

Fort Hood

Retirement Services Bulletin

Still Proud ~ Still Serving ~ Still Saluting

September 2011

By Fort Hood Retirement Services

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A Note From The Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood And Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood

Our military and their Families have provided a blanket of freedom that no other nation can parallel. Your service and dedication inspires others to serve and put the needs of many before their own. I can think of nothing more honorable than serving your nation. In the last week of October, Fort Hood will open its doors to military retirees, their Families, and all Gold Star Families in Central Texas for a weekend of retiree activities. The weekend is designed with you in mind and it is a great time to reflect on your service and the sacrifices you and your families have made to ensure the liberties of others.

As military retirees, you understand honor and sacrifice which comes with dedicated military service. You are tremendous assets to Fort Hood and the Central Texas communities. Your support, experience, and dedication help make Fort Hood the best military installation in the country. Because of your loyalty and support, Fort Hood and the Central Texas community remain one of the strongest and best military communities in the world. Thank you for your decades of service to this nation and this community.

Like you did when you served, today's generation of Soldiers are doing a tremendous job preserving our way of life. Through their dedication and sacrifice, we continue to enjoy our freedoms and liberties. They have earned the respect and confidence of the American people as they continue to put their lives in harm's way for our nation's security. No one understands the hardships our Soldiers and their Families currently face better than you. I ask that you keep these warriors in your thoughts as you continue to serve the nation and the Central Texas family.

We are proud to have you in our community and honored to have served with you. We thank you as you continue to live the Army Retiree Motto: Still Proud- Still Serving-Still Saluting.

Sincerely,

LTG Donald M. Campbell, Jr., Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood

CSM Arthur L. Coleman, Jr., Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood

A Note From The Garrison Commander & Garrison Command Sergeant Major

Once again Fort Hood opens its gates on 28 & 29 October 2011 for the 37th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day to show our deepest appreciation for the service of all Military Retirees, their Families, and Survivors. We have a weekend of special events and services designed with you in mind. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and service. You and your Families are valued members of our community and add immensely to its character and resiliency. Your individual and collective contributions to our Army Family are immeasurable. This current generation knows it owes all of you a debt of gratitude and is repaying it by their continued gallant service. You have left a great legacy for our young men and women to follow.

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 Michael E. Ashford, Fort Hood Garrison Command Sergeant Major

A Note From The Director, Human Resources

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. This year on October 28 & 29, 2011, Fort Hood welcomes all Military Retirees, their Spouses, and Survivors to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. I also want to thank you for your continued support and service. Your many contributions, sacrifices, heroism and dedication to our Armed Services are without a doubt the reasons for America's freedom. You are great assets to Fort Hood and Central Texas and we are proud to have so many that have done so much in our community.

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

A Note From The Installation Adjutant General

We proudly welcome you to the 37th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day. Your lifetime of devoted service to our Nation truly reflects your patriotism for our country. Today we thank you, your Family members, and Surviving Family members for all your sacrifices and the freedom we enjoy.

We are happy that one of the continued events this year is the Friday Dinner (28 Oct) sponsored by the Clear Creek Commissary. Many of you have enjoyed this event the last few years. It will be held at the Phantom Warrior Center, 28 Oct, 1900 hrs. Due to capacity restraints, invitees and their guest are limited to 300. For more information, please see page 8 of this newsletter.

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. We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day!

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

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; COL(Ret) Jack Oliver, USAF, Associate Member; LTC(Ret) Ronald L. Woodward, Member; Mrs. Beth Waller, Former Chief, Retirement Services; SGM(Ret) Guadalupe Lopez, Member; 1SG(Ret) Thomas R. Fisher, Member CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky, Co-Chairman;

Row 2: CSM(Ret) Elijah King, Jr., Member; GEN(Ret) Benjamin S. Griffin, Co-Chairman; COL(Ret) Joslyn V. Portmann, Member; LTC(Ret) Pat Christ; LTC(Ret) Michael D. Hilliard, Member; CSM(Ret) Darleen K. Kitterman, Member.

Not Pictured: COL(Ret) Ralph Gauer, Member; COL(Ret) Frank D. Somera, Member; CSM(Ret) Stanley Small, Member; SCPO(Ret) Stephen R. Lubasky, USN, Member; Msgt (Ret) John W. Wood, Sr., USAF, Member; SFC(Ret) Adrienne M. Evans-Quickley, Member; Mrs. Shirley J. Greathouse, Surviving Spouse, Member.

FORT HOOD RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE 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. 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) "LIKE" Us and 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

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L-R (Back Row): Mrs. Debra Ladd, Human Resource Asst; Mrs. Dariah Bedgood, Chief, Retirement Services
L-R (Front Row); Mrs. Patricia Jackson, Human Resource Asst; and Ms. Dana Harvey, Human Resource Asst.

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 retirement topics. We encourage you to make an appointment with us, to discuss any issues/concerns regarding retirement. Because many inquires can be resolved telephonically we also encourage you to call us prior to coming in at **(254) 287-5210, 287-3368, 285-5926 or 1-800-403-6640**. **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 and Training Holidays.**

37th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2011

0800 - 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	BLDG 4617, 72d & SANTA FE
0800 - 1600	VA MOBILE VET CENTER	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 - TBD	RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT	COURSES OF CLEAR CREEK
0900 - 1130	CRDAMC - FLU SHOTS ONLY	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 - 1500	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1600 - 1700	RETIREE CELEBRATION (Retirement Ceremony)	III CORPS FLAGPOLE
1900 - TBD	****STEAK OR CHICKEN DINNER**** ****PRIOR RESERVATION REQUIRED**** ****Invitee: Retiree, Spouse, And Surviving Spouse Only**** SPONSORED BY CLEAR CREEK COMMISSARY - LIMITED TO 150 INVITEES PLUS 1 GUEST	PHANTOM WARRIOR CENTER 761 ST Tank Bn Ave & 37 th St

SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2011

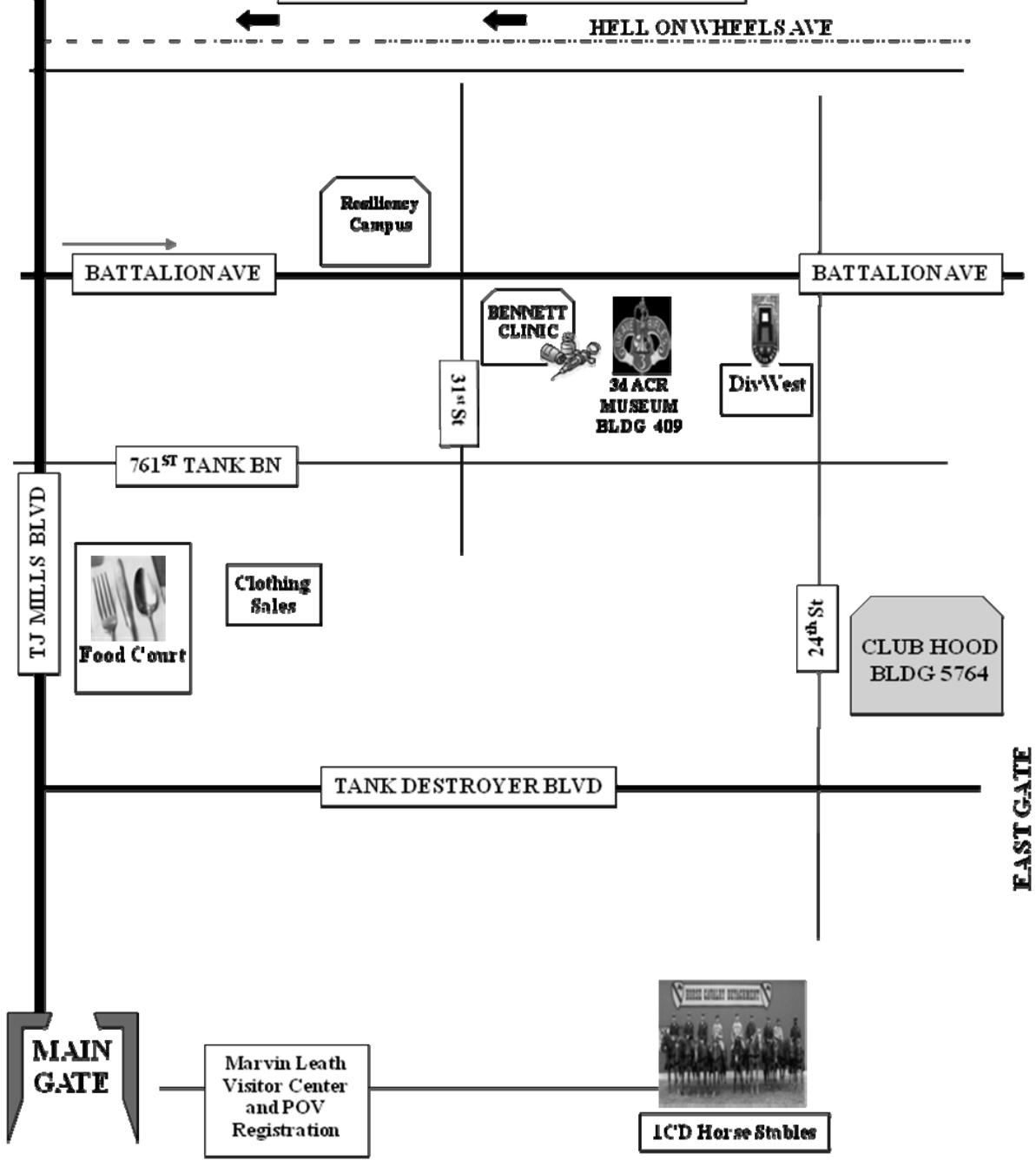
0700 - 0845	BREAKFAST (COST \$5 AT DOOR)	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764
0900 - 1030	OPENING CEREMONY	CLUB HOOD, MAIN BALLROOM
1030 - 1200	COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764
0900 - 1400	HEALTH FAIR, CRDAMC	MOORE CLINIC, Bldg 2245, 761 st Tank Bn
0800 - 1600	VA MOBILE VET CENTER	BLDG 18010 PARKING LOT
0900 - 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, before Main Gate (Visitor Center)
1100 - 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE (WILLS, POA, ETC)	BLDG 4617, 72d & Santa Fe
1130 - 1400	LUNCH	BLACKJACK DFAC BLDG 34002, 75 TH & Old Ironsides Ave
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 Social Hour: 1700-1800	CLUB HOOD, BLDG 5764

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

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

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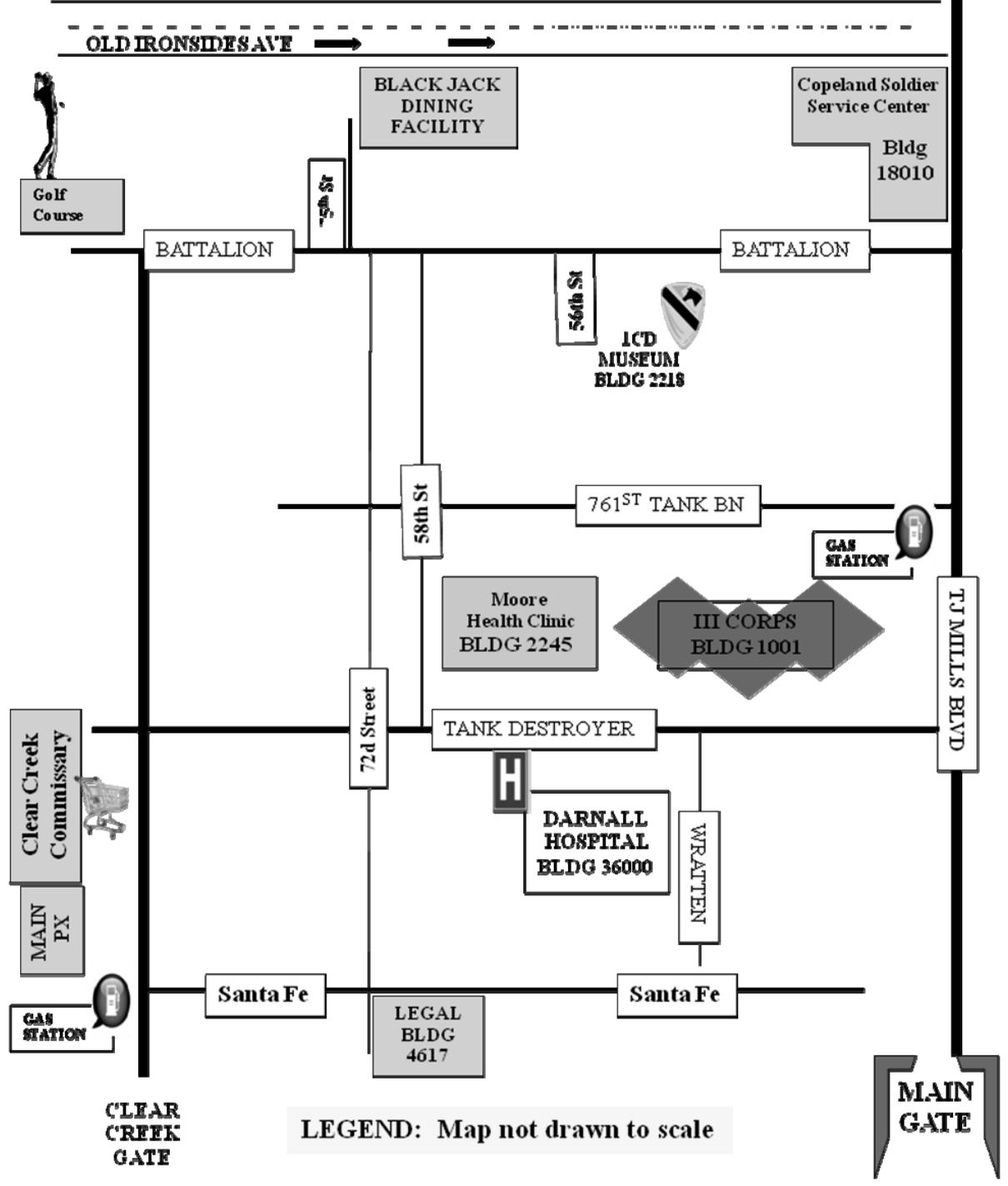


* Bus transportation will be available on Saturday 29 October 2011 from Club Hood



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Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Retired Military Golf Tournament

The Thirtieth Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 28 October 2011, 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 by 25 Oct 11.** The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. The entry fee is \$45.00 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, 28 October 2011, 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 2011 (to be announced).

Clear Creek Commissary "Steak or Chicken" Dinner

We are glad that once again the Clear Creek Commissary will sponsor a dinner for Retirees, their Spouses, and Surviving Spouses! It will be held on Friday, 28 Oct at the Phantom Warrior Center starting at **1900 hours.** The meal is free and there will be Bingo and Prizes, too! The menu will be Steak or Chicken, baked beans and potato salad. In order for the Commissary to have enough food for everyone you must RSVP. Because the Phantom Warrior Center will only hold 300, the dinner is limited to 150 Invitees (Retirees, their Spouse or 1 guest, and Surviving Spouses plus one guest for a total of 300. Because of limited space confirmation numbers will be given. **Please RSVP to Retirement Services at (254) 287-5210/3368/8761/285-5926 as soon as possible and you will be given a confirmation number.** Once 150 invitees plus their guest have been reached no additional confirmation numbers can be given.

"Ole Timers Breakfast"

The "Ole Timers Breakfast" will be held on 29 Oct from 0700 hours to 0845 hours at Club Hood. **Please RSVP NLT 15 Oct 11.** Due to rising costs, there will be a \$5.00 charge per person at the door. Please return enclosed registration form at the back of this newsletter if you would like to attend. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns, Grits, Biscuits, SOS, Coffee or Hot Tea.

Opening Ceremony/County Fair

On Saturday, 29 October 2011, 0900, the Opening Ceremony will be held at Club Hood Main Ballroom. The guest speaker will be announced at a later date. The opening ceremony will be followed by the County (Info) Fair also at Club Hood from 1030 to 1200 hours. There will be over 30 service providers and organizations represented at the county fair. 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 **Blackjack Dining Facility, Bldg 34002** (1st Cavalry Division area) located on **75th Street and Old Ironsides Ave.** 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

Club Hood will be the location for the 2011 Retiree Appreciation 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 Marinated London Broil Steak with mushroom sauce, a baked potato, green bean almandine, tossed green salad and dinner rolls with butter, Iced Tea, coffee, and water. There will also be an assortment of desserts.

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 19 October 2011. 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 19 October 2011.

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. When fully operational, Veterans will be able to apply for benefits and have their documentation transmitted to VA on the spot. **"New Claims Only"**



~~~~ 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, 28 – 29 Oct 11  
from 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1600 hours**

## Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)

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

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The Health Fair will be at Charles T. Moore Health Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion Ave, 29 October, 0900-1400 hours. This venue will provide a "Festive Theme" and an opportunity for fun, and a combination of screenings and educational programs to be held at various times throughout the day. 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.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

### ***'Vax and go!' - the speedy way to beat the lines at the Health Fair!***

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Also, please note that for your convenience, **"Flu Shots Only"** will be provided on Friday, 28 October 2011, at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center from 0900 to 1130 hrs.

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

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The Marvin Leath Visitor Center is open **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. For more information, please call **(254) 287-9909**.

**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. For online procedures, please visit their website at <http://www.hood.army.mil/visitors.center.aspx?2>.

**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 0800 to 1600 hrs. Their phone number is **(254) 553-1104**. Please call ahead to ensure their hours have not changed. 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 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***

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***

Assistance in completing CRSC applications will be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 28 October 2010, 0900 – 1500 hours and Saturday, 29 October, 0900 – 1600 hours. 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 program, please visit the Web site <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/index.html> or call 1 (866) 281-3254.

### ***ID Card Issue and DEERS Transitions***

ID Card Section will be open for ID Card issue and DEERS Transitions, 29 October 2011, from 0900 – 1600 hours in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Bldg 18010. See information provided under ID Cards in this newsletter for documents needed or please call 254-287-5670/2518.

### ***1st Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration***

The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 29 October 2011, 1400 hours at the 1st Cavalry Horse Stables, located near the main gate (see enclosed map).

### ***Fort Hood Museum Information***

#### **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 288-3590**.

## 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 lodging 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 Local Chambers of Commerce.

### **Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) RV Parks & West Fort Hood Travel Camp**

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. However, for Retiree Appreciation Day, if you call 24 hrs. in advance and a space is available, it can be held for you for 24 hours. 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** and ask for **Mr. Mike Minner or Ms. Dee Cawthorn**.

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. Sites are filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. However, for Retiree Appreciation Day, if you call 24 hrs. in advance and a space is available, it can be held for you for 24 hours. 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** and ask for **Ms. Mary Kempt**.

### **Fort Hood Guest House Number and Local Lodging Information**

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**  
(254) 547-2345

~ **Cactus Inn & Suites**  
(254) 547-4271

~**Comfort Suites**  
(254) 518-8840

~**Days Inn Copperas Cove**  
(254) 547-1599

**Luxury Inn & Suites**  
254-518-2601

#### **Harker Heights (adjacent to Killeen)**

~**Super 8**  
(254) 698-6900

~ **Heights Inn**  
(254) 690-8700

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

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

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

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

~ **Executive Inn**  
(254) 699-4081

~ **Hampton Inn**  
(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

~**Quality Inn & Suites Killeen**  
(254) 554-6633

For additional information on lodging in the Copperas Cove and Killeen areas, please go to [www.copperascove.com/visit/lodging.aspx](http://www.copperascove.com/visit/lodging.aspx); <http://www.hhchamber.net/business-directory.html>, or [www.gkcc.com](http://www.gkcc.com) for a more complete listing.

## ID Cards / DEERS / TRICARE Information

### ***ID Card / DEERS / Document Requirements***

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

**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: 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 Fort Hood ID Card Services at (254) 553-4444/ (254)287-5670 or (254) 287-2518**

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

***For Your Convenience. . . DEERS RAPIDS SITE LOCATOR (ID CARD FACILITIES)***

To find the nearest ID Card Facility near you, please go to website:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/>

You are encouraged to call ahead to check hours of operation and documents needed.



***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)**

## General 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/mypay.aspx> . If you do not have an established PIN number, click on request pin number and one will be sent to you in the mail. 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 71742-7130  
**Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080**  
Fax #: 1-800-468-6559 (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)

## Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center

### Pharmacy News

The Refill 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**.

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. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday: Closed

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

## 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**

## Additional Information Resources

### 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.

### 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**

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 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)**, or 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.

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.texastroopstoteachers.org/](http://www.texastroopstoteachers.org/)**

## 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.

## 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!**

## Commissary Information

For more information on your commissary and current specials, please log on to:

<http://www.commissaries.com/>. You can locate your local commissary, build a shopping list, and check out the specials in your area. You will need to log in for some services.

**Check out how your commissary can save an average of 30% or more!**

## 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.

## 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.***

Stay up-to-date on all DFMWR events and activities by receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, Hood Highlights. To sign up, please go to [www.hoodmwr.com](http://www.hoodmwr.com) and click on Hood Highlights.

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)

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

## 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/driverlicense/VetExempt.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverlicense/VetExempt.htm)

### **Military and Veterans: Specialty License Plates**

~If you serve or have served in the U.S. armed forces, you can support your service by displaying military or veteran plates. Applicants must have been honorably discharged if no longer a member of the service. The surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible for a military or veteran specialty license plates (except for Disabled Veteran plates due to ADA requirements) can continue to register one vehicle with the specialty license plate as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

Additional guidelines, including fees, vary per individual military or veteran plate. For more information, please logon to:

[http://www.txdmv.gov/vehicles/license\\_plates/qualifying/military.htm](http://www.txdmv.gov/vehicles/license_plates/qualifying/military.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 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. 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/](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.

### **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.

### **The National Resource Directory.....**



Connecting Wounded Warriors, Service Members, Veterans, Their Families and Caregivers with Those Who Support Them

<https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/>

### **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) or send an e-mail to: [mail@bringeveryoneinthezone.org](mailto:mail@bringeveryoneinthezone.org).

## 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/">www.us.army.mil/</a>                                                                                    |
| Arlington Cemetery.....                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil">www.arlingtoncemetery.mil</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.centraltexas.va.gov">www.centraltexas.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>                                                                        |
| My Army One Source.....                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.myarmyonesource.com">www.myarmyonesource.com</a>                                                                      |
| Robertson Blood Center.....                                                                                                                           | <a href="http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/ft Hood">www.militaryblood.dod.mil/ft Hood</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.org">www.texvet.org</a>                                                                                        |
| Texas Women Veterans.....                                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.texas-veterans.com/claims/women-veterans-program">www.texas-veterans.com/claims/women-veterans-program</a>            |
| Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.....                                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.TAPS.org">www.TAPS.org</a>                                                                                            |
| Travis Fund.....                                                                                                                                      | <a href="http://www.thetravisfund.org">www.thetravisfund.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.uscourts.cavc.gov/">http://www.uscourts.cavc.gov/</a>                                                                 |
| Veterans Administration (VA).....                                                                                                                     | <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>                                                                                                |
| <b>To obtain information regarding: Compensation, VA Health Account, VGLI,<br/>Order Prescription Medications, and other VA Benefits and Programs</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| VA Benefits Online Application .....                                                                                                                  | <a href="https://ebenefits.va.gov">https://ebenefits.va.gov</a>                                                                           |

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AAFES (Fort Hood).....                                        | 254-532-7200                     |
| Air Force News Line.....                                      | 1-800-558-1404                   |
| Army Retiree Mobilization.....                                | 1-888-276-9472                   |
| 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.....                                      | 1-888-276-9472                   |
| 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                   |

**ANNUAL RETIREE ROUND-UP DINNER RESERVATION FORM**  
**SATURDAY, 29 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 14 October 2011.

For more information please call (254) 526-9551. Also, please see page 9 of this newsletter.

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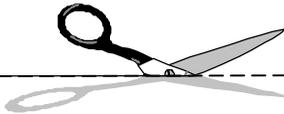
**STEAK & CHICKEN DINNER AT THE CLEAR CREEK COMMISSARY**

**FRIDAY, 28 OCT AT 1900 HRS**

**PHONE-IN RESERVATIONS ONLY**

Because the Phantom Warrior Center will only hold 300, the dinner is limited to 150 Invitees (Retirees, their Spouse or 1 guest, and Surviving Spouses plus one guest for a total of 300. Because of limited space confirmation numbers will be given. **Please RSVP to Retirement Services at (254) 287-5210/3368/8761/285-5926 as soon as possible and you will be given a confirmation number.** Once 150 invitees plus their guest have been reached no additional confirmation numbers can be given.

**Please see page 8 of this newsletter for additional information.**



**RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY, 28 OCT AT 0900 HRS**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 25 OCTOBER 2011 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 \$45.00 this cost includes green fees, cart, purchase of prizes, and lunch.  
See page 8 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130.**

**Please see page 8 of this newsletter for additional information.**

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**RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY REGISTRATION /  
SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH RSVP FORM**

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

**BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, 29 OCT AT 0700 HRS**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 14 OCTOBER 2011**  
**COST \$5 AT DOOR**

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to attend "Breakfast" at Club Hood on 29 Oct 11.  
**To attend, you must RSVP by 14 Oct 11 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, 29 Oct 11.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 14 OCTOBER 2011.**

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