



THE BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM (BRS)

On January 1, 2018 the military retirement system will change to the new Blended Retirement system. It has three components: The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), continuation pay and an annuity.

Visit web site for training: <http://jko.jten.mil>

Visit web site for more information about BRS:
<http://militarypay.defense.gov/BlendedRetirement>

Service Members who joined after 2006 but before January 1, 2018 will have the choice to stay with the existing system or to opt in to the new system. Those who joined before 2006 will stay with the current system.

Department of Defense (DOD) will:

- Contribute 1% of your basic pay to his or her TSP 60 days after entering into service.
- Match your contributions (up to an additional 4% when you contribute at least 5%) at the start of your third year of service.

Continuation Pay:

After 12 years of service, you will receive a cash payment if you opt to stay for four more years. The payment will be two and a half months of basic pay for Active component members and half a month's basic pay for Reserve members.

Annuity:

The Blended Retirement system annuity is a defined benefit (monthly annuity) similar to the 20-year retirement system now in place. Members who retire will still get their monthly annuity pay, but at a reduced amount of 2% instead of 2.5%.

Example:

2.0% x Years Served x Retired Pay Base

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