

# REPORT TO RETIREES

The purpose of the Bulletin is to apprise retired service members and their Families of the services and activities available to them on post and within the installation's area of responsibility. This newsletter is published in accordance with AR 600-8-7, paragraph 6-3. The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 1900; participation from the retiree community is encouraged. Please join us in Building 1520, Community Support Center, on Freedman Drive (*beyond the Education and Training Center. NOTE: There is no entry through the Education and Training Center.*) for our monthly meetings or call one of the council members with your ideas, concerns, comments, or questions. A list of the Council members follows:

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| COL Alan Phillips (USA-Ret)<br>Council Chairman<br>571-245-7879 | CSM James Sheehan (USA-Ret)<br>Council Vice-Chairman<br>301-619-4169 |
| CPT Robert E. Glausier (USMC-Ret)<br>301-573-5860               | CSM Vernon R. Kephart (USA-Ret)<br>301-695-7533                      |
| Mrs. Betty Bennett (Spouse)<br>301-663-6431                     | RADM William G. Prescott (USPHS-Ret)<br>301-829-2064                 |
| Msgt Doug Markin (USAF-Ret)<br>301-619-2892                     | SFC James Frye (USA-Ret)<br>240-529-3134                             |
| MSG Frederick Moxley Jr. (USAR-Ret)<br>301-371-6195             | SFC Michele Y. Thomas (USA-Ret)<br>301-619-3448                      |
| CSM Bran Thompson (USAR-Ret)<br>301-471-1153                    | MSG Scott McKnight (USA-Ret)<br>301-695-8958                         |
| Seaman Dennis Helmstetter (USN-Ret)<br>240-409-3966             | 1SG John Wilcox Jr. (USA-Ret)<br>301-695-9558                        |
| CDR Charles Chipley (USN-Ret)<br>301-668-4154                   | SFC Margret Sayre (USA-Ret)<br>301-846-0741                          |
| SSG Tony Malavenda (USAR-Ret)<br>301-668-0603                   | SFC Sheila Brown (USA-Ret)<br>301-663-6473                           |
| LTC Robert Fenimore (USAFR-Ret)                                 | COL Lawra Lee (USAF-Ret)<br>240-347-4296                             |

**Mark Your Calendar Now:  
ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY 8 NOVEMBER 2012**

*Post It!***FREQUENTLY CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT FORT DETRICK:**

GARRISON COMMANDER.....	301-619-7314
GARRISON CSM.....	301-619-7314
RETIREMENT SERVICE OFFICER.....	301-619-9948
BARBER SHOP.....	301-619-2345 x103
CHAPEL.....	301-619-7371
CLEANER.....	301-694-3237
COMMISSARY.....	301-619-2900
FITNESS CENTER.....	301-619-2498
FORT DETRICK WEATHER LINE.....	800-256-7621
FORT DETRICK OPERATOR ASSISTANCE.....	301-619-8000
HEALTH CLINIC/TRICARE.....	301-619-7175
ID CARDS.....	301-619-7311
LEGAL ASSISTANCE.....	301-619-2221
POST EXCHANGE.....	301-619-2262
PROVOST MARSHAL.....	301-619-7114
THRIFT SHOP.....	301-619-2289
VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC.....	301-624-1200
RETIREE WEBPAGE.....	<a href="http://www.detrick.army.mil/retiree/">http://www.detrick.army.mil/retiree/</a>
FORT DETRICK WEBPAGE.....	<a href="http://www.detrick.army.mil">http://www.detrick.army.mil</a>

**OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS:**

BWI SPACE "A" TRAVEL.....	1-877-429-4262
DEERS.....	1-800-538-9552
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS .....	1-800-827-1000
RETIRED PAY (DFAS-CLEVELAND).....	VOICE: 1-800-321-1080
RETIREES.....	FAX: 1-800-469-6559
ANNUITANTS.....	FAX: 1-800-982-8459

## COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

The Fort Detrick All Services Retiree Council is the official link between the Garrison Commander, Colonel Darden, and the approximately 15,000 military retirees and surviving spouses supported by Fort Detrick. It was established per Army Regulation 600-8-7 on 29 April 1995 and is under the aegis of the Director of Human Resources. It consists of twenty members, all appointed by Colonel Darden, and is a broad representation of the local military retired community. It includes all ranks, all services, all components and surviving spouses. The Council provides advice and assistance concerning the annual Retiree Appreciation Day, the Retiree Newsletter, and many other community events.

The Garrison Retirement Services Officer (RSO), Eddie Coleman serves as the Commander's advisor to the Council.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 1900 in the Community Activities Center and are open to the public. Normally no meetings are held in December and the summer months. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the Retiree website. Anyone desiring to serve on the Council or attend a Council meeting is invited to contact the RSO.

## RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD) 8 November 2012

The RAD program will again be held at the Francis Scott Key American Legion at 1450 Taney Avenue. The training center where we would normally hold the RAD program is still undergoing renovation and will not be complete until 2013. The American Legion is less than a mile away from Fort Detrick. COL Alan B. Phillips (USA-Ret), the chairman of the All-Services Retiree Council will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The program will start at 0900 and will feature various guest speakers from the Department of the Army Retirement Services Office, Defense Finance Accounting Services (DFAS), Barquist Army Health Clinic, Legal Assistance Office, Casualty Assistance Command and the Military Officers Association of America

(MOAA). At noon, we will break for lunch at the American Legion. After lunch, everyone is encouraged to visit the Community Health EXPO in the CPT Jennifer J. Shafer Odom Fitness Center on Fort Detrick. You will have plenty of time to visit all the displays and information booths at the EXPO after your lunch. Blood pressure screenings, flu shots and medical advice will be dispensed by Barquist Medical Clinic staff in the Odom Fitness Center. Representatives from Military Retired Pay, Casualty Assistance and MOAA will also have information tables at Odom Fitness Center to answer any additional questions you may have.

If you plan to eat lunch at the American Legion, the reservation form at the end of this bulletin must be completed and mailed to the Retiree Services Office (IMFD-HRE), 1520 Freedman Drive, Suite 200, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-9250, along with your money. Check should be made out to the American Legion Francis Scott Key Post 11. Each meal will cost \$12. Please return your reservation form as soon as possible, but not later than 3 November 2012.

If you are hearing impaired and require a sign language interpreter please indicate it on the reservation form at the end of this bulletin and mail it to Retiree Services Office (IMFD-HRE), Freedman Drive, Suite 200, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-9250. If you have any questions about the Retiree Appreciation Day program, please give Eddie Coleman a call at 301-619-9948 or email him at [Eddie.Coleman1@us.army.mil](mailto:Eddie.Coleman1@us.army.mil)

## EXTENDED HOUSEHOLD GOODS ENTITLEMENT

Retirees are authorized a Household Goods Shipment within 5 years of retirement under certain criteria. To remain eligible they must submit extension requests to the Personal Property Office annually prior to the anniversary of their retirement date. For more information on this program contact Jim Shaheen, Operations Planner at 301-619-4169.

## **ID CARDS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULER**

To avoid a long waiting time the next time you or a family member require an ID card update try using the ID Cards Scheduler at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. It is important to remember that if the RAPIDS site is down, scheduled appointments will not be conducted until the site is up and operational again. Currently, the online scheduler can't notify you of a RAPIDS shutdown; therefore individuals with scheduled appointments should contact their selected site for current information before traveling to the appointment. The Appointment Scheduler allows individuals to make a new appointment, to lookup an appointment you have already made and to cancel an appointment. Proper identification and documentation are required for services to be provided.

### **Army Emergency Relief**

Retired Soldiers remain eligible for Army Emergency Relief assistance (AER) throughout their lifetime. Retirees include: those individuals retired for longevity, medical retirement and gray area retirees (Reserve components) who at age 60 commence drawing retired Army pay. Disabled American Veterans, gray area retirees not yet age 60, and Reserve component Soldiers on weekend or annual training are not eligible for AER assistance. Family member assistance must be approved by the Retiree. If there is no valid Power of Attorney, the spouse/family member may request the Retiree be contacted through the American Red Cross for concurrence. Surviving spouses of Soldiers, who died on active duty or after retiring, remain eligible for assistance provided they do not remarry. Orphans remain eligible until age 21 (or 23 if attending college full time). Most financial assistance to surviving spouses and orphans is provided at the time of death of the Soldier, or retiree, and is given as a grant. However, they may request assistance at a later time should they encounter an unforeseen emergency.

The AER has scholarship programs, the MG James Ursano Scholarship Program and the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program, available to

children, spouses, and surviving spouses of Soldiers. The online applications are open from 1 DEC to 1 APR of the following year. If you would like more information on AER, please call 301-619-3455 or visit the AER website at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

### **Financial Readiness Program**

The Fort Detrick Financial Readiness Program (FRP) has many programs and services available to Retirees. The FRP offers budget counseling, credit scores and counseling, consumer affairs assistance, debt liquidation, and a lending library with current books on a variety of personal finance topics. The FRP conducts a coupon exchange weekly and maintains organized coupon boxes for eligible patrons to peruse.

The FRP sponsors the Operation Happy Holidays (OHH) program which provides gifts and food assistance to nominated and eligible Fort Detrick families during the holidays.

Also, the FRP sponsors the Baby Bundles Program which provides a basic layette to Service members, E-5 and below, and to any Service member, regardless of rank, who becomes a parent of multiples. The Baby Bundles Program is sponsored completely through donations from outside assistance.

If you would like to receive more information or to donate to any of these FRP offerings, please call 301-619-3455/3456.

### **Household Items Exchange Program**

If you are "downsizing" or "upgrading" your furniture or appliances, please remember the FRP's Household Item Exchange Program (HIEP). You provide us with your list of donated items and the HIEP will match them with requests. Priority is given to junior enlisted families. Donations are accepted from both military and civilians. Due to space limitations, the FRP cannot store any donated items. So, if you know of anyone who may be interested in donating to a good cause, please have them call the FRP at 301-619-3455/3456.

## **SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN**

### **The Nature and Extent of the SBP Benefit**

The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) provides eligible beneficiaries with a monthly payment known as an annuity. The amount of the benefit is a percentage of your retired pay, and it depends upon whether you choose full or reduced coverage. The recipient of your SBP annuity is referred to as the annuitant.

### **The Benefit's Duration**

The SBP entitlement begins upon your death and ends either when your elected beneficiary becomes ineligible to receive the annuity or when your beneficiary dies.

### **Reasons Payment May Be Temporarily Stopped**

Each year DFAS mail annuitants a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). They use the requested information on that form to determine an annuitant's continued eligibility for monthly payments. If they don't receive the COE to by the deadline on the form, they will stop all payments until they receive a properly completed COE (see instructions). If you have not received a COE from DFAS recently and feel you should have, please call them to request one at 800-321-1080.

### **Reasons Payment Can Be Permanently Stopped**

Annuity payments stop when your beneficiary dies or becomes ineligible to receive the annuity. For example, payments stop for children covered under the SBP annuity when they reach age 18. Payments also stop for spouses covered under SBP if they remarry before age 55.

### **Continuing Children's Benefits after Age 18**

Payments typically stop for children covered under SBP when they reach age 18. However, if that child enrolls in an accredited college or university, the payments will continue until they reach age 22.

Each semester, we mail a Child Annuitant's School Certification form to verify the child is still enrolled. If we don't receive the form by the deadline listed, we will stop all payments until we receive a properly completed form (see instructions). Children who marry before age 22 will no longer be eligible for SBP payments. If you have not received a School Certification recently and feel you should have, please call us to request one at 800-321-1080.

### **TRICARE - Fiscal Year 2013 Update**

On 1 October 2012, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees will increase. TRICARE Prime annual fees increased last year for new enrollees for the first time since the program began. For fiscal year 2013 (*October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013*), most existing enrollees will see a slight increase, which was calculated based on the calendar year 2012 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 3.6 percent. Moving forward, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees will be subject to increases each fiscal year based on the COLA for the calendar year, as authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. Fees are outlined in the table below.

Retired service members and their eligible family members, survivors, and former spouses pay TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, which are applied to the annual catastrophic cap. There are no enrollment fees for active duty service members and active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members.

### **EXCEPTIONS FOR SURVIVORS AND MEDICALLY RETIRED SERVICE MEMBERS**

An exception to the fee increase applies to survivors of active duty deceased sponsors and medically retired uniformed service members and their dependents. Their fees remain frozen at the rate in effect at the time they are classified in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as survivors or medically retired and enrolled. Fees remain frozen as long as there is no break in their

TRICARE Prime enrollment.  
**FIND UP-TO-DATE COST INFORMATION  
 ONLINE**

All fees, cost-shares, and copayments can be found at [www.tricare.mil/costs](http://www.tricare.mil/costs).

**TRICARE PRIME ENROLLMENT FEES**

If enrolled before October 1, 2011

<i>What you Pay Now</i>	<i>Beginning October 1, 2012</i>
Individual: \$230 per year	Individual: \$269.28 per year
Family: \$460 per year	Family: \$538.56 per year

If enrolled on or after October 1, 2011 (including all new enrollments):

<i>What you Pay Now</i>	<i>Beginning October 1, 2012</i>
Individual: \$260 per year	Individual: \$269.28 per year
Family: \$520 per year	Family: \$538.56 per year

**Paying Enrollment Fees**

Retired service members and their eligible family members, survivors, and former spouses can opt to pay fees annually, quarterly or monthly. Before deciding to pay annually, please keep in mind that in most cases, enrollment fees are non-refundable. In addition, as new enrollment fees were calculated under current law, these amounts could change when Congress passes a FY 2013 budget. It is recommended you pay monthly or quarterly.

There is a possibility that there may be another enrollment fee increase later in the year if new fees are included when Congress passes the final FY 2013 budget. If the fees are changed, the amounts and effective date will be announced using all available media and on this Web site. If that doesn't happen, enrollment fees are subject to increase each October. Visit [www.tricare.mil/costs](http://www.tricare.mil/costs) for the most up-to-date information about your health care costs.

**VEHICLE DECAL**

Retirees, Surviving Spouses and Family members

no longer require an installation decal on their vehicle to enter any gates at Fort Detrick. They only need to show their military identification card at the gate to come on the installation.

**THRIFT SHOP**

**The Thrift Shop at Fort Detrick  
 11 Porter Street  
 Fort Detrick, MD 21702  
 301-619-2289**

In February of this year The Thrift Shop at Fort Detrick celebrated its 50 years anniversary. Coffee, punch, and cookies were served to customers during the month of February and a drawing for a \$50 Thrift Shop Gift Certificate was held each week.

The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1000 to 1500 and the first Saturday of each month from 0900-1200. The Thrift Shop is open to the public to shop, but consignments are restricted to Active Duty and Retired Military, Active and Retired Civilian Employees, and Contractors employed by Fort Detrick. Consignments are received 1000-1400 and donations can be brought in from 1000-1500. If you can not come when the shop is open a large metal bin is located outside the building for donations. However, the Shop asks that you not leave anything that will not fit in the bin if it is raining or snowing.

The policy for closures for snow days is if Frederick County Schools are closed we are closed. If there is a 2-hour delay the shop opens on time, provided post has cleared the sidewalks. If you have a question if we are open or not please call 301-619-2289.

More information about the Thrift Shop can be found on the Fort Detrick Web Page. Go to [www.detrick.army.mil](http://www.detrick.army.mil), then click on Site Index this will bring up a list of all the services and organizations located on Fort Detrick. If you click on the letter "T" you will find the Thrift Shop listed there. If you click on the tab that says Expiration Dates you will find a list of dates the Thrift Shop is open and when it will be closed.

The Thrift Shop will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this May. During last year the Thrift Shop awarded grants to various organizations on Fort Detrick totaling approximately \$10,000. The donated over 12,000 lbs of items to the AMVETS in Baltimore and the Frederick Rescue Mission.

In February of each year the Thrift Shop holds a 50 cent sale of all their fall and winter clothes and a half price sale of other Thrift Shop items and in August another 50 cent sale is held of spring and summer items as well as other Thrift Shop items.

The Shop sends out an e-mail once a month to anyone who would like to be on the e-mail list informing them when consignor checks are ready and any events coming up that month.

The current 2012 White House Ornaments are available for Sale cost is \$20. Fort Detrick 2012 ornaments should be available by August of this year. The Shop still has a few of the 2010 and 2011 White House Ornaments, prior year Fort Detrick ornaments and Nallin Pond Prints by Rebecca Pearl. The Shop is always looking for volunteers, if you have an hour or a day there is always work to be done. To contact the Thrift Shop call 301-619-2289 or e-mail [Betty.E.Bennett@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Betty.E.Bennett@amedd.army.mil)

### **Donation Help Military, Families Worldwide**

Retirees can continue to donate to the same military aid organizations they contributed to while on active duty using any of the following methods:

Online credit card donations- Air Force contributions can be made [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org), Army contributions at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) and Navy/Marine Corps contributions at [www.nmcrcs.org](http://www.nmcrcs.org).

Mail a check or money order to one of the following:

Air Force Assistance Fund  
AFPC/DPSIMF  
550 C Street West, Ste 37

Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4739

Army Emergency Relief  
Attn: Donations  
200 Stovall Street, Room 5-S-33  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0600

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society  
875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 225  
Arlington, VA 22203-1977

Your tax-deductible gift will improve the quality of life for military members and their families serving our nation around the world.

### **Directions from Baltimore, MD.**

Take Interstate 695 around Baltimore to Interstate 70 West. In Frederick, take Exit #53, Route 15 North. Follow Rt. 15 North to the 7th Street exit. Turn right on 7th Street; go 2 blocks, turn right on Taney Avenue. American Legion is about 1 mile on the right side on Taney Avenue.

### **Directions from Hagerstown, MD.**

Take Interstate 70 East to Rt. 15 North (Exit #52). Follow Rt. 15 North to the 7th Street Exit. Turn right on 7th Street; go 2 blocks, turn right on Taney Avenue. American Legion is about 1 mile on the right side on Taney Avenue.

### **Directions from Washington D. C.**

Take Interstate 495 North to Interstate 270 (Exit #38) toward Rockville, MD. At Frederick, Interstate 270 ends and joins Route 15 North. Follow Rt. 15 North to the 7th Street Exit. Turn right on 7th Street; go 2 blocks, turn right on Taney Avenue. American Legion is about 1 mile on the right side on Taney Avenue.

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON at AMERICAN LEGION  
1200 Noon, Thursday, November 8, 2012**

**MENU**

Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Bean, Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Iced Tea w/Lemon, Water and Cake

**Reservation Request**

-----**CLIP AND MAIL**-----

Yes, I will attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon at the American Legion on November 8, 2012. Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation (s) in my name. I have enclosed my check or money order made payable to Francis Scott Key American Legion in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$12.00 per person). **Reservations must be received no later than Friday, 3 November 2012.**

\_\_\_\_\_I am hearing impaired and will require sign language interpreter.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone number (in case of cancellation)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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