# **United States Air Force Reserve**

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# Retirements



# **U.S. AIR FORCE**



#### Prepare now so you do not have to worry later



#### What you do today affects tomorrow









#### **Retirement Life Cycle**



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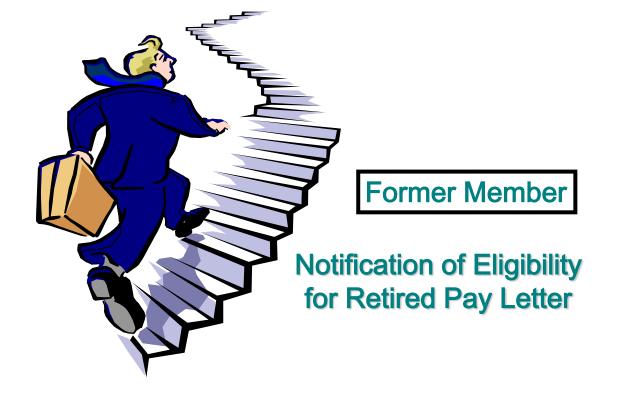
# Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay Letter ("aka 20-Year Letter")

- Eligibility Requirements
  - 20 years of satisfactory service
- Satisfactory Service
  - Minimum of 50 points earned through a combination of active duty, IDT, IDS, ECI, and membership points during a specific 12 month period (Retention/Retirement Year)
  - Partial R/R, points required are prorated for partial year credit
  - Maximum 130 reserve points (IDT, ECI, membership) may be credited towards retirement each year
  - Total points for any R/R year cannot exceed 365/366
- Retrieve letter from vPC approximately 120 days after R/R close-out for 20th year





#### **Retirement Life Cycle**





- An individual who, for whatever reason, was separated or discharged instead of transferring to the Retired Reserve
  - May not be reappointed or enlisted solely for retirement
  - Do not accrue longevity
  - Must contact ARPC for pay application forms
  - Receive DD Form 2765 ID card

If initial entry into military service is:

- Prior to 8 Sep 80
  - Pay scale in effect on retired pay effective date
- On or after 8 Sep 80
  - Average of highest 36 months prior to <u>date of discharge</u>



#### **Retirement Life Cycle**







Must meet qualification



10 years commissioned service requirement







- Voluntary Retirement
  - Guardsmen/Reservists apply to transfer to the Retired Reserve using the vPC online application
    - Track application online as it gets processed
    - Automatically routed to commanders for coordination
    - MPF can utilize vPC reports to see which members have applied for retirement
    - Members must comply with yearly end strength policies in place at the time of retirement application
- Involuntary Retirement/Separation
  - Transfer to Retired Reserve is automatic unless otherwise requested
  - Mandatory Service Date (MSD)
  - High Year of Tenure (HYT) Reserves only



- ETS/MSD/HYT
  - Retirement effective date must be on or before
    ETS/MSD/HYT
- Withdrawals/Cancellations
  - Over 30 days prior to retirement effective date (member uses vPC application to request, vPC application automatically re-routes through coordination)
  - Under 30 days prior to retirement effective date
    - Written request by member and Commander(s)/Program Manager must be sent to ARPC prior to effective date
    - ARPC will update the vPC application and process if meets all requirements



- General Officers
  - ANG
    - Complete AF IMT 131
    - Obtain state TAG recommendation
    - NGB/GO
      - IG check
    - Forward to ARPC Contact Center
  - Reserve
    - Complete AF IMT 131
    - HQ AF/REG
      - IG check
    - Forward to Total Force Service Center Denver





**Retired Reserve** 

- Highest Grade Held (HGH)
  - Orders will indicate HGH
- Grade Approval Authority:
  - ARPC, delegated from SAF
  - Only SAF can approve grade lower than HGH







#### **Retired Reserve**

#### **Officer Time in Grade – By Law**

#### Voluntary Retirement

- Lt Col and above three years satisfactory service TIG
- Major and below six months satisfactory service TIG

#### Involuntary Retirement/Separation

- All officers separated due to MSD, age 60 or medical disqualification six months satisfactory service TIG
- ANG Selected non retention is not involuntary for TIG purposes



- Enlisted Time-In-Grade No TIG requirement By Law
  - Guard Policy
    - Guard service commitment policy
      - In-residence training 2 to 3 years
        - ANGI 36-2101, 5.1 and 5.2
      - Promotions for top three ranks
        - CMSgt, SMSgt 2 years
        - MSgt AGR 2 years
        - MSgt Traditionals/Techs 1 year
  - <u>Reserve Policy</u>
    - Reserve service commitment policy
      - In-residence training 3 years
      - Promotions for top three 2 years





- Retirement Package
  - Retirement Certificate
  - Spouse Certificate
  - Presidential Certificate
  - Presidential Letter with 30 years of service
  - Retirement Pin
  - Flags for Guardsmen and Reserve/IMA members are provided by Total Force Service Center – Denver





#### Retirement Life Cycle





- Qualifications for Reserve Retired Pay
  - 20 Years Satisfactory Service
  - Generally Age 60
  - Title 10 U.S.C. Section 12308 waiver is required for for service credit past age 60, Points and service will not be

credited towards retired pay without the waiver



However...



- Effective with the NDAA signed on 28 Jan 08
  - Age 60 may be reduced by 3 months for each 90 days cumulative qualifying AD service in a fiscal year (FY). However, beginning w/FY15/16, qualifying active duty may be combined between consecutive fiscal years.
    - Qualifying AD
      - Qualifying service is identified in Title 10, U.S.C. Section 101(a)13(b) or 12301(d)
      - MPA, RPA (special, school)
    - Non-qualifying AD
      - AT, AGR, Disciplinary holds
      - ANG: State AD and Title 32 (unless called to Federal Emergency under 502(F))
  - May not be reduced below 50 years of age
  - Not retroactive for service prior to 29 Jan 08



- Submit qualifying orders using the vPC online application
- ARPC doesn't have access to your orders
- Working on automated flow of AROWS data to the RRPA application
- Be sure to keep track of all your participation for proper credit
- Don't wait to be contacted, use the online application, if you think you have eligible service, <u>especially</u> if you are nearing your reduced retired pay age
- Contact ARPC four months prior to your confirmed reduced pay age to apply for pay





- You must apply, not automatic
  - 4 months prior to retired pay effective date (usually age 60), you will receive application instructions
  - Make sure your address, e-mail, and telephone number are always current!



- 6 Year Statute of Limitation—Barring Act
  - Any claim received after eligibility, can only be paid retroactive for pay - 6 years maximum



- Which one applies to you...
  - If initial entry into military service is:
    - Prior to 8 Sep 80 = more money



- Pay scale in effect on your retired pay effective date
- On or after 8 Sep 80 = less money (High 3)
  - Average of the last 36 months of basic pay in effect prior to your retired pay effective date

# Compute Retired Pay using the RCSBP Calculator



Located on myPers at: https://mypers.af.mil

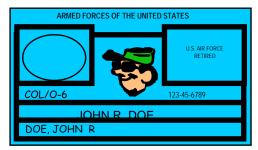


**Retired Pay Offset** 

- Federal law requires recoupment of VSI, SSB, or VSP payments from those who receive retired pay
  - Your pay will be adjusted by DFAS-Cleveland
  - Maximum payback percentage will be 40%
- VA disability
  - Off set if less than 50%



## **Retired Pay Offset**



#### **New Identification Card**



Medical until Age 65 TRICARE for Life Option at Age 65



Cost of Living





- Eligibility Requirements
  - Must complete 20 Years Total Active Federal Military Service (TAFMS)
  - Officers 10 years of active commissioned service required
  - Retired pay effective date is the first day of the month



How to Apply

- Complete on line application using vPC
  - HQ AGRs apply thru AFPC
- Track application online as it is processed
- Application is automatically routed to commanders for coordination
- Must apply 6 months but no more than 1 year plus any terminal leave, prior to requested effective date
- Withdrawal/Change date requests AFI 36-3203
  - Over 30 days prior to retirement effective date (member uses vPC application to request providing STRONG justification, vPC application automatically re-routes through coordination)
  - Under 30 days prior to retirement effective date (requires a written request by member providing STRONG justification, coordinated through member's chain of command, and sent to ARPC prior to effective date)



- Make Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election
  - DD Form 2656 Attach to on-line retirement application
  - Cost-approximately 6.5% of retired pay for spouse coverage
  - Previous RCSBP election becomes invalid upon retirement
    - But, be sure to make your RCSBP election when you reach 20 years satisfactory service for Reserve retirement





- TIG Requirement
  - Voluntary Retirement
    - Major and below 6 months <u>active duty</u> service
    - Lt Col and above 3 years <u>active duty</u> service
  - Involuntary Separation
    - All officers 6 months <u>active duty</u> service
    - MSD or involuntary separation from AD





- Will retire in grade held on date of retirement
- Service commitment TIG policy
  - MSgt, SMSgt and CMSgt 2 years
- Highest Grade Held
  - Pay may be at highest grade held
  - Only SAF can approve grade lower than HGH
  - If demoted for cause but higher grade is approved, then member will be advanced on the Retired List at 30 year date





- Defense Finance Accounting Service-Cleveland (DFAS-CL) calculates and disperses pay
- There are <u>3 computations</u> needed to determine Active Duty retired pay
  - TAFMS determines eligibility
  - 1405 Service determines retired pay percentage multiplier
  - Service for Basic Pay (Longevity Service)
    - Determines what pay scale to use
- Which Retired Pay Formula is based on Date of Initial Entry into the Uniformed Services (DIEUS)



- What is 1405 Service?
  - Inactive duty days a member is credited with when not on full time active duty
- To compute 1405 Service
  - Credit one day for each Reserve point
  - Limited to (60/75/90) 130 points (days) per R/R year
  - Total points for any R/R year cannot exceed 365/366
  - Total Reserve points, divide by 30 = years, months, days
  - Add this figure to TAFMS to get 1405 service



- Total years of service in military
- Subtract beginning date from ending date (add a day)
- Minus any breaks in service



#### Which one applies to you...

- If initial entry into military service is:
  - Prior to 8 Sep 80
    - Pay scale in effect on retired pay effective date
  - On or after 8 Sep 80
    - Average of the high 36 months of AD prior to retired pay effective date
  - On or after 1 Aug 86
    - Applies to members who accepted 15 year career status bonus
      - Referred to as Redux or 40% at 20 years
        - Reduced by 1% for each full year of service less than 30 years
    - Average of the high 36 months of AD prior to retired pay effective date
       AD Retired Pay Calculator at:

http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/retirement/calc/index.html



#### https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/RetSepCalcNet40/Home. aspx

Retirement Estimate Form	Help						
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DIEMS Date:	YYYYMMDD						
TAFMS Date:	YYYYMMDD						
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(over 20, 22, 24 up to 40 years)



## **Blended Retirement Systems**

- Modernized retirement plan
  - Known as Blended Retirement System (BRS)
  - FY16 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
  - Public Law 114-92
- Eligible pool
  - Mandatory for members entering service on or after 1 Jan 2018
  - Optional for members with less than 12 years of service (less than 4320 retirement points for ARC) as of 31 Dec 2017
- REDUX / Career Status Bonus (CSB) ends upon implementation of BRS



- Legacy Retirement System (High-3)
  - Must serve at least 20 years of service to qualify
  - Only 20% of members entering service reach retirement
  - Defined retirement annuity computed as

2.5% X Years of Service X High-3 average

- Blended Retirement System
  - Must serve at least 2 years (from pay date) to be vested
  - 85% of service members will receive benefits
  - Defined retirement annuity computed as
    - 2.0% X Years of Service X High-3 average
  - Blends retirement annuity with TSP
  - Continuation pay
  - Lump sum retired pay option (25 or 50% with reduced annuity)





Individual Contribution	Agency Automatic Contribution (after 60 days)	Total TSP Monthly Contribution (after 60 days)	Agency Matching Contribution (after 2 YOS)	Total TSP Monthly Contribution (after 2 YOS)
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1%	1%	2%	1%	3%
2%	1%	3%	2%	5%
3%	1%	4%	3%	7%
4%	1%	5%	3.5%	8.5%
5%	1%	6%	4%	10%
6%	1%	7%	4%	11%

- Member contributions begin first pay period after opting in
- DoD automatic begin first pay period after enrollment
- Matching contributions vested after two years from paydate



- Mid-career retention incentive
  - Offset reduced retired pay / encourage retention
- Eligible at 8-12 YOS with 4-year service commitment
  - Must agree to service commitment and obtain retainability at time of election
- Pay ranges from 2.5 to 13 times monthly base pay
  - Secretary will determine based on manning / AF needs





- May elect to opt-in 1 Jan 2018 thru 31 Dec 2018
- Decision to opt-in is irrevocable
- Must take DoD opt-in training prior to election
- Election made through myPay website





- BRS does not change division of retired pay under Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act
- Airmen under the Blended Retirement System may still elect the Survivor Benefit Plan
- Lump sum election may impact other programs (TBD)
  - Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation
  - Combat Related Special Compensation or Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP)
  - Survivor Benefit Plan payout









