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## **Ask and you shall receive!**

Many of the online subscribers have suggested format changes for the electronic version of the *Afterburner*, or *e-Afterburner*. This new format will make reading and navigation easier, and hopefully, will alleviate certain downloading difficulties some people experience.

The goal is to make the *e-Afterburner* more user-friendly for the more than 53,000 online subscribers. To do this, the new format is simpler without all the graphic "bells and whistles." The intent is to make reading the *e-Afterburner* less harrowing for those subscribers who are not quite as computer savvy, who don't have the latest and greatest computer systems, or who lack the fastest Internet Service Providers.

Please keep in mind that it is still a work in progress, and like any great product, it will require some tweaking here and there.

## **CMSAF sends message supporting retirees**

In late 2007, CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley sent a message to all Air Force senior enlisted leaders in which he stressed his support of not only worldwide Retiree

Activities Offices, but all Air Force retirees. The following is a copy of that message:

Senior Enlisted Leaders,

I frequently have the opportunity to interact with our Air Force retirees. Earlier this year I had the privilege of addressing the 34th meeting of the Air Force Retiree Council. I thoroughly enjoy each occasion to listen and share the experiences of the men and women responsible for shaping and establishing our Air Force. I was proud when I assured them the same outstanding qualities they exemplified during their active service – professionalism, devotion to duty, and bravery – are the same traits reflected in today's Airmen.

Our Chief of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley, clearly recognizes the importance of our 680,000-plus retired Airmen. They may have hung up the uniform, but they haven't stopped serving. Last year, the CSAF sent a letter to the MAJCOM commanders urging them to recognize and support our retirees, many who actively volunteer throughout the commands. The retiree motto is "still serving" and these volunteers work in Retiree Activities Offices (RAO), clinics, libraries, and other support outlets on installations worldwide. Our retirees provide more than a million hours of volunteer service each year to our active-duty, retiree Airmen, and their families.

I urge you to visit your installation's RAO. Take this opportunity not only to thank them for their continued service and let them know what they can do for you, but to offer your support as well.

Our retirees are still a vital and productive part of us -- remember "American Airman, Lifetime Member" is more than a slogan; it's a way of life. As the creators of the Air Force's rich heritage, our retirees will always be Airmen. I ask all of you to remember this and recognize our retirees – they've earned and deserve our continued support.

Warmest regards,

*RJM*

Rodney J. McKinley  
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

## **Editor's Note**

Happy New Year!

Each new year brings with it change, and you're currently reading just one of the many changes in store for 2008. As you can see, the new electronic version of the *Afterburner*, the *e-Afterburner*, is a change brought about in response to the

many folks who didn't care for the old hard-copy format being used on an electronic product.

Another new product we hope to share with you this year is a Web site just for retirees. It will feature a simple address, and one-stop shopping for information pertinent to the retiree audience.

Many of our retirees, spouses and surviving spouses don't have a computer, or access to one. What we are suggesting is that they touch base with a friend, family member, church group, veterans group or local library to seek assistance. If you know of someone who doesn't have computer access and would like to read the *e-Afterburner*, maybe you could offer to print out a copy for them.

Enjoy the new *e-Afterburner*, and have a great 2008!

Tammy Cournoyer  
Retiree Services Section

### **Special days for retirees set**

Retiree Appreciation Days and Military Retiree Seminars offer military retirees and their families a chance to learn current information about topics such as benefits, entitlements, health care, and special services available for them. Since the day's schedule of activities differ from location to location, it is best to check with the event's point of contact for specific details.

The Army maintains a current listing of activities for 2008 at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/docs/rads.pdf>. The current listing includes:

Schweinfurt, Germany	April 12	09721-96-7033
Dover AFB, Del.	April 12	(302) 677-4612
Stuttgart, Germany	April 19	07031-15-2924
Fort Jackson, S.C.	April 25-26	(803) 751-6715
Fort Wainwright, Alaska	April 26	(907) 384-3500
McGuire AFB, N.J.	April 26	(609) 754-2459
Vicenza, Italy	May 30	0444-71-7262
Fort McPherson, Ga.	June 21	(404) 464-3219
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.	July 12	(904) 542-2766 Ext. 126
Orlando, Fla.	Aug. 16	(912) 767-5013
Andrews AFB, Md.	Oct. 25	(301) 981-2726
Heidelberg, Germany	Oct. 18	06221-57-3347
Grafenwoehr, Germany	Oct. 25	09641-83-8540
Fort Leavenworth, Kan.	Nov. 1	(913) 684-2425
Bolling AFB, D.C.	Nov. 8	(202) 767-5244

## **‘Tricare for Life’ explanation of benefits goes digital**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Tricare for Life beneficiaries can soon print a copy of their Explanation of Benefits documents, or EOBs, from the convenience of their own homes.

Beginning this month, the only paper EOBs that TFL beneficiaries living in the United States and U.S. territories will receive are monthly summaries. The exception to this is if a claim includes services that are rejected, and those services have appeal rights; or if the EOB is mailed with a payment to the beneficiary. Tricare overseas beneficiaries will continue to get their EOBs as usual.

In February, beneficiaries will have the option to receive an electronic notification every time a claim processes. Beneficiaries can then log on to the secure Web site at [www.TRICARE4U.com](http://www.TRICARE4U.com), to view and print their EOB.

The EOB will be available online and beneficiaries will have the ability to access EOBs for any claim processed during the last 27 months. Once a beneficiary signs up for this option, they will not receive a monthly paper summary.

TFL beneficiaries will receive letters notifying them of the changes, either with their current EOBs or any other correspondence.

If there are any questions about the registration process, beneficiaries can call toll free (866) 773-0404. Those requiring a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf can call (866) 773-0405. (Courtesy of Tricare)

## **Review Retiree Account Statements carefully**

It cannot be stressed enough how very important it is for each retiree to review his or her Retired Account Statement and ensure the information it contains is current. Retirees should look for things such as correct mailing address, marital status and designated beneficiaries, to name a few.

Retiree Account Statements are mailed annually along with the 1099R tax forms, or can be seen online by those retirees who have an active myPay account.

Failure to update retired pay records when the retiree marries, divorces, remarries, becomes widowed, or acquires a child could result in Survivor Benefit Plan benefits being denied or life insurance paid to an unintended recipient.

In the case of divorce with SBP coverage involved, there is a one-year notification period to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, to include submitting a copy of the court decree, for benefits to stay in force for a former spouse.

Make sure the spouse or designated beneficiaries know what benefits to expect or not expect, and that they are prepared by maintaining a file of information that will be needed upon the retiree's death.

Some account information can be updated yourself through myPay. Other changes and notifications should be mailed or faxed to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
U.S. Military Retirement Pay  
P.O. Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
Fax: (800) 469-6559

Include the retiree's Social Security number and sign any request for changes or corrections.

## **Protect yourself against jury-duty scammers**

The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller says he will need some information for "verification purposes" such as your birth date, Social Security number, maybe even a credit card number.

This is when you should hang up the phone. It is a scam, according to the FBI.

Communities in more than a dozen states have issued public warnings about cold calls from people claiming to be court officials seeking personal information. The FBI reports that as a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard and may be quick to part with some information to defuse the situation.

"They get you scared first," says a special agent in the Minneapolis field office who has heard the complaints. "They get people saying, 'Oh my gosh! I'm not a criminal. What's going on?'"

That is when the scammer dangles a solution: a fine, payable by credit card, that will clear up the problem. With enough information, scammers can assume an identity and empty a bank account.

The FBI advises people to protect themselves by never giving out personal information during an unsolicited phone call. People can learn more about new

and common scams by subscribing to the FBI's e-mail alerts. Visit the FBI Web site at <http://www.fbi.gov/homepage.htm> and click on "E-mail Updates."  
(Courtesy of the FBI)

## **'Garden of Hope' seeking more bricks**

Retirees and surviving spouses wishing to make a lasting tribute may want to participate in the brick paver program at the Garden of Hope located at Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Fla.

Air Force Enlisted Village officials are accepting tax-deductible donations of \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 for an engraved brick that will be placed in the garden which is enjoyed by village residents and visitors. Each brick can honor a friend or family member, commemorate a special event, or pay tribute to a loved one who has passed away.

For more information regarding this program, call the AFEV at (800) 258-1413; send e-mail to [afef@afenlistedfoundation.org](mailto:afef@afenlistedfoundation.org); or visit the Web site at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org) and click on "Donations."

## **RAO Spotlight**

(Editor's Note: There are nearly 1,800 volunteers "still serving" in Retiree Activities Offices worldwide. These volunteers deserve our heartfelt thanks for all they do. If you wish to shine the spotlight on a volunteer who has provided you with outstanding service, please send an e-mail to [afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil))

The *Afterburner* received the following letter:

I just received the *Afterburner* asking for identities of folk that are doing a good job. That is very ironic. I have wondered how I could thank a person that was such a great benefit to me and the people I had traveling with me.

I just returned from a trip to Rapid City, S.D., a place I was stationed -- Ellsworth AFB. I was there in 1963 when the Minuteman I was becoming operational. I had no idea how things had changed, and access to the base had changed since 9/11. I knew nothing about the surrounding facilities or what was available to us. I went online to Ellsworth and got [retired Tech. Sgt.] Leroy Fogle's e-mail address and phone number.

I contacted him and got info and help. He updated me on Ellsworth, info on the museum, facilities in the area and general information. Using that information, I planned a trip that my wife and the two friends traveling with us are still talking about. The info I got from the RAO was invaluable. I looked like a trip planner and it is all because of the Ellsworth AFB RAO's Sergeant Fogle. (Sergeant Fogle is the RAO director.)

I sincerely thank him,

William A. Cisney  
Major, USAF Retired

## **SBP paid-up provision takes effect soon**

Below are some questions with answers to help explain the Survivor Benefit Plan paid-up provision:

**What is the SBP paid-up provision?** It is the paid-up provision of the Survivor Benefit Plan law passed by Congress in October 1998, which does not take effect until October 2008. This change in the law applies to qualified members who will no longer be required to pay SBP premiums once they satisfy certain age and premium payment requirements.

**Who is eligible to have their SBP premiums stopped?** Any retiree who is age 70 or older and whose retired pay has been reduced for SBP premiums for at least 360 months will qualify to have their SBP costs terminated beginning Oct. 1, 2008.

**Are retirees with Reserve Component SBP, or RCSBP, coverage eligible?** Yes. Any reference made to SBP premiums also includes RCSBP premiums.

**Is a retiree who has paid SBP premiums for 360 months or more but has not reached age 70 eligible to have premiums terminated?** No. In order to qualify for the termination of SBP premiums, a retiree must satisfy both requirements of the law. The retiree must be age 70 or older and made payments for at least 360 months of SBP costs beginning Oct. 1, 2008.

**Does the termination of premium payments also apply to retirees with RSFPP coverage?** Yes. Congress amended the law in October 1999 to include Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan participants. Any retiree who is age 70 or older and currently enrolled in the RSFPP is eligible to have their RSFPP costs terminated beginning Oct. 1, 2008.

**When does paid-up SBP begin?** The earliest effective date that a qualified retiree may stop paying SBP premiums is Oct. 1, 2008. The first retired pay payment affected will be the payment dated Nov. 1, 2008.

**What if the retiree has paid more than 360 months of premiums before Oct. 1, 2008? Will there be a refund?** No. There will be no refund of premiums paid before the Oct. 1, 2008, effective date of paid-up SBP.



**When will SBP premiums stop for retirees who reach age 70 and have paid 360 months of premiums after Oct. 1, 2008?** Retirees who fall into this category will not be charged SBP premiums beginning with the month they reach age 70 and have paid 360 months of premiums.

**How will the 360 months of paid-up premiums be determined?** The retiree will receive a one-month credit for each month retired pay was reduced. This will be determined by using both current election records and historical records of the initial SBP election.

**What if the retiree does not have 360 months of paid-up premiums on Oct. 1, 2008?** A retiree who does not have 360 months of paid-up premiums on Oct. 1, 2008 is not eligible to have the SBP costs stopped. In these cases the retiree will receive an additional one-month credit for each month retired pay is reduced until 360 months of paid premiums is reached.

**What if the retiree does not have SBP costs deducted from retired pay but pays by direct remittance?** For the purpose of computing the number of months of retired pay reductions, direct remittance payments shall apply as if retired pay was reduced.

**Will retirees be notified of their paid-up status?** Notices will be mailed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to retirees informing them of the number of months of coverage that have been credited to their account toward paid-up status.

**When will retirees receive notification from DFAS?** Details regarding a retiree's personal account will not be ready for release until May. DFAS will begin the notification process at that time.

**Who can expect to receive notification letters from DFAS in May?** Retirees enrolled in either the SBP or RSFPP programs that are at least 68 years of age or have been retired and paying premiums for at least 27 years will receive notification letters in May.

**What type of information will be provided in the notification letter?** The notice retirees will receive will provide paid-up SBP information as well as specific information about their account, the number of months of paid-up premiums and their current paid-up status. The notice will also instruct retirees of the right to challenge their paid-up status if they disagree with the number of months of paid-up premiums calculated by DFAS.

**What if the retiree does not agree with the number of months of coverage provided on their notice?** If the retiree does not agree with the number of months of coverage credited to their retired pay account, the retiree will have the option to prove differently.

**What information must the retiree provide to have their months of coverage adjusted?** The retiree must submit DD Form 2656-11, "Statement Certifying Number of Months of SBP Premiums Paid." Also, the retiree may be requested to provide documentary evidence for each month of paid-up SBP credit claimed. Upon receipt of the DD Form 2656-11, DFAS will review and adjust the retired pay record to reflect the number of months that the retiree certifies has been paid.

**Can the DD Form 2656-11 be filed at any time?** No. Retirees who elect to submit a DD Form 2656-11 must do so within one year after initial notification of the number of months of paid-up SBP credited.

**How often may retirees challenge their paid-up status by filing a DD Form 2656-11?** Retirees will be permitted to challenge their paid-up status only once. They will not be permitted to submit multiple forms to DFAS.

Retirees who have questions after receiving their letter in May should contact DFAS at (800) 321-1080. (Courtesy of Retiree Activities Office at Little Rock AFB, Ark.)

## **Notify DFAS of life-changing events**

Participants in the Survivor Benefit Plan should contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in writing immediately upon a beneficiary's death, a remarriage or divorce, or when they acquire another child. Send a copy of the appropriate document to DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, PO Box 7130, London KY 40742-7130.

If a retiree was not married on the date of retirement, he or she has one year to add the first spouse he or she marries after retirement to the Survivor Benefit Plan. A written request must be received by DFAS before the first anniversary of the marriage.

For more information contact the SBP counselor at the nearest Air Force installation.

## **USAF Thunderbirds announce 2008 schedule**

The Air Force air demonstration squadron performance season kicks off in March. The Thunderbirds schedule for 2008 is as follows:

### **March**

15 -- San Angelo, Texas

29 --Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

## **April**

5 and 6 -- Punta Gorda, Fla.  
12 and 13 -- Lakeland, Fla.  
19 and 20 -- Wilmington, N.C.  
26 -- Charleston AFB, S.C.

## **May**

3 and 4 -- March Air Reserve Base, Calif.  
10 and 11 -- Langley AFB, Va.  
17 and 18 -- Fort Smith, Ark.  
24 -- Tinker AFB, Okla.  
31 -- McGuire AFB, N.J.

## **June**

1 -- McGuire AFB, N.J.  
7 and 8 -- Rockford, Ill .  
14 and 15 -- Quebec City, Canada  
21 -- Klamath Falls, Ore.  
24 -- Eielson AFB, Alaska  
28 and 29 -- Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

## **July**

4 and 6 -- Battle Creek, Mich.  
12 and 13 -- Milwaukee, Wis.  
19 and 20 -- McChord AFB, Wash.  
23 -- Cheyenne, Wyo.  
26 and 27 -- Rochester, N.Y.

## **August**

8 and 10 -- Abbotsford, Canada  
16 and 17 -- Offutt AFB, Neb.  
20 -- Atlantic City, N.J.  
23 and 24 -- Kansas City, Mo.  
30 and 31 -- Travis AFB, Calif.

## **September**

6 and 7 -- Westover ARB, Mass.  
12 and 13 -- Reno, Nev.  
14 -- Mountain Home, Idaho  
20 and 21 -- Scott AFB, Ill.  
27 and 28 -- Salinas, Calif.

## **October**

4 -- Vance AFB, Okla.  
11 and 12 -- Ft. Worth, Texas  
18 and 19 -- Dobbins AFB, Ga.

25 and 26 -- Houston, Texas

## **November**

1 and 2 -- Lafayette, La.

8 and 9 -- Nellis AFB, Nev.

While the above schedule has been approved, it is subject to change. For up-to-date information and complete details about the Air Force Thunderbirds, visit the official Thunderbirds Web site at <http://thunderbirds.airforce.com/>.

The Thunderbirds are currently transitioning to a newer, faster version of the F-16 Fighting Falcon -- the Block 52 aircraft. An all-Block 52 demonstration should take place in 2009.

The 11 current Block 32 Thunderbird jets will eventually be refurbished and returned to combat-capable status for use in squadrons around the Air Force.

“The Air Force continues to focus on the recapitalization and modernization of its fleet,” said Lt. Col. Gregory Thomas, the 2008 Thunderbird commander. “This transition will help in that effort as we find better ways to deploy with various aircraft and focus on being stewards with the taxpayer’s dollars.”

## **‘Now where did I put that thing?’**

The Retiree Services Section receives numerous calls from retirees who cannot find their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. This form is one of the most important pieces of paper a retiree will ever possess, yet people tend to forget about it until they need it.

Unfortunately, this document becomes just as important to a retiree’s survivors when a retiree dies. It is the required proof of service necessary to ensure a retiree receives military funeral and burial honors.

“The days immediately following your death is not the time to have your spouse or other family members scrambling through your personal papers trying to find it,” said Pat Peek, chief of the Retiree Services Section at the Air Force Personnel Center. “And requesting a replacement copy takes time, up to three or four months.”

To help ease the burden on survivors, retirees should ensure their DD Form 214 is in a safe place and that immediate family members -- at least two -- or other trusted agents know where that safe place is, added Ms. Peek.

## **Procedures for reporting retiree, annuitant death**

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service prepared a list of contacts to help people with reporting the death of a military retiree or annuitant. The information provided is meant to serve as a general guide.

People can notify DFAS at either (800) 269-5170 or (800) 321-1080. DFAS officials ask that people have the decedent's Social Security number and the date of death when they call. Officials ask that one photocopy of a death certificate which indicates the cause of death be sent to:

### **For Retirees:**

DFAS U.S. Military  
Retirement Pay  
P.O. Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
Fax: (800) 469-6559

### **For Annuitants:**

DFAS U.S. Military  
Annuitant Pay  
P.O. Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131  
Fax: (800) 982-8459

DFAS officials will take steps to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments. If the decedent was a retiree enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan and/or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, officials will take additional steps to initiate pay accounts for eligible survivors.

Designated beneficiaries of retirees should expect a Standard Form 1174, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Services, and, if applicable, SBP/RSFPP-related forms in the mail within seven to 10 business days after reporting the death.

Other agencies to notify include:

- Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System at (800) 538-9552.

If the decedent was receiving disability compensation or Dependency Indemnity Compensation, notify the Department of Veterans Affairs at (800) 827-1000.

If the decedent was a civil servant or retired civil servant, notify the Office of Personnel Management toll free at (888) 767-6738.

If the member enrolled in DVA-sponsored insurance such as National Service Life Insurance or Veterans Group Life Insurance, notify them at (800) 669-8477.

People may be able to receive help with administrative matters from a casualty assistance officer by calling (877) 353-6807. Some Retiree Activities Offices offer casualty assistance.

### **‘TreasuryDirect’ helps buy, store savings bonds**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Retirees can buy U.S. Savings Bonds in electronic form and hold them directly with the U.S. Treasury over the Internet. They can even convert their paper savings bonds into electronic form and hold them in an account with the government.

Both are possible when people open a TreasuryDirect account, according to Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials.

TreasuryDirect allows people to open an online account and buy savings bonds either through a payroll allotment or with money debited directly from a bank or credit union account. Once the bonds are eligible for redemption, people can go online and schedule payment directly into a bank or credit union account.

Electronic savings bonds carry the same interest rates and maturity periods as paper bonds, but, unlike paper bonds, people do not have to wait to receive them in the mail. Instead, all people need is access to the Internet.

With a TreasuryDirect account, people can convert any paper bonds they own into electronic securities. If the DFAS is holding the bonds, people can request the bonds and DFAS will mail them. People can then send them, along with any paper bonds they may have at home, to the U.S. Treasury for addition to a TreasuryDirect account. Because the U.S. Treasury requires people to submit the bonds with a signed manifest, DFAS cannot mail the bonds directly to the treasury.

To learn more about converting bonds into electronic form, visit SmartExchange at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/research/indepth/smartexchangeinfo.htm>.

For more information, visit [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). (Courtesy of DFAS)

### **Souvenir munitions could be deadly**

The following is presented on behalf of the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army:

Civilians who are unaware of the danger associated with military munitions, or military personnel who have ignored the danger, often find and keep munitions as souvenirs. Some proudly display these munitions, giving easy access to family members and children. Others have put them away and long since forgotten their existence.

Over time, trophy munitions may be found in closets or old trunks, collections or displays, garbage cans and dumpsters. Some are thrown away along roads, in fields or parks. Unfortunately, many are only discovered after a tragic accident occurs. All too often, explosive ordnance disposal police or fire department bomb squad personnel are dispatched to houses, parks, and playgrounds to identify and dispose of military munitions.

Military munitions are dangerous by design. They include hand grenades (e.g., World War II “pineapple” grenades), artillery projectiles, mortar rounds, cannon balls, explosives (e.g., dynamite, TNT) and pyrotechnics (e.g., signal flares, simulators, smoke grenades). Even cannon balls present a real danger to those who keep them as souvenirs. In most cases, only specially trained personnel, such as EOD or bomb squad personnel, can determine the dangers associated with military munitions.

No matter whether you call them duds, dummy ammunition, or souvenirs, all are potentially deadly. People are often surprised to learn that simulators and other training munitions can be almost as dangerous as live ammunition. It does not matter where they are encountered, what they look like, how long they have been stored, or whether they are believed to be safe. Keeping munitions places everyone around them at risk.

To protect yourself, your family and your neighbors, learn the three R's:  
Recognize -- that you may have a dangerous munition  
Retreat -- do not touch, disturb, or move it  
Report -- call 911 and do not keep munitions as souvenirs

## **Annual retired military golf classic set for May**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Retired Military Golf Classic takes place in Myrtle Beach, S.C., May 27 to 31. The classic is played on five different golf courses at the Myrtle Beach National Golf Complex.

Only 872 men and 128 women will be accepted for this event, which is the largest retired military golf event in the world, according to event officials. More than \$160,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded this year. A Chrysler automobile will be given away as a special hole-in-one prize for both men and women.

The classic has donated more than \$35,000 to the Fisher Foundation to support troops.

Applications have been mailed to those people on the mailing list, and priority is given to previous participants; however, beginning Feb. 1, golfers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

For applications, call (866) 469-7853; write to Oceana Resorts, National Retired Military Golf Classic, P.O. Box 3608, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578; or visit [www.oceanaresorts.com](http://www.oceanaresorts.com). (Courtesy of National Retired Military Golf Classic)

### **If you need to contact the *Afterburner*...**

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E-mail address is [afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil) and the phone number is (210) 565-2126. Past *Afterburners* are available on the Internet at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> (Click on Retiree Services, then click on *Afterburner* archives). Retirees may write to the Co-chairmen of the Air Force Retiree Council by using the office symbol, HQ AFPC/CCU, at the address above.