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New, Simpler Eligibility Verification Requirements for SBP Annuitants 2023

CLEVELAND—Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuitants need to verify their eligibility regularly to continue to receive SBP annuity payments. The requirements depend on the SBP annuitant's age and relationship to the military service member. Beginning August 2023, DFAS is reducing the requirements for SBP annuitants to one annual eligibility verification. Previously, some SBP annuitants needed to complete multiple forms each year. Now, SBP annuitants will only need to complete and submit one of the annual verifications each year. We also changed the names of two of the annual eligibility verifications, so all names now identify the purpose. Plus, the due dates are easy to remember: they are due the first day of the month of the annuitant's birthday. The three types of annual eligibility verifications are: (1) School Certification; (2) Survivor Benefit Plan-Marital Status Update; and (3) Foreign Address Update for Mailed Check.



Summary of new annual requirements

- If you are a **SBP child annuitant age 18-22** (and not documented as incapacitated), the School Certification/Previous Attendance Letter is the only annual verification you need to submit.
- If you are a **SBP child annuitant age 14-17** (and not documented as incapacitated), the Survivor Benefit Plan-Marital Status Update is the only annual verification you need to submit.
- If you are caring for an **incapacitated SBP child annuitant age 14 or over**, the Survivor Benefit Plan-Marital Status Update is the only annual verification you need to submit.
- If you are a **SBP spouse/former spouse annuitant under the age of 55**, the Survivor Benefit Plan-Marital Status Update is the only annual verification you need to submit.
- If you are a SBP annuitant **receiving a check in the mail outside the United States and do not need to submit** a School Certification or a Survivor Benefit Plan-Marriage Status Update, the Foreign Address Update for Mailed Check is the only annual verification you need to submit.

See the DFAS "Manage your SBP Annuity" webpage for more details. <https://www.dfas.mil/managesbp>



2023 Department of the Air Force Retiree Council Meeting

By Lori Kullberg
Afterburner Editor

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TX - Fifteen Air Force Retiree Council members and three members-at-large convened May 9-11, 2023 for the 46th Department of the Air Force (DAF) Retiree Council Meeting.

Thrilled to be together again after a three-year break from in-person meetings, the group spent their time being briefed by Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, My Air Force Benefits, Defense Commissary Agency, Survivor Benefit Plan, Defense Health Agency, and more. Topics that affect the retiree communities of geographic areas worldwide were discussed as updates and new initiatives were shared. The council members also used this opportunity to ask questions of the briefers to shed light on issues they have seen over the last few years in their respective areas.

In addition, the council members traveled to the Airman Heritage Museum and USAF Security Forces Museum, both located at JBSA-Lackland, for a morning of Air Force history and tours.

Also making this year's meeting historic was the changing out of several members. Lt Gen (Ret) Stephen L. Hoog, who has served as a council co-chair since 2015, stepped down. His service and support has been crucial in enhancing the quality of life for DAF retirees. Joining the council as the new co-chair is Lt Gen (Ret) Darryl Roberson.

Member-at-large Colonel (Ret) Frank Rohrbough, who has served on the council since 2009, also decided to let someone else take the helm. Brig Gen (Ret) Charles Potter is the new incoming member-at-large.

Both Roberson and Potter attended the meeting, and it was clear they will bring a lot of passion and experience to the table.



DAF Retiree Council representatives attend the 2023 Retiree Council Meeting held at JBSA-Randolph in May. (U.S. Air Force photo by Anthony Beauchamp.)



Outgoing DAF Retiree Council Co-Chair, retired U.S. Air Force Lt Gen Stephen Hoog, left, welcomes incoming Co-Chair, retired U.S. Air Force Lt Gen Darryl Roberson, right. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lori Kullberg.)



From the left, retired U.S. Air Force Maj Lisa Forester, Area XII council member, U.S. Air Force MSgt Chandra Spiker, and retired MSgt Cindy Cox, Area VIII council member, touring the Airman Heritage Museum. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lori Kullberg.)



Retired U.S. Air Force Lt Gen Stephen Hoog, left, presents member-at-large, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Frank Rohrbough, right, with an award as he steps down from his 14-year service to the DAF Retiree Council. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lori Kullberg.)

What Veterans Need to Know About Medicare Coverage

By Megan Regan, U.S. Air Force Veteran, Humana Veterans Community Engagement Executive

During the Medicare Advantage Annual Election Period (AEP), which runs each year from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, individuals eligible for Medicare are able to select their health insurance plan for the following year. For veterans, this can be a confusing and complicated time, since many receive benefits through Veterans Affairs or have coverage through TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA.

As someone who works closely with veterans to help them understand the role Medicare plays in their health care, I am sharing some of the questions I often receive from those contemplating their options.

If I have health care benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, do I need to enroll in Medicare when I become eligible?

Yes, the VA encourages you to enroll in Medicare to complement your VA health care benefits. If you need care from a non-VA hospital or doctor, Medicare can provide coverage.

Also, having a Medicare plan means you have coverage if funding for VA health care changes in the future. If the VA only authorizes certain services at a non-VA or VA authorized care facility, Medicare may cover additional services your doctor recommends for you that the VA isn't able to provide.

If you elect to cancel your Medicare Part B coverage, you would not be able to choose a Medicare Advantage plan until January of the following year (when you can enroll in Part B), even if your VA health care benefits change. A delay in Part B enrollment also means a financial penalty when you do sign up.

With Medicare Part D, which is coverage for prescription drugs, you will have the option to get medication prescribed by non-VA doctors and use your local pharmacy. Part D coverage is only available through private insurers and can be a stand-alone plan or part of a Medicare Advantage plan.

How does Medicare Advantage work with TRICARE/CHAMPVA?

If you have TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA, you may consider a Medicare Advantage plan for additional benefits – such as dental, hearing and vision coverage, prescription drug coverage, fitness programs, or Part B givebacks – depending on the plan. The Medicare Advantage plan will become your primary coverage and may require that you see in-network providers and file claims for reimbursement of TRICARE-covered services.

What's the difference between Medicare & Medicare Advantage?

Original fee-for-service Medicare is the government-managed program and only includes Part A (hospitals) and Part B (doctors and outpatient services). Medicare Advantage plans, offered through private insurance companies, include Parts A and B and additional benefits that could help reduce gaps in coverage. Depending on where you live, Medicare Advantage plans could include dental, hearing and vision coverage, prescription drug coverage, fitness programs, and Part B givebacks.

Some private insurers offer Medicare Advantage plans designed with veterans in mind to complement the health care benefits you may be receiving elsewhere.

What should I consider when looking at plan options?

Evaluate the costs of the various Medicare plans available in your area, including monthly premiums,

deductibles, copayments, and maximum out-of-pocket amounts. Also review your total health care expenses from the past year and try to anticipate what you may spend in the coming year.

Original Medicare provides coverage through any provider that accepts Medicare; however, it typically only covers about 80% of the cost, and there are no limits for your portion. Medicare Advantage plans include maximum out-of-pocket costs, but they do use provider networks, so verify that their health care providers participate with the plan.

Additionally, look at your medication needs and the various Medicare Advantage plans' drug formularies – the list of drugs a Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan covers. Original Medicare does not include prescription drug coverage, while many Medicare Advantage plans do include it. However, if you receive prescriptions through the VA and are satisfied with your coverage, you may want to explore Medicare Advantage plans without prescription drug coverage.

Where can I go to get more information?

As you research health plan options, it's important to turn to credible sources, such as <https://www.medicare.gov> which will allow you to easily compare plans and estimate costs. To help determine the best combination for you, be sure to leverage available resources, such as educational events and one-on-one meetings with licensed sales agents.

Disclaimer: Humana is a Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO, and PFFS organization and a stand-alone PDP prescription drug plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in any Humana plan depends on contract renewal. The Part B Giveback Benefit pays part or all of your Part B premium and the amount may change based on the amount you pay for Part B.
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www.retirees.af.mil

Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign Charities

By Bill D'Avanzo, CMSgt (Retired)
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Fundraising Chief

On 26 February 2024, the Department of the Air Force will launch the 51st annual Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign at Air and Space Force Bases, worldwide. For decades, the “permanent theme” was “Commitment to Caring”. That changed to “For Airmen, By Airmen” about a decade ago. Now we include both services in our theme and motto, “For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians”. No matter how we word it though, our annual campaign is a testament to the fact that in the Department of the Air Force, we take care of our own.

Since 1987, the General & Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation has been providing grants of financial assistance to the widows of Department of the Air Force retirees. Whether the need is long-term requiring monthly support, or it's a one-time grant for an unexpected expense, LeMay has been there. In 2022 alone, nearly \$350K in grants were provided to our surviving spouses, giving many the ability to remain in their own homes for as long as safely possible.

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation (AFVCF) has served over 600 surviving spouses of retired Department of the Air Force officers, with over \$23 million since 1970. These residents of Blue Skies of Texas retirement community know they will always have a home, regardless of their ability to pay. And 100% of your donations to AFVCF go directly to the residents' living expenses and continuing care, to allow them the peace of mind to live comfortably in their homes with a secure future.

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) provides a wide array of assistance to Airmen, Guardians, Retirees and their families.

In 2022 alone, AFAS provided \$13 million in direct assistance to over 17,000 recipients. For over 80 years, Department of the Air Force personnel have counted on AFAS for emergency assistance; disaster relief; education programs for dependent children and spouses; and a variety of community programs.

Finally, our Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) in Shalimar, Florida has been an official charity of the Air Force since 1973, fulfilling their mission – To provide a home. Your donations over the years have provided over half a million dollars per year towards ensuring no eligible surviving spouse of a Department of the Air Force enlisted retiree is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Your generous gifts provide for housing, medical support services and “healthy aging” programs in addition to transportation and memory support services.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give this year, but so desire, you can give anytime online now at <https://www.afassistancefund.org>. Just click the “DONATE NOW!!” button near the top right of the page. be taken to our donation page where you can choose to either use a donation form to authorize payroll deduction donations, or document where you'd like your check or money order donation to go.



Then there's our “E-Giving” option where you can help your favorite base and squadron by giving directly to their campaign—just scroll down to the “DONATE TODAY WITH OUR NEW PEER-TO-PEER PLATFORM” box and click the “Donate Today!” button.

When you click the “Find a Base” button, you'll be able to click on the base link where each squadron/organization will have their own link. You can also give by texting AFAS to 50155 using your smart phone.

You can still give by check, money order, cashier's check, or through the annual payroll deduction plan from your retired pay. The contribution form can be found on the next page after this article, or you can obtain a PDF version online at https://www.afassistancefund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/DAF_2561-20221026.pdf Please be aware that payroll deduction allotment authorizations mailed to AFPC will not begin coming from retired pay until 1 July 2024.

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Thank you once again for your continued support of the annual AFAS Campaign, and our fellow Airmen, Guardians, and their families.

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Employment Compensation from a Foreign Government Can Impact Your Retired Pay

CLEVELAND - Did You Know: Your military retired pay can be impacted if you receive compensation from a foreign government without advance permission?

The U.S. Constitution prohibits federal government employees from accepting compensation, gifts, or titles from foreign governments without the prior consent of Congress. This prohibition also applies to military retirees. Congress granted its consent to retirees seeking foreign government employment so long as the retirees obtain the advance approvals required by 37 U.S.C. § 908. Retirees who are considering accepting foreign government employment for compensation must receive approval in advance of receiving the compensation. In general, the Secretary of State and the Service Secretary from which you retired must both approve the employment/compensation. If the foreign government payment or award is limited to speeches, travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, or non-cash awards, you only need approval by the Service Secretary from which you retired. The purpose of this restriction is to prevent the exercise of undue influence by foreign governments on retired members of the United States military.

If a retired member accepts compensation from a foreign government or foreign government controlled entity for employment or for speeches, travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, or non-cash awards without prior approval, the member's retired pay becomes subject to a withholding and/or debt, generally in an amount equal to the total amounts received from the foreign government.

To request approval of compensation from a foreign Government for employment,

speeches, travel, meals, lodging registration fees or a non-cash award, retirees should contact their Branch of Service at the appropriate address listed below.

Retirees may also review the Service Instructions listed below that are publicly available on the web or by contacting the appropriate POC listed below.

There are other laws that restrict

some retirees from representing a foreign government entity before U.S. government agency or officials, or that may require additional approvals, such as the Foreign Agents Registration Act and the International Traffic in Arms regulations. Retirees should consult with their employer's human resources or general counsel offices for guidance on whether these other requirements apply.

Service	Service POC Address	Service Instruction
U.S. Air Force/U.S. Space Force	Retirees (Regular and Retired Reserve): Contact the AFPC Airman and Family Sustainment Branch (AFPC/DPFFF) Website: https://www.retirees.af.mil/Foreign-Government-Employment Email: Afpc.retiree@us.af.mil Comm: 210-565-4725	Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2913 of 1 July 2020 IC 24 August 2023
	Retired Reserve members awaiting pay and members assigned to the Inactive Status List Reserve Section: Contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center Reserve Service Programs Branch (ARPC/DPAMR) 1840 E. Silver Creek Ave, Bldg 390 Buckley AFB CO 80011	
U.S. Army	Members who desire to accept employment with a foreign government should contact: Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC -PDR) 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue Fort Knox KY 40122 – 5402	Army Regulation 600 – 29 (Foreign Government Employment) of 7 September 2020
U.S. Navy	Chief of Naval Personnel/OPNAV N1 Attn: Legal Counsel 701 S. Courthouse Rd Arlington VA 22204 Telephone: (703)604-3399 Or e-mail to: navyfgc.fct@navy.mil	Navy Ethics website (http://www.ethics.navy.mil)
U.S. Marine Corps	Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Separation and Retirement Branch, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MMSR-6) 3280 Russell Rd Quantico VA 22134-5103 Telephone: (703) 784-9310/9311	NAVSO P-1778 (Rev Apr 2000) "Reference Guide To Post Government Service Employment Activities of DON Personnel"


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Gray Area Corner

CLEVELAND - Starting later this year, automated Age 59 SmartDocs email messages will be sent out to Gray Area Retirees. Gray Area Retirees are members who served in the Guard or Reserve, are qualified for retired pay, and have retired from their service (stopped drilling) but are not yet at the age where they can start receiving retired pay. These SmartDocs will include important resources for Gray Area Retirees about their upcoming retirement and how to get in contact with their branch of service to apply for retirement.

Defense Finance and Accounting Services and the branches of service worked together on a special webpage with important information for Gray Area Retirees; <https://www.dfas.mil/grayarea>

Located on the right side of the Gray Area Retirees page are individual web page links to each of the Service branch contact information and updates. Make sure to check out these webpages for the most updated information.

Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season Timeline

CLEVELAND - The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season allows eligible retirees, reserve/guard component, and Gray Area Retirees who, on December 22, 2022, were not participating in SBP or RCSBP to enroll in the Plan. For a member who enrolls during the SBP Open Season, the law generally requires that the member will be responsible to pay retroactive SBP premium costs that would have been paid if the member had enrolled at retirement (or enrolled at another earlier date, depending on the member's family circumstances). **The SBP Open Season runs from December 23, 2022 to January 1, 2024.**

Enrollment in SBP during the Open Season is a four-step process.

STEP 1. Submit the Letter of Intent (LOI), found on our SBP Open Season special focus webpage at <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>

STEP 2. DFAS will send you an estimate of your monthly premium costs going forward, as well as the one-time "buy-in premium," based on the information provided.

STEP 3. After considering the costs, if you want to officially enroll, submit the enrollment form, including your choice for how you will pay for the buy-in premium.

STEP 4. DFAS will confirm your enrollment, including your final costs, and provide instructions on how to submit payment or start deductions. You are allowed 30 days from the date you sign your enrollment

form to cancel enrollment – cancellation must be in writing and received within the 30 days.

The details of the enrollment process are available on the NDAA 2023 SBP Open Season special focus page <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>

PLEASE NOTE: These FAQs are intended for retirees receiving pay ONLY. Reserve/Guard Component and Gray Area Retirees (not yet receiving retired pay) should submit their Letter of Intent and enrollment form to their Branch of Service. See the webpage (above) for more Information.



CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Casualty Assistance - Call toll free 877-353-6807. Overseas callers should contact the nearest U.S. Embassy.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Telephone Center - Call DEERS at 800-538-9552, Monday through Friday, excluding U.S. federal holidays.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service - The agency that pays military retirees and annuitants can be reached at 800-321-1080, or through AskDFAS online. Visit the [retired military and annuitants webpage](#) for more information about pay matters such as tax forms, pay verification, Direct Deposit, myPay and more.

Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program - The program provides long-term care insurance to help pay for the costs of care you need if you can no longer perform everyday tasks (activities of daily living) by yourself because of chronic illness, injury, disability or the aging process. For assistance, call 800-LTC-FEDS (800-582-3337) or TTY 800-843-3557 to speak with a program consultant. You can also visit <https://www.ltcfeds.com/>.

Identification Cards - Call 800-525-0102 for location of the nearest issuing facility, or visit the [site locator](#).

Legal Offices - Assists members with preparing wills and powers of attorney, and answers certain legal questions. Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

Medicare - 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov.

Social Security Office - Call toll free 800-772-1213; commercial 410-965- 8019; or write to Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy Program (Express Scripts, Inc.) - In United States, call toll free 800-282-2881; or overseas, call 866-275-4732. Visit <https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml> for more information.

Veterans Affairs - For benefit inquiries call 800-827-1000; life insurance 800-669-8477; status of headstones and markers, 800-697-6947; special issues such as Gulf War/radiation/Agent Orange/Project Shad call 800-749-8387; GI Bill and education matters call 888-442-4551. Visit the website at www.va.gov/.

Helpful links in this issues

Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season <https://dfas.mil/sbopenseason23>
 DAF Retiree Services <https://www.retirees.af.mil>
 My Air Force Benefits <https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil>

TRICARE <https://www.tricare.mil>
 MyPay <https://www.mypay.dfas.mil>

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Retirees must change their address, phone, or email 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, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200. **Keeping your information current in DFAS will ensure you receive the Afterburner.**

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, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1300.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How can I contact the Afterburner office?

A: You can send an email to afpc.retiree@us.af.mil; or call 210-565-2126. You can also write to: AFPC/DPFFF, 550 C Street W, JBSA-Randolph TX 78150

Q: How do I change my mailing and email address for the Afterburner?

A: DAF retired members and Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants should call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at 800-321-1080 to change their correspondence address or email. Members with a myPay account can make the change online. The fax number is 800-469-6559 for retirees and 800-982-8459 for annuitants. The address is DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN, 46249, for retired members; and DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN, 46249, for annuitants. ONLY survivors who are not SBP annuitants may change their address by writing to AFPC/DPFFF, 550 C ST W, JBSA-Randolph AFB TX 78150. See below for contact information on notifying DEERS, Medicare, TRICARE, the Social Security Administration, and other agencies as appropriate.

Q: How do I request my military personnel records?

A: Airmen retired before Oct. 1, 2004, should contact the National Personnel Records Center website or call 314-801-0800. Submit a Standard Form 180 or letter of request to National Archives at St. Louis, National Personnel Records Center (Military), 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138. Request letters must include the Airman/Guardian's name, Social Security number, contact information and specific record requested. Those requesting a relative's record also need to provide their relationship to the former Airman/Guardian.

Airmen/Guardians who retired on or after Oct 1, 2004, can request copies of records by submitting a Standard Form 180 or letter of request to AFPC, 550 C ST. W, JBSA-Randolph AFB TX 78150; fax 210-565-4021, or DSN 665-4021.

Request letters must include the Airman/Guardian's name, Social Security number, contact information and specific record requested. Those requesting a relative's record also need to provide proof of their relationship to the former Airman/Guardian.

New Military & Family Readiness Logo

A new Military & Family Readiness logo was unveiled in May 2023, with the theme of, 'Provide, Guide & Empower.' The new logo follows a name change in July 2022 from Airman & Family Readiness to Military & Family Readiness.

The Military & Family Readiness Centers are a great resource for currently serving and retired Airmen, Guardians, and their family members to include surviving spouses, ensuring they are kept informed, educated, assisted, and prepared for the unique demands of military life.

Programs offered are Air Force Families Forever, Personal Financial Readiness, Crisis Support, Survivor Benefit Plan, Casualty Assistance, Deployment Support, Employment Assistance, Personal and Work Life, Relocation Assistance, Voting Assistance, Volunteer Resources, and Transition Assistance Programs.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices (DAF RAO) are made up of retired volunteers from all services, including surviving spouses. Their charter is to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, Reserve or Guard base through command channels that helps retirees and surviving spouses with a myriad of actions.

These actions include: serving as an information center for TRICARE, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial assistance and pay matters; counseling active-duty Airmen nearing retirement; and providing

guidance on retirement issues.

Another major activity involves working with base agencies to set up Retiree Appreciation Day events, offering briefings by different agencies on respective services, tax preparation and advice (at selected locations); staff judge advocate assistance, base tours, and more.

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

Alabama

MAXWELL
Phone: 334-953-6725
Email:

Arizona

DAVIS-MONTHAN
Phone: 520-228-5100
Email: charles.schable@us.af.mil

LUKE

Phone: 623-856-3923
Email: 56fw.rao@us.af.mil

Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK
Phone: 501-987-6095
Email: retiree.2@us.af.mil

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Phone: 530-634-2157
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