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Question:

A client, former Air Force, has some pay stubs from 1991 showing DEP SUP of \$475 per month, his court-ordered child support. [Child support enforcement agency] is asserting he did not pay for a couple of years, about 1990-91.

Client seeks his LES records from DFAS and has requested same.

Anyone know if DFAS keeps records that old? Can access? If yes, any idea of how long the wait is?

I have emailed a named employee at DFAS asking time estimate but no response yet.

Thanks in advance. Rob Robertson, Austin, Texas

Answers:

The highly knowledgeable Leonard Fowler of my office reports as follows:

DFAS maintains pay records for approximately 14 years; they currently can go back to 1993 and 1993 is being removed. I am not aware of any off-site storage of pay records further back than that. Archiving of pay records is done in London, KY by a contractor, and can take over 60 days to recover by DFAS.

For NAVY personnel, DFAS has records going back 38 years, but these records are in a format for generating a check or on Microfiche. The problem is that some records on Microfiche cannot be read, so information can be spotty. Once a member is retired his pay records along with his service record are sent to the National Archives. Each service does it differently and archives the records at different times. DFAS can retrieve records for the Navy, DoD civilian employees, and all Reservist, while the Marine Corp is done in Kansas City, MO, the Air Force in Denver, and the Army in Indianapolis, IN.

Also, have found that records can be requested online at:

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records.html and or
http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/

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