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BENEFITS OF THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME (UNITED STATES NAVAL HOME AND UNITED STATES SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S HOME)

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Governing Directive	37 U.S.C. 310
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1. **Eligible Members.** Former members of the United States Navy or Marine Corps, and those of the United States Coast Guard who have served in that organization while it operated as a part of the Navy, at least one-half of whose service was not active commissioned service (other than as a warrant officer or limited duty officer) may be admitted to and receive the benefits of the **Armed Forces Retirement Home (United States Naval Home (USNH))** or **United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (USSAH)** by authority of Title XV, Public Law 101-510, if eligible under one of the following additional criteria:

a. Persons who are 60 years of age or older, and were discharged or released from service in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions after 20 or more years of active service.

b. Persons who are determined under rules prescribed by the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board to be incapable of earning a livelihood because of a service-connected disability incurred in the line of duty in the Armed Forces.

c. Persons who served in a war theater during a time of war declared by Congress or were eligible for hostile fire special pay under 37 U.S.C. 310, were discharged or released from service in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions, and are determined under rules prescribed by the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board to be incapable of earning a livelihood because of injuries, disease, or disability.

d. Persons who served in a women's component of the Armed Forces before the enactment of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, and are determined under rules prescribed by the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board to be eligible for admission because of compelling personal circumstances.

2. **Ineligible Members**. A person described in the eligible members section who has been convicted of a felony or is not free of drug, alcohol, or psychiatric problems shall be ineligible to become a member of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

3. **Admission**

a. Admission to the Armed Forces Retirement Home within the priority categories established by Public Law 101-510 is contingent upon the availability of staff, resources, and facilities, to include living quarters suited to any limitations of the applicant. As part of the process of application, prospective residents will be required to produce evidence of their total service, retired pay, pensions or other income, and a certificate from a medical officer setting forth the nature of their disability and the fact that they are not able to support themselves by manual labor.

b. Applications for the **USNH** shall be obtained from and submitted to:

Director, United States Naval Home
1800 Beach Drive
Gulfport, MS 39507

c. Applications for the **USSAH** can be obtained from and submitted to:

Admissions Office
United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home
Washington, DC 20317

d. When there is not sufficient room to accommodate all eligible applicants for admission, preference for admission shall be given according to a priority system established by the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board of Trustees.

4. **Readmission.** If discharged from the Armed Forces Retirement Home for cause, a resident may seek readmission after a 2-year waiting period. All such requests will be presented to the Admissions Board for consideration. The readmission must be approved by the Director. Residents who elect to leave the Armed Forces Retirement Home and are in good standing may seek readmission after a 1-year waiting period. All such requests will be presented to the Admission Board for consideration.