

**Florida Retirement System Pension Plan
Statement of Military Eligibility**



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Please read the next page for the requirements for claiming military service under the Florida Retirement System.

Member Name _____ Member SSN _____

To purchase military service you must complete this section.

In compliance with the requirement to claim military service credit for military service during actual wartime in the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by Section 1.01 (14), Florida Statutes, (F.S.), or Allied Forces in accordance with Section 121.021(20), F.S., and Rule 60S-2.005, Florida Administrative Code, I certify that the military service for which I request credit has not and will not be claimed for retirement purposes under any other public pension system where length of service is a factor in determining the amount of compensation received, except where the use of such service is not prohibited, if granted and used in a pension system under Chapter 1223 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code (Reserve, National Guard Pension). I further certify that the military service for which I request credit was active duty service and was not for training purposes.

This section must be signed in the presence of a notary. Beneficiary signature and beneficiary SSN is needed if member is deceased.

Check One: _____ Member _____ Beneficiary SSN: _____

Signature: (sign in the presence of a Notary) _____

Notary: State of Florida, County of _____. The above named person who has sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20 _____ and is personally known _____ or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

If you do not wish to purchase military service, or if you are not eligible to purchase military service, you must complete this section which does not have to be notarized.

I certify that I am or will be eligible to receive a benefit from another public pension system other than under Chapter 1223, Title 10, U. S. Code (Reserve, National Guard Pension), or although I am eligible to claim military service for retirement credit in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan, I do not wish to purchase such credit. Please audit the retirement account without including my period of military service.

Beneficiary signature and beneficiary SSN is needed if member is deceased.

Check One: _____ Member _____ Beneficiary SSN: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Requirements for Claiming Military Service

Under the provisions of Section 121.021(20) and Section 121.111, Florida Statutes (F.S.), members employed prior to January 1, 1987, may receive retirement credit for active military service in the United States or Allied Forces including certain periods of Merchant Marine service provided all the following criteria are met.

1. All or part of the military service was served on active duty during a wartime period as defined in Section 1.01(14), F.S., which includes World War II, from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946, the Korean Conflict from June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, the Vietnam Era from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975, and Persian Gulf War from August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992.
2. Credit for such military service has not and will not be claimed under any other federal or state retirement or pension system where length of service is a factor in determining compensation received. Exception: Wartime service used for a benefit under Chapter 1223, Title 10, U. S. Code may also be claimed under the FRS if it meets all criteria.
3. The member was discharged from the military service under honorable conditions.
4. The member must be vested to claim this service.

If the FRS member meets the above requirements, and the member, or beneficiary is interested in claiming military service credit, the completed Form MF-1 with a copy of the member's discharge papers showing the date of entry into active duty and the date of discharge from active duty should be submitted to the Division. A form to request military papers from the Federal Government is available through a link on our website, <http://frs.myflorida.com>.

Upon receipt of the required documents, the account will be audited and the applicant will be advised of the amount owed to claim retirement credit for the service, if eligible. The cost of each year of military service claimed is 4% of the annual salary the member earned during the first year of creditable service under a state-administered retirement system in Florida after July 1, 1945, plus interest.