

FORT HOOD RETIREMENT SERVICES BULLETIN



Still Proud ~ Still Serving ~ Still Saluting

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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

As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country whose citizens hold our service members and veterans in high regard. I can think of nothing more honorable than serving your nation and providing a blanket of freedom that no other nation can parallel. On the last weekend in October, Fort Hood opens its doors to military retirees, their Families and all Gold Star Families of Central Texas for a weekend of activities and services designed with you in mind. It is also a time to reflect and remember what makes our Country so great. We reflect not only on how our great Nation came to be, but also on those who made that dream possible.

As a retiree, you understand honor and sacrifice which comes with dedicated military service. Your experience and dedication help to 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.

Today's generation of Soldiers is doing their part to preserve our way of life, and we continue to be astounded at their accomplishments. They are faced with obstacles few before them have faced in nations that have only known tyranny and chaos, and still they continue to succeed. 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.



Lieutenant General
Donald M. Campbell, Jr



Command Sergeant Major
Arthur L. Coleman, Jr.

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

Serving our Nation’s military is one of the most admirable professions and accomplishments we know. Once again Fort Hood opens its gates on 26 & 27 October 2012 for the 38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day to show our deepest appreciation for the service of all Military Retirees, their Families, and Survivors. We likewise pass along our praise and admiration to you today for your lifelong service and sacrifice. Our Nation’s freedom is the result of your unequivocal love and honor to duty and country. Your individual and collective contributions to our Army Family are immeasurable. 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!



Colonel Matthew Elledge,
Fort Hood Garrison Commander

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Command Sergeant Major Douglas R. Gault,
Fort Hood Garrison Command Sergeant Major

A Note From The Director, Human Resources

This year on 26 & 27 October 2012, Fort Hood opens its gates to all Military Retirees and their Families to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. We sincerely hope you enjoy your visit to the “Great Place.” I want 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 uniqueness and strength. This current generation knows it owes all of you a debt of gratitude and is repaying it by their continued gallant service.

We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day.
Sincerely, Mr. Charles E. Green, Sr., Director, Human Resources



A Note From The Installation Adjutant General

Once again we proudly welcome you to our 38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day. Your service to our Nation truly reflects your patriotism for our country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your Family members, and the surviving Family members for the many contributions, sacrifices, and dedication to our Armed Services. We are proud to have in our community so many that have done so much to keep our Nation free.

If you have any suggestions to improve this newsletter or the Retiree Appreciation Day, please give us your feedback. Ms. Dariah Bedgood and Ms. Debra Ladd 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 to the Central Texas area.

We look forward to seeing you.
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 the 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: CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Shirley Greathouse, Surviving Spouse; Msgt (Ret) John Wood, Member; COL (Ret) John Oliver, Associate Member; GEN (Ret) Benjamin Griffin, Co-Chairman; LTC (Ret) Ronald Woodward, Member; Col (Ret) Frank Somera, Member; 1SG (Ret) Thomas Fisher, Member.

Row 2: CW3 (Ret) George Hanger, Associate Member; COL (Ret) Ralph Gauer, Member; LTC (Ret) Pat Christ, Member; GEN (Ret) Stewart Meyer, Associate Member; CSM(Ret) Stanley Small, Member.

Row 3: Dariah Bedgood, Chief RSO; SCPO (Ret) Stephen Lubasky, Member; COL (Ret) Joslyn Portmann, Member; SFC (Ret) Adrienne Evans-Quickley.

Not Pictured: LTC (Ret) Barbara MacMillan, Member; CSM (Ret) Elijah King, Jr., Member; CSM (Ret) Divina Bobb, Member; SGM (Ret) Guadalupe, Member.

YOUR FT. HOOD ANNUAL NEWSLETTER IS GOING PAPERLESS

To ensure future receipt of the Ft. Hood Annual Newsletter please submit your email address to usarmy.hood.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retsvcs@mail.mil, Be sure to place: **NEWSLETTER**, as your subject. Your email will not be shared and will only be used for the purpose of sending out the Ft. Hood Annual Newsletter. Future newsletters will also be available online at http://www.hood.army.mil/dhr/rso_newsletters.htm.

FORT HOOD RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE INFORMATION

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/veterans.aspx and then click on "Retirement Services & Info." This is our site.

Retirement Services is now on FACEBOOK!



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!

WE'RE YOUR FAN! BECOME OURS!

Your Fort Hood RSO Team

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Mrs. Dariah Bedgood
Chief, Retirement Services Officer



Mrs. Debra Ladd
Assistant Retirement Services Officer

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 or 1-800-403-6640**. **We are open Mon through Wed: 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1600; Fri: 0800 to 1200.** **We are closed on Thursday's and Friday afternoons. We are also closed all Federal Holidays and Training Holidays.**

38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2012

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	RETIREMENT CELEBRATION	III CORPS FLAGPOLE
1900 - TBD	BREAKFAST FOR 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, 27 OCTOBER 2012

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	DFAC (TBD)
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 Toll Free: 1-800-403-6640**



Retired Military Golf Tournament

The Thirty-First Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 26 October 2012, 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 26 Oct 12.** 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 will be held **Friday, 26 October 2012, 1600 hours at the III Corps Flagpole.** This celebration 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 2012 (to be announced).

Clear Creek Commissary “Breakfast for 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, 26 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 Breakfast for Dinner. 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 or 1-800-403-6640 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 27 Oct from 0700 hours to 0845 hours at Club Hood. **Please RSVP NLT 15 Oct 12.** 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, 27 October 2012, 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.



Lunch at Troop Dining Facility

Please note that lunch this year will be at TBD. There will be a special Retiree Day menu for lunch. **Cost:** \$5.20 (cost subject to change – pay at Dining Facility – cash only please).



Legal Assistance

Legal Assistance will be available on 26 October 2012 from 0800 – 1600 and also on 27 October 2012, 1100 – 1600 at Bldg 4617, 72d & Santa Fe. For more information please call **(254) 287-7901 or 287-3199.**

1st Cavalry Horse

Detachment Demonstration

The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 27 October 2012, 1400 hours at the 1st Cavalry Horse Stables, located near the main gate.



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, 27 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.

***Please note that for your convenience, "**Flu Shots Only**" will be provided on Friday, 26 October 2012, at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center from 0900 to 1130 hrs.



CRSC



Combat Related Special Compensation Application Assistance

Assistance in completing CRSC applications will be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 26 October 2012, 0900 – 1500 hours and Saturday, 27 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.



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.

Vehicle Post Decals/Bell County Vehicle Registration/Phantom Express

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.

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**

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



Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)

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**.

VA Mobile Counseling Center

OPEN HOUSE!

Friday and Saturday, 26 – 27 Oct 12 from 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1600 hours

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"**

**Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010
Corner of TJ Mills Blvd and Battalion**



Retiree Appreciation Round-Up Dinner

Club Hood will be the location for the 2012 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 Roast Sirloin of Beef with mushroom gravy, served with baked potato, and vegetable blend, toss 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*. 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 15 October 2012. 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 15 October 2012.

For more information please contact Tammy Nickles at the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce at 254-526-9551 or email tnickles@gkcc.com



ID Cards / DEERS Information

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. EMERGENCY WALK-IN SERVICE AVERAGES A 1-2 HOUR WAIT TIME.

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

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 for first time retirees.
- 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
 - (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 (original or certified)
- (6) Adoption papers (original or certified)
- (7) Unmarried surviving spouse must present 2 forms of valid ID's (State of Federal issued). First time surviving spouse: marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving children's ID Card.

ID Card Online Appointments

To make online appointments, Log on to <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.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

DID YOU KNOW!

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, documents needed and system status.

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.

General Information



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 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. 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
Medicare Part B.....www.medicare.gov



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>. 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). 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.

For Retired PAY:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Cleveland Center
PO Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080
Fax #: 1-800-468-6559 (Retired Pay)

For Annuity or SBP Information:

DFAS-US Military Annuitant Pay
PO box 7130
London, KY 71742-7130
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080
Fax #: 1-800-982-8459 (Annuitant Pay)

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.

General Information (Continued)

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>.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)



The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is a Veterans Service Organization dedicated to helping Armed Forces Families rebuild 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, or you may also contact us at **1-800-959 TAPS (8277)**.

Web sites that may interest you

AKO – Army Knowledge Online
www.us.army.mil/

Arlington Cemetery
www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

Burial and Memorial Benefits
www.cem.va.gov/

Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Commissary
www.commissaries.com

Department of the Army Retirement Services
www.armyg1.army.mil/rso

EVetRecs (request DD214 and documents)
www.archives.gov/veterans/

Military Facilities
www.militaryliving.com

My Army One Source
www.myarmyonesource.com

Robertson Blood Center
militaryblood.dod.mil/fthood

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov

Society for Military Widows
www.militarywidows.org

Texas Vets: Partners Across Texas
www.texvet.org

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
www.TAPS.org

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program
www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE

TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program
www.tricare.mil/mybenefit

Update Address – DEERS
www.tricare.mil/deers/

US Army Human Resources Cmd
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm>

US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
<http://www.uscourts.cavc.gov/>

Veterans Administration (VA)
www.va.gov

VA Benefits Online Application
www.ebenefits.va.gov

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

<p>AAFES (Fort Hood) 254-532-7200</p> <p>Air Force News Line 1-800-558-1404</p> <p>Human Resource Contact Center 1-888-276-9472</p> <p>Army Retired Pay Operations 1-800-321-1080</p> <p>Commissary (Clear Creek) 254-287-6648</p> <p>Commissary (Warrior Way) 254-287-8401</p> <p>DEERS Eligibility - DMDC Center 1-800-538-9552</p> <p>Ft Hood Guest House Reservations 254-532-5157</p> <p>Fort Hood ID Card Office 254-287-2518/5670</p> <p>Fort Hood Information 254-287-1110</p> <p>Fort Hood Legal Services (SJA) 254-287-7901/3199</p> <p>Ft Hood Retirement Services 254-287-5210..or..1-800-403-6640</p>	<p>Ft Hood Tax Center 254-288-7995</p> <p>Legal Services-Dallas/Ft Worth 817-782-6007/6008</p> <p>Medicare 1-800-633-4227</p> <p>Patient Appointment, Darnall Army Medical Center 1-800-305-6421</p> <p>Patient Appt, Darnall Army Medical Center (Local Number) 254-288-8888</p> <p>Patient Appt – Cancellations (CRDAMC) 254-288-7777</p> <p>Pharmacy, Darnall Army Medical Center 1-800-351-3636</p> <p>Reserve Retirements Human Resource Contact Center 1-888-276-9472</p> <p>Robertson Blood Donor Center 254-287-5938</p> <p>Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213</p>	<p>Society for Military Widows 1-800-842-3451</p> <p>Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) 1-800-959-8277</p> <p>Texas Workforce Commission 1-512-340-4300</p> <p>TRICARE For Life Info Line (65-yrs old or older) 1-866-773-0404</p> <p>TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy 1-877-363-1303</p> <p>TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program 1-877-363-1304</p> <p>TRICARE Retiree Dental Program 1-888-838-8737</p> <p>TRICARE South Information Services 1-800-444-5445</p> <p>VA Hospital (Temple, TX) 1-800-423-2111</p> <p>Veterans Administration 1-800-827-1000</p> <p>VGLI Account Access 1-800-419-1473</p>
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BRAIN TEASER

<p>AIR FORCE</p> <p>AMERICAN</p> <p>ARMY</p> <p>COAST GUARD</p> <p>COUNTRY</p> <p>FAMILY</p> <p>MARINE</p> <p>NATION</p>	<p>NAVY</p> <p>PROUD</p> <p>RETIREE</p> <p>RSO</p> <p>SAILOR</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>VETERAN</p>
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ANNUAL RETIREE ROUND-UP DINNER RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY, 27 OCTOBER AT 1700 HRS

**** DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 15 OCTOBER 2012 ****

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount with this form to the address directly below.

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: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

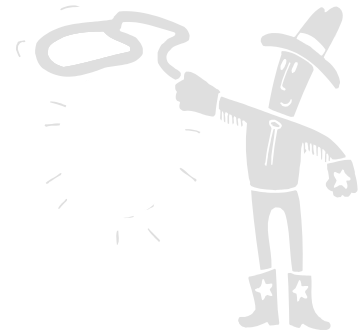
Guests: _____

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.

For more information please call (254) 526-9551. Also, please see page 8 of this newsletter.

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RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

– FRIDAY, 26 OCT AT 0900 HRS–

**** DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 26 OCTOBER 2012 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES ****

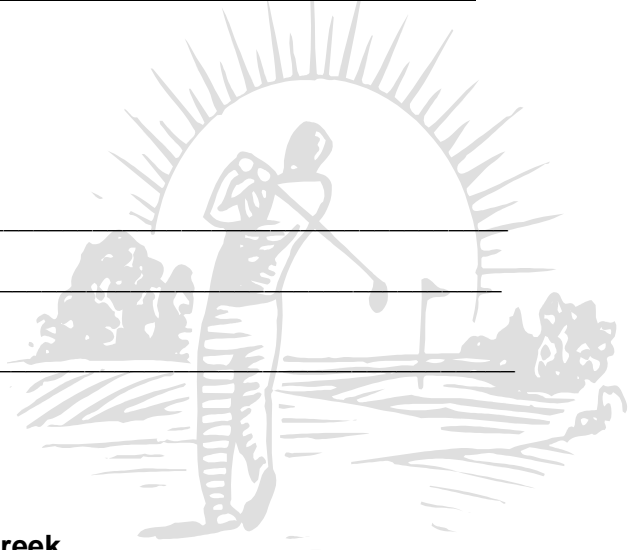
SEND ENTRY TO: Business Operations Division
The Courses of Clear Creek
P. O. Box K
Fort Hood, TX 76544

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

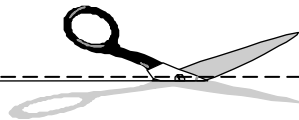


MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek.

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.

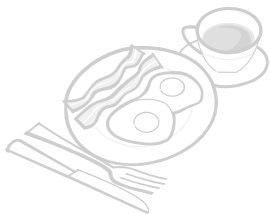


BREAKFAST REGISTRATION

– SATURDAY, 27 OCT AT 0700 HRS–

****DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 14 OCTOBER 2012****

COST \$5 AT DOOR
(PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ANY MONEY)



_____ I desire to attend "Breakfast" at Club Hood on 27 Oct 12.

To attend, you must RSVP by 14 Oct 12 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.



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

THE ARMY RETIREMENT SERVICES EMBLEM.

Cdr, III Corps and Fort Hood
ATTN: DHR/Retirement Services
Fort Hood, TX 76544
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