

CSB and Redux: Immediate Gratification or Long Term Financial Stability?

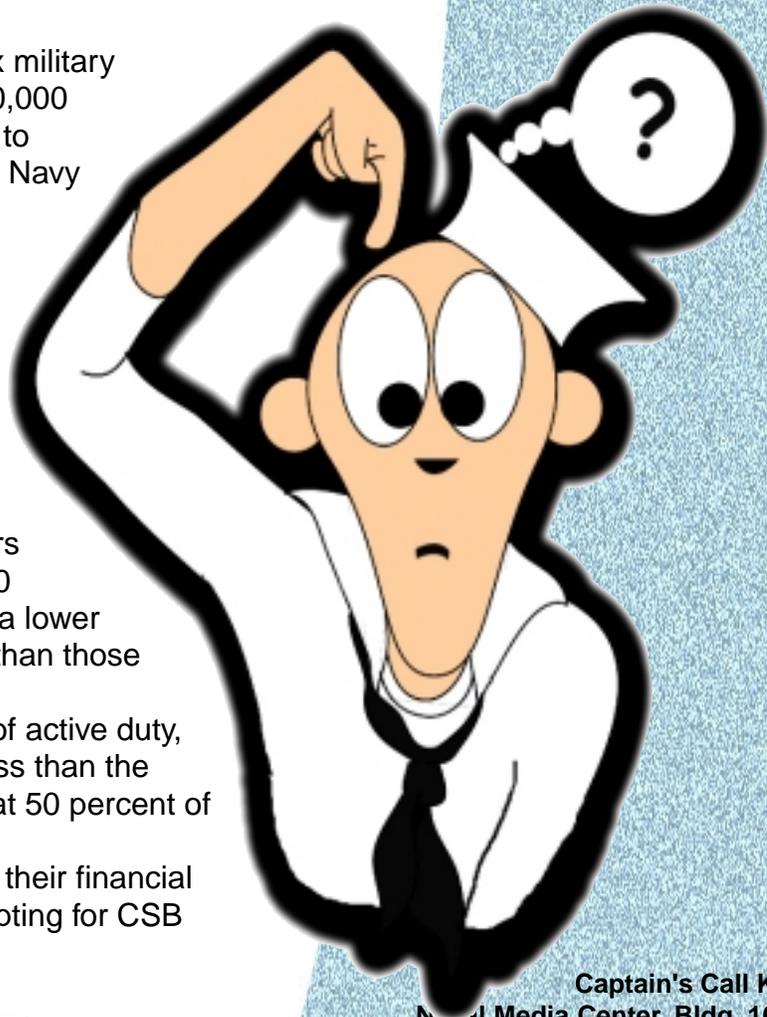
The option to revert to the Redux military retirement system and receive a \$30,000 Career Status Bonus (CSB) is open to Sailors and officers who entered the Navy after 1986. But personnel officials recommend Sailors study long and hard before deciding if it is the right choice for them.

CSB offers \$30,000 to Sailors and officers at their 15-year service mark as an incentive to stay for another five years. Coupled with receiving a CSB, Redux reduces retirement pay to 40 percent if Sailors transfer to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years of service. It also provides for a lower cost-of-living adjustment each year than those who retire under High-3 receive.

For each year short of 30 years of active duty, monthly retirement checks will be less than the High-3 retirement pay, which starts at 50 percent of basic pay for 20 years of service.

Sailors should thoroughly review their financial needs and long-term goals before opting for CSB and Redux.

For more information on CSB and Redux, click on "Pay and Benefits" at www.staynavy.navy.mil, or go to www.bupers.navy.mil under Career Status Bonus information. Also see NAVADMIN 245/01 for information on electing CSB/Redux.



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