayers are alert to this scam so they are not harmed by these criminals," George said, adding the scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country.

Callers claiming to be from the IRS tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license.

The truth is the IRS usually first contacts people by mail -- not by phone -- about unpaid taxes. And the IRS won't ask for payment using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS also won't ask for a credit card number over the phone.

"If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and uses threatening language if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling," George said.



Courtesy graphic

The callers who commit this fraud often:

- ◆ Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
- ◆ Know the last four digits of the victim's Social Security Number.
- ◆ Make caller ID information appear as if the IRS is calling.
- ◆ Send bogus IRS emails to support their scam.
- ◆ Call a second time claiming to be the police or from the department of motor vehicles, and the caller ID again supports their claim.

People who get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, should call the IRS at 800-829-1040 if they owe federal taxes or think they may owe taxes.

Taxpayers should know the IRS will never request personal or financial information by email, texting or any social media.

People can forward scam emails to phishing@irs.gov, and should not open any attachments or click on any links in those emails.

Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS website at www.irs.gov.

www.retirees.af.mil

Generosity:

Air Force retiree family does it again!

We, the Air Force Assistance Fund Affiliate Charities, would, once again, like to take this opportunity to both thank and congratulate our Air Force retiree family.

This year's AFAF Campaign, like last year's, ran during a time of economic uncertainty where many of our active-duty Airmen and their civilian counterparts saw more force structuring being executed to pare down the size of the Air Force. With their futures so unsure, many of our fellow Airmen felt uneasy about

committing to long-term giving.

And yet, you've answered the call once again!

Last year, retirees gave \$134,403.23 to the AFAF campaign - a 26 percent increase in one year, including two estate gifts totaling \$60,000! This year, we have over \$66,500 in donations and another \$100,000-plus in an estimated bequest from one of our fallen fellow Airmen. Your generosity has once again overwhelmed us, and we are filled with thanksgiving to be a part of

the wonderful Air Force Family.

So, again, thank you to our retired Airmen for once again reaffirming your "commitment to caring" -- still playing an active part in what makes this the greatest Air Force in the world -- Airmen taking care of our own!

See Pages 8 & 9 for 2015 contribution details

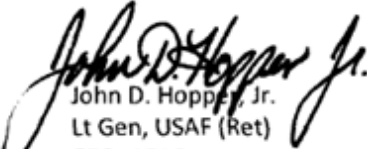
Report retiree death as soon as possible to defense pay service

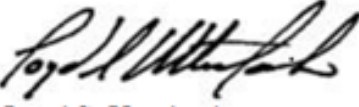
Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials advise reporting the death of a retiree as soon as possible by calling 800-321-1080, or completing a Notification of Death Form on the DFAS website.

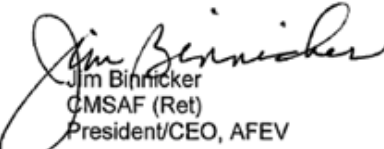
This will help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving beneficiaries, family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned military retirement payments.

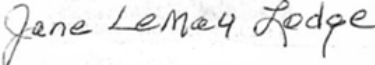
Eligibility for military retired pay ends with the death of the retiree; therefore, if a retired pay payment was issued for the month in which the retiree died, the bank will be notified to return the payment upon notification of death. The beneficiary of the arrears of pay may be due a prorated amount for the month of death.

The caller reporting the death will need the retiree's name, Social Security number and date of death.


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Afterburner **News for USAF Retired Personnel**

The *Afterburner* is authorized by Air Force Instruction 36-3106. When funding permits, it is printed and mailed twice a year by Air Force Personnel Center's Retiree Services Office. Distribution: Individuals entitled to Air Force retired pay; unremarried surviving spouses of retirees (automatically if they are entitled to an annuity under Survivor Benefit Plan and/or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, or the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan); unremarried non-annuitant surviving spouses of deceased Air Force members who were entitled to receive retired pay, may receive the *Afterburner* by requesting it from the address below. The *Afterburner* is not sent to former spouses nor to retirees of other services, or to retirees and survivors overseas. Additional copies are not available. The *Afterburner* address is:

AFPC/DPFFF
550 C Street West
JBSA Randolph TX 78150-4713

Email address for opting out of receiving the hard copy is afpc.retiree@us.af.mil and the phone number is (210) 565-2126. The *Afterburner* is available on the Internet at www.retirees.af.mil. Retirees may write to the Co-chairmen of the Air Force Retiree Council at: AFPC/CCU, 550 C Street West, JBSA Randolph TX 78150. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS NOTIFICATIONS TO EITHER ADDRESS ABOVE.** AFPC relies on the address people have on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to create mailing labels. Contact DFAS at 800-321-1080.

New Afterburner distribution saves AF money

The new *Afterburner* distribution procedures for the Spring/Summer 2014 edition saved the Air Force nearly \$132,000 in printing and postage costs over the previous issue.

These savings were the result of the Air Force partnering with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to identify people who have an online myPay account and automatically notifying them when a new electronic *Afterburner* has been posted.

People with an online myPay account have been removed from the hard-copy mailing list. Instead, using the email address they have listed for myPay they will receive a notification with a link to the latest *Afterburner*.

"The goal is to reduce the costs of providing the *Afterburner* to more than 800,000 retirees and annuitants twice a year," said Tammy Cournoyer, *Afterburner* editor. "We realize there is still quite a large segment of our



customers who do not use or have access to a computer or the Internet, and they rely on getting their retiree news and information in a hard-copy format through the mail."

Receiving new *Afterburner* posting notifications is another reason retirees and annuitants should keep their commercial email address updated on myPay, Cournoyer said.

DFAS officials advise people to keep their email address current by logging into myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Once logged in, click on "Email Address" and review/edit the "personal email address" block. Click on "Primary" and "Accept/Submit" to complete the transaction.

DFAS releases 2015 retiree, annuitant pay schedule

Entitlement Month	Retiree Payment Dates	Annuitant Payment Dates
January 2015	January 30, 2015 - Friday	February 2, 2015 Monday
February 2015	February 27, 2015 - Friday	March 2, 2015 - Monday
March 2015	April 1, 2015 - Wednesday	April 1, 2015 - Wednesday
April 2015	May 1, 2015 - Friday	May 1, 2015 - Friday
May 2015	June 1, 2015 - Monday	June 1, 2015 - Monday
June 2015	July 1, 2015 - Wednesday	July 1, 2015 - Wednesday
July 2015	July 31, 2015 - Friday	August 3, 2015 - Monday
August 2015	September 1, 2015 - Tuesday	September 1, 2015 - Tuesday
September 2015	October 1, 2015 - Thursday	October 1, 2015 - Thursday
October 2015	October 30, 2015 - Friday	November 2, 2015 - Monday
November 2015	December 1, 2015 - Tuesday	December 1, 2015 - Tuesday
December 2015	December 31, 2015 - Thursday	January 4, 2016 - Monday

Receiving your 1099-R tax form from DFAS

CLEVELAND -- Military retirees and annuitants receive a 1099-R tax statement from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service either electronically via myPay or as a paper copy in the mail at the end of each calendar year.

Once tax season begins, DFAS officials say many retirees call to request additional copies – either because they lost the copy they received, or because their mailing address was not current, and they didn't receive the mailed copy.

Officials advise the easiest way to get duplicate copies is to use:

myPay

■ Log into <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Access your 1099R from the "Main Menu" by clicking on the "Tax Statement 1099R." Using myPay, military retirees have access to the current year's tax statement and the five prior years' tax statements.

Telephone Self-Service

■ This automated option easily allows military retirees and annuitants to have their 1099-R mailed to their address DFAS has on record. This can be used 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. There is no need to speak with a representative, wait on hold, or even use a computer for this system. Call 800-321-1080; select Option 1 for Military Retired and Annuitant Pay; select Option 1 "To use our automated self-service system;" select Option 1 to request a 1099-R, and enter a Social Security Number when prompted. Within 3 days, the 1099-R should be in the mail.

Ask DFAS

■ Military retirees and annuitants can enter their email address, update their permanent address of record, or enter a temporary mailing address and then submit a request for their 1099-R through Ask DFAS. There is no password or login needed with this method. It will take up to 10 business days for people to receive a 1099-R at the mailing address specified in the request. To use Ask

DFAS, visit <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/taxes/getting1099r/viaaskdfas.html>.

Written Request

■ Military retirees and annuitants always have the option to send DFAS a written request through the mail. These requests typically take 30 to 60 days to process. Written requests must include the retiree's or annuitant's name, Social Security Number, signature, and date. To receive a 1099-R, retirees and annuitants must mail their requests to:

Retirees

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130

Annuitants

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
P.O. Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131

Fax Request

■ Military retirees and annuitants always have the option to fax a request to DFAS. These requests typically take 30-60 days to process. Written requests must include the retiree's or annuitant's name, Social Security Number, signature, and date. Fax your request to DFAS at 800-469-6559.

Call DFAS

■ DFAS has representatives available to assist its customers; however, because of the number of military retirees and annuitants DFAS serves, customers may have to wait on hold while representatives assist other customers. Wait times can be amplified during tax season. If you have tried the other options and still need assistance from a customer care representative, you can call 800-321-1080. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. (Courtesy of DFAS)

Casualty services branch offers reporting assistance

The Air Force Personnel Center Casualty Services Branch staff, recognizing that the death of a loved one is a stressful time, offers a toll-free number to ensure reporting a death does not add more stress to the situation.

By calling 877-353-6807, the caller only has to enter a ZIP code to be connected to the nearest Air Force Casualty Assistance Office.

Families residing at overseas locations may report the death through any military installation, U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The agency should assist families in forwarding casualty information to the AFPC Casualty Services Branch.

Divorce has impact on Survivor Benefit Plan

Air Force retirees who are enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan should notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service of their divorce once finalized.

"Acting quickly after a divorce can avoid many pitfalls such as premiums being deducted beyond the date of divorce," explains Tammy Hern, the Air Force's SBP program manager. "If the divorce decree contains no language mandating the retiree's need to elect former spouse coverage, 'it is vital that he or she notify DFAS as soon as the divorce is final so SBP spouse coverage can be suspended and SBP premiums stopped.'"

Retirees within one year of the divorce must elect to convert spouse coverage to former spouse coverage when mandated by a court ordered divorce decree or if no court ordered



Courtesy photo

requirement is imposed, the retiree may voluntarily cover the former spouse under the SBP. Failure to maintain SBP as instructed in the divorce decree may lead to contempt of court charges and require a lengthy Board for Correction of Military Record review to correct.

"Retirees who have SBP coverage must be familiar with the rules," Hern said. "A lack of knowledge is rarely a justifiable

defense should a dispute arise. This is why we continue to publicize SBP information in the *Afterburner* and post in-depth details on the AF retiree website."

Retirees with suspended spouse coverage who remarry may elect to resume his/her prior level of SBP coverage, increase SBP coverage, or terminate spouse coverage for the new spouse within one year of the remarriage. Failure to notify DFAS of the new marriage within one year of remarriage will result in the prior level of coverage being automatically reinstated effective the date the new spouse becomes an eligible beneficiary.

For more information or help with changing SBP coverage, call 1-877-353-6807 to contact the SBP or casualty assistance representative at the nearest Air Force base.

Women's Memorial Foundation seeks veterans to register

WASHINGTON -- The Women in Military Service for America Memorial here allows women to record their role in the nation's heritage.

Dedicated in 1997, the memorial is the only national

memorial honoring women who have served in our nation's defense in all eras and in all services. It is located next to Arlington National Cemetery. According to the memorial's website, 2.5 million women have served in defense of the nation since the beginning more than 230 years ago; however, only 250,000 of these women are registered with the memorial.

Registration is not automatic. Service women, past or present, must register themselves. People can also register women they know of who served. Memorial officials ask women to share their stories and encourage other service women to do the same.

Registration is free; however, people may make a donation. Visit www.womensmemorial.org and click on "Membership" to register. To register by mail, contact the memorial staff at 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294 to request a registration form, or write: Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, DC, 20042-560.

Groundbreaking for the memorial took place June 22, 1995. Total cost of building the memorial was \$22 million. In building the memorial, support came from federal grants; proceeds from the sales of commemorative silver dollars; and corporate, organization and individual donations.



Groundbreaking for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial was June 22, 1995. It was dedicated Oct. 18, 1997, and opened to the public two days later. (Courtesy photo)

Born to wave American flag; doing so since 1915

by Eric Sesit

628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. -- Blaine Yelton was born Aug. 12, 1915, when World War I was in its second bloody year. If he could have had his way, and if the Army could have found a uniform small enough to fit him, baby Blaine probably would have jumped out of his crib and fought in that war, too.

After all, this now 99-year-old veteran fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and probably would still be in uniform today if he could get an age-limit waiver.

"I wouldn't be able to drive though," Yelton said. "They took my driver's license away from me a few years back. Even though I'm a good driver and never had a problem, they still say I shouldn't drive."

That wasn't always the case though. He's the product of a lifetime of hard, back-breaking work.

Born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, about 20 miles from the nearest town, Yelton is the second oldest of 11 children. His father worked hard to support his family in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, but it was always tough making ends meet.



Almost 74 years ago, retired Chief Master Sgt. Blaine Yelton flew 55 missions in the Pacific Theater as a waist gunner on a B-24. (Courtesy photo)

"It was hard to make a living in that part of the country," Yelton said. "We didn't have electricity. Our running water was the creek out back, and school was a 2-mile walk ... or run through muddy roads."

In order to help his family financially, Yelton left school at 15 and went to work at a logging camp. He didn't stop working for decades.

With Dec. 7, 1941, came a draft notice.

"When I got my draft notice, I was 25. I tried to join the Navy, but they turned me down because of my eyesight," Yelton said. "I had traveled all night on the railroad and I was tired and bleary-eyed when I took the eye exam. I tried to explain that to the docs, but they didn't want to hear it. So I said you (can keep your Navy), and that turned out to be the best day of my life. I went into the Army and then right into the Army Air Corps."

He trained at Great Falls, Texas, and became a gunner on a B-24. When World War II ended, Yelton decided to stay in the Army, and in 1947, transitioned over to the newly formed Air Force.

Yelton saw more action in Korea as a crew chief on a C-47. When the fighting in Korea ended, then-Tech. Sgt. Yelton found himself performing maintenance on the "Big Shakes" --



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Blaine Yelton displays a photo of his crew, Nov. 12, 2014, at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. Yelton, now 99 years old, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and in the Air Force during the wars in Korea and Vietnam. (U.S. Air Force photo/Eric Sesit)

C-124 cargo planes -- at Hunter Field near Savannah, Georgia.

He met his wife, Louise, in West Palm Beach, Florida. "We just clicked," Yelton said.

Yelton, now a seasoned veteran of two wars, settled down a bit to raise a family.

"I'm really proud of my two girls," he said. He also continued to do what he did best; work on airplanes and take care of his troops.

One of his favorite stories involves when his squadron at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, had five aircraft out of commission. A nose gear bearing needed to be repaired, but the repair required welding torches to remove the old part, a process at that time forbidden by Air Force regulations.

"Those planes had been grounded for more than two months. I told my commander I could put those airplanes in commission," Yelton said.

"But he insisted I couldn't weld

See YELTON on Page 7 ➡

Retiree spotlight: Colonel served in nearly every rank

Retired Col. Steve dePyssler is a 38-year Army Air Corps and Air Force veteran. Born in 1919, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1940 as World War II began. While on active duty, he served as every enlisted,



(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)

warrant officer and officer grade up to O-6.

He is the only known American to serve in four wars; World War II, Korea, French-Indo-China and Vietnam. In addition, he has deployed to Normandy, Holland, Germany, Japan, Laos, Cambodia, Hawaii, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Guam, holding a variety of jobs to include three years working for the CIA during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Bay of Pigs Invasion.

He retired at age 60 at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and is "still serving" as director of the Barksdale Retiree Activities Office.

DePyssler initiated action for the Northwest Louisiana War Veterans Home, which began construction in April in Bossier City. The 90,000-square-foot, \$24 million facility will have 156 beds and 165 jobs with an annual estimated payroll of \$3.6 million. He also oversees the publication of two newspapers: the Military Retiree newspaper and a monthly for the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America reaching more than 20,000 readers a month.

YELTON continued from Page 6...

on the aircraft. So I told him, 'Sir, I'm not welding on the aircraft, I'm welding a steel bar on a nut on the aircraft. It will heat the part and I can bang it off with a sledge hammer.' The commander thought about that for a second and said, 'Well that makes sense. Do it.' I had two planes ready to fly by the end of the day!"

It wasn't long before another country on the other side of the world was getting attention from the American people: Vietnam. Then-Chief Master Sgt. Yelton would once again serve in harm's way, this time maintaining his squadron's 16 C-47s, ensuring they were ready and able to meet all missions.

From Vietnam, Yelton returned to the U.S., eventually landing at Charleston Air Force Base, where he spent the last two years of his career working on C-141s as part of the 437th Airlift Wing.

"That was a fine airplane," he said. "It didn't require half the maintenance some of the older planes did."

Time eventually caught up with the old chief and it was time to retire. But in typical Blaine Yelton fashion, military retirement only meant he could go find something else to do.

"I worked for five years hauling fuel. Then I went back to North Carolina, where I had bought over 400 acres and raised cattle for seven or eight years," Yelton said. "Now that was hard work."

Yelton credits his life of hard work with his longevity.

"I'm a happy man," he said. "I never smoked and I never drank anything other than a little wine once in a while. I go very light on fats and heavy on fruit and salads. I've also been lucky that I've never been overweight."

"Looking back, I would have to say I take the most pride in making those airplanes fly and supervising the maintainers, making sure they are all ready to go," Yelton said. "And I wouldn't change anything. I would do it better if I could, but other than that, I wouldn't change a thing." (Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Total Force Service Center 800-525-0102

The Total Force Service Center can deliver personnel services to the retiree family via telephone any time and from any location.

This number is available worldwide using the AT&T USA Direct global dialing codes at www.business.att.com/bt/



Assistance fund campaign kicks off in February

by Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – The annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off Feb. 2 at 78 Air Force and joint bases worldwide, announced Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The campaign is in its 42nd year. While active-duty Airmen participate in six-week donation drives, retirees can contribute anytime, said Bill D'Avanzo, Air Force voting action officer and fundraising chief.

"For more than four decades, the Air Force Assistance Fund has been used to help Airmen, whether affected by natural disasters, experiencing personal hardship, recovering from injury or illness or making difficult life choices due to age and other circumstances," said D'Avanzo. "We are family, and the fund exists to help our family members get through difficult times."



Courtesy photo

Contributions, which are tax deductible, go to support four different charities:

-The Air Force Aid Society: Provides Airmen and their families worldwide with emergency financial assistance, education assistance and various base-level community-enhancement programs.

-The Air Force Enlisted Village: Supports Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Florida, near Eglin Air Force Base. The fund

provides homes and financial assistance to retired enlisted members' widows and widowers who are 55 and older. It also supports Hawthorn House (in Shalimar) which provides assisted living for residents, including 24-hour nursing care.

-The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation: Donations support independent and assisted living needs for retired officers and their spouses, widows or widowers and family members. Communities are located in San Antonio.

-The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation: Provides rent and financial assistance to widows and widowers of officer and enlisted retirees in their homes and communities through financial grants of assistance.

A contribution form is available on Page 9.

For more information about AFAF affiliated charitable organizations visit www.afassistancefund.org.

Do not send address changes to *Afterburner* office

Please **DO NOT** send your U.S. Postal Service change-of-address announcements to the *Afterburner* office as the editor does not have the ability to make official address changes.

Mailing labels used to send out the *Afterburner* are based on addresses already on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Any change announcements sent to the *Afterburner* cannot be processed or forwarded, and are shredded.

Retirees must change their address by calling 800-321-1080. (Do not mention the *Afterburner* or you may be referred elsewhere.) If you have a [myPay](#) account you can make the change online. You can fax your change to 800-469-6559, or send it to DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, PO Box 7130, London KY 40742-7130.

Air Force Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants must call DFAS at the number above, or use their online myPay account. The fax number for annuitants is 800-982-8459 or mail the change to DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, PO Box 7131, London KY 40742-7131.



Courtesy photo

2015 Air Force Assistance Fund Retiree Contribution Form				Mail To: Air Force Assistance Fund HQ AFPC/DPSIMF 550 C Street West JB SA RANDOLPH TX 78150	
Name (last, first, middle initial)		Ret Rank	SSN <u>(Payroll Deduction Only)</u>		
Address		City	State	Zip Code	
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Air Force seeks retiree activities office volunteers

Officials are seeking volunteers for Air Force Retiree Activities Offices worldwide.

RAOs are staffed by volunteers from all services and include spouses and surviving spouses. Their charter is to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, Reserve or Guard base through command channels that will assist retirees with myriad actions.

These actions include: serving as an information center for space-available travel, TRICARE, base



services, etc.; offering referrals for financial assistance and pay matters; counseling active-duty Airmen

nearing retirement; and providing literature on retirement issues.

Another major activity involves working with base agencies to set up Retiree Appreciation Day events offering flu shots by base medical personnel, briefings by different base agencies on respective services, tax preparation and advice, staff judge advocate assistance, base tours, etc.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the nearest RAO. Contact information can be found on Pages 10 and 11.

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Not all states or countries have an established Air Force RAO. The phone numbers and email addresses of Air Force-wide RAOs is listed below.

Alabama
MAXWELL
334-953-6725
retiree.affairs@us.af.mil

Alaska
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-
RICHARDSON
907-552-2337
jerry.beale@yahoo.com

Arizona
DAVIS-MONTHAN
520-228-5100
DMAFBRAO@us.af.mil,
355MSG.RAO@us.af.mil

LUKE
623-856-3923
56fw.rao@us.af.mil

Arkansas
LITTLE ROCK
501-987-6095
877-815-3111
john.heffernan.2@us.af.mil

California
BEALE
530-634-2157
tbm3e@yahoo.com

EDWARDS
661-277-4931
412tw.rao@us.af.mil

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