



Applying for Your Guard/Reserve Retired Pay

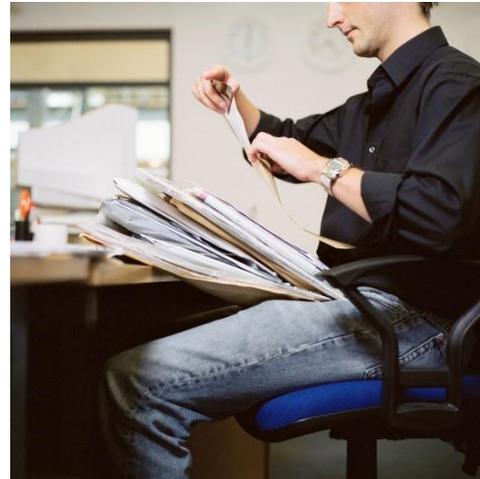
Just a reminder to “gray-area” retirees from the Guard and Reserve who are not yet receiving their retirement pay: Your retirement pay will NOT magically appear in your bank account when you turn 60... You MUST complete your Guard/Reserve Retired Pay Application first!

Processes Have Changed: In October 2014, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) stopped mailing retirement applications to Gray Area Soldiers for their non-regular retirements at age 60 due to a high rate of returned mail. Now retirees must submit their

application 9 months but not less than 90 days prior to 60th date of birth to ensure all documents are received and processed correctly to DFAS. This will ensure retired pay is received in a timely matter.

To complete the application, visit

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/reserve%20component%20retirements> (Note: you may receive security warnings), click on the *Retirement Application and Data for Payment of Retired Personnel* (DD Form 2656) links. Read the instructions carefully, then submit the application with your original signature and all your supporting documents to: **ATTN: TAGD (AHRC-PDP-TR), Human Resources Command, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue Dept 482, Ft Knox KY 40122-5402.** You may also request the form by phone 1-888-276-9472 or (502) 613-8950 or by email usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-retirement-application-request@mail.mil



These branches also require the member to initiate retirement pay:

- **The Coast Guard Reserve** will mail out retirement packets about six months prior to age 60. Be sure to fill them out and return them promptly so you receive your retirement pay on time. Keep your address current with them to ensure you receive your letter in a timely manner. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center, 1-800-772-8724; 785-339-3415; www.uscg.mil/ppc.
- **Marine Corps Retired Reservists** need to initiate the retirement process through Marine Online <https://sso.tfs.usmc.mil/sso/LoginRequest.do> (Note: you will receive a security warning.) Call 1-800- 255-5082 for additional guidance.
- **Navy Retired Reservists** should call 1-866-827-5672 six months prior to age 60. At that time, personnel will walk them through the retirement application process.

Still Mailing Retirement Applications: Retired Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard will receive a letter in the mail three months prior to age 60. Call 1-800-525-0102 to ensure you receive your letter in a timely manner.

Note: While most Guard/Reserve members will be eligible for pension at age sixty, the age for receipt of retired pay can be reduced by three months for each aggregate of 90 days of active duty (excluding active duty for training) or “active service” under Title 10 USC Sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12302, 12304, 12305, and 12306 and Title 32 USC, Section 502(f), if responding to a national emergency declared by the President or supported by federal funds. Retired pay eligibility age cannot be reduced below age 50. (Note: New regulations regarding qualification for early retirement age allow consecutive “active” service to overlap two fiscal years.)

AMRA advises all its Gray-Area members from all branches to keep their information up-to-date in **DEERS**.

Don’t Apply Late! Unless you are eligible for early retirement, retired pay normally begins on your 60th birthday. If your application is made late the pay is retroactive; however, there is a six-year statute of limitations on this. **If you apply more than six years after age 60, one day of your retired pay will be deducted for each day’s delay.** If you were granted an enlistment exception to extend beyond age 60, the retired pay application must be filed within six years after the last approved extension; a six-year statute of limitations applies.

Courtesy of the American Military Retirees Association
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