



## Rocky's Retiree Round-Up/August 2016

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### ***Ft Stewart/HAAF Retiree Council***

Fellow Retirees,

I wanted to start this edition of the newsletter by "Thanking You and your Families" for your many years of Sacrifice and Service to our Nation. Additionally, I want to share a few facts with you that currently impact all of us.

First, because of ongoing reductions of U.S. forces, the retiree population is growing rapidly; it will number more than 2.3 million members by the end of 2016 and the total Active/Guard/Reserve force will fall below 1.1 million. Second, annual military retirement costs are \$41.58 billion and amount to 17-20% of defense outlays. Third, fighting two protracted wars over the past 15 years and concern about the federal deficit has weakened political support for additional retiree entitlements. As a result, military retirees can expect a continued erosion of benefits over the remainder of this decade-despite improved representational strategies by our retiree associations. Fourth, recent military retirees and veterans are encountering difficulty and delays in obtaining civilian employment; in response, they have become more willing to accept less attractive or less remunerative positions. Fifth the Retirement system current Retirees worked so hard to earn and now enjoy will change drastically in January 2016. Finally, currently 40 – 50 % of young men and women joining the Army are

Military dependents. While this may seem to be both appropriate and a good thing it actually sends a warning signal about the lack of propensity for America's youth to serve. Additionally it signals a further separation of the General population willingness to participate in Military Service or understand the unique challenges of Service to the Nation.

Everything stated above are facts that face each of us today, tomorrow and for the future. And while these are all harsh realities it does not mean that we cannot be a force for change. General Petraeus (Commander Multi-National Forces Iraq) told those of us in Iraq in 2007-2008 when things were looking desperate that "Hard is not hopeless" stay the course. The Military Retiree communities must pull together and continue to inform the general public about what we have given and continue to give this great nation as Retired Soldiers.

It is also extremely important that we understand the challenges that face us and what our available courses of action are moving forward. We can sit on our hands and accept what is happening around us or we can take responsibility by becoming more involved within our communities, engaging our local, state and federal congressional representatives and by providing your Retiree Council with any issues that affect you or your fellow Soldiers for Life. I want to issue a call to arms/action to our retiree population in the Southeast





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Region! We need you help to define and address anything you see as current or upcoming issues, anything that affects you or other retirees you know.

Your council members will consider all issues submitted for inclusion in the list of items we collectively send to the Army Staff and Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council. This year the Ft. Stewart / Southeast Regional Retiree council will meet the week of 17 September 2016 at Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF). This year's council meeting will coincide with the Ft Stewart/HAAF Mini-RAD on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. Please register for theft Stewart Mini- RAD on line at the Ft Stewart Retiree website if you plan to attend? We look forward to seeing you there and hearing from you at any time.

Once again on behalf of COL Gerald Thompson, the entire Retiree Council "Thank You for your Service" and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Soldier For Life!

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### **Stewart/HAAF Retiree Corner**

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#### **Aug. 19 DINNER AND A MOVIE AT CLUB STEWART:**

Enjoy "Chocolat," a charming and whimsical movie nominated for five Academy Awards and four Golden Globes, and a three-course gourmet meal at Club Stewart's next Dinner & a Movie event on Aug. 19. The story centers around mysterious Vianne, who arrives in a traditional French village with her spirited daughter and opens a chocolate shop. After that, nothing is ever the same. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the dinner and the movie. Social hour, with all-you-can-eat appetizers, begins at 6 p.m. Dinner and the movie start at 7 p.m. Dinner & a Movie coming attractions: "Big Night" on Sept. 30 and "Sweeney Todd" on Oct. 28. For more information, call 912-767-4717.

#### **Aug. 21 GUYS AND DOLLS 9-HOLE EVENT AT HUNTER GOLF COURSE:**

Play nine holes at Hunter Golf Course in a relaxed and fun atmosphere with your special someone in the Guys & Dolls event starting at 3 p.m. Aug. 21. Enjoy Hunter Golf Course, with its newly re-grassed greens, and get acquainted with other couples. The cost is \$40 per couple. For more information, call 912-315-9115.

#### **Aug. 14 MILITARY DAY AT ATLANTA FALCON'S TRAINING CAMP:**

The Atlanta Falcons will host a Military Day at their training camp at their practice facility, 4400 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, Ga, 30542, on Aug. 14. Free admission! For directions, parking and additional information please visit [atlantafalcons.com](http://atlantafalcons.com). Date and time are subject to change, please check [www.atlantafalcons.com](http://www.atlantafalcons.com) for updates. The first 1,000 guests through the gates that present a Military ID (active, reserves and retired) will receive two complimentary tickets to the Atlanta Falcons vs. Jacksonville Jaguars game on Thursday, September 1. Gates open at 8:30 a.m., Open practice is 10 a.m. There will be post practice autographs and giveaways.

#### **Mini Retiree Appreciation Day**

*Friday, September 16, 2016*

*TOMINAC FITNESS CENTER*

*314 Billy Mitchell Boulevard, Building 919*

*Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia 31409*

*Registration 8:00 am; Event 9:00 am – 3:00*

*Third Infantry Division Leadership*





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### **MacDill AFB (Florida) Retiree Corner**

#### **Prescription Transfers:**

1. MacDill AFB pharmacy will transfer prescriptions for all medications (controlled & non-controlled substances) off base to any pharmacy (DoD or civilian) upon request from that pharmacy. Please print and fill out **Pharmacy Medication Transfer Sheet (Click Here)** prior to coming to any of our pharmacies. This will drastically speed up the transferring process of your prescriptions.
2. Beneficiary categories, MacDill AFB will transfer all prescription(s) (controlled & non-controlled) from another pharmacy (on or off base) to our facility upon verification from the original pharmacy.
  - a. Transfers into MacDill AFB will be done during normal duty hours and require three working days to complete.
  - b. All transfers into MacDill AFB must be from the original pharmacy.

**Remember:** ALL prescriptions (controlled substances and legend substances) MUST contain the provider's DEA (drug enforcement agency) number, state license number or social security number to dispense a prescription at MacDill AFB.

Prescription - Drop Off Box - located at the PharmaCARE Center and Exchange Food Court

The MacDill AFB Pharmacy introduces the written prescription drop off box.  
Prescriptions placed in the box before noon

will be ready for pick up the next duty day after 10 a.m. barring any problems. All Drop Off Box Prescriptions will need to be picked up inside the PharmaCARE.

**Note:** Refills will not be processed in this manner. The Refill Call In Service must be used for refill requests.

If the prescription drop box is a service that you choose to use, please note the following:

1. You must be registered in DEERS (Had a prescription fill at MacDill AFB)
2. The medication must be on the current 6th MDG Formulary (available near drop box)
3. The 6th MDG Pharmacy follows DoD guidelines for quantity limitations
4. If the prescription is presented too early, it will be returned to you
5. If the prescription requires clarification, the doctor will be contacted. Under these circumstances, the prescription may not be ready on time.

#### **ID Card Contact Numbers for Central and South Florida:**

Hialeah – 305-628-5150  
Homestead Air Reserve Base 786-415-7222

Key West

- Boca Chica 305-293-3778
- Deck Personnel Office – 305-292-8442





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Miami – SOUTHCOM 305-437-2718

Miramar – 305-536-0202

Orlando

- Pass and ID Office (Science Drive) –  
407-380-4315

Retirees are encouraged to make online appointments through the Rapids Appointment Scheduler by visiting their website: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>

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