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**Costly Agent Orange-Heart Disease Link Looms:** The cost of war on veterans' health and taxpayer wallets will loom a little larger this year when the Department of Veterans Affairs issues a final rule to claim adjudicators to presume three more diseases of Vietnam veterans, including heart disease, were caused by exposure to Agent Orange. The rule will make almost any veteran who set foot in Vietnam, and is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, B cell leukemia or ischemic heart disease (known also as coronary artery disease), eligible for disability compensation and VA medical care. The exception would be if credible evidence surfaces of a non-service cause for the ailment.

No estimates will be available on the numbers of veterans impacted or the potential cost to the VA until after the rule change takes effect sometime this year. But the National Association for Uniformed Services was told by a VA official that up to 185,000 veterans could become eligible for benefits and the projected cost to VA might reach \$50 billion. To avoid aggravating its claims backlog the VA intends to accept letters from family physicians supporting claims for Agent Orange-related conditions. Thousands of widows whose husbands died of Agent Orange disabilities also will be eligible for retroactive benefits and VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

It's not known how many more thousands of veterans previously denied disability claims, or how many thousands more who haven't filed claims yet, will be eligible for benefits. But numbers, particularly of those with heart disease, could be very large. Viet Nam veterans who have been trying to link their heart condition to a service-connected condition won't have to do it now, a letter from their doctor will suffice. For the VA, it will mean a significant amount of money -- and many, many, many people helped.

The excitement over expansion of benefits for Vietnam veterans, and worry by some within the administration over cost, flows from an announcement last October by VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. He said that three more categories would be added to the list of diseases the VA presumes were caused by Agent Orange. Veterans with the presumptive Agent Orange ailments can get disability compensation if they can show they made even a brief visit to Vietnam from 1962 to 1975. With a presumptive illness, claim applicants don't have to prove, as other claimants do, a direct association between their medical condition and military service. Secretary Shinseki based his decision on the work of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies. The VA contracts with IOM to gather veterans' health data and investigate links between diseases and toxic herbicide used in Vietnam to destroy vegetation and expose enemy positions. When a disease is added to VA's list of ailments tied to Agent Orange, veterans with the disease can become eligible for retroactive disability payments, back to the date original claims were rejected, if after 1985. (*Source: NAUS Weekly Update*)

**New Veterans Job Website:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has launched [FedsHireVets.gov](http://FedsHireVets.gov), a critical component of President Obama's Veterans Employment Initiative. This new website will become the main source for veteran's employment information and resources for both veterans and hiring officials. The launch of this new site represents phase one of an ongoing effort to help the men and women who have served our country in the military and their families find employment in the Federal Civil Service. You can view the site [here](#). (*Source: NAUS Weekly Update*)

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual McChord Retiree Activities Dining Out** will be held on Friday evening, 23 April 2010. Our guest speaker for this event will be Colonel Glenn G. Rousseau Commander of 62<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group. Col Rousseau will talk about the Humanitarian Relief efforts of the United States and 62<sup>nd</sup> Air Wing in the world today and especially the huge relief efforts in both Haiti, and Chili.

The McChord Field 62 AW Retiree Activities Office extends a cordial invitation to all military retirees, active duty servicemen and women, and their families, friends and neighbors to attend this year's event. The Annual RAO Dining Out is a great way to spend an enjoyable evening at a reasonable expense. Dress is formal, with a coat and tie being required for men. If your mess dress still fits, please wear it. We shall not tell the ladies how to dress, as they always know how to dress appropriately. A "no host" cocktail bar will open the event at 1830 hours. All Attendees should be seated by 1850 hours. There is a choice of Prime Rib or Salmon. The complete diner including gratuity and a beverage will cost \$22.55 for the Prime Rib, \$20.15 for Salmon, or \$17.75 for Chicken Cordon Blue. Please add an additional \$2.00 for non-club members. Please specify your selection and the number attending on the reservation form below. Mail it as soon as possible, but no later than Monday 19 April 2007.

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## Retiree Dining Out Reservation Form

Mail To: McChord Collocated Club  
PO Box 4007  
McChord AFB, WA 98438

1. Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

2. Number for:

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ \$22.55 ea

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.15 ea

Chicken Cordon Blue \_\_\_\_\_ \$17.75ea

(Served with Tossed Green Salad, roasted baby reds and green beans almandine)

***Add \$2.00 for non-club members***

3. Enclosed is my check payable to McChord Collocated Club or please charge my officer/enlisted club card # \_\_\_\_\_ (Club card number last nine digits) Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please make reservations in the name of \_\_\_\_\_

5. Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

You may contact me at (home phone) \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERANS AID & ATTENDANCE PENSION:** The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.

To qualify for A&A it needs to be established by your physician that you require daily assistance by others to dress, undress, bathing, cooking, eating, taking on or off prosthetics, leave home etc. You DO NOT have to require assistance with all of these. There simply needs to be adequate medical evidence that you cannot function completely on your own.

The A&A Pension can provide up to \$1,632 per month to a veteran, \$1,055 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$1,949 per month to a couple. Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. ([Form 21-534 surviving spouse](#)) ([Form 21-526 Veterans](#).) This application will require a copy of DD-214 (see below for more information) or separation papers, medical evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket medical expenses.

The term "DD-214" is often used generally to mean "separation papers" or "discharge papers", no matter what form number was used to document active duty military service. If the VA has a copy of a DD-214, it is usually because the veteran attached a copy (or sometimes, the original) to his or her application for disability or education benefits. If you have lost your original DD-214 or a copy and you are receiving (or applied for in the past) disability or education benefits from the VA, they may have a copy on file. At the very least, if you are currently receiving benefits (or did in the past); they should be able to provide a Statement of Service, which can be used instead of a "DD-214". To request a copy of a DD-214 visit [www.vetrec.archives.gov](http://www.vetrec.archives.gov). (Source: *VeteranAid.org*)

## How Well Can You See? Check at Your Next Eye Exam

Maintaining healthy eyes and vision is an important part of personal safety and quality of life. Getting an eye exam is a smart idea for anyone, whether or not they have vision problems. Retirees and their family members using TRICARE Prime can get an eye exam every two years. Routine eye exams for retirees and their family members using TRICARE Standard and Extra are not covered. These exams are more than the standard letter charts and include a check into the health of the eye. Retirees and their families enrolled in TRICARE Prime, can make an appointment with any TRICARE-authorized optometrist or ophthalmologist for an exam. TRICARE Prime beneficiaries do not need a referral unless they see a provider outside of their region's TRICARE network. Retirees may receive one pair of standard issue glasses each year from NOSTRA. Retirees can go to the NOSTRA Web site and select the "How To Order: Retirees" link for more information. Family members of retirees using TRICARE Prime or Standard, can cost share eye glasses and contact lenses only for the treatment of specific eye conditions. There are many ways to preserve and protect one's vision along with getting eye examinations. Prevent eye injuries by wearing appropriate eye protection when handling tools and chemicals and while playing sports. Wear sunglasses, hats and visors to protect eyes against the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays. Find out more about TRICARE vision benefits at the TRICARE beneficiary portal at <http://tricare.mil/mybenefit>. Learn about eye health and protection at the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute at <http://www.nei.nih.gov>.

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 Did you know?

Some military treatment facilities have special programs for vision procedures. Contact your [military treatment facility](#) to learn more.

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 For more information about vision benefits ...

Contact your local [Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator](#).

(Source TRICARE)

**Eye Glasses for Retirees:** All retirees, including TRICARE for Life recipients, may receive one pair of standard issue glasses each year from the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity. Visit the [NOSTRA website](#) and select the "How to Order: Retirees" link for more information. Family members and surviving spouses are not entitled to NOSTRA support. Learn more about TRICARE vision benefits at the [TRICARE beneficiary portal](#). (Source: NAUS Weekly Update)

**Pharmacy Program Changes:** Program enhancements to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit includes a few changes to the program that may impact TRICARE beneficiaries throughout the West Region.

**Express Script Pharmacy Program Changes:** The TRICARE Pharmacy Program is administered by Express Script, Inc., which recently streamlined the pharmacy program to improve service and customer satisfaction. Enhancements to the TRICARE Pharmacy Program may impact what prescriptions are covered by TRICARE and where you can find them. For this reason, it is advised that you

Verify that the retail pharmacy you use is still a participating TRICARE pharmacy. If you need to find a TRICARE-participating retail pharmacy, use the [Pharmacy Locator](#). Verify whether your prescribed medication(s) is on the TRICARE-approved formulary or check online using [Formulary Search Tool](#). If you use a military pharmacy, call first to verify hours of operation as well as whether your TRICARE-approved prescription is in stock.

**Did You Know?** Although military pharmacies are the least expensive option, they generally carry a smaller selection of medications than participating retail pharmacies or the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy. Beneficiaries who take advantage of TRICARE's Mail Order pharmacy program can receive up to three month's worth of prescriptions for the price of one month at a retail pharmacy, delivered directly to their front door. The Mail Order Pharmacy also carries the greatest selection of medications over retail and military pharmacies. Beneficiaries can easily transfer retail pharmacy prescriptions to TRICARE's Mail Order Pharmacy by calling Express Scripts/Customer Service at 1-877-363-1303.

Additional Resources: [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE Pharmacy Locator](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE). Users can look up a drug by brand name, generic name, and medical condition or select from a top 200 drug list to determine whether a drug is covered by TRICARE and if so, at what cost.

[TRICARE Pharmacy Program](#)

[Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage](#)

[TRICARE Pharmacy Program Handbook](#)

[Prescription Claims](#)

(Source: TRICARE Pharmacy)

**Tricare University offers benefit education:** If you are new to Tricare and eager to learn about your health care benefits or an old hand who wants to know the latest changes, Tricare University is the place to go. Tricare University offers free online courses 24 hours a day and 365 days a year at [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu). The courses can be taken anytime and you can learn at your own pace, it is the simplest way to learn about your Tricare benefits. Of the different courses online, the Tricare Public Course provides the quickest and easiest way to get a general overview and basic knowledge of Tricare programs. There is no registration for this course and it is accessible to anyone who wants to know more about Tricare. The Tricare Fundamentals Course is much more in-depth as it is primarily designed for benefit counselors and family support staff who provide counseling and assistance to Tricare beneficiaries. Topics covered include Tricare eligibility, Tricare programs, plans, and online resources. Registration is needed to take the course and "graduates" who pass the test at the end of the course receive a certificate from Tricare. To take one of the offered courses, go to [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu) and click "online training" for a list of options. (Source: Tricare University)

**[Medicare & You 2010](#)** This official federal government handbook on Medicare contains important information about Medicare costs; What medicare covers; health and prescription drug plans; your medicare rights; and health information technology. This link, [Medicare & You 2010](#) opens a PDF document. (Source: Disability.gov)

**TRICARE Retiree Dental Overview:** The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) was authorized by Congress in 1997 to provide a basic dental program for Uniformed Services retirees and their family members. Further legislation has allowed the program to be enhanced to include more comprehensive coverage. Under contract with the U.S. Department of Defense, the Federal Services division of Delta Dental Plan of California administers the TRDP. The TRDP is a voluntary dental benefits program with enrollee-paid premiums. Covered services under the TRDP are offered throughout the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada. The following will provide an overview of how the TRDP works.

**TRICARE Retiree Dental Enrollment:** A 12-month commitment is required upon enrollment.

A grace period of 30 days from the coverage effective date is available during which termination of enrollment may be allowed without any further obligation, providing that no benefits have been used. After the initial 12-month commitment, enrollment continues on a month-to-month basis. Enroll three ways: online at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org), by toll-free telephone at 1 (888) 838-8737 or by mail.

**TRICARE Retiree Dental Providers:** Enrollees may seek treatment from any licensed dentist or specialist within the TRDP coverage area. To minimize out-of-pocket expenses, enrollees may seek treatment from 67,000 participating provider locations.

### **TRICARE Retiree Dental Eligibility**

You are eligible to enroll in the TRDP if you are:

- A member of the Uniformed Services who is entitled to Uniformed Services retired pay, including those age 65 and over.
- A member of the Retired Reserve/Guard, including a "gray-area" reservist who is entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60.
- A current spouse of an enrolled member.
- A child of an enrolled member, up to age 21 (to age 23 if a full-time student, or older if disabled before losing eligibility).
- An unremarried surviving spouse or eligible child of a deceased member who died while in retired status or while on active duty.
- A Medal of Honor recipient and eligible immediate family member, or an unremarried surviving spouse/eligible immediate family member of a deceased recipient.
- A current spouse and/or eligible child of certain nonenrolled members with documented proof the nonenrolled member is:
  - eligible to receive ongoing, comprehensive dental care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; or
  - enrolled in a dental plan, through other employment, which is not available to family members; or
  - unable to obtain benefits from the TRDP due to a current and enduring medical or dental condition.

**Benefits offered to National Guard and Reserve Members:** National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRDP within 120 days after retirement are now eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits. Effective February 1, 2005, TMA has authorized a waiver from requiring retired National Guard and Reserves who meet the criteria to enroll in the TRDP for 12 months prior to gaining the maximum allowed benefits for cast crowns, cast restorations, bridges, dentures and orthodontics for adults and children. Additionally, this new waiver will be applied retroactively to February 1, 2004, for any Guard and Reserve enrollees who can document their enrollment in the TRDP within 120-days after their retirement effective date. Delta will process any claim adjustments resulting from this retroactive waiver upon notification from the enrollee and submission of the appropriate documentation. All new enrollees seeking to obtain the waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders with their TRDP application. Eligible retirees and their family members can find information about the program by visiting the TRDP Web site and toll-free number listed below.

For more information about the TRDP, call toll-free at 1-888-838-8737, or visit Delta Dental online at: [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org). For general information about TRICARE, call one of the many toll-free TRICARE information lines found at the [TRICARE Contact Us](#) web page. (Source: *Military.com Benefits*)

## **TRICARE Dental Offers Options to Repair Tooth Loss**

Tooth loss can be a difficult and sometimes embarrassing condition. Quality of life, confidence or daily functioning can be affected by the loss of permanent teeth. TRICARE wants beneficiaries to know that conventional crown and bridge treatment and dentures aren't the only options to address tooth loss. Dental implants are an option for medically qualified candidates. A thorough dental evaluation is required to determine whether a patient is a good candidate for dental implants. Good candidates for a dental implant are non-smokers with healthy gums and adequate bone remaining in the area where the implant will be placed. A dental implant is a replacement for the root portion of a natural tooth and is surgically placed in the upper or lower jaw, below the gum line. After a healing period, the implant supports a crown or bridge, or secures a denture firmly in place. Beneficiaries considering dental implants should speak with their dentist about the total cost of the procedure to determine their out-of-pocket expenses. On average, dental implants cost approximately \$1,500 to \$3,500 per tooth replacement. Beneficiaries should plan ahead to properly budget their annual dental benefit. To learn more about TRICARE's dental benefits visit <http://www.tricare.mil/dental>. (Source: TriCare Communications)

## **Stopping Health Care Fraud Saves Everyone Money**

Fraud is one of the major factors in the skyrocketing cost of health care in the United States. Fraud is estimated to cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year; health care fraud really does affect everyone.

TRICARE protects its beneficiaries, and their wallets, by preventing, identifying and assisting in the prosecution of health care fraud. In 2009, the TRICARE Program Integrity Office recovered \$40.9 million in judgments from fraud schemes. Program Integrity's efforts assure beneficiaries they are receiving care from trustworthy providers and that taxpayer money is being used appropriately. In general, fraud involves the intentionally billing of TRICARE for medical services or supplies that are never provided to beneficiaries. Abuse is supplying services and or supplies that are not medically necessary or do not meet professional standards.

TRICARE works with other government agencies and the TRICARE regional health care contractors to identify and investigate fraud and abuse, but beneficiaries also play a pivotal role. The explanation of benefits (EOB) that you receive when a claim is processed can help uncover fraud and abuse. If the services or supplies received at a medical appointment are not correctly reflected in the EOB, it is cause for concern. Beneficiaries are encouraged to examine their EOBs and question anything that may have been fraudulently billed.

TRICARE also works with the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General to maintain a list of sanctioned medical providers who are barred from participating in TRICARE, Medicare and other federally funded health care programs. These providers may be sanctioned because they have been convicted of fraud or patient abuse, or had licensing board actions. TRICARE will not pay for services or prescriptions provided by a suspended or excluded health provider. The sanctioned provider list is updated each month and can be searched at <http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.asp>.

To report medical fraud or abuse, contact the regional contractor's fraud and abuse office, call the toll-free number provided on the EOB or send an e-mail to TRICARE at [fraudline@tma.osd.mil](mailto:fraudline@tma.osd.mil). To report pharmacy fraud or abuse, contact Express Scripts at 800-332-5455 or [fraudtip@express-scripts.com](mailto:fraudtip@express-scripts.com). (Source: Tricare Communications)

## **New TRICARE Standard Handbook – Get e-Version Now**

The newest TRICARE Standard and Extra handbook is now available to all TRICARE Standard beneficiaries. The 68-page handbook includes information on accessing routine, urgent and emergency care, as well as TRICARE's prior authorization and referral requirements. Also provided are sections on what's covered by TRICARE Standard's health and pharmacy benefits, and how to coordinate TRICARE with other health insurance. Information on claims, appeals, grievances, reporting fraud and abuse and much more can also be found in the new TRICARE Standard handbook. (Continued on the next page.)

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available to family members of active duty service members, retired service members and their families and others including those who purchase TRICARE Reserve Select. With TRICARE Standard, beneficiaries manage their own health care and have the freedom to seek care from any TRICARE-authorized provider. TRICARE Extra provides discounted cost-shares for seeking care from network providers.

The Handbook, "Your Guide to Using TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra" is available now on the TRICARE Smart Site <http://www.tricare.mil/standardhandbook>.

TRICARE Standard beneficiaries can expect to see the annual TRICARE Standard Health Matters newsletter, containing the latest updates and information about their benefits, in their mailbox in March 2010. Receiving the newsletters from TRICARE is one more reason to keep personal information current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). For more information about DEERS visit [www.tricare.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.mil/deers). To download, view or print any TRICARE benefit information product on the Web, visit [www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart](http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart).

TRICARE beneficiaries can make staying current on their health benefits easy by signing up for e-mail updates. Visit [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions) to sign up for TRICARE e-mail updates. (Source: TriCare Communications)

## Tricare Contact Information

You can usually find answers to your questions pertaining to your healthcare benefits simply by visiting the Tricare website. But you also have the option of calling the respective contractor for information. Listed below are some of the most commonly requested phone numbers.

- Health Net Federal Services (Health Net) ..... (887) 874-2273
- Humana Military Healthcare Systems (HMHS) ..... (800) 444-5445
- TriWest ..... (888) 874-9378
- TriCare for Life (TFL) ..... (866) 773-0404
- TriCare Mail Order Pharmacy ..... (866) 363-8667
- TriCare Retail Pharmacy ..... (866) 363-8779
- TriCare Dental Program ..... (800) 866-8499
- TriCare Retiree Dental Plan ..... (888) 838-8737
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System ..... (800) 538-9552
- Fraud and Abuse Reporting ..... (800) 977-6761

For general information about TRICARE, call one of the many toll-free TRICARE information lines found at the [TRICARE Contact Us](#) web page.

**Armed Forces Day Retiree Seminar:** Naval Air Station Everett will host a retiree Seminar at the "Commons" Recreation Center Bldg # 1950 Naval Station Everett, 2000 West Marine Drive Everett WA. The seminar will take place from 0800 to 1500 hours, on Armed Forces Day, 15 May 2010. POC NAS Everett RAO (425) 304-3775



## McChord's Heritage Museum B-23

**Dragon Bomber.** Our second article in a series on the McChord Heritage Museum's Aircraft is on the twin engine Douglas B-23 Dragon aircraft.

A product of pre-WW II technology, the Douglas B-23 Dragon was the Army Air Corps first bomber equipped with a manned tail gun featuring a .50-caliber Browning machine-gun. The 50 was larger than the standard .30-caliber guns of the pre war Air Corps design. In 1938, the Douglas Aircraft Co. developed the B-23 Dragon to rectify the shortcomings of the B-18 Bolo bomber; the B-23 Dragon featured upgraded radial engines, and a considerably refined sleek fuselage. The first B-23

(S/N 39-27) was completed in July of 1939; its first flight was flown from Clover Field at Santa Monica on July 27, 1939. After evaluation by the Materiel Division at Wright Field in Ohio, deliveries of the aircraft began the following year. In February 1940, McChord's 17th Bombardment Group and the 89th Reconnaissance Squadron received their first B-23 Dragon Bombers as a supplement to the B-18 Bolo's then assigned to McChord units. The Air Corps received the last of its 38 B-23s in September of 1940. Early evaluations of the aircraft revealed disappointing performance, even though the B-23 flew 66 mph faster than the B-18A and had a much better range of 1400 miles; it was still clearly inferior to other bombers of its era. The B-23 was slower than the Boeing B-17 Fortress, the North American B-25 Mitchell and Martin B-26 Marauder and was less heavily armed. Consequently, the B-23 was never used in its intended role as a medium bomber and never saw combat overseas. Ultimately, it was relegated to a training role and additionally flew as a utility transport (UC-67) many were used for other tests and experiments. After the war, surviving B-23s and UC-67s were sold off as military surplus. Many were refitted as corporate aircraft and were provided with a new and longer metal nose, full washroom facilities, plus accommodations for twelve passengers in two compartments. Following a short Military career, the McChord Museums B-23 Dragon passed through many civilian hands including the University of Washington. On June 3, 1983, it suffered partial landing gear collapse on landing at Kingman, AZ. and was later sold to the war bird collector Ascher Ward. After completing some restorations, the B-23 was traded to the U.S. Air Force Museum (for an F-104 and C-123's) and subsequently loaned to the McChord Air Museum.

### *B-23Dragon Specifications:*

- TYPE: Medium Bomber
- POWER: Two Wright R-2600-3 Radial piston engines with 1,600 hp. each
- SPEED: Maximum - 282 mph, Cruising - 210 mph.
- RANGE: 1,400 miles (with 4000 lbs of bombs)
- SERVICE CEILING: 31,600 ft
- WEIGHTS: Empty: 19,089 lbs, Combat: 26,500, Maximum: 32,400 lbs
- MAXIMUM PAYLOAD: 4,400 lb. (1996 kg) of bombs carried internally
- DIMENSIONS: Span 92 ft, Length 58 ft 4 3/4 in, Height 18 ft 5 1/2 in.
- CREW: Five; Pilot, Co-Pilot, Radio Operator, Bombardier and Tail gunner
- PRODUCTION TOTALS: 38; 15-18 converted into UC-67
- UNIT COST: \$133,000
- McCHORD BASED UNITS: 12th Bombardment Group, 17th Bombardment Group, 47th Bombardment Group, 89th Reconnaissance Squadron,





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