The U.S. Uniformed Services Blended Retirement System

At a Glance

Saving with the New Blended Retirement System

The Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act provides our military force with a modernized retirement plan built for retirement savings. Beginning in 2018, our service members can get automatic and matching Thrift Savings Plan contributions as well as mid-career compensation incentives in addition to monthly annuities for life. All service members under the current system are grandfathered into today’s retirement system.

Today’s Retirement System:

2.5% x Years Served x Retired Pay Base

After completing 20 years of service

Options for Collecting Your Retired Pay

Active Component
- Full retired pay annuity

Reserve Component
- Full retired pay annuity beginning at age 60*
- Lump sum with reduced retired pay

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50% or 25% of monthly retired pay annuity bumps back up to 100% at full retirement age (67 in most cases).

*Could be earlier based on credited active service

Effective Date of the New System

- After December 31, 2017
  You’ll be automatically enrolled in the Blended Retirement System.

- After December 31, 2005 but before January 1, 2018
  You’ll have the choice to enroll in the Blended Retirement System or remain in today’s current retirement system.

- Before January 1, 2006
  You’ll be grandfathered and remain in today’s current retirement system.

Additional information coming soon.


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