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This newsletter is for retirees of all the United States uniformed services, veterans, and their spouses and survivors. The articles are to inform the reader concerning their benefits and changes that have taken place at the time of the writing. Because of limited space the reader may be directed to the Internet or provided a telephone number for more information.

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Welcome to the monthly e-edition of the NBVC RAO's Military Retiree Newsletter

NBVC RAO Virtual Office

Well, it has been exactly one year since we were forced to physically close our office. However, we are still providing services virtually. **Contact us via email** at: edward.pagliassotti.ctr@navy.mil

We check this email daily. Be aware, this is *not* a secure email. Please *do not* include personal or sensitive information, such as your SSN or bank account number. If you include your phone number, we are able to call you so we can discuss any personal information.

Contact us by phone: The office phone is forwarding to the Fleet and Family Support Center's front desk and they will forward your message to us. Therefore, there may be some delay as your request must be passed through several people.

Covid-19 updates that affect us

Update: Good News: California officials have moved everyone age 65 and older into the state's COVID-19 vaccine line.

While it is reported that California does not have enough vaccine to meet this change statewide, Ventura County seems to be okay.

Editor: I have been successful in using the California appointment system link:

<https://www.venturacountyrecovers.org/>

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Covid Update

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I have had my first and second shot and theoretically can give hugs. LOL

You should have your DFAS 1099R by now!

It's March 8 (or there abouts), 2021 and you have your DFAS 1099R...RIGHT? If not, you had better hurry and re-read the following instructions on requesting your 2020 1099R in this newsletter.

I never got my 1099R for 2020

Military retirees and annuitants receive a 1099-R tax statement either electronically via myPay or as a paper copy in the mail each year. Members can also request additional copies of their 1099-R tax statements in several different ways.

Use your myPay account: Get your 1099R right away. myPay is your fastest and most secure option to obtain a copy of your 1099R and to manage your retirement account every day. Login to myPay, and print your 1099R in the comfort of your own home.

Use the DFAS Telephone Self-Service: An automated option that makes it easy for military retirees to have their 1099-R mailed to the mailing address DFAS has on record.

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DFAS Telephone Service to get your 1099R (continued)

This option can be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no need to speak with a representative, wait on hold, or even use a computer! Use the following instructions to get your 1099-R through Telephone Self-Service:

1. Call 800-321-1080
2. Select option 1 for Self-Serve
1. Select option "1"
2. Enter your Social Security Number when prompted
3. Your 1099R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address on record.

Ask DFAS: Google 'DFAS.mil' and then select "Retired Military & Annuitants," then click on the image below and follow the prompts.

Form **1099-R**

[Click to request a duplicate 1099-R](#)

You can request your 1099R sent to your address of record or to a one-time, seasonal address. (You can also update your mailing address permanently using a separate online form.) Your 1099R will be in the mail to you within 7 to 10 business days.

Written Request: Do you prefer traditional mail? Send DFAS a written request by fax or mail, but make sure you leave them time to reply.

For a Retiree's 1099R:

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

For an Annuitant's 1099R:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

It may take DFAS 30 to 60 days to process requests received by this means.

Unique Situation? Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of your customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers.
1-800-321-1080

Navy Burial at Sea

Clients have asked about the Navy's Burial at Sea (BAS) program. This past month, your editor has had a brother-in-law who was a Marine veteran pass. He asked to be buried at sea. Here is the process for a BAS from San Diego, CA (for cremated remains).

I contacted the Navy-Marine Mortuary Affairs Office @ Millington Tennessee (*Burial at Sea program, Navy-Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs at +1 (866) 787-0081 and followed the voice menu.* Email: mill_navmort.fct@navy.mi) Very helpful and very responsive. Here is the information they provided:

They provided two documents. The first document, UNITED STATES NAVY BURIAL AT SEA PROGRAM (Current Jan 2020), is the authorization form, which both gives you the necessary points of contact and, when completed and returned, the U.S. Navy permission to carry out the request. (Editor – the file is too big to include in this newsletter, but email me @ edward.pagliassotti.ctr@navy.mil and I will provide you a copy).

The second document, BURIAL AT SEA (BAS) CHECKLIST - SAN DIEGO CA PORT, is the San Diego specific checklist. See at the end of this newsletter.

You have to provide a copy of the DDF214 for the veteran/retiree, an original copy of the death certificate and California's APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS (Burial Permit) (editor: never knew there was such a thing). The Funeral Home or Cremation Company prepares the burial permit so try to make sure they mark the block 16A "Off the coast of San Diego County". If this is not done, you will have to pay an additional \$15.

There are a number of other requirements so *now* is the time to review them.....not after the veteran/retiree passes.

NOTE: Your editor also found out that immediate family members are eligible for the Navy's BAS program.

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Navy Burial at Sea

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If you have specific questions for a San Diego BAS contact:

Naval Medical Center Decedent Affairs

Code: BUB

34800 Bob Wilson Drive

San Diego, CA 92134-5000

Phone: (800) 290-7410

Finally: Your only cost for the Navy's BAS is the cost to the estate for cremation and shipping of the remains to San Diego, CA.

Dates to Remember

March 14 th	Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 20 th	First day of Spring
March 27 th	Passover @ sundown
March 28 th	National Vietnam War Veteran's Day
March 28 th	Palm Sunday

Following are readable pictures of:

- The San Diego Check List for BAS.
- The VITA flyer

Free & Easy Tax Preparation is a thing of the past.

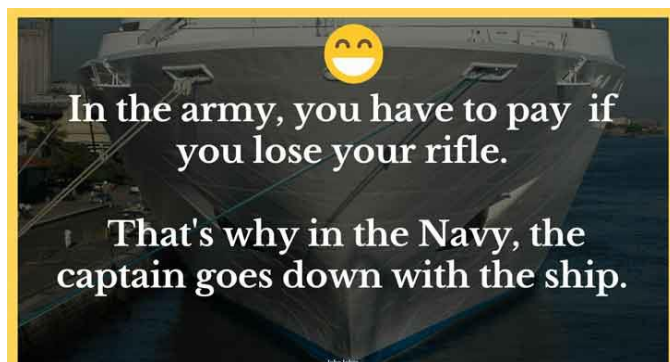
Your editor has been unable to determine if NBVC will have an on-base tax service for preparing 2020 income taxes as it has in previous years.

It appears that the only free tax preparation will be by VITA, The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free tax help to people who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

Due to COVID-19, taxes will only be prepared using either a Virtual or Drop-off process. There will be **no** face-to-face appointments with a tax preparation volunteer, as all sites remain closed.

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter

Joke of the Month



BURIAL AT SEA (BAS) CHECKLIST - SAN DIEGO CA PORT

Office Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 0730 – 1600 (PST)

Office Phone Numbers: (619) 532-8066/8305; Fax: (619) 532-8885

GROUP EMAIL: usn.san-diego.navmedcensanca.list.nmcsd-decedentaffairs@mail.mil

1. ___ Burial at Sea Request/Authorization Form.
2. ___ Certified Original Death Certificate.
3. ___ Copy of DD-214 or Equivalent (Honorable Discharge certificate, Retirement Certificate).
4. ___ Burial Permit - ****See item 5, and 5 (a) through 5 (c)**.**
5. ___ \$15 Check/or Money Order required if one of the following apply:
 - (a) Death occurred outside the State of California and a new burial permit has to be ordered.
 - (b) If the current State of California Burial Permit does not authorize scattering: **"AT SEA OFF THE COAST OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY"**.
 - (c) Payments are made out to: **"CoSD Public Health Services"**.
6. ___ Dependents: *Application must accompany supporting documentation (i.e., copy of Military Dependent ID, Marriage Certificate, or Birth Certificate (Children)).*
7. ___ Cremains in a Bio-degradable/Eco-Friendly Urn; Remains (Full-Casket).
8. ___ Burial Flag, if providing - Please do not send with package; we have "no" space to store them. If time permits, the flag can be forwarded at a later date.
9. ___ Legal documentation (i.e., Legal Will, Advance Health Care Directive, etc.) must be provided if you are not the Primary or Secondary Next of Kin. Document must state that you have *authorization to **"direct disposition of the remains/cremains."***

NOTE: The BAS ceremonial package will be mailed directly to the address on your BAS Application Form. Please notify our office immediately if your address changes.

All required documents are mailed with the cremains. Your package should be sent VIA U.S. Postal Service, certified/registered mail to the address shown below.

Naval Medical Center San Diego
Decedent Affairs/BAS Program
Code 090A
34800 Bob Wilson Drive
San Diego, CA 92134 – 5000

Type 42 Destroyer (Batch 1 & 2)

Type 42 Destroyer (Batch 3)

If you earned under \$57,000 in 2020, you are eligible for
Free Tax Preparation & Filing

and you may qualify for State* and Federal Earned Income Tax Credit.
*Self-employed workers, families and those with ITINs earning up to \$30,000 are now eligible for the CalEITC.

Due to COVID-19, taxes will only be prepared using either a virtual or drop-off process.
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Tax preparation begins February 1 and continues through April 30.

VIRTUAL – To file a tax return, visit GetYourRefund.org/vcunitedway.
Instructions will be given to upload tax documents using computer or cell phone.

DROP-OFF – To file a tax return, place documents (listed below) in an envelope marked VITA and drop it in the secure metal drop boxes available 24/7 at any of the following locations until April 30, 2021.



- **East County Community Service Center**
2900 N. Madera Road, Simi Valley
- **America's Job Center – Oxnard**
2901 N. Ventura Road, Oxnard

- **Ventura Community Service Center**
4651 Telephone Road, Ventura
- **Santa Paula Community Service Center**
725 E. Main Street, Santa Paula

Documents needed to prepare return:

- IRS form 13614 Intake/Interview
- IRS form 14446 Virtual VITA/TCE
Taxpayer consent
For those who prefer the drop-off option, both forms can be downloaded from vcunitedway.org or vchsa.org/tax-preparation.
- Copy of Social Security Card or ITIN for each family member
- Copy of all 1099 forms for other income
- Copy of picture ID for the taxpayer and spouse, if applicable
- Selfie of taxpayer holding picture ID to verify identity
- Selfie of spouse holding picture ID to verify identity, if applicable
- Copy of Form 1095-A for Covered CA, if applicable
- Child Care provider information: Name, Address, and Tax ID, if available
- Voided check for direct deposit of tax refund
- Copy of 2019 Tax return – Pages 1 & 2, and Schedules 1, 2 & 3, if applicable

All tax filers will be contacted by Get-Your-Refund by phone, email or text before taxes are filed.

Copies only. No original documents, please.



COUNTY of VENTURA
Human Services Agency