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Retiree Appreciation Day 2012

27 October 2012
Registration 0700/Opening Ceremony 0800

In recent years, the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) has been so popular with Retirees and Family Members that we held the event in one of the largest buildings on post, the Passenger Processing Center (PPC) located next to Campbell Army Airfield. The PPC is primarily used to prepare Soldiers for movement immediately prior to their deployment, hence the close proximity to the airfield.

This year, units from Fort Campbell will be using the PPC when we planned to hold the RAD so we had to find others options. Rather than the PPC, we will hold the event in two locations, no more than two miles apart.

This year the event will be held on 27 October 2012, from 0800 to 1400, with the opening ceremony, static displays, and information fair located at Cole Park Commons, inside Gate 1 on William C. Lee Road. The Health Fair, sponsored and staffed by Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH), will be held at BACH, on Bastogne Avenue.

At registration, you will be assisted by our very own Fort Campbell Retiree Council so you will be able to put a face with the name. After registration, you will be able to roam through the activity hall or reserve yourself a seat for the opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony will begin with the Fort Campbell

colors, after which we will Pledge Allegiance. A member of the Fort Campbell Command Team will provide opening remarks and introduce the Keynote Speaker, CW5 (Ret.) Robert Huffman of Clarksville, Tennessee. Chief Huffman was selected to be a member of the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA), Retiree Council this year and attended the CSA council meeting in Washington DC in April. He will provide an interesting update on the state of Retiree benefits, as well as the future of military retirements, in general.

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital will sponsor a health fair to provide preventive health, dietary, height/weight, blood pressure screenings and other valuable information related to your health. Pneumonia and Influenza vaccinations will be available for Retirees and Spouses, as well as Shingles vaccinations. The location for the fair will be Entrance "C" on the East side of BACH, nearest Bastogne Avenue

Brunch will be served the BACH Dining Facility from 1000-1300. Items are sold by piece so exact change is not required. You will be able to have breakfast, lunch, or a combination of both.

Fort Campbell is scheduled to provide numerous static displays manned by Soldiers recently returned from a tour of combat duty. The displays will feature weapons and equipment used by

High School JROTC posting the Soldiers in Operation Enduring Free-colors, after which we will dom.

We will also make identification tags (dog tags) for any Retiree that wants a set.

And if these are not enough reasons to attend, there will be a special tour of Fort Campbell after the door prize give-aways including an opportunity to familiarize with current small arms weapons at the Engagement Skills Trainer where you will fire replica weapons at realistic target scenarios, all inside a building rather than on a range. The tour will also allow Retirees to use the Virtual Battle Space2 combat simulators. This realistic training is a firstperson gaming simulation designed to refine and test Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to assist with combat readiness.

Of course we will have all of the great supporting organizations for you to talk to at length, including the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fort Campbell Historical Society and more.

For those that would like the opportunity to purchase Retiree related items, AAFES will be selling a large selection of these goods on site. There will also be a smaller variety of items for Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps Retirees. Cash and checks will be accepted as payment.

So come out and enjoy Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Campbell this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP at 270-798-5280 or 270-798/3310 so we can provide the DFAC with an accurate headcount.

The Fort Campbell Retiree Council Wants You

There has been significant change amongst the ranks of the Retiree council in the past year. First, we would like to congratulate our very own council member, CW5 (Ret.) Robert Huffman, for being selected to serve on the Chief of Staff, Army, (CSA) Retiree Council in Washington, DC. Chief Huffman attended the CSA council meeting in April representing Fort Campbell and its constituency of Retired service members and their families and will be our keynote speaker during the opening ceremony of Retiree Appreciation Day. Being on the CSA Retiree council allows Fort Campbell Retirees and Family Members to hear first-hand, the indepth goings-on in the Pentagon and Washington DC, regarding our benefits and what the future holds for us.

The council Co-chairman, 1SG (Ret.) Willard Eldridge, of Tazewell, Tennessee, resigned in March after some health issues. At the Spring council meeting in May, MG (Ret.) Lindsay Freeman resigned as Chair of the council after over a decade of service. Additionally, other council members



have resigned in the past year including LTC (Ret.) Larry Causey of Bowling Green, Kentucky, COL (Ret.) David Clem of Clarksville, Tennessee and SFC (Ret.) Glenn McBee of Knoxville, Tennessee. SFC McBee has been a council member for over two decades and was a founding member of the East Tennessee Smoky mountains sub-chapter of the Retiree council. We salute these fine Retirees for all they have done and the lives they have touched and made better through their extended service to our great nation.

The new Chairman, COL (Ret.) Jeffrey Blackwood, of Henderson, Tennessee, was voted in by the council and approved by the Garrison Commander in

June. COL Blackwood brings a wealth of experience along with a lifetime of service, to the council. MSG (Ret.) Robert McBee was voted in a Cochairman at the Spring meeting. MSG McBee, of Hermitage, Tennessee, is one of the council's most outgoing and motivated members.

The primary function of the Retiree Council remains to advocate issues that are important to all categories of Army Retirees. In order to effectively represent all the different categories of Retirees in our area of responsibility, new council members are being solicited. New categories of members of the council are: Soldiers retired due to disability (Chapter 61 Retiree), Surviving Spouse of a Retired Soldier and Non-Regular Retirees from the US Army Reserve (may be a gray area Retiree). If you are interested in serving as a council member and are in one of the categories mentioned, please contact the Retirement Services Office at 270 -798-5280/3310.

Need to Update Personal Information?

If you need to make a change to you records such as a name change due to divorce or remarriage, or if your birth date on record is incorrect, you have a few options.

First, you can email Human Resources Command and request the change. Write an email, attach the scanned supporting documents and email to veterans@conus.army.mil.

You may also make a change to your records by writing a letter requesting the change or submitting a Standard Form-180 by mailing it to Human Resources Command. The Retiree will need to include their full name, social security number, mailing address, and telephone number along with the supporting documentation such as marriage license, divorce decree, or court order. The address to send a hard copy request is Commander, Human Resources Command, let us know what you find. ATTN: AHRC-PDR-V, DEPT. 420,

1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122.

The other option is to come by the Fort Campbell Retirement Services Office with the pertinent documentation and we will submit the requested change for you electronically. We would appreciate feedback as to how it worked from anyone who tries this. Call us at 270-798-5280/3310 to

Remember to keep your mailing address updated with DFAS. You may change your address using MyPay, by calling the RSO at 270-798-5280/3310, or by contacting DFAS at 1-800-321-1080.

Preparing for the Inevitable

Although most people would rather not talk about it, the issue of what needs to be done upon a retiree's death is relevant Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), they and should be addressed in order to provide valuable assistance to the survivor. Many times each month, the Retirement Services Office receives calls from grieving survivors who have no idea what to do or where to turn. The Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) and the Retirement Services Office are available to provide support and assistance to the survivor then and in the future.

In the event of a retiree death several actions must be taken as soon as possible. First, the survivor needs to contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080 and report the death. You will need the retiree's social security number and the date of death when you call. DFAS will then take steps to close out the pay account to prevent overpayment. If the

retiree was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) or Retired Serviceman's will take additional steps to initiate pay accounts for eligible beneficiaries. DFAS will also send out paperwork that will need to be filled out and returned.

Next, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 1-800-538-9552, and Department of Veterans Affairs (if the retiree was receiving disability compensation) at 1-800-827-1000. Lastly, contact the Ft. Campbell CAC at 270-798-4727/4729. Additionally, the Army Casualty Website at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/ TAGD/CMAOC/cmaoc.htm, provides valuable information.

The CAC is the primary proponent on Fort Campbell for service-member deaths and are truly subject matter experts. They will provide valuable assistance such as

paperwork for pay and benefits, as well as one-on-one, personal assistance to help survivors through this difficult time. Keep in mind that paperwork for pay and benefits must be accompanied by a certificate of death.

Some retirees handle all of the family finances, keeping this information to themselves. This creates a huge problem upon their death, as the survivor has no idea of what and where bank accounts. life insurance policies, or investments are located. It is a good idea to organize all of this information so that the survivor can easily access these accounts.

Survivors handle this situation differently. Many grieve deeply and have a hard time dealing with the death and the myriad things that have to take place. Take the time to prepare for this traumatic event in order to make it easier for the survivor in this most difficult time.

Fort Campbell Retiree Council

The Retiree Council is your voice on issues important to you, the Army Retiree. Listed below is contact information for the Retiree Council member closest to you. Contact them with issues you would like for them to bring to the attention of the Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council. We want to know what you are thinking!

Name	City	State	Phone
MG Greg Gile	Memphis	TN	901-748-0569
COL Jeffery Blackwood	Henderson	TN	731-989-0336
COL David Hafele	Kingsport	TN	423-245-4446
LTC Mary Bryant	Clarksville	TN	931-920-9367
LTC Earl McDowell	Chattanooga	TN	423-622-8473
LTC Ray Eldridge	Henderson	TN	731-989-0703
MAJ James Taylor	Murray	KY	270-753-2076
1LT Adam Williams	Clarksville	TN	315-854-1413
CW5 Robert Huffman	Clarksville	TN	931-368-9176
CW3 Randal Whetsell	Clarksville	TN	931-552-2803
CSM Sidney Brown	Clarksville	TN	931-431-3443
CSM Harry Todd	Cadiz	KY	270-522-0138
SGM Russell Cain	Clarksville	TN	931-648-4596
MSG Robert McBee	Hermitage	TN	615-942-5601
SFC Larry Cannon	Memphis	TN	901-357-6346

TRICARE Costs Increase

Effective 1 October 2012, the enrollment fee for TRI-CARE Prime will increase 3.6% from \$520.00 per year to \$538.56 per year for a family and from \$260.00 to \$269.28 for single Retirees. Additionally, beneficiaries who enrolled prior to October 1, 2011, did not experience an increase for FY 2012. As a consequence, the FY 2013 payment increase will be the first increase for those particular beneficiaries since the beginning of the TRICARE contract and will seem much larger as their payments will go from \$460.00 per year for a family (\$230.00 for single Retirees) to the new FY 2013 rate.

Certain groups are exempted from the fee increases. These include currently enrolled survivors of active duty deceased sponsors and service members retired due to disability (Chapter 61 Retirees). Fees for these groups will be frozen at their current level.

Beware-this change can be eliminated or increased by the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act which is currently in conference between the House and Senate. Changes to the above rates are possible as a means of reconciliation of both houses. However, even if it passes both houses, it still must go before the President for approval.

New USO Facility Needs Volunteers

Since 1941, the USO has been "lifting the spirits of America's troops and their families." On 30 November 2011, the USO Fort Campbell opened the doors to a newly renovated facility Campbell community of often deployed Soldiers and their families. The new, state-of-the-art USO center provides a place for Soldiers, Family Members and Retirees to relax, recreate,

and reconnect. The USO center offers pool and foosball tables, computers for accessing the internet and numerous video game systems, including a game system set up in the cargo hold of a real UH-1 dedicated to serving the Fort Huey helicopter, smack dab in the middle of the building. There is also a snack bar and a movie theater with reclining seats. Special programs and events include free Warrior Wednesday lunches and monthly free family meals.

The USO Fort Campbell is in need of volunteers that are interested in supporting the Soldiers and Families of Fort Campbell. Center shifts are never more than 4 hours and the work includes welcoming guests, checking out gaming equipment, handing out snacks, and light cleaning. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the USO for a tour, call Kelli at (931)542-3320, or register at www.USOVolunteer.org.

Army Career and Alumni Program Offers Employment Assistance Services

The mission of the Fort Campbell Army Career and to market themselves with Alumni Program, commonly known as ACAP, is to ensure that transitioning active-duty Soldiers, including Reservists and National Guardsmen, are educated on their VA benefits as well as the nuances of reentering the civilian job available to Army retirees and their spouses for life and to separating Soldiers and their spouses, for 180 days after separation.

In order to be successful in their mission, ACAP works both ends of the national Veteran unemployment problem by actively

teaching Soldiers and Veterans quality resume and interview skills, while simultaneously working to bring employers on -site to connect with them. Every Wednesday is a mini Job Fair at the ACAP Center where seven to ten local, national and international companies converge on Fort Campmarket. ACAP services are bell to hire Veterans and their Families. In June, ACAP hosted a major drilling company, who made 24 on-thespot job offers to our transitioning Soldiers and Veterans. ACAP also conducts two. huge, two-day Job Fairs each year, hosting some 120 companies. Fort Campbell's next International/National Job Fair

is scheduled for September 19th and the next local Job Fair will be conducted September 20th, both at Cole Park Commons, 1610 William C. Lee Road, Fort Campbell.

If you are interested in

receiving ACAP assistance please contact the Fort Campbell ACAP Center at (270)798-5000 or visit them online at www.facebook.com/ ACAPFTCampbellTo view ACAP's latest job announcements, go to www.campbell.armv.mil/ campbell/directorates/DHR/ Pages/ACAP.aspx.

Retirement Services Office Web Address

The address is http://www.campbell.army.mil/retirement or you can go to the Fort Campbell website at www.campbell.army.mil and click "Services", then "Retirement".

Why Wait?!? Online Appointments for ID Cards

A new online system allows ID card holders to make appointments at the Fort Campbell ID Card office from nearly anyplace with internet access. Make an appointment today https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil. Enter zip code 42223 and select the location: MPSD.

ID Card Renewal Locations

State	City	Unit	Address	Telephone
	Redstone			
Alabama	Arsenal	Military Personnel Division	3494 Roadrunner Rd.	(256) 842-2413
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Military Personnel Division	2577A Screaming Eagle Blvd	(270) 798-2424
Kentucky	Fort Knox	Military Personnel Division	Bldg.1384, Rm 103, Chaffee Ave.	(502) 624-1818
Kentucky	Greenville	Wendell Ford Tng Ctr	4675 State Route 181 N	(502) 607-7990
Kentucky	Louisville	123rd AW Kentucky ANG	1101 Grade Lane	(502) 413-4210
Indiana	Evansville	HHD 380th QM BN	2900 East Division St.	(866) 245-0878, ext.213
Missouri	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau AG HQ MO Cape Girardeau	2626 Independence St.	(573) 339-6209
North Carolina	Charlotte	145th AW NC ANG Charlotte	4930 Minuteman Way	(704) 391-4153
North Carolina Charlotte	Charlotte	108th Trng Cmd Army Res Center 1330 Westover St.	1330 Westover St.	(704) 342-5108
North Carolina Charlotte	Charlotte	NOSC Charlotte	6115 North Hills Cr., Suite A	(704) 598-0447, press "0"
North Carolina Greensboro	Greensboro	NOSC Greensboro	7838 McCloud Rd., Triad	(336) 668-0053
Tennessee	Chattanooga	NOSC Chattanooga	4051 Amnicola Highway	(423) 698-8955, ext. 114/113
Tennessee	Chattanooga	Chattanooga ANG Armory	1801 S. Holtzclaw Ave.	(423) 634-3883
Tennessee	Gray	I & I Staff, MCR Gray	251 Don May Rd., Suite 101	(423) 467-2202/2208/2193
Tennessee	Memphis	164th AW Tennessee ANG	4593 Swinnea Dr., Bldg 4607	(901) 291-7220
Tennessee	Memphis	Memphis National Guard Armory 2610 E. Holmes Rd.	2610 E. Holmes Rd.	(901) 543- 7638, press "7"
Tennessee	Millington	NSA Mid-South	522 Integrity Dr., S-456	(901) 874-6419/6421/6430
Tennessee	Nashville	118th AW Tennessee ANG	240 Knapp Blvd., Bldg 801, Rm 171 (615) 399-5536	(615) 399-5536
Tennessee	Nashville	AG HQ TENNESSEE ANG	3041 Sidco Dr.	(615) 313-0594
Tennessee	Nashville	NRC Nashville	1515 Davidson St.	(615) 228-6894
Tennessee	Nashville	640th RSG Nashville	3598 Bell Rd.	(615) 231-4267
Tennessee	Knoxville	NOSC Knoxville	2101 Alcoa HWY	(865) 522-2414
Tennessee	Knoxville	Knoxville National Guard Armory 3330 Sutherland Ave.	3330 Sutherland Ave.	(865) 582-3210
Tennessee	Knoxville	134th ARW McGhee Tyson ANG	134 Briscoe Dr.	(865) 985-3292/Appt line
Tennessee	Smyrna	NG Volunteer Trng Site	686 Fitzhugh Blvd	(615) 267-6300
Tennessee	na	Arnold AFB	111 Von Karman Rd.	(931) 454-3544

You may also use the internet to find locations by going to http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1

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"The new décor and overall look of the store are really impressive" Store Manager **Tony Matthias**

New Commissary Opens on Fort Campbell

Fort Campbell and Defense Commissary Agency officials opened the agency's newest full -service grocery store at Fort Campbell, June 13, 2012. Fort Campbell senior Leadership and hundreds of community members attended the ribboncutting ceremony for the new \$24 million facility located at 2606 Indiana Avenue, across the street from the original commissary. "This is a great time for all Fort Campbell," said Tony Matthias, store director. "The new store is significantly larger than the one it replaced, and it was designed with all our customers in mind, whether they're active duty or retired, single or married with children."

Matthias said the modern look of the new store, with its stateof-the art equipment like electronic shelf labels, is something customers will readily notice. What's not as evident is that the benefit, commissaries sell groequipment, lighting and heatand-air systems are much more energy efficient, which makes the commissary more environmentally friendly. Sustainability and energy-saving features are priorities for the Defense Commissary Agency.

There is plenty of parking both store. in front of and beside the building, with over a dozen handicapped parking spaces.

Besides the much larger, more spacious sales area, the new store has more self checkouts and the international delicates-

sen, bakery, fresh meat and produce sections are larger, in keeping with customer demand.

Offering a great environment to provide the commissary ceries at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, saving customers an average of more than 30 percent on purchases compared to commercial prices. Surcharge funds are used to construct and renovate commissaries, and that's what was used to build the new

"The new décor and overall look of the store are really impressive," Matthias said. "Our customers have a great place to shop and enjoy their commissary benefit." Store contact number is 270-798-2606.



View of the greatly expanded produce area at the new Ft. Campbell Commissary

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Agent Orange Fast Track Program

The Agent Orange Fast Track Claims Processing System https://www.fasttrack.va.gov/AOFastTrack/ is dedicated to processing VA claims for Vietnam Veterans who are claiming service connection for any of the following conditions:

- o Ischemic Heart Disease
- o Hairy Cell and other B-Cell Leukemias
- o Parkinson's Disease
- o Prostate Cancer
- o Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
- o Hodgkin's Disease
- o Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- o Multiple Myeloma

You can use this website to apply for disability benefits for these conditions if you served in the Republic of Vietnam or in-land waterways between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. However, if you have previously applied for service connection for these conditions, or you wish to apply for ser-



vice connection for any additional conditions, you should apply using the traditional claims process at the nearest VA Regional Office http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/division-flsh.asp?dnum=3

or visit the Agent Orange website at http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/index.asp.

Fast Track has many features to expedite the claims process.

- + You can submit an application for benefits and evidence supporting your claim;
- + You can view your claim status;
- + You can view a list of evidence VA has received;
- + Your physician can submit evidence online; and
- + You can also send hardcopy evidence to the Fast Track Claims Processing System.

Login or Register at https://www.fasttrack.va.gov/
AOFastTrack/help5#registereduser to gain access to the Agent Orange Fast Track Claims Processing System or contact your nearest Federal or State VA representative.

Need a Copy of your DD Form 214?

We receive calls weekly from Retirees that cannot locate a copy of their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. As you know, DD Form 214 and DD Form 215 (the official amendment to DD Form 214) are the official documents from the Department of Defense that verify a number of questions about your active duty service: How long you served, awards you earned, schools you attended, combat tours, home of record, etc. This document is commonly used to verify service for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and employment preferences, among other benefits. If you currently have a physical copy of DD Form 214, make additional copies of this document and locate them in several different places. Keep one in a gun safe, fire safe, or safety deposit box. Give a copy to family members you can trust. You can even have a copy entered into the official record at a County Courthouse (do not do this if records are considered public domain in your county). If you lose a copy, one can be located easily.

If you do not have a copy, there are several ways to get one. If you separated in October 2002 or later, you can complete Standard Form 180 (SF-180) and email the scanned document to askhrc.army@us.army.mil, or mail it to Commander, Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDR-V, DEPT. 420, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122. If you separated prior to October 2002, go to the National Archives website at www.archives.gov and select "Veterans Service Records". On the left side of the page you will see "Request Military Service Records". This area allows you to request records one of two ways. By using the "eVetRecs" system, a veterans completes an online request, prints and signs last page and faxes it to the National Archives (this is to verify the person requesting has the authority to do so). Veterans can also request records by completing Standard Form 180 (SF-180) and mailing it to the National Archives. If you cannot access SF-180, you can write a letter containing the same information as SF-180 and mailing it to the National Archives. Records are kept in different locations so use the address on SF-180 that pertains to your service. Address for the National Archives and Records Administration (NPRC): National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138. Telephone 314-801-0800. NPRC Fax Number: 314-801-9195.

Important Telephone Numbers

Ft. Campbell Retirement Services Officer-Theodore (Ted) Faulkner-(270) 798-5280 theodore.w.faulkner4.civ@mail.mil

Ft. Campbell Assistant Retirement Services Officer- Steve Hickman- (270) 798-3310 william.s.hickman2.civ@mail.mil

Ft. Campbell I.D. Card Office- (270) 798-2424

Ft. Campbell Casualty Assistance Center- (270) 798-2085/4727/5729

Ft. Campbell Legal Assistance Office- (270) 798-0918/4432

Fort Campbell Vehicle Registration- (270) 798-5047

Holiday Inn Express (formerly Turner Guest House)- (270) 439-2229

Fort Campbell Commissary- (270) 798-2606

Fort Campbell Post Exchange- (270) 439-1841

DFAS-Cleveland- (800) 321-1080

Department of Veterans Affairs-(800) 827-1000

TRICARE North (Healthnet)- (877) 874-2273

TRICARE South (Humana)- (800) 444-5445

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy-(866) 363-1303

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program- (888) 838-8737

Social Security Administration- (800) 772-1213















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