



PREVENTIVE LAW SERIES

# NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY



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## WHAT IS THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY?

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a non-profit charitable organization designed to provide financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors, when in need. The Society, operating in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, administers nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases around the world. Their trained volunteers and caseworkers are familiar with the special conditions of service life.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF?

Active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel and eligible family members, eligible family members of Navy and Marine Corps personnel who died on active duty or in a retired status, reservists on extended active duty for 30 days or more, indigent widows and mothers (65 years or older) of deceased service members who have limited resources and no family to provide for their welfare, ex-spouses who have not remarried and whose marriage to a service member lasted at least 20 years while the service member was on active duty.

## SERVICES OFFERED

- Budget Counseling; Budgeting for Baby Program (Baby's First Seabag)
- Education Loans
- Coordination with civilian agencies (American Red Cross, VA, etc.)
- Interest-free loans and/or grants in emergency situations: funeral expenses, medical/dental bills, emergency transportation, food, rent, utilities, disaster relief assistance, essential vehicle repairs, and unforeseen family emergencies
- Visiting Nurses
- Thrift Shops

## WHAT NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF CANNOT DO:

- Pay bills for non-essential items, such as recreational boats/vehicles, liberty, and vacations
- Pay fines or legal expenses
- Pay taxes

## RESOURCES

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org)