



Fort Hood Retirement Services Newsletter

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By Fort Hood Retirement Services

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A Note From The Installation Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood And Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood (Rear)

During this turbulent time, we are blessed to live in a country whose citizens hold our service members and veterans in high regard. We have a great military history, and we are proud to report that our young Soldiers are not just preserving our illustrious heritage, but raising the standard. Their service in the Global War on Terrorism is exceptional, and we are constantly amazed by the ingenuity, courage, and dedication of our military men and women.

You have reason to be extremely proud of today's service members, and as retirees you have a clear understanding of the sacrifices our country calls upon them to make. Your perspective as veterans within your communities gives you a unique and valuable perspective. Your impact as you continue a lifetime of service to our nation and support of our military is enormous. You all have our respect and appreciation, and we urge you to remain active proponents of our military men and women as they stand for America in this time of war.

Sincerely, BG Frederick S. Rudesheim, Installation Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood
CSM Fernando Rodriguez, Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood (Rear)

*A Proud Salute to America's Armed Forces
Retired, Still Serving!*

33d Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

26 OCTOBER 2007

0800 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	BLDG 1001, 2D FLOOR
0900 - ? ?	RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT	COURSES OF CLEAR CREEK
1000 – 1400	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010 Bn Ave
1600 – 1700	RETREAT CEREMONY	VAN FLEET HALL (FLAGPOLE)

27 OCTOBER 2007

0700 – 0845	OLE TIMERS BREAKFAST “DUTCH TREAT”	FORT HOOD CATERING AND CONF CTR (FHCCC) BLDG 5764
0800 – 0845	REGISTRATION AND UPDATES	FHCCC
0900 –	OPENING CEREMONY	FHCCC, MAIN BALLROOM
0915 – 0945	WELCOME ADDRESS	CG / REPRESENTATIVE
0945 – 0950	PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS	MR. GREEN, DIR, HR/IAG
0950 – 1000	PRESENTATION OF RETIREE COUNCIL & INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	LTG (RET) PALMER CHAIRMAN, RETIREE COUNCIL
1000 – 1045	GUEST SPEAKER	MR. JAMES CRABTREE TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD
1045 – 1100	ADMIN ANNOUNCEMENTS/DOOR PRIZES	MRS. BETH WALLER
1100 – 1400	COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES	FHCCC
0900 – 1400	HEALTH FAIR, CRDAMC	Charles T. Moore Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761 st Tank Bn Ave
0900 – 1600	ID CARD ISSUE & DEERS TRANSACTIONS	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1100 – 1600	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1100 – 1600	PHANTOM EXPRESS	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1100 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE (WILLS, POA, ETC)	BLDG 1001, 2 ND FLR, 761 st Tank Bn Ave
1130 - 1400	**LUNCH (EXTENDED HOURS)	**BLDG 21020, Battalion Ave OIF MEMORIAL Dining Facility
1200 – 1600	MUSEUMS (1 ST CAV & 4 TH INF DIV)	1CD & 4ID
1400- 1500	1 ST CAV HORSE DETACHMENT DEMONSTRATION	1CD HORSE STABLES
1730 - ? ?	***RETIREE ROUND UP DINNER SPONSORED BY THE GREATER KILLEEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	***PLAZA HOTEL*** 1721 E. Central Expwy Killeen, TX 76541

*Bus Transportation will be provided to planned events on Saturday, 27 October 2007, from the FHCCC.

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE OF LUNCH AT DINING FACILITY

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A Note From The Garrison Commander

“Army Strong” those words not only capture the fundamental nature of Soldiers serving today but also the heart and soul of those who served before. “I was a Soldier... I am a Soldier...I will always be a Soldier.” As we continue to combat the Global War on Terrorism, I want to extend my thanks to you for your continued support and service. Your individual and collective contributions to our Army Family are immeasurable. This current great generation perseveres and remains “Army Strong” because of your legacy. We clearly stand on the shoulders of great Americans, and we salute you today and every day and thank you for forging the path for our military presently fighting to preserve our freedom that you so fervently defended. This year October 26 & 27, 2007, Fort Hood opens its gates to all retirees and their families to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day. Come out and enjoy all of the activities!

Sincerely, Colonel Victoria M. Bruzese, Fort Hood Garrison Commander

A Note From The Director, Human Resources/Installation Adjutant General

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank you many veterans, spouses and family members for your attendance at this year’s Annual Retiree Appreciation Day celebration. Your many contributions, sacrifices, heroism and dedication to our Armed Services are without a doubt the reasons for America’s freedom. Fort Hood has again opened its doors to you great Americans and we sincerely hope you enjoy your visit to the “Great Place.” If you have any suggestions to improve this event, please do not hesitate to inform myself or my staff. Ms. Beth Waller has worked many hours to ensure your needs and services are met to the highest standards. Our intent is to improve this event each year and your input does make a difference. Again, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you back to the Central Texas area.

Sincerely, Mr. Charles E. Green, Sr., Director, Human Resources/Installation Adjutant General

Retirement Services Office Location

The Retirement Services Office is located in Building 18010, Room B118, on Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Retirement Services Office provides information and assistance on matters pertaining to retired personnel. You are encouraged to write, call, or visit the Retirement Services Office. For assistance with Combat Related Special Compensation Applications, please call for an appointment prior to coming in so you will have the supporting documentation needed to complete the application. **Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 0800-1130 and 1230-1600 hours, Friday, 0800-1130 and 1230-1500 hours. We are closed Training and Federal Holidays.** Telephone (254) 287-5210 / 287-3368 / 287-8761 / 285-5926 (CRSC) or 1-800-403-6640.

Fort Hood Retiree Services Website

You can find additional websites, forms, and information by going to the Fort Hood Homepage (www.hood.army.mil/fort_hood/). In the right column under “About Fort Hood”, click on Retirement Services. Scroll down to the bottom of page and click “Enter Retirement Services.”

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Retired Military Golf Tournament

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 26 October 2007, 0900 at The Courses of Clear Creek. It is limited to the first 144 entries. Only retired military personnel are eligible to play in this event. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. The entry fee is \$30.00 per person, includes green fees, cart fees, and \$5.00 towards purchase of prizes. This is a great chance to see old friends! If interested complete the attached entry form and send it to Business Operations Division, The Courses of Clear Creek, P.O. Box K, Fort Hood, Texas 76544. **For additional information call (254) 287-4130.**

Retreat Ceremony

A Retreat Ceremony will be held Friday, 26 October 2007, 1600 hours at the III Corps Headquarters (Flagpole). This ceremony will honor III Corps Soldiers retiring during the month of October. In addition, the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood (or his designated representative) will recognize the Distinguished Honorary Retiree (to be announced).

Opening Ceremony/County Fair

On 27 October 2007, 0900, the Opening Ceremony will be held at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center Main Ballroom (formerly the Fort Hood Officers Club). This year we are privileged to have Mr. James Crabtree, Texas Veterans Land Board, as our guest speaker. The opening ceremony will be followed by the County Fair also at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center from 1100 – 1400 hours. You will be able to renew an ID Card and get a Power of Attorney at the County Fair in addition to locations at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center (ID Cards) and III Corps Headquarters (Legal Assistance). Wills can only be done at the III Corps Legal Assistance Office. Also, we are tentatively scheduled to have a representative from Retired Pay (DFAS-CL) attending to answer your pay questions or assist with pay issues.

Don't forget to come early for the Ole Timers Breakfast beginning at 0700!

Dutch Treat - \$9.89 per person. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Grits, SOS, Butter, Jellies, Coffee or Hot Tea. Please return enclosed registration form at the back of this newsletter, if you would like to attend so we will have a count.

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) Health Fair

The Health Fair will be at Charles T. Moore Health Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761st Tank Bn Ave, 27 October, 0900-1400 hours. As of date, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) expects to have plenty of flu vaccine for the fair. For your convenience, there will be a separate flu shot location for handicapped and disabled beneficiaries. The pneumonia shot and tetanus booster will also be available for those needing these vaccines. Please bring shot records for verification and update. Self Care Classes and Dietary Supplement Classes will also be held at various times through out the day. This year's Health Fair is based on the US Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for Clinical Preventative Services, and will include a combination of screenings and education.

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Application Assistance

Assistance in completing CRSC applications will be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 26 October 2007, 1000 – 1400 hours and Saturday, 27 October, 1100 – 1600 hours. Please bring your DD214, VA Decision Rating Letter (with disability codes) and any other supporting documents you would like to file with the application. Eligible applicants include Retirees who served 20 or more years on Active Duty or Reservists who are at least age 60 (in receipt of retired pay) and are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA payments; and have at least 10% VA disability rating that is combat-related.

Reservations are not necessary; however, please contact the Fort Hood RSO if you would like to apply on one of these dates so we can have adequate staff members on hand. Please return the enclosed form or call 254-285-5926/ 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640 for more information.

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)

ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions

ID Card Section will be open for ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions, 27 October 2007, from 0900 – 1600 hours in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Bldg 18010. For your convenience two ID Card stations will also be at the County Fair location from 1100 – 1400 hours. See information provided under ID Cards in this newsletter for documents needed or please call 254-287-5670/2518.

Legal Assistance

Legal Assistance will be available on 26 October 2007 from 0800 – 1600 hours and also on 27 October 2007, 1100 – 1600 hours at the III Corps Headquarters, Bldg 1001, 761st Tank Battalion Avenue. For your convenience there will also be Legal Assistance available at the County Fair Location from 1100 – 1400 hours for Powers of Attorney only. This is a great time to update wills and Powers of Attorney if needed. For more information please call 254-287-7901/3199

Phantom Express (Access Control Point (ACP) Automated Access Control System on Fort Hood

Saturday Only, 27 Oct 07, 1100 – 1600 hrs., Phantom Express Registration will be available at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Bldg 18010, First Floor. This new automated system to access Fort Hood will facilitate better security and also save money. In order to register, please bring the following:

- 1) Military (Retired) ID Card
- 2) Valid Drivers License
- 3) Valid & Current Proof of Insurance
- 4) Valid & Current State Vehicle Registration
- 5) DOD Decal Number & Expiration Date

Please Note: The Bldg 18010 location is a temporary location for Retiree Appreciation Day, 27 Oct 07 only. For the normal office location and hours, please see below.

Phantom Express Office (Main), Bldg 23023, is located on the corner of 56th street and 761st Tank Battalion Ave. From the main gate traveling North on Hood road, go to 761st Tank Battalion Ave and turn left. Go past the 1st Cavalry Division Museum to 56th street and turn right, Bldg 23023 will be on your left. Their normal hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1600 hours. For more information, please call (254)553-1104.

1st Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration

The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 27 October 2007, 1400 hours at the 1st Cavalry Horse Stables. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division Museums

**Both Museums will also be open on Friday and Saturday, 26 & 27 October 2007.
Come by and see their new displays!**

1st Cavalry Division Museum:

Hours of Operation: 9 – 4 Monday-Friday; 10 – 4 Sat & 12 – 4 Sun.
For More information call 254-287-3626

4th Infantry Division Museum:

Hours of Operation: 9 – 4 Monday-Friday; Sat 10 – 4
Sun & Federal Holidays: 12 – 4 Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's
For more information call 254-287-8811

Lunch at Troop Dining Facility

Please note that the Dining Facility this year has changed to OIF Memorial Dining Facility, Bldg 21020, Battalion Avenue. The menu will include steak and shrimp. Please complete the registration at the back of this newsletter if you plan to attend so we will have a count.

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)

Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Round-Up Dinner

In conjunction with the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, the Annual Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Retiree Round-Up Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, October 27, 2007 at the **Plaza Hotel**, 1721 E. C. Tex Expwy, Killeen, Texas. ****Please note the new location.**** The social hour will be from 5:30pm-6:00pm; Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Door Prize Drawings. The dinner menu is Lemon Herb Chicken with red potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, rolls & butter, iced tea, coffee, water & dessert.

The cost of the dinner ticket is \$15.00 per person and must be paid in advance (price includes gratuity). There will be a *CASH BAR* also. ATM machines are available at the Plaza Hotel (there may be a bank charge to use ATM machines). Dress is casual. Persons desiring to attend must complete the attached application and mail it with a check or money order made payable to Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce to arrive no later than 13 October 2007. Tickets will NOT be mailed to you, but will be available for pick-up as shown on the return form letter. Your early response will allow us to better plan for the number of persons desiring to attend. Tickets are available first come, first serve, and so please mail your application and funds today. (NO Cash Please.) No refunds will be made after 13 October 2007.

For more information you may contact the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce at 254-526-9551.

Hotel Accommodations For Retiree Appreciation Day

Government lodging availability at Fort Hood is limited and subject to change. Retiree Appreciation Day guests requiring overnight lodging will need to personally arrange for hotel or motel accommodations in the civilian communities near Fort Hood. The below list of area motel/hotel information are provided for your convenience. This list was compiled from information in local telephone directories and from lists prepared by the Killeen and Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce. This list does not reflect official endorsements by the United States Army. Fort Hood Guest House Reservation phone number: 254-532-5157.

Copperas Cove (9 miles from Fort Hood)

- Best Western Inn & Suites
321 Constitution Drive
Copperas Cove, Tx 76522
254-518-3363 or 1-800-518-4406
- Howard Johnson Express Inn
302 W. Hwy 190
547-2345
- Relax Inn
1714 W. Hwy 190
542-6615

Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

- Best Western of Killeen
2709 E. Bus. Hwy 190
526-6651
- Plaza Hotel
1721 E. C. Tex Expwy
634-1555
- Comfort Suites
2709 Cunningham Road
Killeen, TX 76542
634-5560

Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

- Shilo Inn Suites Hotel
3701 S. WS young DR
699-0999/1-800-222-2244
- Amerihost Suite
2506 Trimmier
554-3615
- Hallmark Inn and Suites
4500 E. C. Tex Expwy
634-1313
- Executive Inn
1601 E. C. Tex Expwy
699-4081
- Howard Johnson
803 E.C. Tex Expwy
526-4343
- Hampton Inn
2702 O W Curry Drive
554-7110
- Sleep Inn & Suites
8700 C. Tex Expwy
Killeen, TX 76541
616-2345

For additional information on motels in the Killeen and Copperas Cove area, please go to <http://www.gkcc.com/hotels.html> or <http://www.copperascove.com/lodging.htm> for a more complete listing.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ID Cards

Locations

The Fort Hood ID Card Section is located in Building 18010, Room B115, on the corner of Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday: 0730 to 1530. These hours are subject to change, so if you are coming from out of town, please call us at (254) 287-5670 or (254) 287-2518.

The Customer Service Unit, 301st Fighter Wing (Reserve), Naval Air Station, Fort Worth, is currently issuing ID Cards and vehicle decals for military retirees and their family members. Please call (817) 782-5244 for current hours of operation and additional information.

The Customer Service Unit, Texas Air National Guard, Fort Worth is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. Please call (817) 852-3238 or (817) 852-3239 for hours of operation.

The Customer Service Unit, Seagoville Army Reserve Center is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. They are located at 701 West Simonds Road. Please call (972) 287-6862.

For personnel living in the Austin, Round Rock Georgetown area - You can now obtain your ID Cards/DEERS enrollment at Camp Mabry, Austin. Please call prior at (512) 782-6841.

Now you can update your address information through the Internet at the following website: www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress.

For more locations near you, log on at: www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/uwa/home

ID Card & DEERS Document Requirements

All retirees and family members who are in need of a new ID Card because of mutilation, expiration, or loss need to bring the following documents. These documents allow us to verify status in case the ID card computer system shuts down:

- a. Retiree: Retirement orders or DD Form 214

- b. Family members (Must be accompanied by Sponsor or have a Power of Attorney), documents needed:
 - (1) Retirement orders or DD Form 214
 - (2) Birth certificate (containing at least one parents name) or court documents signed by a judge, determining sponsor is parent.
 - (3) Marriage certificate or copy (with seal).
 - (4) Letter from college registrar's office stating that the dependent is a full time student taking 12 semester hours or more and expected date of graduation (for dependents age 21 to 23).
 - (5) Divorce decree.
 - (6) Adoption papers.
 - (7) Unmarried surviving spouse must present DD 214, marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving children's ID card.
 - (8) To replace lost ID cards requires two forms of ID (i.e.drivers license, birth certificate, social security card, etc) and a picture ID, plus all above documents.
 - (9) Former spouses that qualified for ID card must have members DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for each period of service in addition to above requirements.
 - (10) The signature of the military sponsor is required before issuance of family member's ID cards or a valid Power of Attorney from sponsor. The application must be notarized if sponsor is not with family members.

Assistance Letters

If ID Card holders are medically incapacitated, a current doctor's signed statement on letterhead is required stating that assistance is needed for someone to shop for them, and if the condition is temporary or permanent. The person that will be doing the shopping must accompany the ID Card holder and have some type of picture ID (driver's license, Sam's card, etc.) when coming in for a letter. Only one person is authorized a shopper's letter. Assistant letters are issued for one year at a time or when that person is no longer medically incapacitated, whichever comes first. A current doctor's letter is needed for renewal.

Update DEERS Information – TRICARE

To ensure eligibility for TRICARE benefits, beneficiaries 65 and older must have their current address on file with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Update change of addresses on the TRICARE Web site: www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/ or update DEERS address by:

- Visiting the nearest military personnel office that has an ID card facility.
- Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) telephone center at 1-800-538-9552.
- Mailing the address change to DMDC Support Office, ATTN: Address Updates, 400, Giggling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771 (Please include the Sponsor's SSN in your correspondence.)
- Faxing your change of address to DSO, Attn: COA at (831) 655-8317.
- Sending an e-mail message to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil. Messages sent should be lower case only and include: the sponsor's name, social security number and telephone number, name(s) of family members affected by the address change, and the start date for the change.
- TRICARE For Life. Once a beneficiary and/or spouse reach age 65, DEERS should be updated to reflect Medicare eligibility with Part A/B on Medicare Card. For issuance of ID Card, Medicare Card must be presented on or after the effective date of Medicare eligibility.

If you need to update other information, contact or visit the nearest military ID card issuing facility to determine the documentation required to make the needed changes. Another option is for beneficiaries to mail or fax the appropriate documentation to the DSO (see above), and include an attention line, Attn: R&A. Requests received without the required documentation are returned unprocessed.

Casualty Information

Report Deaths Promptly

The death of retired Army members should be reported to the nearest Army post as soon as possible. This includes Army Reservist and Army National Guard members who are in a paid status. Please report deaths to the Casualty Assistance Office, Building 126, Battalion Avenue, Fort Hood or call (254) 287-7200.

POV Registration

Good News! All of your vehicle registration needs (decals and temporary passes) can be handled at the Main Gate of Fort Hood. New hours of operation are **0730 am to 1030 pm**. Retirees may obtain DOD decals for their POV's with the proper documents (listed below). You may also start the process by e-mail. For information on this process, additional questions, and after hours procedures, call 254-288-2865.

Vehicle Registration Requirements for DOD Decals and Temporary pass

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| 1) Current Drivers License | 2) Military (Retired) ID Card |
| 3) Proof of current insurance | 4) Current Vehicle Registration |

If vehicle registration is not in your name or spouse, you will need a notarized letter with the following information: Vehicle Information: Make, Model, Year, Vehicle Identification Number, License Plate Number, Color of Vehicle and Time Period (i.e. indefinite, 3years, 30 days).

Texas Veterans Commission Information

The state of Texas has provided assistance for the veterans, their dependents and survivors since 1927. Ms. Trista Barnum is the counselor at Fort Hood, Texas. Her office is located in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010, Room A308, phone number (254) 287-3341. She can assist in filing original disability claims as well as reevaluations and amended claims. The TVC also assists the surviving spouse on any Veteran Benefits upon the retirees' death. Casualty cases are handled by appointment only. For more information, log on at www.tvc.tx.us or call 1-800-252-8387 (hotline).

Army Emergency Relief (AER)

A big "Thank You" goes out to all of the Retirees and family members who contributed to the AER Campaign this year. Your Contributions alone totaled over \$100,000 for the Fort Hood area! The AER Program plays an important role in helping the Army "Take Care of its Own." AER provides financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their family members during valid emergencies. You may contribute to AER at anytime. For more information, please call the Fort Hood Army Community Services AER office at 254-288-5003/6330 or log on at <http://www.hoodmwr.com/acs/frb.html#aer>.

Volunteer Opportunities

Retirees and family members, the Fort Hood Community Volunteer Program needs you!

We would love to match you with the volunteer position that best serves the needs of the community and you. Stop by the Lane Volunteer Center, Bldg. 16005, located at the corner of Fort Hood Road and Old Ironsides Avenue, or call 287-VOLS (8657) or 286-5913.

Army Career And Alumni Program (ACAP)

Are you currently retired and looking for a job?

If you are within two years of retirement or currently retired, the Fort Hood ACAP Center provides extended eligibility timeframes for use of ACAP XXI services! Army retirees and their family members may now use the system on a space available basis for the rest of their lives. We are located in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, BLDG 18010, or call the ACAP Center for more information: 254-288-ACAP (2227) or 254-288-JOBS (5627) or visit our web page at www.acap.army.mil for more job opportunities.

Troops to Teachers

Texas Troops to Teachers Going Strong!

The Texas Troops to Teachers (TTT) Program still has great news for retirees of all military services, National Guard and Reserves; no matter when they retired! If you have always wanted to become a teacher and have at least a bachelor's degree, TTT can provide the assistance you need to achieve certification and begin a new career in teaching. For more information on the TTT Program, please contact the state coordinator, Meryl Kettler, in Austin at 1-800-810-5484 or (512) 919-5484.

Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR)

*Retirees can enjoy many activities right in their own backyard at Fort Hood!
DMWR offers many recreational programs for retired and active duty soldiers and their families.*

The Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center is open to the public, all military ranks welcome. Call 532-5073 for information and reservations.

Check out [Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area \(BLORA\)](#)! Take a guided fishing tour or bring the grandkids to the youth fishing derby. Delight in a moonlight cruise around the lake or just enjoy the sunshine. Rent a cabin or park your RV at BLORA. Also, a favorite Central Texas holiday tradition returns to BLORA.

"**Nature in Lights**" runs from November 2007 to early January 2008. For more information on Nature in Lights, Park Entry Fees or other BLORA Activities call: BLORA Reservation Office, 254-287-2523

The Courses of Clear Creek are your very own country club, located off of Clear Creek Road. Call 254-287-4130 for tee times and information.

Take a gamble and play BINGO at the Community Events Center. Enjoy the camaraderie of other retirees and current soldiers. For more information, call 254-532-9253.

Come out and enjoy Retiree Appreciation Days and take advantage of great specials around Fort Hood. There are so many ways to play everyday with Fort Hood MWR!

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Notes

Pharmacy News

The Pharmacy at the Clear Creek Post Exchange is for patients that have phone in refill prescriptions. Wait times vary, depending on the day of the week. **To refill by telephone 24 hours a day:** (254) 288-8911, 288-8912, 288-8917, 288-8918, 286-7295, 286-7296; Toll-free (Outside local calling area) 1-800-351-3636

Main Outpatient Pharmacy: The Main Outpatient Pharmacy is located in the basement of the hospital. New prescriptions, including those written by civilian providers (for medications that are stocked) are dispensed from this pharmacy.

Main Outpatient Pharmacy Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Holidays, and Training Holidays: 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Sunday: Closed

Questions or comments, call 254-288-8800 Pharmacy Telephone: 254-288-8801

Health Care Advisory Council

The Health Care Advisory Council meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's auditorium, room 0710. The meeting is open to the community.

Fort Hood Retiree Council

The Fort Hood Retiree Council convenes quarterly to assist Department of the Army and III Corps in identifying and resolving problems and needs of retirees, and also providing recommendations on policies and activities affecting retirees. Listed below are the current Fort Hood Retiree Council Members. If you would like to contact anyone on the council, or become a member, please contact Retirement Services at (254) 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.

Fort Hood Retiree Council Members

Dave Palmer, LTG US Army Retired, Chairman

G. Frank Minosky, CSM (US Army Retired), Vice Chairman (Interim)

COL (RET) Ralph C. Gauer

COL (RET) Josyln V. Portmann

COL (RET) Frank D. Somera

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MSG (RET) John W. Wood, SR., USAF

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MRS. Shirley J. Greathouse, Widow

MG (RET) Stewart C. Meyer, Associate Member

COL (RET) John W. Oliver Jr., USAF, Associate Member

MyPay Information

Check out MyPay Today!

In order to make pay changes online, print your Retiree Account Statement or 10099R and do so much more with your retiree pay. Log onto <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Click on request pin number and one will be sent you in the mail. Once you receive your temporary PIN number you will be able to log in and choose your own PIN number. MyPay makes it easy for you to view and make changes to your pay without having to wait on hold or mail in your changes. Try it today!

Retired Pay Information

Retiree changes in address/status: retirees are responsible for updating their pay file at DFAS-CL within one year of the event if they marry, remarry, are widowed or divorced and need to make or update an SBP election or beneficiary information (for unpaid allowances). Additionally, changes of address should be submitted, as they occur to ensure receipt of retiree pay, newsletters, 1099R forms, and retiree account statements. If communicating by fax, include your SSN on all pages and sign your request.

Retiree requests for pay changes: you may also start, stop, change allotments, change direct deposit information by calling the toll free number below. Communication should be made to:

If in receipt or entitled to retired PAY:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Cleveland Center
PO Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130
Telephone#: 1-800-321-1080 or 1-216-522-5955

If in receipt or entitled to SBP:

DFAS-US Military Annuitant Pay
PO Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080
Fax#: 1-800-982-8459 (Annuitant Pay)

DFAS-CL (Retired Pay) Toll Free Numbers: 1-800-321-1080 Fax: 1-800-469-6559

Sources Of Information

Army Echoes is available online! Log on at <http://armyg1.army.mil/retire>. This site is full of information for those preparing to retire and those already retired and also their family members.

Websites That May Interest You

AAFES website – www.aafes.com

AKO – Army Knowledge Online: https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml

Arlington Cemetery Website: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/contents.htm>

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center web site - www.hood-meddac.army.mil

Commissary website – www.commissaries.com

DEERS-Verify Eligibility- www.tricare.osd.mil/deers

Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS): <http://dod.jobsearch.org>

Department of the Army Retirement Services: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/mission.asp>

EVetRecs (Request DD214, Medical Records (Non VA), Awards, Documentsetc):

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/

Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/fehbp>

Kilauea, HI Recreation Center: <http://www.kmc-volcano.com>

Medicare Benefits – Medicare Part B: www.medicare.gov.

Military Facilities: <http://www.militaryliving.com>

MWR Travel Website: <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel>

My Pay website (DFAS Retirement Pay): <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

Request Cold War Certificate: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm>

Senior Pharmacy benefit - 1-877-DoD-MEDS or www.tricare.osd.mil

Space A Travel Information: <http://spacea.info/>

Social Security Administration: www.ssa.gov

Society for Military Widows: www.militarywidows.org

TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors): www.taps.org

Travis Fund – <http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donation>

TRICARE Information Service - www.tricare.osd.mil

TRICARE For Life - www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/.

TRICARE For Life Fact Sheet: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=294>

Sources Of Information (Continued)

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program-www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE
TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program – www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy
Update Address – DEERS: www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress
Veterans Administration (VA) – www.tvc.tx.us
VGLI Online Account Access: www.insurance.va.gov

Useful Phone Numbers

AAFES (Fort Hood)	254-532-7200
Army Retired Activities-HQDA	1-800-336-4909
Army Retiree Mobilization	1-800-325-2660
Army Retired Pay Operations	1-800-321-1080
Commissary (Ft Hood I)	254-287-6648
Commissary (Ft Hood II)	254-287-8401
Ft Hood Guest House Reservations	254-532-5157
Fort Hood ID Card Office	254-287-2518/5670
Fort Hood Information	254-287-1110
Fort Hood Legal Service (SJA)	254-287-7901/3199
Ft Hood Retirement Svcs	1-800-403-6640
Legal Services-Dallas/Ft Worth	817-782-6007/6008
Medicare	1-800-633-4227
Patient Appointment, CRDAMC	1-800-305-6421
Patient Appt, CRDAMC (Local)	254-288-8888
Patient Appt – Cancel (CRDAMC)	254-288-7777
Pharmacy, CRDAMC	1-800-351-3636
Reserve Retirement	1-800-318-5298
Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213
Society for Military Widows	1-800-842-3451
TAPS	1-800-959-8277 (Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors)
Texas Work Force Commission	1-512-340-4300
TRICARE Information Line	1-888-363-2273
TRICARE Information Services	1-877-363-6337
TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy	1-866-363-8667
TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Prog.	1-866-363-8779
TRICARE Retiree Dental Prog.	1-888-838-8737
TRICARE Service Center(South)	1-800-444-5445
VA Hospital (Temple)	1-800-423-2111
Veterans Administration	1-800-827-1000
VGLI Account Access	1-800-419-1473



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DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 26 OCTOBER 2007 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES

SEND ENTRY TO: **Business Operations Division
The Courses of Clear Creek
P.O. Box K
Fort Hood, Texas 76544**

(NAME)

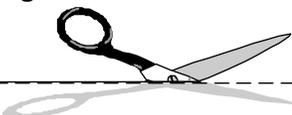
(ADDRESS) _____ (PHONE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek.

I have my own cart: YES or NO Handicap _____ My age is _____

The entry fee will be **\$30.00** this cost includes green fees, cart, and also includes \$5.00 toward purchase of prizes.

See page 4 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130.



Annual Retiree Round-Up Dinner Reservations, 27 Oct 07

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount and returning with this form **NLT** 15 October 2007. For more information please call **254-526-9551**.

Send to: **Retiree Round - Up
Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 548
Killeen, Texas 76540-0548**

Please make our/my reservation under this name (Please list those attending the dinner so we can make nametags for the event):

Contact phone number if there is a question about my reservation: (_____) _____
(PHONE)

_____ Will attend \$15.00 per person Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE MADE AT THE DOOR DUE TO NEED FOR AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT.

NAME AND RANK:

GUESTS: _____

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Retiree Appreciation Day Registration Form

If you plan to attend the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, please complete this form and mail to:

**COMMANDER
III CORPS and FORT HOOD
ATTN: RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5000**

Rank, Name (Please Print)

Mailing Address

Number of family members who will attend with you: _____

In compliance with the Privacy Act, my signature authorizes you to release the above information to personnel of the agencies I have checked below in order that they may prepare in advance to assist me on my visit to the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day.

(Signature)

DATE RETIRED: MONTH/YEAR _____ # YEARS SERVED _____

COUNTY FAIR SERVICES - I request counseling or assistance in one or more of the subjects listed below (please check appropriate boxes):

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. _____ Medical & Dental Info
(TRICARE, Dental,
Pharmacy, App.) | 4. _____ Veterans Affairs
_____ Disability Claims
_____ Education & Insurance Program |
| 2. _____ Retirement Services
Installation Officer
(Retiree Pay, CRDP,
SBP, CRSC) | 5. _____ Adjutant General Services
_____ ID Cards (See Special Instruction)
_____ DEERS Enrollment (See Special Instruction) |
| 3. _____ SJA Section
_____ Legal Assistance
_____ Wills | 6. _____ Combat Related Special Compensation Application
Assistance (Please check date you think you will
come) – 26 Oct ____ 27 Oct ____ |

_____ I desire to attend the “Ole Timers” Breakfast at FHCCC, 27 Oct 07.
Number _____ (\$9.89 per person, breakfast, pay when served).

_____ I desire to attend lunch in a Troop Dining Facility, 27 Oct 07.
Number _____ (\$4.20 cash per person, lunch, pay when served) (Price Subject To Change)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 15 OCTOBER 2007.



THE ARMY RETIREMENT SERVICES EMBLEM:
LEGEND: The three-honored seal of the Department of the Army represents the Army and its traditions. The emblem, symbol of competence, stands for the completion of military service. The color of the emblem is olive drab in reference to the basic color of the Army field uniform and equipment. Stars are a national and military symbol. They are used on the coat of arms and the seal of the United States, as an identification of the United States on military equipment and on bags of Army officials as well as an insignia of rank for general officers.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COMMANDER
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ATTN: AFZF-GC-AG-RS
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5056
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