

# RETIREE OFFICE NEWS – 171<sup>st</sup> ARW



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**“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.” ~ James Dent**

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

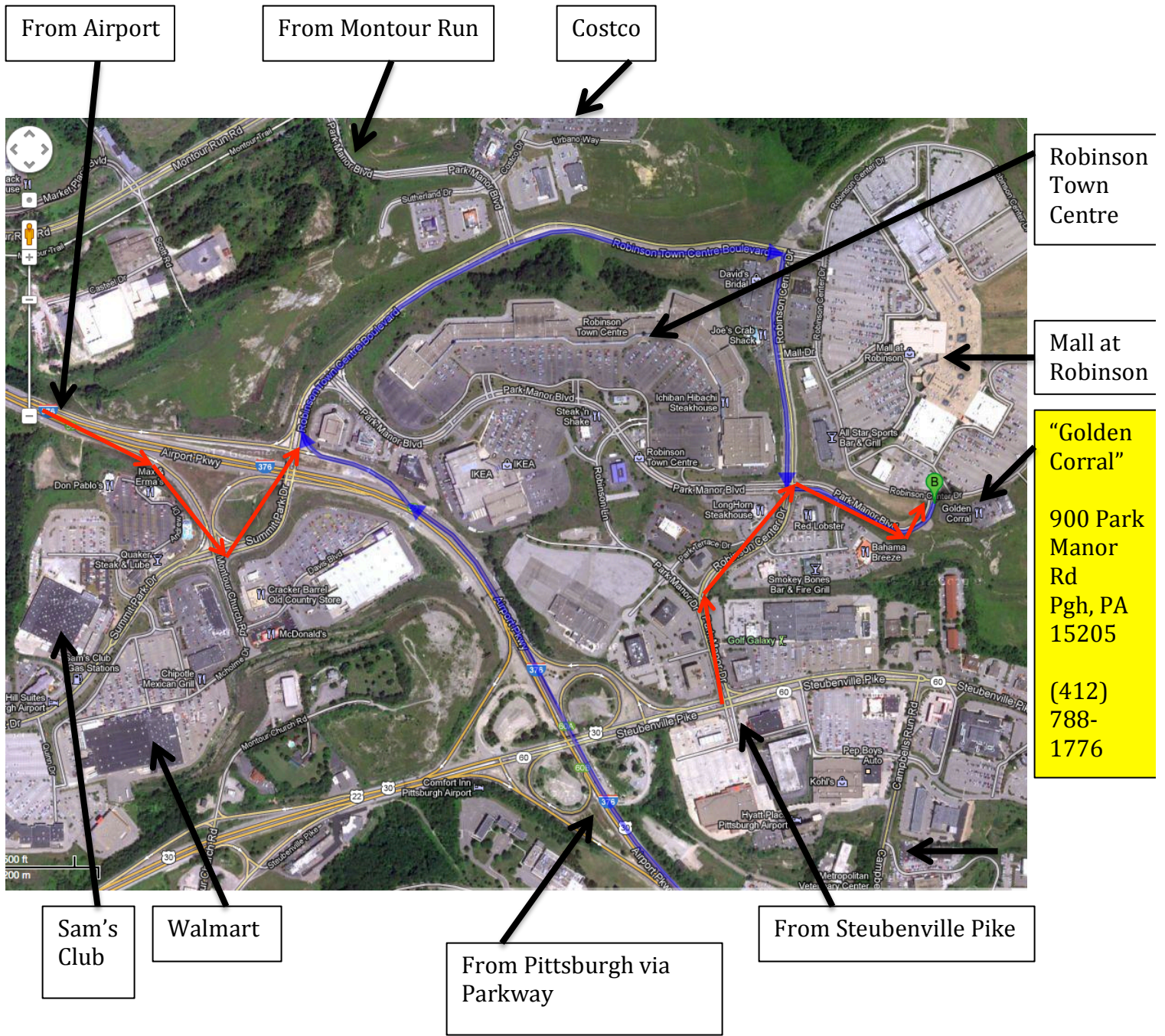
**Email Addresses Wanted:** We are in the process of collecting email addresses from all retirees in order to keep an open line of communication of upcoming news and events. We started collecting emails at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Brunch and from those who stop in the Retiree Office each week. Thanks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

**Retiree Brunch:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January, April, July, and October  
**When:** CY 2012 - January 16<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Golden Corral, 900 Park Manor Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (Near Mall at Robinson)  
(412) 788-1776.  
**Time:** 1100 hours

**PLEASE NOTE RESTAURANT CHANGE:** Due to new management and new requirements at Hoss’s Steak House in Moon Township, it was discussed at the last Retiree Brunch the need to make a change on the restaurant for the brunch. The restaurant has been changed to the Golden Corral in Robinson Town Centre, beginning with the October 15<sup>th</sup> Retiree Brunch and for all future brunches. Don’t forget to ask for your military discount! Lunch is self-serve/buffet style and is approximately \$6.79 with military discount.

All are welcome, even if you are not retired! The last brunch on July 16<sup>th</sup> was well attended with approximately 50 people participating. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch and talking with old friends. Hope to see you all in October!

See the map below for directions and location of the “Golden Corral” in Robinson Town Centre or enter the address provided above in your GPS.



**Retirements:** Congratulations to our recent retirees who retired in July 2012. There were no retirements in June. Please do not hesitate to contact the Retiree Office, if you need assistance.

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Retired
MSG	BERGEY	WILLIAM	31-JUL-12
TSG	GUERCIO	RONALD	30-JUL-12



**Sympathies:** We extend our sympathies to the families and relatives of the following retiree who recently passed away. Please inform our office if you hear of the passing of one of our fellow 171<sup>st</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup>, or 258<sup>TH</sup> members.

GRANT, RICHARD	28 JUL 2012	AGE 89 (prior 146 <sup>th</sup> Commander)
RUDICK, JOSEPH	14 JUL 2012	AGE 95

**Get Well Wishes:** Get-well wishes are extended to Jim Land who is recuperating from his recent accident. Jim Fuchs is continuing to get stronger from his recent surgery and has recently made it back to the Retiree Office.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you for a speedy recovery.

### **New Commissary Update:**

## Officials Break Ground on Moon Military Commissary - August 17, 2012

Construction will soon be under way on a University Boulevard military commissary, marking the end of a six-year battle to bring the facility to Moon.





*Officials break ground on the 43,000 square-foot post, Friday, August 17, 2012. Sen. Bob Casey, Reps. Tim Murphy, Mike Doyle, Jason Altmire and Mark Critz, and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald each spoke at the ceremony.*

*Sen. Bob Casey, D-Scranton, said it was a testament to perseverance.*

*Members of Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation and military officials from across the region attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the long-awaited Moon Township military commissary last week.*

*The 43,000 square-foot facility, set to open in the fall of 2013, will house a grocery store for more than 170,000 military members and their families in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.*

*The regional hub will be located at the corner of University Boulevard and the Interstate 376 Business Route in Moon and will more than double the size of Oakdale's Charles E. Kelly Commissary, which is slated to close.*

*The effort to bring the new commissary to Moon has been in the works since*

*2005, when the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission targeted the Oakdale commissary for closure.*

*Officials at the event described years-worth of bureaucratic hurdles that often stalled the project from coming to fruition.*

*The Defense Commissary Agency in 2008 gave initial approval for the Moon commissary project, but construction was delayed while additional funds were secured for construction.*

*In December 2011, the state's Congressional delegation announced that more than \$17 million in federal funding was freed for the new post.*

*"Folks from Western Pennsylvania just don't know how to take no for an answer," said Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills. "There are no Republicans and Democrats when we are working for our troops in Western Pennsylvania."*

*Earlier this summer the Mississippi-based Carothers Construction was awarded a \$12 million contract to serve as the prime contractor on the project.*

*The commissary, which will sit directly in front of the U.S. Army Reserve base off Soldiers Lane, will mark the latest addition to Moon Township's military community. A \$10 million Naval Operations Support Center is slated to open in 2014 on the grounds of the neighboring Air Force Reserve 911th Airlift Wing Base, also located off the Interstate 376 Business Route.*

*Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Upper St. Clair, Rep. Jason Altmire, D-McCandless, and Rep. Mark Critz, D-Johnstown, and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, were also on hand for the ground breaking.*

*Members of Congress often referenced the planned commissary while countering Defense Department efforts to shutter the 911th Airlift Wing earlier this year.*

*"We've got to keep that base open," Murphy told audience members at the ceremony. "We've seen huge levels of civilian support (for the 911th)."*

*"There's a lot of enthusiasm for this project," said Maj. Gen. William D.R. Waff, commanding General of the 99th Regional Support Command, who said having the commissary located in Moon Township could lead to increased use of the facility. "It's going to pull everybody back together."*



# Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) – Retired Military & Annuitants:

Customer Service: 1-800-321-1080 (if you don't have computer access)

Link: <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html#>

This web site provides important information regarding your retirement pay. See print of main web site page below for all the information available to you.

Under “**Latest News**”, please pay special attention to “**Direct Deposit Required**”. A treasury mandate requires DFAS to pay their customers electronically beginning March 1, 2013. If you are currently being paid by paper checks you will have to set up a direct deposit. Please take action now because March will be here before you know it and you don't want your pay delayed.

**Defense Finance and Accounting Service**  
Providing payment services for the U.S. Department of Defense  
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**LATEST NEWS**  
**Northeast Ohio Retiree Appreciation Day**  
Register to attend this year's RAD on Saturday, September 15, 2012. DFAS representatives will be available to provide one-on-one assistance and answer questions about your military retired pay.  
**Direct Deposit Required**  
A treasury mandate requires us to pay our customers electronically beginning March 1, 2013. Most military retirees and annuitants getting paper checks will have to set up direct deposit. Get ahead of the rush. Start direct deposit now.  
**June 2012 Newsletter**  
Check out the latest newsletter edition for military retirees and annuitants.  
**News archive**

**myPay PUTS YOU IN CONTROL**  
The most convenient way to manage your retirement account is through **myPay**, our online account management system.  
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[Change My Mailing Address](#)

**Retiree Seminars**  
Need help with your retired pay or annuity account? Attend one of the many retiree [seminars](#) that take place across the country.  
Aug 24 Minneapolis, Minn.  
Aug 25 Camp Ripley, Minn.  
Sept 7 Fort McCoy, Wis.  
Sept 8 Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

**FIND IT FAST**  
[Pay Schedule](#)  
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**ABOUT R&A PAY**  
R&A Pay establishes, maintains and pays military retirees, their surviving spouses and other family members.  
[Who We Are, What We Do](#)  
[Who to Contact? DFAS, the VA or the Military](#)

Click on “**Manage Your Retirement**” (along the left border), then click on “**Direct Deposit**”. The following is a snapshot of what you should see on your screen. Here you will see the three ways to enroll in direct deposit.

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### Direct Deposit

Direct deposit is the most efficient, timely and secure way to receive your pay. By enrolling, you can eliminate the possibility of a lost or stolen check, reduce the opportunity for identity theft, and receive your payment in a more timely and efficient manner.

#### Before Enrolling

To enroll, you will need to know your bank routing number, account number, and type of account (checking or savings).

#### How to Enroll

There are three ways to enroll in direct deposit:

1. If you live in the United States and certain U.S. Territories, you can enroll in direct deposit through [myPay](#).
2. Complete a Direct Deposit Enrollment Form ([FMS 2231](#)) and mail or fax it to:
 

For Retirees:	For annuitants, beneficiaries and survivors
Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Retired Pay P.O. Box 7130 London, KY 40742-7130 Fax: 800-469-6559	Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Annuitant Pay P.O. Box 7131 London, KY 40742-7131 Fax: 800-982-8459
3. Call one of our Customer Service Representatives at 800-321-1080 for assistance.

#### Changing Your Direct Deposit Account

If your bank account or routing number changes, be sure to notify DFAS by either changing your direct deposit information in [myPay](#) or sending the new information in writing to the above address. With your written request, please include form [FMS 2231](#) or the following information:

- name
- social security number
- new bank routing and account number
- type of account (savings or checking)
- signature with date

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**As shown on the screen shot above, there are three ways to enroll in direct deposit, (1) through myPay, (2) Mail or fax completed Direct Deposit Form FMS 2231, or (3) call Customer Service. The easiest and fastest way is myPay. If you never logged into myPay, follow the 7 step instructions on the next 3 pages. If you previously in myPay but forgot you Login ID and/or password**

# How to Create a New myPay Account

1. Click the “Forgot or Need a Password” link on the **myPay** homepage to request a temporary password.



2. Enter your Social Security Number and click the “Yes” button on the bottom right side of the page



**USE THIS PROCESS** if you have lost, do not remember or have not received a Password. This process will attempt to determine if we can email or mail a new temporary Password. If we cannot mail/email a new random temporary Password to you, the system will display procedures for obtaining a new Password.

**THIS PROCESS WILL VOID YOUR CURRENT PASSWORD.**

Please enter your Login ID:

**OR** Please enter your Social Security Number:

18 U.S.C. § 1030 prohibits unauthorized or fraudulent access to government computer systems. If the credentials you enter are not your own, you are in violation of this law and should exit this system immediately. Completing this action may subject you to a fine of up to \$5,000 or double the value of anything obtained via this unauthorized access, plus up to five years imprisonment.

**I am the individual associated with the information provided above and I elect to continue with this transaction.**

No

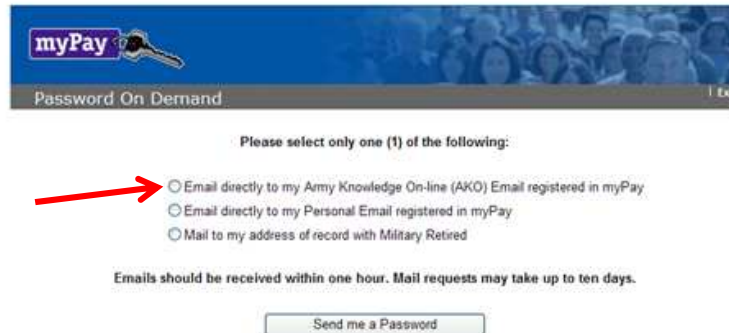
NO return to the Home Page

Yes

YES to request a new random temporary Password



3. Choose “mail to my address of record with Military Retired” and click the “Send me a Password” button. Your temporary password will be mailed to your address on record with Retired and Annuitant Pay. You should receive it in about 10 business days.



4. Once you receive your temporary password, return to the **myPay** homepage and click the “Create an Account” link.



5. Create your account by entering your Social Security Number and your temporary password and click the “Accept/Submit” button.

myPay

Create your Account Access | Exit

This feature is for customers who have not created a Login ID for account access.

Enter your SSN:

Enter Password:

[To enter your Password more securely, click here for the On-Screen Keyboard.](#)

Accept / Submit

6. You will be prompted to create a Login ID and a permanent password.

Security | Exit

Due to Security Requirements, you are required to establish a Login ID.

**Step 1: Create Login ID**

- Must not be less than 6 or greater than 129 characters.
- May contain alpha or numeric or a combination of alpha/numeric characters. It may also contain the @ sign, underscore, dash, period and apostrophe. Spaces are not allowed within the LOGIN ID.
- Cannot be 9 numbers.
- **HINT:** An email address can be used as a Login ID.

ENTER your Login ID using your Computer Keyboard

Establish Your Login ID:

Complete Step 1 first. Then scroll down.

You are also required to establish a new Password. Please establish a new Password by entering the desired Password twice.

**Step 2: Create Password**

- Must not be less than 8 or greater than 15 characters.
- Cannot contain the last 4 positions of your Social Security Number.
- Cannot be one of your last 10 previous Limited Access passwords.
- Cannot match your mypay LOGIN ID.
- Must contain at least one letter (A-Z).
- Must contain at least one number (0-9).
- Must contain at least one of the following special characters: # @ \$ % ^ ! \* + = \_

Enter your Password:

Re-Type your Password:

[To enter your Password more securely, click here for the On-Screen Keyboard.](#)

Accept / Submit

7. Your Login ID and password are the keys to keeping your retired pay account current, so be sure to remember them!

Once you receive your temporary myPay password in the mail and login myPay to create your Login ID and permanent password you will come to the Main Menu in myPay. (see below)



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**Last Date myPay Accessed: 08/20/2012**

Your Military Retiree Pay Account	
<b>Retiree Account Statement (RAS)</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	Monthly Retiree Account Statement (eRAS)
<input type="radio"/>	Annual or Changed RAS
<input type="radio"/>	Turn on/off Hard Copy of Annual RAS
<b>Combat Related Special Compensation:</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	CRSC Pay Statement
<b>Pay Changes:</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	Allotments
<input type="radio"/>	Correspondence Address
<input type="radio"/>	Direct Deposit
<b>Taxes:</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	Federal Withholding
<input type="radio"/>	State Withholding
<input type="radio"/>	Tax Statement 1099R
<input type="radio"/>	Turn on/off Hard Copy of 1099R
<input type="radio"/>	Travel / Miscellaneous Tax Statement (W-2)
<input type="radio"/>	Email Address
<input type="radio"/>	<b>Personal Settings Page</b> <a href="#">(Click here for details)</a>

If you are a U.S. citizen living in a foreign country and would like to help protect America, please [click here](#).

### Enter/validate your information:

- Email Address
- Correspondence Address
- Federal Withholding
- State Withholding
- Direct Deposit

**NOTE: Changes that effect pay made within the first 2 weeks of the month will be effective for your next 1<sup>st</sup> of the month retirement pay.**

**You now have access to print your Monthly Retiree Account Statements and 1099R Tax Statement (when available after the end of each year).**



**112<sup>TH</sup> Facebook Account:** Did you know the 112<sup>th</sup> TFG has a facebook group? Search in facebook under “112<sup>th</sup> 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 112<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

### **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](http://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 171<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Express Scripts – TRICARE Pharmacy:**

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

Toll-Free within the U.S.: 1-877-363-1303

## **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.

	<b>30 Day Supply Retail Pharmacy</b>	<b>90 Day Supply Home Delivery</b>
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>