



What Is DEERS? DEERS is the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. It is a computerized information service linked by an extensive voice and data communications network to Uniformed Services installations. DEERS is used to verify and confirm the eligibility for those individuals receiving Uniformed Service benefits.

Who Is Affected By DEERS? Everyone in the Uniformed Services-Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. DEERS is used to verify and confirm eligibility for those on active duty, retired, family members, surviving family members, Guard/Reserve personnel who are activated for a period in excess of 30 days, and other special categories of people who qualify for benefits.

What's In It For Me? DEERS helps the Department of Defense get the most out of the dollars Congress provides for your benefits. That is because DEERS is used to forecast and allocate resources for building and staffing your hospitals, schools, and commissaries, while also providing the means by which individuals are granted access to these facilities. DEERS also screens ineligibles, assuring that resources are available for people like you, who have earned their benefits.

What Do I Have To Do?

If you are:

- An active duty service member or the family member of an active duty service member. The Uniformed Service automatically enrolls all persons on active duty. All eligible family members of active duty personnel, including children under age 10, must be enrolled in DEERS by their military sponsor through their Uniformed Service personnel office.
- A member of the National Guard or Reserve on active duty under orders that specify a period of more than 30 days. The sponsor must complete a DD Form 1172, Application For Uniformed Services Identification Card DEERS Enrollment on eligible family members and submitted to the Service personnel office for processing.
- A member of the National Guard or Reserve not on orders that specify a period of active duty for more than 30 days. The sponsor must pre-enroll all eligible family members in DEERS so that in the event of a general mobilization, family members eligibility can be confirmed immediately.
- A retired service member entitled to retirement pay or the family member of someone who is, the Uniformed Service enrolls the sponsor automatically in DEERS. The sponsor must enroll all eligible family members, regardless of age. Retired sponsors can enroll their eligible family members at any Uniformed Service personnel office.
- A surviving spouse or eligible surviving family members have the responsibility to enroll themselves in DEERS at any Uniformed Service personnel office.
- Unremarried former spouses have the responsibility to enroll themselves. Initial DEERS enrollment must be accomplished by the sponsor's parent Uniformed Service.

Questions? Active duty members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Public Health Service and their eligible family members should contact their local Uniformed Service personnel office.

Anyone with further questions concerning his or her DEERS enrollment can call the DEERS Beneficiary Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552; in California call 1-800-334-4162; in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico call 1-800-527-5602/9552.