

Fort Hood Retirement Services Bulletin

Once a Soldier ~ Always a Soldier ~ Soldier for Life

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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



Greetings Retired Soldiers and Families,

Thank you for your decades of service to this Nation and community. As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country whose citizens hold our service members, veterans and their Families in high regard. As military retirees, you understand both the honor and the sacrifice which comes with service to a Nation. As veterans you have a clear understanding of the sacrifices our country calls upon our military service members to make. I would ask each of you to continue to tell the Army story - let your friends and neighbors know of the tremendous sacrifices that our Soldiers make because you have been there, and you know firsthand. Your viewpoint as veterans within our communities gives you a unique and valuable perspective. You have our respect and appreciation, and we urge you to remain active proponents of our military men and women as they stand for America's freedom.

On 28 and 29 October 2016, Fort Hood will open its gates to all military retirees, their Families, and survivors to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. The weekend is designed with you in mind. Because of your loyalty and support, Fort Hood and its surrounding communities remain one of the strongest and best military communities in the world. We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day and thank you as you continue to live the Army Retired Motto: Soldier for Life.

Sincerely,

LTG Sean B. MacFarland, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood
CSM Alonzo J. Smith, Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood

42d Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

Friday, 28 OCTOBER 2016

0800 - 1600	Legal Assistance	BLDG 13, 52d St. & 761st Tank Bn
0800 - 1600	VA Mobile Vet Center	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
0900 - TBD	Retiree Golf Tournament	Courses of Clear Creek
0900 - 1130	CRDAMC - Flu Shots	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1600 - 1700	Retirement Celebration	III Corps Flagpole
1730 - TBD	Commissary Meet and Greet **Prior Reservation Required** Sponsored by Clear Creek Commissary Limited to first 150 RSVPs plus 1 Guest	Phantom Warrior Center 761st Tank Bn & 37 St

Saturday, 29 OCTOBER 2016

0700 - 0845	Breakfast	Club Hood, BLDG 5764
0800 - 0900	County Fair Activities	Club Hood, BLDG 5764
0900 - 1000	Opening Ceremony	Club Hood, Main Ballroom
1000 - 1130	County Fair Activities	Club Hood, BLDG 5764
0900 - 1400	Health Fair, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center	Santa Fe Ave BLDG 36065
0800 - 1400	VA Mobile Vet Center	BLDG 18010, Parking Lot
0900 - 1400	ID Card Issue & DEERS Transactions	BLDG 18010, Battalion Ave
1100 - 1600	Legal Assistance (Wills, POA, ETC)	BLDG 13, 52d St.
1100 - 1330	Lunch (Hospital Cafeteria) Must RSVP to RSO	36065 Santa Fe Ave
1130 - 1400	Lunch Must RSVP to RSO	Iron Horse Dining Facility BLDG 41018
1200 - 1600	Museum	1CD, BLDG 2218 & 3d CR, BLDG 419
1400 - 1500	1CD Horse Detachment Demonstration	1CD Horse Stables
1700 - TBD	Retiree Round-Up Dinner Social Hour from 1700-1800 hrs	Club Hood, BLDG 5764 **Prior Reservation Required**

For More Information, Please Contact:
Fort Hood Retirement Services, Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Room B118, (254) 287-5210 Toll Free: 1-800-403-6640

General Information

The Retirement Services Office is located in Building 18010, Rm. B118, on T.J. Mills Blvd and Battalion Ave. We offer a variety of information and assistance on retirement topics and benefits. We encourage you to make an appointment with us to discuss any issues or concerns regarding retirement. Because many inquiries can be resolved telephonically, we also encourage you to call prior to coming in at (254) 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640. We are open Monday thru Wednesday, 0800-1600 and Friday 0800-1200. We are closed Thursdays for “Appointments Only” and all Federal Holidays.

Newsletter

If you would like to receive the annual newsletter by email, please submit your email address to: usarmy.hood.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retsvcs@mail.mil. Your email will only be used to send the annual newsletter. Use “Newsletter” on the subject line and please put your name and mailing address in the email body so we are able to remove you from the mailing list. Newsletters will also be available online at http://www.hood.army.mil/dhr/rso_newsletters.htm

Casualty Information - How to Report the Death of a Retiree

The death of retired service members can be reported to the Casualty Assistance Center anytime by calling **1-800-626-3317**. The Casualty Assistance Center will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the survivor benefits process.

This includes Army Reservist and Army National Guard members who are in a pay status. The Casualty Assistance Office at Fort Hood is located at Building 36042, Wratten Dr. or call **(254) 287-7200**.

myPay

More and more military retirees and annuitants are using **myPay**. The official online account is a convenient way to check your retired pay account and provide the retiree with a monthly electronic Retiree Account Statement (RAS), which is a complete summary of your pay, deductions and benefits. If you have never used **myPay**, visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and click “Forgot or Need Password” to have a temporary password mailed to you. When you receive your password, return to the **myPay** home page and click “Create an Account” to get started. For problems using **myPay**, or with your **myPay** PIN, contact the DFAS Centralized Customer Support Unit toll-free at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411.

How to Update Your Address or Other Retired Pay File Information

If in receipt of or entitled to retired Pay:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S Military Retired Pay
PO Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130
Phone: (800) 321-1080 or
(216) 522-5955; FAX: (800) 469-6559
(put SSN on all pages)

If in receipt of or entitled to SBP/RSFPP Annuity
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
PO Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131
Phone: (800) 321-1080
(216) 522-5955; FAX: (800) 982-8459
(put SSN on all pages)

If a Retired Reservist not yet age 60:
U.S. Army Human Resourced Cmd
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-TR
1600 Spearhead Division Ave
Dept 482
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5402
(888) 276-9472 or (502) 613-8950

General Information

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Retired Military Golf Tournament

The Forty-Second Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 28 October 2016, 0900 hrs, at The Courses of Clear Creek. The event is limited to the first 144 entries received from retired personnel, their Family Members and Survivors. Complete attached entry form (page 11) 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 14 Oct 16.** The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. Entry fee is \$50.00 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 Celebration

A Retiree Celebration will be held **Friday, 28 October 2016**, 1600 hours, at the III Corps Flagpole. This Celebration will honor Fort Hood Soldiers retiring during the month of October. In addition, our Honorary Retiree for 2016 will be recognized at the celebration.

Clear Creek Commissary (Meet and Greet)

We are glad that once again the Clear Creek Commissary will sponsor "Meet and Greet" with fun and games for Retirees, their spouses, and surviving spouses. It will be held 28 October 2016 at the Phantom Warrior Center, starting at 1730 hours. Because the Phantom Warrior Center can only hold 300 people, you must **RSVP** to reserve a seat. The seating is limited to Retirees, their spouse or one (1) guest, and/or surviving spouse plus one guest. **Please RSVP to the Retirement Service Office at (254) 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.**

Morning Breakfast

Come and enjoy breakfast at Club Hood while reacquainting with old friends and meeting new ones. Breakfast will include: Scrambled Eggs, Oatmeal, Crisp Bacon, Sausage Links, Hash Browns, SOS, Hot Biscuits, Whipped Butter, Preserves and Jellies, Coffee, Orange Juice and Water.

Opening Ceremony

On Saturday, **29 October 2016**, 0900 hours, the Opening Ceremony will be held at Club Hood in the Main Ballroom. There will also be organizations represented at our County Fair held in the Wilshire Room at Club Hood. Doors will open immediately following the opening ceremony.

Legal Assistance

Legal Assistance will be available on 28 October 2016 from 0800 - 1600 hours, and also on 29 October 2016, 1100 - 1600 hours, at Bldg 13, 52d Street & Tank Battalion (west side of the III Corps HQ Building). For more information please call **(254) 287-7901 or 287-3199.**

Lunch at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Cafeteria

The hospital cafeteria will also be open for you if you wish to have lunch at the hospital. If you wish to have lunch at the hospital cafeteria, please **RSVP** no later than **14 Oct 16**, for accountability purposes to the Retirement Services Office. Pay at cafeteria.

Lunch at Troop Dining Facility

Have a fantastic lunch and great conversation with the Soldiers of Fort Hood at the Iron Horse Dining Facility, Bldg 41018. Pay at Dining Facility. Please **RSVP** no later than **14 Oct 16**, for accountability purposes to the Retirement Services Office.

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

ID CARDS HOURS AT THE COPELAND CENTER

Hours of Operation: 0730-1500, Monday thru Friday (Closed all Federal Holidays)

Customers will not be able to sign in after 1500 hrs

(You are encouraged to call to confirm hours prior to arriving)

ID Cards / DEERS Information

APPOINTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED. EMERGENCY OR WALK-IN SERVICE AVERAGES A 2 - 3 HOUR WAIT TIME.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Due to Homeland Security Presidential Directive, **TWO (2) FORMS** of valid state or federal identification are required to process ID Cards for all adults (18 and older); one must be a photo ID each time a card is issued. Children 10 years and older require one form of identification. *Identification documents CANNOT BE EXPIRED, including the military ID Cards, driver's license, CAC, etc. Expired military ID Cards or CACs must be confiscated when presented. Sponsor must be present for all transactions or Family Members must have current verified DD Form 1172-2 (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 certified. Note: Ensure all names (First, Middle, Last) match the names in DEERS.*

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.

a. Retirees: Retirement orders or DD Form 214 for first time retirees and two (2) forms of state or federal ID.

b. Family members **must be accompanied by their Sponsor or have a valid Power of Attorney (POA)**; if already enrolled, two (2) forms of valid state or federal ID in same name. The following documents are required to obtain an ID Card for first time ID recipient:

- (1) Retirement orders or DD Form 214
- (2) Social Security Card
- (3) 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.
- (4) Marriage certificate or certified copy (with seal).
- (5) 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), if already enrolled.
- (6) Divorce decree (certified)
- (7) Adoption papers (certified)
- (8) Unmarried surviving spouse must present 2 forms of valid ID's (State or Federal issued). First time surviving spouse: marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving dependents. Tricare Young Adult (TYA), ages 23-26, please come on effective date.

ID Card Online Appointments:

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

Special Cases: Please call and confirm documentation.

For additional information, please call Fort Hood ID Card Services at **(254) 553-4444/ (254) 287-5670 or (254) 287-2518.**

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Health Fair

The Health Fair will be at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Bldg 36065 Santa Fe Ave, 29 October 2016, 0900-1400 hours. This venue will provide 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, 28 October 2016, at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Room B114, from 0900 to 1130 hrs, 1st Floor.

Darnall will also have a variety of things for the retiree at the health fair (i.e. dental, ENT, exercises with DJ) and a host of other activities. Come out and enjoy the services planned especially for you.

VA Mobile Counseling Center

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. Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010, far end of parking lot. **“New Claims Only”**

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 CR 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**.

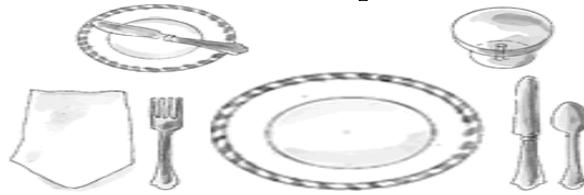
1st Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration: The 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain you with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 29 October 2016, 1400 hours, at the 1st Cavalry Horse Stables, located near the main gate. Come out and enjoy the entertainment.

The Fort Hood Retirement Services Office would like to **“Thank You”** for your service and sacrifice.

“ONCE A SOLDIER, ALWAYS A SOLDIER...SOLDIER FOR LIFE”

Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information

Retiree Round-Up Dinner



This year's Retiree Round-Up Dinner will be held at Club Hood on Saturday, October 29, 2016. The social hour will be from 5:00pm-6:00pm; Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Door Prize Drawings. For dinner our guests will enjoy a spring mix salad, traditional meatloaf, fried catfish, and herb baked chicken, green beans with smoked bacon and onions, macaroni and cheese, sweet whole baby carrots, mashed potatoes with country gravy. Beverages will include iced tea, coffee, and water, and a delicious 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*. ATMs are available at Club Hood (there may be a bank charge to use ATM). Dress is casual. Individuals desiring to attend must complete and mail the attached application (page 9) along with a check or money order made payable to Club Hood, no later than Friday, October 14th. Tickets will NOT be mailed to you, guests will be checked in at the door.

Your early response will allow us to better plan for the number of guests planning to attend. Because tickets are first come, first served, we ask that you please mail your application and funds today (NO Cash Please). Cancellations must be made prior to Friday, October 14th. Please note: no refunds will be issued after the 14th of October.

For further information please contact the Fort Hood Retirement Services Office or email our office at usarmy.hood.usag-mbx.dhr-iag-retsvcs@mail.mil

Fort Hood Soldier For Life Retired Council Members

GEN (Ret) James D. Thurman, Co-Chairman
CSM (Ret) Elijah King, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) William Phillips, Member
COL (Ret) Maria Zumwalt, Member
COL (Ret) William Salter, Member
LTC (Ret) Pat Christ, Member
LTC (Ret) Barbara MacMillan, Member
LTC (Ret) Brian Pierce, Member
CW3 (Ret) Worner Heath, Member

CSM (Ret) James Childers, Member
CSM (Ret) Divina Bobb, Member
CSM (Ret) Anthony Waller, Member
CSM (Ret) Angela Wilson, Member
CMCPO (Ret) Gene Hall, Member
SGM (Ret) Guadalupe Lopez, Member
SFC (Ret) Acquanetta Pullins, Member
SFC (Ret) Steven Moore, Member
Ms. Naomi Roupe, Widow

Associate Members: COL (Ret) John Oliver, COL (Ret) Joslyn Portmann and CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky
Retired Council Consultant: SFC (Ret) Andrienne Evans-Quickley

Local Lodging

[Ret] RATE Fort Hood Holiday Inn Express and Fort Hood Candlewood Suites

As a proud sponsor of the upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day and in honor of your distinguished service, Holiday Inn Express® on Fort Hood is now offering a special retiree rate. Created exclusively for military retirees, the [RET] Rate will save you up to 20% on your stay at any of the 39 IHG Army Hotels locations across the nation. You'll enjoy guaranteed reservations and advance booking (up to 50 weeks in advance), not to mention all the exclusive conveniences and amenities of staying at an IHG Army Hotel. Holiday Inn Express on Fort Hood offers upgraded rooms, complimentary Express Start breakfast, weekly socials, complimentary shuttle, free guest laundry, free guest Internet access and much more, all delivered by a courteous and knowledgeable staff. To take advantage of this special rate, visit IHG.com/RetireeRate or call 1-877-711-8326. You must present your valid military retiree ID at check-in.

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](http://www.hoodmwr.com/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 hours 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 or call (254) 287-2523.

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 hours 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 or call (254) 288-9926.

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

Relax Inn
254-542-6615

Super 8
254-547-2345

Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

Best Western of Killeen
254-526-6651

Comfort Suites
254-634-5560

Executive Inn
254-699-4081

Harker Heights (adjacent to Killeen)

Super 8
254-698-6900

Heights Inn
254-690-8700

Holiday Inn Killeen/Fort Hood
254-690-5511

Religious Support - *The Crossroads of Life..... Where Faith and Practice Meet*

The focus of religious support at Fort Hood is to provide ministry to all. Life has many aspects, including Spiritual.

For specific service information: (254)-288-6545

ANNUAL RETIREE ROUND-UP DINNER RESERVATION FORM
SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2016 AT 1700 HRS

****** DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS 14 OCTOBER 2016 ******

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount of money with this form to the address directly below. **Please make check payable to Club Hood.**

Send to: Retirement Services Office
ATTN: Retiree Round - Up
BLDG 18010, Rm B118
Killeen, Texas 76544-4836

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) 287-5210

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RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM
FRIDAY, 28 OCT 16 AT 0900 HRS

****** DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 14 OCTOBER 2016 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: _____

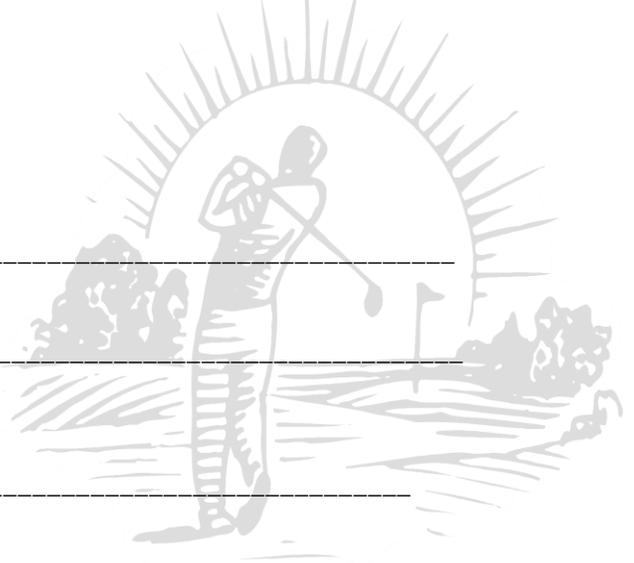
ADDRESS: _____

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 \$50.00 this cost includes green fees, cart, purchase of prizes, and lunch.
See page 4 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130.





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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