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Retirement Services Bulletin

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By Fort Hood Retirement Services

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A Note From The Acting Commander, Fort Hood And Command Sergeant Major, Fort Hood

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 to our country is exceptional, and we are constantly amazed by the ingenuity, courage, and dedication of our military men and women.

As veterans you have a clear understanding of the sacrifices our country calls upon our military service members to make. Your viewpoint 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's freedom.

On behalf of the Fort Hood Retiree Community, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank LTG Dave R. Palmer, US Army, Retired. LTG(Ret) Palmer has served diligently and faithfully as the Co-Chairman of the III Corps and Fort Hood Retiree Council for the past 4 years. The retirement community has benefited greatly from his leadership and dedication. LTG(Ret) Palmer will transfer his leadership to General Benjamin S. Griffin, US Army, Retired, in November 2010. I want to thank General Griffin for continuing to serve this community and all of the retired military members, their Families, and survivors in North Central Texas. Both General Griffin and Lieutenant General Palmer are great examples of the Army Retiree Motto: "Still Proud – Still Serving – Still Saluting."

Sincerely,

MG William F. Grimsley, Acting Commander, Fort Hood
CSM Archie Davis, Jr., Command Sergeant Major, Fort Hood

a Proud Salute

to America's Armed Forces

A Note From The Garrison Commander & Garrison Command Sergeant Major

Still Proud – Still Serving – Still Saluting! This motto reflects every military retiree's character and loyalty to our great country. You have left a great legacy for our young men and women to follow. I want to extend my thanks to you for your continued support and service. You and your Families are valued members of your community and add immensely to its uniqueness and strength. Your individual and collective contributions to our Army Family are immeasurable. This current great generation knows it owes all of you a debt of gratitude and is repaying it by their gallant service today. We thank you for forging the path for our military currently serving to preserve our freedom that you also so fervently defended. We clearly stand on the shoulders of great Americans, and we salute you today and every day.

This October 29th and 30th, 2010, Fort Hood welcomes back all military retirees and their Families to show our deepest appreciation for all you have given us and continue to give.

We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day. Come out and enjoy all the activities!

Sincerely, Colonel Mark A. Freitag, Fort Hood Garrison Commander
Command Sergeant Major Donald Felt, Fort Hood Garrison Command Sergeant Major

A Note From The Director, Human Resources

This year on October 29 & 30, 2010, Fort Hood opens its gates to all Military Retirees and their Families to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. I want to extend my thanks to you many veterans, spouses, and Family members for your attendance at this year's Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Celebration. I also want to thank you for your continued support and service. You and your Families are valued members of your community and add immensely to its uniqueness and strength. Your individual and collective contributions to our Army Family are immeasurable. You are great assets to Fort Hood and Central Texas and we are proud to have so many that have done so much to keep our Nation free in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day. Come out and enjoy all of the activities!

Sincerely, Mr. Charles E. Green, Sr., Director, Human Resources

A Note From The Installation Adjutant General

Once again we proudly welcome you to the 36th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day. Your lifetime of devoted service to our Nation truly reflects your patriotism for our country. Today we thank you for all your sacrifices and the freedom we enjoy. We also want to show our gratitude to all Family Members: spouses, children, mothers, and fathers who day after day endured the pain of separations, deployments and the greatest sacrifice of all: losing a loved one serving in the Armed Forces.

In this year's newsletter we feature several newly implemented programs for our Military Families. Two of those programs are "The Tragedy Assistance Program (TAPS)" and "The Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)." These programs provide a variety of services to support Survivors of Soldiers who passed while in combat or on active duty.

If you have any suggestions to improve this newsletter or the Retiree Appreciation Day, please give us your feedback. Ms. Beth Waller and her team have worked many hours to ensure the continuation of this yearly event and your input does make a difference. Again, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you back to the Central Texas area.

Sincerely, Ms. Marlean C. Druce, Installation Adjutant General

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36th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2010

0800 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	BLDG 4617, 72d & SANTA FE
0800 - 1600	MOBILE VET CENTER	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 - TBD	RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT	COURSES OF CLEAR CREEK
0900 – 1130	CRDAMC – SHOTS ONLY	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave (3 rd Floor)
1000 – 1400	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1600 – 1700	RETIREE CELEBRATION (Retirement Ceremony)	III CORPS FLAGPOLE
1730 - TBD	****STEAK OR CHICKEN DINNER**** ****PRIOR RESERVATION REQUIRED**** SPONSORED BY CLEAR CREEK COMMISSARY	PHANTOM WARRIOR CENTER 761 ST Tank Bn Ave & 37 th St

SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2010

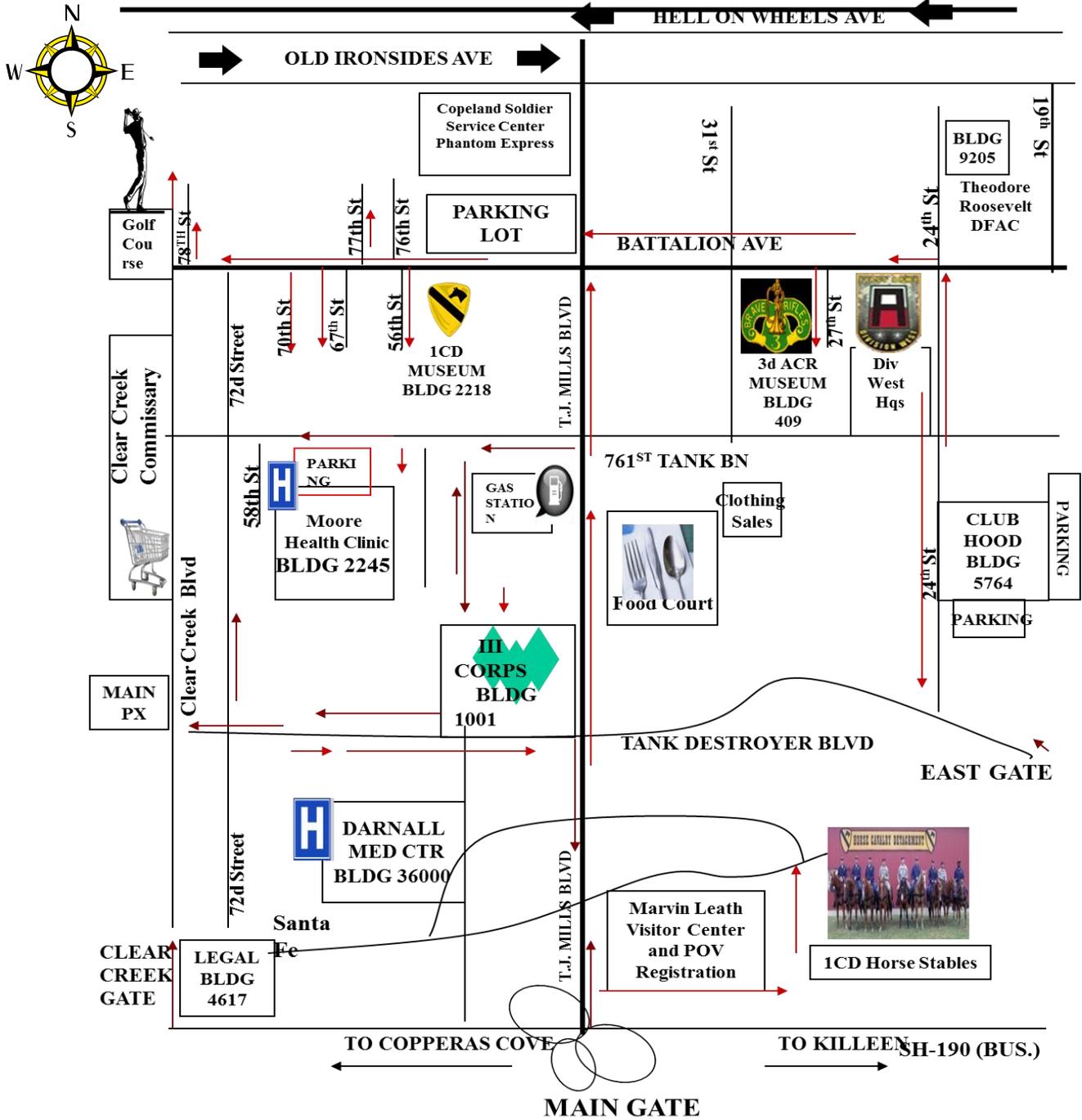
0700 – 0845	OLE TIMERS BREAKFAST	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764
0900 – 1030	OPENING CEREMONY	CLUB HOOD, MAIN BALLROOM
1030 – 1230	COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764
0900 – 1400	HEALTH FAIR, CRDAMC	Moore Clinic Bldg 2245, 761 ST Tank Bn
0800 – 1600	MOBILE VET CENTER	BLDG 18010 PARKING LOT
0900 – 1600	ID CARD ISSUE & DEERS TRANSACTIONS	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 – 1600	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 – 1600	PHANTOM EXPRESS	BLDG 69005, near main gate (Visitor Center)
1100 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE (WILLS, POA, ETC)	BLDG 4617, 72d & Santa Fe
1130 - 1400	LUNCH (EXTENDED HOURS)	***Theodore Roosevelt DFAC BLDG 9205, Bn Ave & 21 st St***
1200 – 1600	MUSEUM	1CD, Bldg 2218/ 3d ACR, Bldg 419
1400- 1500	1 ST CAV HORSE DETACHMENT DEMONSTRATION	1CD HORSE STABLES
1700 - TBD	RETIREE ROUND-UP DINNER ****PRIOR RESERVATION REQUIRED**** SPONSORED BY THE GKCC	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764

US Armed Forces History Float Display: Fri & Sat, Copeland Soldiers Svc Ctr, Bldg 18010, Parking Lot
Corrected Location

For More Information, Please Contact:
FORT HOOD RETIREMENT SERVICES
Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Room B118
(254) 287-5210/3368
Toll Free: 1-800-403-6640

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Map

LEGEND: Map Not Drawn To Scale



*Bus Transportation will be available on Saturday, 30 October 2010 from Club Hood



Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Retired Military Golf Tournament

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 29 October 2010, 0900 at The Courses of Clear Creek. This is a great opportunity to see old friends! However, the event is limited to the first 144 entries received from retired personnel, their Family members and survivors. So hurry and fill out the attached entry form to ensure your place in the tournament. Please mail the entry form to: **The Courses of Clear Creek, P.O. Box K, Fort Hood, TX 76544**. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. The entry fee is \$40.00 per person which includes green fees, cart fees, prizes, and lunch afterward. **For additional information please call The Courses of Clear Creek at (254) 287-4130.**

Retirement Ceremony

A Retiree Celebration (Retirement Ceremony) will be held **Friday, 29 October 2010, 1600 hours at the III Corps Flagpole**. This ceremony will honor Fort Hood 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 Retiree of 2010 (to be announced).

Clear Creek Commissary "Steak and Chicken" Dinner

We are happy to announce that once again the Clear Creek Commissary will sponsor a dinner for Retirees and their Families! It will be held on Friday, 29 Oct at the Clear Creek Commissary starting at **1730 hours**. The meal is free and there will be Bingo and Prizes, too! The menu will be Steak, Chicken, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans. In order for the Commissary to have enough food for everyone you must RSVP. Please mail your RSVP NLT 8 Oct 10 with the enclosed form at the back of the newsletter or you can call the commissary at **(254) 287-5943, ext. 201 or ext. 232**. You can also e-mail to [**betty.carey@deca.mil**](mailto:betty.carey@deca.mil). Come on out and enjoy this wonderful event.

"Ole Timers Breakfast"

The "Ole Timers Breakfast" will be held on 30 Oct from 0700 hours to 0845 hours at Club Hood. In order to attend you **must RSVP NLT 15 Oct 10**. Please return enclosed registration form at the back of this newsletter if you would like to attend. Grand Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns, Grits, Biscuits, SOS, Coffee or Hot Tea.

Come on out, enjoy a great breakfast, and visit some old friends!

Opening Ceremony/County Fair

On Saturday, 30 October 2010, 0900, the Opening Ceremony will be held at Club Hood Main Ballroom. We are delighted that MG William M. Matz, Jr., US Army, Retired, and President of the National Association for Uniformed Services has graciously accepted to be the guest speaker. The opening ceremony will be followed by the County Fair also at Club Hood from 1030 to 1230 hours. Among the services available for you at the fair will be renewing your ID card, getting a power of attorney, and many others. This is in addition to locations at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center (ID cards) and III Corps Legal Assistance Office located at Bldg 4617, between Santa Fe and 72d Street. For your convenience, wills will be drawn at their Santa Fe Legal Office. Also, a representative from Cleveland Retired Pay (DFAS-CL) will be attending to answer your pay questions or assist you with pay issues.

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)

Lunch at Troop Dining Facility

Please note that lunch this year will be at Theodore Roosevelt Dining Facility, Bldg 9205 (3d ACR) located on Battalion Avenue and 21st Street. There will be a special Retiree Day menu for lunch. **Please complete the registration at the back of this newsletter if you plan to attend so we will have a count. Cost: \$4.85** (cost subject to change – pay at Dining Facility – cash only please).

Retiree Appreciation Round-Up Dinner

This year Club Hood will be the location for the Retiree Round-Up Dinner. The social hour will be from 5:00pm-6:00pm; Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Door Prize Drawings. The dinner menu is Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken, lightly breaded, baked golden brown served with white sauce and served with wild rice and, Iced Tea, coffee, water & dessert. **The cost of the dinner ticket is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in advance (price includes gratuity).** There will be a CASH BAR also. ATM machines are available at Club Hood (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 18 October 2010**. 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 18 October 2010.

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

VA Mobile Counseling Center ~ OPEN HOUSE!

We are delighted to announce that the VA Mobile Vet Center (MVC) will again provide its services at this year's Retiree Appreciation Day. The Mobile Vet Center is part of a fleet of 50 traveling counseling centers funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The \$300,000, 38-foot motor coaches, houses two separate areas suitable for confidential counseling. When fully operational, Veterans will be able to apply for benefits and have their documentation transmitted to VA on the spot.



~~~~ OPEN HOUSE LOCATION ~~~~

**Bldg 18010, Copeland Soldier Service Center  
Front Parking Lot on the corner of  
Bn Ave and T.J. Mills Blvd.**

**Friday and Saturday, 29 – 30 Oct 09  
from 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1600 hours**

### Traveling Museum

#### US Armed Forces History Float

There is a new addition to our Retiree Appreciation events. A big thank you goes to Staff Sergeant Cyrus Mark Fleming, US Army Retired, who has offered to have his US Armed Forces History Float displayed at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center parking lot (BLDG 18010 Battalion Ave.) on Friday and Saturday.

**Please stop by and view the Military History Float on display!**

**Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)**

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

The Health Fair will be at **Charles T. Moore Health Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761st Tank Battalion Ave**, 30 October, 0900-1400 hours. As of date, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) expects to have the flu vaccine for the fair. The Zostavax Vaccine (Shingles Vaccine) will be available for the Health Fair. The pneumonia shot and tetanus booster will 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 throughout the day. This year's Health Fair is based on the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for Clinical Preventative Services, and will include a combination of screenings and education.

For updated information on the availability of the flu shot at Fort Hood, CRDAMC will put the information out through local media channels. You can also call the Fort Hood Retirement Services Office for information on availability at 254-285-5926/ 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.

## **Vehicle Post Decals/Bell County Vehicle Registration/Phantom Express**

**The Vehicle Control Center:** The Vehicle Control Center has implemented an on-line post decal request system. For your convenience, you may request vehicle decals on-line via email or fax, and pick them up at the Marvin Leath Visitor Center 24 hours later on the next business day. Additionally, customers who process an on-line request do not require a ticket number. When you enter the center go to the MP counter to the far right and present your driver's license, insurance card, military ID, and State Vehicle Registration to validate the information provided on-line.

You may visit their Web site at <http://www.hood.army.mil/visitors.center.aspx?2> and email the information to the following email address: [hood.des.pmo.vehreg@conus.army.mil](mailto:hood.des.pmo.vehreg@conus.army.mil). The Marvin Leath Visitor Center is open **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**.

Military ID card holders are NOT required to have a temporary pass to enter post. Additionally, the public is welcome to visit Fort Hood and gain easy access by simply showing a current driver's license. For more information and after hours procedures, please call **(254) 287-9909**.

**Phantom Express Registration:** The Phantom Express Office is located adjacent to the Marvin Leath Visitor Center at Bldg 69005. Phantom Express is open weekdays from 7:30 to 1600. Their phone number is **(254) 553-1104**. On Saturday, 30 October the Phantom Express will be opened for special hours from 0900 to 1600 hours.

In order to register, please bring the following:

- 1) **Military (Retired) ID card**
- 2) **Valid & Current Car Insurance Card**
- 3) **Valid & Current DoD Decal Number & Expiration Date**
- 4) **Valid & Current Driver's License**
- 5) **Valid & Current Vehicle Registration**

**Bell County Vehicle Registration:** Bell County Vehicle Registration has a location on post. The Vehicle Registration is located next to the Marvin Leath Visitor Center, in Bldg 69004. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday 0800 to 1645 hours. Their phone number is **(254) 618-4180**. Please call ahead to ensure hours of operation have not changed and for additional information.

**Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)**

## Legal Assistance

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Legal Assistance will be available on 29 October 2010 from 0800 – 1600 and also on 30 October 2010, 1100 – 1600 at Bldg 4617 (corner of Santa Fe and 72d Street). For your convenience there will also be Legal Assistance available at the County Fair Location from 1030 – 1230 hours for Powers of Attorney (POA) **only**. This is a great time to update wills and POA if needed. For more information please call **(254) 287-7901 or 287-3199**.

## Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Application Assistance

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Assistance in completing CRSC applications will be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 29 October 2010, 1000 – 1400 hours and Saturday, 30 October, 0900 – 1600 hours. Please bring your DD Form 214, VA Decision Rating Letter (with disability code sheet) and any other supporting documents you would like to file with the application. Eligible applicants include Retirees who served 20 years or more 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. Due to a recent law change, Medical Retirees who have **less than 20 years** but meet the other previous criteria are also eligible to apply.

For additional information regarding the CRSC process, please visit the Web site **www.crsc.army.mil** or call 1 (866) 281-3254.

## ID Card Issue and DEERS Transitions

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ID Card Section will be open for ID Card issue and DEERS Transitions, 30 October 2010, 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 0800 – 1230 hours. See information provided under ID Cards in this newsletter for documents needed or please call 254-287-5670/2518.

## 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration

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The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 30 October 2010, 1400 hours at the 1st Cavalry Horse Stables, located near the main gate (see enclosed map).

## Fort Hood Museum Information

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### 1st Cavalry Division Museum:

Hours of Operation: 0900 to 1600 – Monday through Friday;  
1000 to 1600 Saturday; 1200 to 1600 Sunday and Federal Holidays  
The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.  
Gift Shop is open 0930 to 1600 – Monday through Friday;  
1200 to 1600 Saturday; Closed Sunday  
For additional information please call **(254) 287-3626**.

### 3d ACR Museum:

Hours of Operation: 0900 to 1600 – Monday through Friday;  
1000 to 1600 Saturday; 1200 to 1600 Sunday and Federal Holidays  
The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.  
Gift Shop is open 1200 to 1600 Tuesday through Saturday  
For additional information please call **(254) 287-8811 or 287-8812**.

## RV & Hotel Information For Retiree Appreciation Day

Retiree Appreciation Day guests requiring overnight lodging will need to personally arrange for accommodations in the civilian communities near Fort Hood. The list of local hotels/motels in this newsletter is provided for information only and does not represent official endorsement by the U.S. Army. The list was compiled from information in local telephone directories and from lists prepared by the Killeen and Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce.

### **Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) RV Parks**

Another lodging alternative is the Recreational Vehicles "RV" camp. BLORA RV parks offers a variety of RV sites complete with electricity, water, and sewer hookups, as well as picnic shelters. Sites are filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Winter prices start at \$12/single and \$15/double per day. For reservations or additional information visit their website [www.hoodmwr.com/rv\\_camp.htm](http://www.hoodmwr.com/rv_camp.htm) or call 287-2523.

## **West Fort Hood Travel Camp and local area hotels/motels**

The West Fort Hood Travel Camp offers a full service RV campground and vehicle storage facility. You may pull your recreational vehicle on line 24-hours a day, seven days a week, year round. All sites have 24-hour hook-up capabilities. Prices start at \$10.50/single for nightly back-in. For reservations or additional information visit their Web site at [www.hoodmwr.com/travel\\_camp.htm](http://www.hoodmwr.com/travel_camp.htm) or call (254) 288-9926.

**Fort Hood Guest House Reservation phone number: (254) 532-5157.**

### **Copperas Cove (adjacent to Fort Hood)**

~ **Best Western Inn & Suites**  
(254) 518-3363 or 1-800-518-4406

~ **Relax Inn**  
(254) 542-6615

~**Super 8 (Copperas Cove, TX)**  
(254) 547-2345

### **Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)**

~ **Holiday Inn Killeen/Fort Hood**  
(254) 690-5511

~ **Best Western of Killeen**  
(254) 526-6651

~**Plaza Hotel**  
(254) 634-1555

~ **Comfort Suites**  
(254) 634-5560

~ **Executive Inn**  
(254) 699-4081  
[www.executiveinnkilleen.com](http://www.executiveinnkilleen.com)

~ **Hampton Inn**

### **Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)**

(254) 554-7110

~ **Sleep Inn & Suites**  
(254) 616-2345

~**Shilo Inn Suites Hotel**  
(254) 699-0999/1-800-222-2244

~**Baymont Inn & Suites**  
(254)554-3615

**For additional information on lodging in the Copperas Cove and Killeen areas, please go to [www.copperascove.com/lodging.htm](http://www.copperascove.com/lodging.htm) or [www.gkcc.com](http://www.gkcc.com) for a more complete listing.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Fort Hood Retiree Services Web Site

You can find all sorts of information, web sites, and forms by visiting the Fort Hood Retiree Services Website. Go to [www.hood.army.mil](http://www.hood.army.mil). On the gray header column, click "Retirees"; then click on "Retiree & Veteran Support"; then click on "Retirement Services & Info." This is our site.

### Retirement Services is now on FACEBOOK!

#### Become a Fan!



Stay in the "know." By being a Retirement Services Facebook Fan, you can receive updates, changes, and new information sent directly to your Facebook page.

- 1) Go To Facebook.com
- 2) Search: Ft Hood Retirement Services
- 3) Request To Become A Fan!

For assistance, please call us at 1-800-403-6640.

### WE'RE YOUR FAN! BECOME OURS!

#### Your Fort Hood RSO Team

### *Still Proud ~ Still Serving ~ Still Saluting*



L-R: Mrs. Patricia Jackson, Human Resource Asst; Mrs. Debra Ladd, Human Resource Asst; Mrs. Beth Waller, Chief, Retirement Services; Ms. Dana Harvey, Human Resource Asst; and Mrs. Dariah Bedgood, Supervisor, Retirement Services.

The Retirement Services Office is located in Building 18010, Rm. B118, on T.J. Mills Blvd and Battalion Ave. We offer information and assistance on all retirement topics. Please keep in mind that you may choose to make a face-to-face appointment with us, to discuss any issues/concerns regarding retirement. Because many inquiries can be resolved telephonically we encourage you to call us at **(254) 287-5210, 287-3368, 285-5926 or 1-800-464-6640. We are open Mon through Wed & Fri: 0800 to 1130 and 1230 to 1600, Thurs: 0900 to 1130 and 1230 to 1600. We are closed on all federal holidays.**

**\*\*In order to prepare for Retiree Appreciation Day, we will also be closed on Friday, 8 October 2010 (Training Holiday prior to the Federal Holiday, Columbus Day, 11 October 2010). \*\***

## ID Cards / DEERS / TRICARE Information

### ID Card / DEERS / Document Requirements

| Primary                          | Secondary                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| · Drivers License (not expired ) | · Birth Certificate                                                                                                                |
| · State ID (not expired)         | · Social Security Card or Letter from Social Security Administration (SSA) with name and Social Security Number on it<br>· W2 Form |
| · Military ID (not expired)      | · Current Voters Registration                                                                                                      |
| · Passport                       |                                                                                                                                    |

**REQUIRED:** Due to Homeland Security Presidential Directive, two (2) forms of identification are required to process ID Cards for all adults; one must be a photo ID. *Sponsor must be present for all transactions or Family Members must have current verified DD Form 1172 (Application for ID Cards/DEERS Enrollment) and valid General or Special Power of Attorney (Special Power of Attorney must state ID Cards/DEERS enrollments).*

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 Cards computer system shuts down:

- a. Retirees: Retirement orders or DD Form 214
- b. Family members **must be accompanied by their Sponsor or have a valid Power of Attorney (POA)**; additionally, the following documents are required to obtain an ID Card:
  - (1) Retirement orders or DD Form 214 (for first-time Retirees).
  - (2) Birth certificate (**containing at least one of the parent's names**). If parents are NOT married, then you must present court documentation signed by a judge determining sponsor is parent.
  - (3) Marriage certificate or certified copy (with seal).
  - (4) Letter from college registrar's office stating that the dependent is a **full-time student** and the **expected date of graduation** (for dependents age 21 to 23).
  - (5) Divorce decree.
  - (6) Adoption papers.
  - (7) Unmarried surviving spouse must present DD Form 214, marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving children's ID Card.

### **ATTENTION: New Requirements for Lost/Stolen ID Cards**

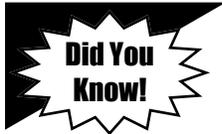
Effective 15 July 2010 new requirements concerning lost or stolen Identification Cards will now require an incident report (FH Form 7006) for replacement purposes. This requirement is applicable for all beneficiaries to include Retirees. This new requirement calls for the Sponsor and a Site Security Manager (SSM) from the servicing ID Card facility to sign the form acknowledging the lost or stolen incident. In the absence of the Sponsor a valid Power of Attorney (POA) will be required. The FH Form 7006 can be obtained from the ID Cards facility located in the Copeland Center.

### **ID Card Online Appointments**

For the convenience of the Fort Hood Copeland Soldiers Center ID Card customers (Family members, Retirees, DOD Employees (CAC), and Disabled Veterans), appointments can be made online. Log on to <https://es.cac.navy.mil/> and click "Make an Appointment." ID Card appointments must be made for each individual receiving an ID Card or obtaining a DEERS transaction/update. Appointments/cancellations **must** be made 24 hours in advance to be processed.

**For additional information, please call (254)553-4444/ (254)287-5670 or (254) 287-2518**

## ID Cards / DEERS / TRICARE Information (Continued)



### Friendly ID Card Reminder for Military Retirees

Please note that when a military retiree reaches age 65 the medical portion of their ID Card (located on the back) expires. Please see directly below for information on TRICARE For Life (for all beneficiaries 65 and older) so that medical coverage will continue.

**Medicare Benefits – Medicare Part B..... [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**

#### TRICARE For Life (TFL)

TRICARE For Life (TFL) is TRICARE's Medicare-wraparound coverage available to *all* Medicare-eligible TRICARE beneficiaries, regardless of age, provided they are eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

While Medicare is your primary insurance, TRICARE acts as your secondary payer minimizing your out-of-pocket expenses. TRICARE benefits include covering Medicare's coinsurance and deductible.

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.

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.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.mil/deers) or by:

- Visiting the nearest military personnel office that has an ID Card facility.
- Calling Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) phone 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](mailto: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..... [www.tricare4u.com](http://www.tricare4u.com)**

### For Your Convenience. . . A Few ID Card Facility Locations

| CITY                                | FACILITY                        | LOCATION                                        | HOURS OF OPERATION                      | PHONE NUMBER        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fort Hood                           | Copeland Soldier Service Center | BLDG 18010, corner of TJ Mills & BN Ave         | MON-TUE-WED-FRI: 0730<br>THU: 0900-1530 | (254) 287-5670/2518 |
| Austin, Round Rock, Georgetown Area | ID Cards Center, Camp Mabry     | BLDG 34, 2200 W 35 <sup>th</sup> St, Austin, TX | MON-SAT: 0800-1800                      | (512) 782-6841/1142 |
| Fort Worth                          | Joint Reserve Naval Air Station |                                                 | MON-SAT: 0730-1600                      | (817) 782-8244      |

## Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Information

### Obtaining New Puerto Rico Birth Certificates.....

A new law was recently passed in Puerto Rico that invalidated all Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before 30 Sep 2010. The government of Puerto Rico has launched an on-line application process for those born in Puerto Rico to request new birth certificates. Soldiers, Civilians, Retirees and their Family members who were born in Puerto Rico should follow this process.

Starting 30 Sept 2010, DEERS will only be accepting the new certified birth certificate for initial enrollment into DEERS. Any individual who used an old Puerto Rican birth certificate to be enrolled in DEERS prior to 30 Sept 2010 will remain valid. More information and FAQ's can be found at <http://www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates/>.

## Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Nurse Advice Line

### Should you go to the emergency room? Or should you wait until morning and call for an appointment?

Questions like these can be answered now by calling the Nurse Advice Line. This service is offered to all eligible military beneficiaries in the Fort Hood Community, enrolled to both Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center clinic and network clinics. This service is available 24 hours a day every day of the year by calling **(254) 553-3695**.



**For more information about the Nurse Advice Line call: 286-7609**

## Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center

### Pharmacy News

The Pharmacy at the Clear Creek Main PX 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 call: (254) 288-8911, 288-8912, 288-8917, 288-8918, 286-7295, 286-7296; **Toll-free** (Outside local calling area) **1-800-351-3636**.

#### **Refill Pharmacy at the Main PX:**

The Refill Pharmacy is located in the Fort Hood Main PX on Clear Creek Road inside the Customer Service area. Because of the large number of patients, Darnall requires that patients request refills in advance. Patients may use the 24-hour automated telephone refill system, or mail in their requests using forms provided by the pharmacy.

**Refill Pharmacy Hours:** Monday through Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Pharmacy Telephone:** (254) 288-8801 for questions or comments, call 254-288-8800 or 288-8159

**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, and Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

**Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center.....[www.hood-meddac.army.mil](http://www.hood-meddac.army.mil)**

## Retired Pay Information

### MyPay Information On-line

A convenient way to check on your retired military pay status is to log on to the Web site: <https://mypay/dfas.mil>. If you do not have an established PIN number, click on request pin number and one will be sent to you in the mail. Once you receive your temporary PIN number you will be able to log in and choose your own permanent 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!

**Retiree changes in address or 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, or change allotments and change direct deposit information by calling the toll free number below.

#### **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**  
Fax # 1-800-469-6559 (Retired Pay)

#### **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)

## Additional Information Resources

### Air Force Retiree News Line - Call Toll-Free 1 (800) 558-1404 – Service for All Military Retirees

A telephone news line system has been implemented for those Retirees and Surviving Spouses who do not have computer access. By calling **(800) 558-1404**, Retirees and Spouses can be informed using this easy-to-use menu-driven service. Callers can select from several different topics that are compiled from various electronic news sources. Topics include pay and annuity matters, medical and health care, and other benefits and entitlements. This new line joins the e-Afterburner, Air Force Retiree News Service, and Air Force Retiree Web site at [www.retirees.af.mil](http://www.retirees.af.mil) in providing the latest news and information to the service's retiree community. It is important to notice that even though the Air Force is the Lead Component sponsoring this news line, the service is FREE to use by all Retirees regardless of service component. Try it today!

## Killeen Heights Vet Center

The Killeen Heights Vet Center is located at 302 Millers Crossing, Suite 4, Harker Heights, TX 76548. The Vet Center provides many services for Veterans including readjustment counseling for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for combat veterans and support and understanding about PTSD for Family members; Sexual trauma and harassment counseling for both sexes, all eras; and Bereavement Counseling for Family members of Armed Forces Personnel who died in service of our country. For more information, call **254-953-7100**; fax number **254-953-7120**. Hours of Operations are: Mon – Fri from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, please note that Fort Hood Retirement Services has a representative at the Vet Center on Thursday afternoon, 1300 – 1600 hrs.

## Texas Veterans Commission Copperas Cove Office

The Texas Veterans Commission Copperas Cove Office is located at: 207 Cove Terrace Shopping Center, Copperas Cove (across the street for the Cove HEB and next door to the Dollar General). The Veterans Commission office assist with Employment Services for Veterans and their Family members; resume writing and review; job interview tips; career counseling; referrals for VA benefits, education, and training; public access computers for job searching and fax service.

**Your Veteran Employment Service Representatives are: Ronda Natera and Frank Zepp**

For appointments call : (254) 238-7124 / 8742; (254) 577-5944  
207 Cove Terrace Shopping Center, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522  
**All services FREE!!!**

***“Helping Veterans Starts Here!”***

## Texas Veterans Commission Information

The state of Texas has provided assistance for the veterans, their dependents and survivors since 1927. Mr. Gary Ivy is the TVC counselor at Fort Hood, Texas. His office is located in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010, Room A308, phone number **254-287-3341**. He 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.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us).

## 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 pay status. Please report deaths to the Casualty Assistance Office, Building 126, Battalion Avenue, Fort Hood or call **(254) 287-7200**.

## 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 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](http://www.acap.army.mil) for more job opportunities.

## Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is a Veterans Service Organization dedicated to helping Armed Forces Families rebuilt their lives after the tragic loss of a loved one. TAPS offers a wonderful, loving program to connect you with others who have also suffered the loss of a loved one serving in the Armed Forces. TAPS is a member of the Association of Death Education and Counseling and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, and is able to offer information about bereavement support groups throughout the nation. TAPS offers for you, 24 hours a day, free of charge resources such as: TAPS National Survivor Network, grief and trauma counseling, and crisis intervention. Additionally, TAPS offers the “Good Grief Camp” for young Survivors, the only program of its kind for children who have lost a parent, sibling or loved one in military service. The TAPS Web site, [www.TAPS.org](http://www.TAPS.org), is a place where you can find resource material, register for the Survivor Seminars, read stories from other military survivors and chat with their support group. You may also contact us at **1-800-959 TAPS (8277)**.

## 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. 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 Army Emergency Relief Office at 254-288-5003/6330 or visit their website: <http://www.hoodmwr.com/acs/frb.html#aer>.

## Retiree 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 T.J. Mills Blvd and Old Ironsides or call 287-VOLS (8657) or 286-5913.

## Troops to Teachers

### Military Retirees - Troops to Teachers Wants You!

If you have always wanted to become a teacher and you are retired military with a bachelor's degree, Troops to Teachers (TTT) has the ways and means to help you do so. TTT provides guidance to assist military retirees in selecting the certification programs that suit them the best, and then also provides financial assistance as well. TTT has two types of financial benefits for which a potential teacher might apply- either a stipend or a bonus. TTT will provide a stipend of up to \$5000 to pay for the costs of the program and processes involved in becoming certified. If a teacher gets hired at a high need campus, they will then receive additional funds as an incentive bonus of an extra \$5000. In order to establish eligibility for funding, retirees must register with the national TTT Program in Pensacola, Florida.

For additional information, please call the Texas Troops To Teachers Program in Austin at 1-800-810-5484. Meryl Kettler, the TTT coordinator, or her assistant, Sabria Epps, will be happy to answer questions and help you get registered with TTT.

**Texas Troops To Teachers.....[www.texasroopstoteachers.org/](http://www.texasroopstoteachers.org/)**

## USO Fort Hood

**Fort Hood is proud to have a USO facility on Fort Hood located at Bldg 1871, 50th Street, Ft Hood.** Hours of operation are: Monday – Wednesday: 0800 – 1900; Thursday – Friday: 0800 – 2000, and Saturday – Sunday: 1200 – 1800. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please call 254-768-2771. For more information, go to the USO website: [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org). Stop by and check out the USO Fort Hood!

## Places to stay near U.S. Military Posts

If you are planning on traveling this summer, this is a good Website to visit before you embark on your trip: <http://military-hotels.us/army-hotels.html>. You can use this Web site to learn about hotels, lodges, inns and resorts near and on US Army posts. You can also check room availability, discounts, and reservations with immediate confirmation. They also provide links to on-post temporary lodging facilities for military personnel and retirees, and links to post websites, local weather forecasts, and nearby airports.

## Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR)

***Retirees can enjoy many activities right in their own backyard at Fort Hood!  
DFMWR offers many recreational programs for retired and active-duty Soldiers and their Families.***

Club Hood is open to the public and all military ranks. Enjoy a variety of delectable dining options: daily lunch specials, Beef and Burgundy dinner on Tuesdays, Family Pasta Night on Thursdays, Surf n' Turf on Fridays or Sunday Brunch the first Sunday of every month. **Call 254-532-5073 for information and reservations.**

Stay up-to-date on all DFMWR events and activities by receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, Hood Highlights. To sign up, email [Kelsey.West@us.army.mil](mailto:Kelsey.West@us.army.mil) or call 254-287-2007.

Become a DFMWR "NIK" member. NIK members will receive "NIK" Exclusives ~ e-mail announcements about upcoming DFMWR events and activities. Sign up by visiting: [http://www.hoodmwr.com/nik\\_reg.htm](http://www.hoodmwr.com/nik_reg.htm)



~Check out Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA)! Delight in a moonlight cruise around the lake, have a guided fishing tour, bring the grandkids to a youth fishing derby or just enjoy the sunshine. Camp at BLORA by renting a cabin, or park your own RV on site. Also, a favorite Central Texas holiday tradition, "Nature in Lights." Enjoy the drive through over five miles of holiday inspired scenes. For more information on Nature in Lights, park entry fees or other BLORA activities, visit the Web site at [www.hoodmwr.com/rv\\_camp.htm](http://www.hoodmwr.com/rv_camp.htm) or call the BLORA Reservation Office at 254-287-2523.

~The Sportsmen's Center encourages and furthers interest in hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. At the center, you will find hunting, fishing and archery, and the recreational use of guns for skeet, trap or other target shooting. The club offers a gathering place for sportsmen, complete with snack bar, pro shop, hunt control office and skeet range. For more information, **call 254-532-4552** or stop by the Sportsmen's Center on Rod and Gun Loop, 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and North Avenue.

~The Courses of Clear Creek is your very own country club, located off of Clear Creek Road. Three nine-hole courses, resurfaced cart paths, a newly renovated clubhouse and top-of-the-line Pro Shop make The Courses of Clear Creek a clear choice for a leisurely afternoon of golf. Call 254-287-4130 for tee times and information.

~Take a gamble and play BINGO at the Community Events Center, every Tuesday through Saturday at 6:45 p.m. or on Sundays at 1:45 p.m. The Community Events Center is located on Clear Creek Road, Bldg. 50012, near the Main PX. Enjoy the camaraderie of other retirees and current Soldiers. For more information, call **254-532-9253**.

~Bowl a strike at Phantom Warrior Lanes. The number one state-of-the-art bowling facility in all of the Army, PWL has 48 lanes and automatic scoring displays with 42-inch display monitors. Strike Zone snack bar features a delicious cooked-to-order menu. League bowling is offered throughout the year. Call Phantom Warrior Lanes at **254-287-3424** to learn more, or stop by the facility on Clear Creek Road at Santa Fe Avenue, Building 49010.

~Looking to get away for a while? Fort Hood's Information, Ticketing and Registration center provides tickets and information for entertainment and sporting events, amusement parks, tourist attractions and popular cultural programs. Special interest tours are also offered for attractions throughout Texas and the Southwestern region. Visit ITR at the shopping center on 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn, Bldg 136, or call **254-287-7310**.

**MWR Travel Web site.....[www.armymwr.com/portal/travel](http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel)**

## AAFES Buddy List



### SIGN UP AND SAVE!

We encourage you to sign up for our local PX Buddy List. Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com); click on Local Buddy List.

**Remember when you shop the exchange online store, there is no sales tax!**

## Army Echoes

**Army Echoes is available online! Log on at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/echoes.asp>.** This site is full of information for those preparing to retire and those already retired and also their Family members. Would you like to replace your paper *Echoes* with an electronic one? Just register on the secure website and the latest issue will be sent right to your inbox.

## Some of your benefits from the State of Texas!

### **Free Driver's License for Disabled Vets**

~ Texas driver's licenses may be furnished free of charge to veterans who have service-connected disabilities rated 60% or more by the VA. Application must be made prior to the time present driver's license expires. Please contact the department of motor vehicles via their Web site at:  
[www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver\\_licensing\\_control/vetExempt.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/vetExempt.htm)

### **Free Texas Park Admission for Disabled Vets**

~ Free admission to Texas State Parks is available to any veteran who has a service-connected disability, which is rated 60% or more by VA. Application may be made at the headquarters office of any Texas State Park by providing satisfactory evidence of service-connected disability (VA letter) and your military ID card. For additional info visit their Web site at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/parkinfo/passes](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/parkinfo/passes)

### **Fishing and Hunting license for Disabled Vets**

~ Disabled veterans are eligible for special hunting and fishing licenses, at a reduced cost, for those with a service-connected disability of 60% or higher. A resident veteran as described in the law may hunt wild turkey and deer without a resident hunting license if one has acquired a resident exemption hunting license. We have provided a link to the Texas Parks and Wildlife at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild)

### **Texas State Cemetery Program**

~ In November 2001 statewide elections voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 7, a constitutional amendment that authorized the creation of up to 7 state cemeteries for veterans and their eligible Family Members. The Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen is 174 acres and will be capable of providing approximately 50,000 burial places for veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependent children. Phase I was completed prior to opening and covers approximately 62 acres, including an information center, administration building, committal shelter, columbarium for approximately 1,100 cremated remains, an assembly area for ceremonies, and approximately 6,500 in-ground burial places. Phase II will be implemented when there is a need for additional burial sites. For more information visit their Web site at:  
[www.glo.state.tx.us/KilleenCemeteryWeb/Home.htm](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/KilleenCemeteryWeb/Home.htm)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Fort Hood Phantom Distro Service.....**



In the spirit of keeping you informed with what's happening at The Great Place, Fort Hood has created a Web site with you in mind: Fort Hood Phantom Distro Service. The web site is meant to augment the Sentinel (Fort Hood's newspaper), cable TV (Commander's Access Channel 10), and publicity through DFMWR, AAFES and other command information channels. You can learn about upcoming events, special activities and much more. For a calendar of upcoming activities log on to: <http://www.hood.army.mil/phantom distro/>

### **Fort Hood's Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE).....**



We invite you to tell us what you think about Ft. Hood services. Your voice matters and it counts! "ICE" is a web based customer feedback system, which allows you to comment on over 250 Fort Hood establishments and services. Fort Hood patrons can link to the installation's ICE site by visiting [www.hood.army.mil](http://www.hood.army.mil) and click on the "ICE" button.

### **Update: Social Security Number Reduction on Military ID Cards.....**

The Department of Defense Social Security Number reduction initiative involves the phased removal of SSN's to reduce the risk of identity theft to the DOD ID card population. The first phase began in December 2008 which removed the printed SSN from all dependent identification and privilege cards; currently the sponsors' SSN still remains visible on the card.

The second phase of removing the SSN from all DOD ID cards was to be implemented by the end of 2009 but has been placed on hold pending further policy review.

### **Citizenship Through Naturalization.....**

Information on Citizenship through Naturalization is provided every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1200 – 1400 hours, Oveta Culp Hobby Bldg 18000, Battalion Ave. For more information, please call Relocation Services at (254)287-4471.

### **Bring Everyone In The Zone, Inc. (BEITZ, Inc.) .....**

**Are you in the military, a Veteran, a Survivor of a Traumatic Event, or a Family Member of someone who is?  
You are NOT alone! Help Is Available! BEITZ, Inc. is here for you!**

Bring Everyone In The Zone, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit that helps Service Members, Veterans and their Families. Our program covers three main areas, **Preparing**, **Caring** and **Sharing** (PCS). The members of our Board of Directors have served in the military since the Viet Nam era and forward. BEITZ, Inc. is made up of trained professional facilitators who volunteer so they can help people. We are not counselors but look at ourselves as travel companions, helping you to get back in the zone. For more information please log on at <http://www.bringeveryoneinthezone.org> or call (254) 423-7632 or (254) 813-5834 (24/7).

### **My Army One Source.....**

My Army One Source has a wealth of information on one website. There is information on Healthcare; Child, Youth, and School Services; Education, Careers; Recreation and Travel, Community Support, and more. Please go to [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) for more information.

## IMPORTANT WEB SITES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### Web sites that may interest you

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AKO – Army Knowledge Online.....                 | <a href="http://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml">www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml</a>                                    |
| Arlington Cemetery.....                          | <a href="http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org">www.arlingtoncemetery.org</a>                                                                  |
| Burial and Memorial Benefits.....                | <a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/">www.cem.va.gov/</a>                                                                                      |
| Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System.....    | <a href="http://www.centralexas.va.gov">www.centralexas.va.gov</a>                                                                        |
| Commissary.....                                  | <a href="http://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>                                                                            |
| Department of the Army Retirement Services ..... | <a href="http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso">www.armyg1.army.mil/rso</a>                                                                      |
| EVetRecs (request DD214 and documents).....      | <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/">www.archives.gov/veterans/</a>                                                                |
| Military Facilities .....                        | <a href="http://www.militaryliving.com">www.militaryliving.com</a>                                                                        |
| Robertson Blood Center.....                      | <a href="http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/ffhood">www.militaryblood.dod.mil/ffhood</a>                                                    |
| Social Security Administration.....              | <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>                                                                                              |
| Society for Military Widows.....                 | <a href="http://www.militarywidows.org">www.militarywidows.org</a>                                                                        |
| Space A Travel Information.....                  | <a href="http://spacea.info/">http://spacea.info/</a>                                                                                     |
| Texas Vets: Partners Across Texas.....           | <a href="http://www.texvet.com">www.texvet.com</a>                                                                                        |
| Texas Women Veterans.....                        | <a href="http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/womensprogram.html">www.tvc.state.tx.us/womensprogram.html</a>                                        |
| Travis Fund.....                                 | <a href="http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org">www.austincommunityfoundation.org</a>                                                  |
| TRICARE Information .....                        | <a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">www.tricare.osd.mil</a>                                                                              |
| TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program.....         | <a href="http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE">www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE</a>                                                      |
| TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program.....             | <a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit">www.tricare.mil/mybenefit</a>                                                                  |
| Update Address – DEERS.....                      | <a href="http://www.tricare.mil/deers/">www.tricare.mil/deers/</a>                                                                        |
| US Army Human Resources Cmd... ..                | <a href="https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm">https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm</a> |
| US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.....     | <a href="http://www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/">www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/</a>                                                                    |
| Veterans Administration (VA).....                | <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>                                                                                                |
| To obtain information regarding:                 | ~ Compensation, pension benefits and rate tables                                                                                          |
|                                                  | ~ VA health account                                                                                                                       |
|                                                  | ~ Order Prescription Medications                                                                                                          |
|                                                  | ~ VGLI Information                                                                                                                        |
|                                                  | ~ Other VA Benefits and Programs Information                                                                                              |
| VA Benefits Online Application .....             | <a href="https://vabenefits.vba.gov">https://vabenefits.vba.gov</a>                                                                       |

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AAFES (Fort Hood).....                                        | 254-532-7200                     |
| Army Retiree Mobilization.....                                | 1-800-318-5298                   |
| Army Retired Pay Operations.....                              | 1-800-321-1080                   |
| Commissary (Ft Hood I).....                                   | 254-287-6648                     |
| Commissary (Ft Hood II).....                                  | 254-287-8401                     |
| DEERS Eligibility - DMDC Center .....                         | 1-800-538-9552                   |
| 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 Services (SJA).....                           | 254-287-7901/3199                |
| Ft Hood Retirement Services.....                              | 254-287-5210..or..1-800-403-6640 |
| Ft Hood Tax Center .....                                      | 254-288-7995                     |
| Legal Services-Dallas/Ft Worth.....                           | 817-782-6007/6008                |
| Medicare.....                                                 | 1-800-633-4227                   |
| Patient Appointment, Darnall Army Medical Center.....         | 1-800-305-6421                   |
| Patient Appt, Darnall Army Medical Center (Local Number)..... | 254-288-8888                     |
| Patient Appt – Cancellations (CRDAMC) .....                   | 254-288-7777                     |
| Pharmacy, Darnall Army Medical Center.....                    | 1-800-351-3636                   |
| Reserve Retirements.....                                      | 1-800-318-5298                   |
| Robertson Blood Donor Center.....                             | 254-287-5938                     |
| Social Security Administration .....                          | 1-800-772-1213                   |
| Society for Military Widows.....                              | 1-800-842-3451                   |
| Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS).....          | 1-800-959-8277                   |
| Texas Workforce Commission.....                               | 1-512-340-4300                   |
| TRICARE For Life Info Line (65-yrs old or older).....         | 1-866-773-0404                   |
| TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.....                              | 1-877-363-1303                   |
| TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program.....                          | 1-877-363-1304                   |
| TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.....                           | 1-888-838-8737                   |
| TRICARE South Information Services .....                      | 1-800-444-5445                   |
| VA Hospital (Temple, TX).....                                 | 1-800-423-2111                   |
| Veterans Administration.....                                  | 1-800-827-1000                   |
| VGLI Account Access.....                                      | 1-800-419-1473                   |

## III Corps & Fort Hood Retiree Council

The III Corps and 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 (Pictured From Left to Right)

Row 1: MG(Ret) Stewart C. Meyer, Associate Member; CW3(Ret) George A. Hanger, Member; LTG(Ret) Dave Palmer, Co-Chairman; COL(Ret) Jack Oliver, USAF, Associate Member; LTC(Ret) Ronald L. Woodward, Member; COL(Ret) Frank D. Somera, Member; COL(Ret) Ralph Gauer, Member.

Row 2: Mrs. Beth Waller, Chief, Retirement Services; CSM(Ret) Darleen K. Kitterman, Member; CSM (Ret) Elijah King, Jr., Member; SGM(Ret) Guadalupe Lopez, Member; 1SG(Ret) Thomas R. Fisher, Member.

Row 3: SFC(Ret) Adrienne M. Evans-Quickley, Member; SCPO(Ret) Stephen R. Lubasky, USN, Member; COL(Ret) Joslyn V. Portmann, Member.

Not Pictured: CSM(Ret) Frank Minosky, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Shirley J. Greathouse, Member; Msgt (Ret) John W. Wood, Sr., USA

**ANNUAL RETIREE ROUND-UP DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

**SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER AT 1700 HRS**

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount and returning with this form NLT 15 October 2010.

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):

Name and Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number if there is a question about my reservation:  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ Will attend \$20.00 per person

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

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**STEAK & CHICKEN DINNER AT THE CLEAR CREEK COMMISSARY**

**FRIDAY, 29 OCT AT 1730 HRS**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 8 OCTOBER 2010**

**The meal is FREE! There will be prizes and you can play BINGO too!**

**Please Mail Form To: Clear Creek Commissary  
Bldg 50001  
Fort Hood, TX 76544**

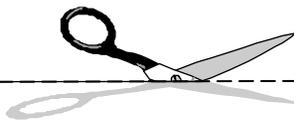
**Or RSVP by phone at (254) 287-5943, extension 201 or extension 232**

**Or E-mail to: [betty.carey@deca.mil](mailto:betty.carey@deca.mil)**

**NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_**

**See page 5 of this newsletter for additional information.**



**RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY, 29 OCT AT 0900 HRS**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 15 OCTOBER 2010 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES**

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

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek.**

**I have my own cart, circle: YES or NO Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ My age is \_\_\_\_\_**

**The entry fee will be \$40.00 this cost includes green fees, cart, purchase of prizes, and lunch.  
See page 5 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130.**

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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 return by using one of the methods listed at the bottom of this page:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rank, Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

Number of Family members who will attend with you: \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD TIMERS BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, 30 OCT AT 0700 HRS**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 15 OCTOBER 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to attend the free “Ole Timers” Breakfast” at Club Hood on 30 Oct 10.  
To attend, you must RSVP by 15 Oct 10 so we have a final count prior to the event.  
Please submit this reservation to the Fort Hood Retirement Services Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Total number in your party attending)

**LUNCH AT THEODORE ROOSEVELT DINING FACILITY – SATURDAY  
FROM 1130 TO 1400 HRS**

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to attend lunch in the THEODORE ROOSEVELT dining facility on  
Saturday, 30 Oct 10.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending (\$4.85 cash per person, pay when served) (Price Subject To Change)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FT HOOD RETIREMENT SERVICES  
OFFICE TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 15 OCTOBER 2010.**

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, FORMS CAN BE RETURNED BY:**

1. MAIL to:  
Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood,  
ATTN: DHR/Retirement Services  
Bldg 18010  
Fort Hood, TX, 76544-5056
2. E-MAIL to: [HOOD.DHR.IAG.RETSVCS@conus.army.mil](mailto:HOOD.DHR.IAG.RETSVCS@conus.army.mil)
3. FAX to: (254) 286-5618

**THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

