

RETIREE OFFICE NEWS – 171st ARW



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**“As you celebrate the spirit of our great nation on this Memorial Day . . .
take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of the day . . .
to honor the servicemen and women who lost their lives while serving our country . . .
often to make our own lives better and the United States an even greater place to live.”**

Retiree Office Closed: The Retiree Office will be CLOSED on May 17th and July 26th due to the Weather Flight annual training exercises.

171ARW News: The 171st ARW web page has replaced the “Tanker Times” which includes a wealth of information and news to keep you up to date on the 171st. A “Retiree Column” has been added at the bottom left had corner of the home page. Here you will find the “Retiree Office New” beginning with April 2012. <http://www.171arw.ang.af.mil/>

Retiree Brunch: 3rd Monday in January, April, July, and October

When: CY 2012 - January 16th, April 16th, July 16th, and October 15th

Where: Hoss’s Steak House, 1011 Beaver Grade Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (Moon Twp) (412) 262-8857.

Time: 1100 hours

All are welcome, even if you are not retired! The last brunch on April 16th was well attended with approximately 45 people participating. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch and talking with old friends. Hope to see you all in July.

112th Reunion: The 112th Reunion was held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the 911th AFRES Club. It was a wonderful gathering of current and retired members along with some spouses and guests. There were approximately 100 in attendance and all enjoyed a good time. It was great seeing and talking with old friends. An extensive display of 112th memorabilia and pictures sure did bring back the good old times. A big “Thank You” to Brad Gilles for organizing and carrying on this tribute to the 112th.

112TH Facebook Account: Did you know the 112th TFG has a facebook group? Search in facebook under “112th Tactical Fighter Group, PaANG” and request to become a member. This is a great way to share pictures and keep in touch with old friends. Plus, you will be reminded not to miss the next 112th Reunion!

Email Addresses Wanted: We are in the process of collecting email addresses from all retirees in order to keep an open line of communication of upcoming news and events. We started collecting emails at the April 16th Brunch and from those who stop in the Retiree Office each week. Please see Bonnie Kriberney.

Social Security Numbers Being Removed from New ID Cards

The Department of Defense (DoD) is in the process of removing Social Security numbers (SSNs) from uniformed services identification (ID) cards as part of the continued effort to protect the privacy and security of TRICARE’s 9.6 million beneficiaries. SSNs are being replaced with a DoD Benefits Number. This process is expected to last several years, until all current uniformed services ID cards are replaced as they come up for renewal.

Note: You do **not** need to make a special trip to have your ID card updated until it expires. Your health care providers and pharmacists will be able to access your benefits using either your SSN or your DoD Benefits Number. The new 11-digit DoD Benefits Number can be found above the bar code on the back of your ID card. This number is a unique number, like your SSN, and it will ensure that your records are clearly aligned with you and your treatments. If you have questions, please visit www.tricare.mil/ssn.

ID Cards: Appointments are required for new ID Cards. Walk-in service is no longer accepted. You can schedule your appointment by calling (412) 776-7485 or online by going to the 171st Air Refueling Wing web page <http://www.171arw.ang.af.mil/>. Select “ID Card Appointment Scheduler” under the heading titled “Featured Links” located under the right hand column of the home page. Next you will select ‘Make an Appointment’ located on the top blue bar, select your state (PA) then hit GO, select your city (CORAOPOLIS) then click NEXT, then select the Coraopolis location. You are now ready to schedule your appointment by selecting the month and day. Select one of the available times listed. Read the instructions and provide the required information, then click on ‘SUBMIT’. You will receive a confirmation email for your appointment.

Retirements: Congratulations to our recent retirees who retired in April and May 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact the Retiree Office, if you need assistance.

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Retired
CMS	THOMAS	CHARLES	1-MAY-12
CMS	FROMLAK	BRUCE	1-MAY-12
CMS	ANSLINGER	STEVEN	1-MAY-12
MSG	KILYK	THEODORE	28-MAY-12
MSG	HERSHBERGER	JAMES	7-APR-12
TSG	PARTSCH	BARRY	30-APR-12
MSG	ROCK	DENNIS	28-APR-12
SMS	TRENGA	ANTHONY	6-APR-12
TSG	JONES	CHARLES	28-MAY-12
SSG	POPECK	CHRISTOPHER	15-MAY-12

Get Well Wishes: Get well wishes are extended to Jim Fuchs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery with your recent surgery. We all miss you in the Retiree Office.

Sympathies: We extend our sympathies to the families and relatives of the following retiree who recently passed away. In addition to CMSgt George Manown's 27 years of service with the 171st ARW, he assisted the Retiree Office up until his recent illness. He will be greatly missed. Please inform our office if you hear of the passing of one of our fellow 171st or 112th members.

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Express Scripts – TRICARE Pharmacy:

Web Address - <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/>

New Prescription Copays Effective Oct. 1, 2011

The prescription copayments below took effect on Oct. 1, 2011. Copayments for active duty service members remain \$0.

	30 Day Supply Retail Pharmacy	90 Day Supply Home Delivery
Formulary Generic	\$5	\$0
Formulary Brand	\$12	\$9
Non-Formulary	\$25	\$25

TRICARE Health Insurance Coverage & Benefits Plans:

<http://www.veteransbenefitsgibill.com/2012/01/12/tricare-medical-insurance-benefits-plans-cost-and-coverage/#ixzz1qwe6QFto>

<http://www.tricare.mil>