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All 1099-R tax forms now available from DFAS

Retiree and annuitant 1099-Rs for 2020 are now available in myPay. Tax statements for retirees and annuitants who elected delivery by mail were mailed via U.S. Postal Service in January.

All tax statements come from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, not the Air Force. The Air Force does not have access to retiree or annuitant tax forms or other pay documents.

DFAS officials state receiving a timely tax statement depends on having an active myPay account, or ensuring the mailing address on file is correct. People who have updated their address information with another government agency, such as the Department of Veterans' Affairs

or the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Service need to update information with DFAS and vice-versa.

One advantage of using myPay is that 1099-R tax statements are available much sooner in myPay than through postal mail, according to DFAS officials. In addition, in myPay people can download or print current-year tax statements, as well as prior year 1099-Rs (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants).

People who need to set up an online myPay account can download a step-by-step Get Started Guide, or see the how-to video on the DFAS YouTube channel by visiting <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

Retirees can get a copy of their 1099-R through the DFAS telephone self-service option. To use telephone self-service:

- Call 800-321-1080
- Select Option "1" for Self-Serve
- Select Option "1" for Retiree
- Select Option "1" to have the 1099-R mailed
- Enter your Social Security number when prompted

The requested 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address DFAS has on record for you.



www.retirees.af.mil

DFAS website offers many useful pay tools

By Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has a variety of tools to help manage your retired pay or Survivor Benefit Plan annuity pay account without having to call the customer care center.

Most of the DFAS tools are even available on your web browser from your smartphone or tablet.

On DFAS.mil you will find a variety of news, overviews, frequently asked questions, quick links for requesting a tax form or reporting a death, and more. The DFAS retiree newsletter, and the new newsletter for survivors, is also available in both electronic form and in a downloadable, shareable PDF.

There are many other tools on the page including a **How Long Does It Take** webpage providing typical time frames for processing. The retiree and annuitant **Forms** webpage provides quick links to download an array of forms.

For **retirees**, there is a range of information on planning for and managing your military retirement, including overviews and FAQs on: applying for retirement, keeping your contact information up to date,

getting tax documents, and understanding the VA Waiver and disability pay. There is also information on what your loved ones need to know after you pass away.

For **Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants**, there are overviews and FAQs on a variety of topics that include: applying for SBP, keeping your contact information up to date, and getting tax documents, as well as the reporting and eligibility requirements for SBP annuitants. There are also explanatory webpages on Understanding SBP, DIC and SSIA, a news page for the phase-out of the SBP-DIC Offset, and an explanatory page on School Certifications.

DFAS is rolling out new tools to help retirees and annuitants fill out and submit forms easily and correctly. The tools include helpful **PDF Form Wizards, how-to checklists, and how-to videos**. The Form Wizards “take the form out of the form” by asking a series of questions and filling in your answers in the appropriate areas of the form. The how-to checklists and how-to videos provide quick tips and walk-throughs of the forms to help you fill them out correctly and easily.

Website visitors will also find **Frequently Asked Questions** featuring questions and answers about your retired or annuitant pay. You can send DFAS information or a request via one of our **AskDFAS** online forms. Retirees and annuitants can submit a changes of address or get **1099-Rs** sent to their mailing address on record or to a one-time, temporary mailing address by submitting the request online on AskDFAS.

The new **AskDFAS Online Upload Tools** allow some forms and the required documentation to be uploaded and submitted through AskDFAS. More online upload tools are coming in 2021.

There is also a link to **myPay**, the fastest and most secure way to manage your retired pay or SBP pay account. It offers access to a range of information about pay, and lets you easily update contact information; check SBP coverage; and view and print account statements. Also, when you have an email address in myPay, you can receive important email messages from DFAS about your pay account and information from your branch of service.

Afterburner

News for Department of the Air Force Retired Personnel

The *Afterburner* is authorized by Dept. of the Air Force Instruction 36-3106. When funding permits, it is printed and mailed twice a year by the Air Force Personnel Center Retiree Services Office. Distribution: Airmen receiving DAF 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 DAF members who were receiving retired pay may receive the *Afterburner* by requesting it from the address below. The hard-copy *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. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHANGE-OF-ADDRESS NOTIFICATIONS TO THE AFTERBURNER. Distribution is based on the address on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service when creating mailing labels. Contact DFAS at 800-321-1080, or make changes using myPay online.

Some expired IDs valid through June 30

Retiree and certain family member identification cards that expired on or after Jan. 1, 2020, will remain valid until June 30, 2021, according to the Defense Human Resources Activity.

For a listing of ID card issuing sites and appointment information, visit the ID card office online at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>.

Exchange online community Hub continues evolving

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s Hub is continually evolving with valuable resources for both the military community and veterans.

Launched in 2018 at ShopMyExchange.com/Community, the Hub is a one-stop source of information for military communities with local installation events, celebrity interviews, military family resources and more.

In the last year, the Hub has seen significant additions to include:

COVID-19 updates from the Exchange’s social media and public affairs channels on cleaning protocols, adjustments to hours as well as a FAQ section.

BE FIT Connect, where Soldiers, Airmen and military

families can find information on healthy living to include exercise videos, health tips and links to content on the Exchange’s Facebook page and merchandise on ShopMyExchange.com.

XKids interactive page includes activities, contests, Disney movies, games and more.

“The Hub continues to adapt to the ever-evolving needs of Soldiers, Airmen and military families,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Osby, the Exchange’s senior enlisted adviser. “The Hub keeps everyone connected to their community while providing valuable resources to enhance their quality of life.” (Courtesy of AAFES)

2021 Pay Schedule

Entitlement Month	Retired Pay Date	Annuitant Pay Date
January 2021	February 1, 2021	February 1, 2021
February 2021	March 1, 2021	March 1, 2021
March 2021	April 1, 2021	April 1, 2021
April 2021	April 30, 2021	May 3, 2021
May 2021	June 1, 2021	June 1, 2021
June 2021	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2021
July 2021	July 30, 2021	August 2, 2021
August 2021	September 1, 2021	September 1, 2021
September 2021	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2021
October 2021	November 1, 2021	November 1, 2021
November 2021	December 1, 2021	December 1, 2021
December 2021	December 30, 2021	January 3, 2022

Assistance fund campaign seeks your donations

We're gearing up, once again, for the annual Air Force Assistance Fund "For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians" campaign scheduled for March 1 to April 9.

The leadership team of the Air Force Assistance Fund charities thank you for your support last year, donating over \$57,600! You make it possible for us to take care of our Airmen and their families! And it makes sense that you do: Three of the four AFAS charities' primary mission is to support retirees, their dependents, and their surviving spouses.

The **General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation** is here to support the widows and widowers of Air Force retirees, both officer and enlisted. Air Force surviving spouses in need can turn to the LeMay foundation to help retain their ability to stay in their own home with grants of assistance designed to handle unexpected expenses such as grocery and medication deliveries necessitated by the pandemic. In fact, in 2020, we provided a one-time stipend to our clients to help cover these increased costs due to the pandemic. One-time and recurring assistance is available to ensure our surviving spouses are able to stay in their own home and live with the dignity they've earned through the years of standing by their Air Force spouse.

The **Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation** provides financial assistance to surviving spouses of Air Force officers, who, through no fault of their own, are unable to support themselves without assistance. Health crises and unexpected longevity situations can come upon us all, bringing severe financial difficulties. While most receiving assistance are longtime residents of Blue Skies, those in the most severe financial distress can receive assistance from day one, taking advantage of this program created by Air Force Spouses' Clubs across the world 50 years ago. Thanks to your gracious donations, the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation is here, and we are proud to "take care of our own" during their most vulnerable years.

The **Air Force Aid Society** has been taking care of emergency assistance, education, and community program needs for the Air Force family since 1942 -- and we're not about to stop now! Every year, the society provides over \$15 million in direct support to Airmen and their families. Over the years, you've made sure that Airmen could make it home to see their Mom or Dad that "one last time" before passing on. You've enabled us to provide loans to Air Force dependents so they could continue their education. Your generosity has also provided our fellow Airmen with programs like Bundles for Babies; Give Parents a Break; Car Care Because We Care; and local education programs.

The **Air Force Enlisted Village** lives out its mission: "To provide a home" every day! The Air Force Enlisted Village staff follow one guiding principal, "The Mom Rule!" The Mom Rule asks three impactful questions: (1) Would I do this to my mother; (2) Would I do this for my mother; and (3) Would my mother approve? This code of conduct was especially important as COVID-19 hit the United States. We've protected our residents like we would our Mom! There are several vacancies, and no otherwise eligible widow will be turned away due to finances. Donations received through the Air Force Assistance Fund go to direct support of those widows. For more information go to our website at www.afev.us.

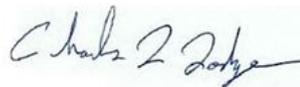
This year we hope that you will continue to support the AFAS campaign and make an even bigger impact. We have been supporting Airmen since there was an Air Force, so if you need us, please don't hesitate to give us a call! Thank you for your service and thank you for your continued support of the AFAS campaign: For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians!

Visit www.afassistancefund.org to learn more about the impact we're making in the lives of our Airmen and their families!

Warmest regards,



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CEO, AFAS



Charles Lodge
Chairman, LeMay Foundation



Brooke P. McLean
CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
President/CEO, AFEV



Darrell D. Jones
Lt Gen, USAF (Ret)
President/CEO, AFVCF

Air Force Assistance Fund Retiree Contribution Form <i>This form is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974</i>		MAIL TO: Air Force Assistance Fund HQ AFPC/DP3SAF 550 C Street West JBASA Randolph, TX 78150		
Name (last, first, middle initial)		Ret Rank	SSN (Payroll Deduction Only)	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
A. CASH/CHECKS Please don't send cash in the mail!		B. PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN (The minimum allotment to any affiliate is \$1 per month).		Air Force Village Charitable Foundation (AFVCF) 706 <input type="checkbox"/> X 12 = <input type="text"/>
				Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) 707 <input type="checkbox"/> X 12 = <input type="text"/>
Air Force Village Charitable Foundation (AFVCF) <input type="text"/>		Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) 705 <input type="checkbox"/> X 12 = <input type="text"/>		TOTAL PDP <input type="text"/>
Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) <input type="text"/>		The Gen and Mrs Curtis E LeMay Foundation (LeMay) 704 <input type="checkbox"/> X 12 = <input type="text"/>		
Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) <input type="text"/>		Please Read: I hereby authorize deductions from my monthly retired pay beginning July of the campaign year for a period of 12 months in the amount shown to the affiliate(s) designated. This allotment will remain in effect for 12 months unless I request to terminate in writing to:		FOR AFO USE ONLY CLASS C ALLOTMENT FOR AFAF CONTRIBUTION
The General and Mrs Curtis E. LeMay Foundation (LeMay) <input type="text"/>				
TOTAL GIFT: <input type="text"/>		Defense Finance and Accounting Service US Military Retirement Pay 8899 E 56th Street Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200		PREPARED BY: _____
Please make checks payable to "AFAF"		SIGNATURE: _____		DATE: _____
C. ON-LINE E-GIVING <i>Note: Please use Section C to NOTIFY us of a donation you have already made on-line. Completing information here does not authorize electronic giving for the Air Force Assistance Fund. See www.afassistancefund.org for links to give.</i>				
CHARITY	DONATION AMOUNT (One-Time Donation)	- OR -	DONATION AMOUNT (Recurring/Monthly)	
Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation (AFVCF)	<input type="text"/>	- OR -	<input type="text"/>	
Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)	<input type="text"/>	- OR -	<input type="text"/>	
Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV)	<input type="text"/>	- OR -	<input type="text"/>	
Gen & Mrs Curtis E LeMay Foundation (LeMAY)	<input type="text"/>	- OR -	<input type="text"/>	
TOTAL ON-LINE E-GIVING	<input type="text"/>	Annual Giving Total (One-Time gifts)	<input type="text"/>	Annual Giving Total (Recurring gifts)
VOLUNTARY INFORMATION RELEASE AUTHORIZATION: Let us thank you, and update you on what your donation is accomplishing! Information you voluntarily enter here will be released, along with your name and amount given to the Charity(ies) to which you made a pledge.				
Home Mailing Address:		<input type="text"/>		
Personal Email Address: <i>Please do not enter your work email address.</i>		Release of information authorization (Signature) _____		
Contributions deductible for Federal income tax purposes as itemized deduction. Contributors receive no goods or services. AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 37 U.S.C.; and E.O. 9397 (SSN) PURPOSE: To document and account for retired military pay and allowance disbursements and collections ROUTINE USE(S): May specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), to the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, military relief societies, and the Blanket Routine Uses. DISCLOSURE VOLUNTARY: Not providing SSN may result in delaying or the inability to process your allotment				

Memorial underway for Desert Storm, Desert Shield

WASHINGTON -- The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial is a new national monument to be built at the National Mall here. The goal is to break ground this year, the 30th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm.

The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act authorizes the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate and honor those who, as members of the Armed Forces, served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

In 1990, Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and within 24 hours his military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Saddam then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia. Then-President George H.W. Bush recognized Saudi Arabia's important role in the region and launched Operation Desert Shield.

As the deployment of American combat forces in Saudi Arabia grew, President Bush issued a mandate to Hussein stating that all Iraqi troops must leave Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991. The deadline passed with Kuwait still occupied by Iraqi forces. On Jan. 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm.

Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Desert



Concept design for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial. (Courtesy of National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Association)

Storm, nearly 400 died.

The memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest.

Construction of the memorial is led by the nonprofit National Desert Storm War Memorial Association. The association is led by a board of directors comprised of veterans who served during Operation Desert Storm. The memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking

can take place, 110% of the projected budget must be raised as required by the National Park Service.

As of 30 June 2020, the association raised \$9.2 million of its \$40 million goal, not including a \$10 million pledge from Kuwait. The law that authorizes the memorial prohibits the use of federal funds to pay any expense to establish this commemorative work.

For more information and to donate, visit www.ndswm.org. (Courtesy of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association website)



Veterans Affairs offers the [COVID Coach](#) mobile app for veterans to support self-care and overall mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. It features education about coping during the pandemic; tools for self-care and emotional well-being; and more. The app can also help create personal support networks.

For more information, visit <https://mobile.va.gov/app/covid-coach>.

Beware of COVID-19 vaccine scammers

by Colleen Tressler
Federal Trade Commission

With every passing day, the news on COVID-19 vaccine distribution seems to change. One reason is that distribution varies by state and territory. And scammers, always at the ready, are taking advantage of the confusion.

Besides a big dose of patience, here are some tips to help you avoid a vaccine-related scam, no matter where you live:

- * Contact a trusted source for information. Check with state or local health departments to learn when and how to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can also talk with

your health care provider or pharmacist.

- * Don't pay to sign up for the vaccine. Anyone who asks for a payment to put you on a list, make an appointment for you, or reserve a spot in line is a scammer.

- * Ignore sales ads for the COVID-19 vaccine. You can't buy it – anywhere. The vaccine is only available at federal- and state-approved locations.

- * Watch for unexpected or unusual texts. If your health care provider or pharmacist has used text messages to contact you in the past, you might get a text from them about the vaccine. If you get a text, call your health care

provider or pharmacist directly to make sure they sent the text. But scammers are texting, too. So don't click on links in text messages – especially messages you didn't expect.

- * Don't open emails, attachments, or links from people you don't know, or that come unexpectedly. You could download dangerous malware onto your computer or phone.

- * Don't share your personal, financial, or health information with people you don't know. No one from a vaccine distribution site, health care provider's office, pharmacy, or health care payer, like a private insurance company or

Medicare, will call, text, or email you asking for your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Stay connected to stay informed. Subscribe to consumer alerts from the FTC. When you do, you'll get updates delivered right to your email inbox.

If you know about a COVID-19 vaccine scam, let the FTC know at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov), or file a complaint with your state or territory attorney general through [consumerresources.org](https://www.consumerresources.org), the consumer website of the National Association of Attorneys General. (Courtesy of FTC)

Exchange shoppers support Air Force Assistance Fund

By Tom Shull
AAFES director/CEO

DALLAS -- For millions of Air Force families, the Air Force Assistance Fund has been a wingman during challenging times. Since 1973, Airmen have been taking care of their own through AFAF, and it remains a lifeline today.

In fact, AFAF's mission has never mattered more, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is honored to support AFAF and has made it easy for shoppers to lend a helping hand. Shoppers can donate to AFAF at the register at Exchange stores and at [ShopMyExchange.com](https://www.shopmyexchange.com).

Exchange shoppers understand selflessness and putting others first; shoppers have donated more than



\$1 million to AFAF since the partnership began. In 2020 alone -- a year that has tested us all -- shoppers gave more than \$700,000, a nearly 770% increase versus 2019.

To all the Airmen, retirees and family members who have donated when shopping the Exchange, thank you! Your generous spirit shines for all to see.

The next time you use your

benefit, please consider helping your wingmen in need. At the register, shoppers can choose to make \$1, \$5 or \$10 donations or enter a custom amount. At [ShopMyExchange.com](https://www.shopmyexchange.com), online shoppers can donate in \$5 increments when they check out.

Having support in a time of need is huge for Warfighters and families, especially those serving at the tip of the spear. The Exchange is honored to help AFAF make the Air Force community stronger.

(Veteran for Life! Tom Shull, a former infantry company commander, served as military assistant to Robert C. McFarlane, National Security Adviser to President Reagan. Currently, he is the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Director/CEO and has served as CEO for retail and consumer packaged goods companies.)

Celebrating 75 years:

Veterans health care impacts services, technology worldwide

WASHINGTON -- This year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs commemorates 75 years of the Veterans Health Administration.

Originally established in 1946 as the Department of Medicine & Surgery to care for veterans returning from World War II, VHA has evolved to meet the unique challenges and care needs of veterans from every era and at every stage of their lives.

"As we celebrate this historic milestone, we are presented with an opportunity to share VHA's rich history while looking toward our next chapter as a learning organization that is committed to continuous improvement," said former VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It is also a fitting occasion to recognize the extraordinary efforts of VHA staff and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is just the latest example of VHA's long-standing commitment to providing care to

veterans whenever and however they need it."

Over the past 75 years, VHA has made vast and wide-reaching contributions to improve the health of veterans and the entire nation by providing services and technologies that have changed the way health care providers across the country practice medicine:

- Almost 70% of the country's health care providers receive medical training at a VHA facility. The skills and knowledge they learn from VHA are implemented in hospitals and clinics across the country.

- VHA performed the first successful liver transplant, developed the nicotine patch and Hepatitis C medication, invented the first cardiac pacemaker, and paved the way in the field of pain management.

- VHA leads the nation in telehealth services, with over

900,000 veterans using these services in fiscal 2019, and increasing telehealth by 1,180% during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 60% of VA researchers also provide direct patient care. Their work has resulted in three Nobel prizes, seven Lasker awards, and numerous other national and international honors. VA currently has more than 7,000 active research projects focused on improving the lives of veterans.

To celebrate throughout this year, VA is hosting various events and campaigns to highlight VHA's commitment to putting veterans at the center of the care experience, mission-driven health care professionals, and its contributions to medical science.

Learn more information about VHA's 75th anniversary at <https://www.va.gov/vha-history/>. (Courtesy of VA News)

Afterburner office does not maintain addresses

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, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200.

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.





Q: At what age can my spouse get an indefinite ID card?

A: Good news! The Department of Defense has lowered the age for spouses and other eligible dependents to receive indefinite ID cards from 75 to 65. When making this change, DOD officials took into consideration the continuing growth in the retiree population, and considered the burden the current age requirement places on both dependents and ID card office resources. As always, the DOD relies on the self-reporting of any change in a retirees' marital status after the age of 65 to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. The indefinite ID card for eligible dependents turning age 65 will be available this summer.

Q: My retiree ID card has an "INDEF" expiration date on the front, but an actual expiration date on the back. Why?

A: Blue retiree identification cards (DD Form 2) issued before December 2012 have an "INDEF" expiration date on the front, but an expiration date of the month before their 65th birthday on the back. This relates to medical benefits. Although benefits will not automatically expire, some changes will take effect based on Medicare eligibility.

You will still be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, but the expiration date is a reminder that you must enroll in Medicare Part A and B to retain TRICARE for Life eligibility. You do not need to get a new ID card just because of the expiration date change.

Retiree cards issued since December 2012 have an expiration date effective the day before the retiree's 65th birthday.

Q: I do not want federal income tax withheld from my retirement pay. What did I do to make that happen?

A. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the agency that can assist you with retired pay matters. Retirees who wish to claim exemption from federal income tax must submit a new W-4 form every year. DFAS officials advise taking the following steps when completing the form: Fill in your name, address, and Social Security number; write "Exempt" in the space below Step 4c (titled "Other Adjustments"); and then sign and date the form. Send the completed W-4 form to:

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



Stay connected with AF Connect!

The Air Force Retiree Services and Airman & Family Division websites are now featured sites on AF Connect, the Air Force's Total Force mobile app. On the AF Connect main page, just click on "Featured Sites" and you will find listings for Air Force Retiree Services and Airman & Family Readiness. You can still find both websites on the Air Force Personnel Center section of AF Connect by clicking on the "Family" and "AF Retirees" icons. The AF Connect app is available for both iPhones and Androids.

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices 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 myriad 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, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, etc.

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

Alabama - Area IX
MAXWELL
Phone: 334-953-6725
Email: retiree.affairs@us.af.mil

Alaska - Area XIV
JOINT BASE ELEMENDORF-
RICHARDSON
Phone: 907-384-3500
Email: usaf.jberrso@mail.mil

Arizona - Area III
DAVIS-MONTHAN
Phone: 520-228-5100
Email: keith.connolly@us.af.mil

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

Arkansas - Area VII
LITTLE ROCK
Phone: 501-987-6095
Toll Free: 877-815-3111
Email: henry.ward.2@us.af.mil

California - Area II
BEALE
Phone: 530-634-3000
Email: chiangdawei@mac.com

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

LOS ANGELES
Phone: 310-653-5144
Email: rao.laafb@gmail.com

MARCH
Phone: 951-655-4077
Email: albert.bailey.4@us.af.mil

MCCLELLAN
Phone: 916-640-8446
Email: george.moses@va.gov

TRAVIS
Phone: 707-424-3904
Email: rao.-02@us.af.mil

VANDENBERG
Phone: 805-606-5474
Email: vandenber30swretireeactivityoffice@us.af.mil

Colorado - Area IV
BUCKLEY
Phone: 720-847-6693
Email: stephen.young.27@us.af.mil

PETERSON
Phone: 719-556-7153

Email: raopeterson@us.af.mil
USAF ACADEMY
Phone: 719-333-7877
Email: raopeterson@us.af.mil

Delaware - Area XII
DOVER
Phone: 302-677-4612
Email: dover.rao@us.af.mil

District of Columbia - Area XII
BOLLING
Phone: 202-767-5244
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