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Really? – Your Navy service record was destroyed in the St. Louis fire — Not really

On 12 July 1973, a disastrous fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed approximately 16-to-18 million records. However, virtually none were Navy service records. The affected records are described below:

ARMY — For personnel discharged 1 November to 1 January 1960, nearly 80% of the records were destroyed.

AIR FORCE — For personnel discharged 25 September 1947 to 1 January 1964, nearly 75% of the records were destroyed.

So, for older Navy veterans, your record still exists at NPRC in St. Louis. Currently, Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN, holds all records for those discharged or retired from 1997 to present.

Age 60 through 65 timeline for Navy Reservists

Age 60 retired pay and benefits commence. The first direct deposit to your account will be on the first working day of the month following your birthday. New ID cards, reflecting retired with pay status, required for you and eligible family members. Your spouse's new ID card will expire in the month prior to him/her reaching age 65. You and eligible dependents are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Standard if you properly applied for retired pay benefits through the Navy Personnel Command (PERS0912) Millington, TN. You may apply for TRICARE Prime only after reaching age 60, not before.

Age 62 First opportunity to opt-out of the Survivor Benefit Plan. Must submit SBP Termination Request (DD Form 2656-2) with spouse concurrence. You have until the day before turning age 63 to opt-out of the plan. Your first opportunity for Social Security benefits at the reduced rate. You will need your DD214 when applying.

Age 63 The day before turning age 63 is your last opportunity for opting out of the SBP program. Once out of the program, no reentry is authorized, not even during an open season.

Age 64 The Association will send you a letter on your 64th birthday reminding you of several items that will occur at age 65.

Age 65 TRICARE Standard, Extra, or Prime end the last day of the month before the month you turn age 65. TRICARE continues for any family member until he/she turns age 65. MEDICARE begins the first day of the month in which you turn age 65. TRICARE for Life (TFL) begins on the same day as Medicare, provided you are covered under Part B. TFL now becomes the second payee after Medicare. Normally, no supplemental insurance is required at this point. New spouse ID card required upon spouse reaching age 65. You, as the retired member, do not need to renew your ID card.



Navy publishes outreach events calendar for 2010

NAVADMIN 367/09 outlines the Navy's large scale CONUS Outreach events for 2010. These events include Navy Weeks, Fleet Weeks, diversity events, Blue Angels air shows, ship commissioning, key recruiting evolutions, and other major events. The complete 2010 calendar can be viewed at NAVADMIN 367/09 in the Navy Personnel Command Web site (www.npc.navy.mil) under "Reference Library."

February through May 2010 Scheduled Events:

BALTIMORE, MD	BLACK ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS (BEYA)	FEB 18-20
NEWPORT NEWS, VA	USS NEW MEXICO (SSN 779) COMMISSIONING	TBD
SEAL BEACH, CA	USS DEWEY (DDG 105) COMMISSIONING	MAR 6
NAF EL CENTRO, CA	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAR 13
TAMPA, FL	NAVY WEEK	MAR 13-21
MACDILL AFB, FL	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAR 20-21
PHOENIX, AZ	NAVY WEEK	MAR 22-29
PENSACOLA, FL	MEDAL OF HONOR DAY COMMEMORATION	MAR 25
KINGSVILLE, TX	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAR 27-28
TORONTO, ONTARIO	NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)	MAR 31-APR 4
KEY WEST, FL	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	APR 10-11
CHARLESTON, SC	NAVY WEEK	APR 12-18
SAN ANTONIO, TX	NAVY WEEK	APR 15-25
CHARLESTON, SC	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	APR 17
DES MOINES, IA	NAVY WEEK	APR 19-24
FT. WORTH, TX	AIR POWER EXPO & CONCERT	APR 23-25
VIDALIA, GA	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	APR 24-25
PT EVERGLADES, FL	FLEET WEEK	APR 26-MAY 3
KANSAS CITY, MO	NAVY WEEK	APR 26-MAY 2
ST. JOSEPH, MO	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAY 1-2
BIRMINGHAM, AL	NAVY WEEK	MAY 2-9
NAT'L HARBOR, MD	FEDERAL ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN COUNCIL	MAY 3-7
NCBC GULFPORT	SEABEE DAY	MAY 8
TUSCALOOSA, AL	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAY 8-9
TORRANCE, CA	ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION	MAY 14-16
SPOKANE, WA	NAVY WEEK	MAY 8-16
ANDREWS AFB, MD	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAY 15-16
CHERRY PT, NC	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAY 22-23
LITTLE ROCK, AR	NAVY WEEK	MAY 24-30
USNA	BLUE ANGELS AIR SHOW	MAY 26
NEW YORK, NY	FLEET WEEK	MAY 26-JUN 2