



RETIREMENT SERVICES BULLETIN

“STILL SERVING”



FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND



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GARRISON COMMANDER

Colonel Thomas S. Rickard

I would like to extend my warmest greeting to the Fort Meade Retiree community. I am honored and grateful to be Fort Meade's new Garrison Commander. I will not take the responsibility lightly, and I pledge to serve our Team Meade community to the best of my ability.

The retiree community is a vital part of Fort Meade. You and your Families add immensely to our uniqueness and strength. You are the epitome of “Soldier For Life!”

You'd be proud to know our current generation of service men and women are repaying their debt of gratitude to you through their gallant service. Fort Meade is the Nation's Center for Information, Intelligence and Cyber Operations. The men and woman serving here defend our nation every day, but we clearly stand on the shoulders of great Americans. Thank you for shooting the azimuth our current military follows while preserving the freedom you so passionately defended.

One way Fort Meade honors your service is by providing you with a wide variety of services and morale, welfare and recreation programs. Our professionals work tirelessly to improve the services you and your Family Members have earned. I hope you have been able to visit the new Post Exchange, VA clinic, and the Army Wellness Center next to the Main Post Chapel on Llewellyn Avenue.

On October 21st, Fort Meade will be hosting its annual Retiree Appreciation Day at McGill Training Center. I know the Fort Meade Retirement Services Office has been working hard to make this event a special day for each of you. Please complete the enclosed registration form and mark October 21st on your calendar.

Thank you for your past service in uniform, and your continued commitment to the nation and Fort Meade. I look forward to seeing you on October 21st. Team Meade!

Message from the Fort Meade Retiree Council Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

Retiree Council Chairperson:

COL Bert L. Rice, USA (Ret)

Greetings! Seems like just yesterday that we sent out the last newsletter but once again the time has come to let you know about the forthcoming Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) activities. I hope to see you at the next RAD on Friday, 21 October 2016 at McGill Training Center. This is the same location as last year's RAD.

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours doing well. As for me, I fully retired on 31 May 2016 and am now adjusting to a very different time schedule! I look forward to the opportunity to remain involved in interesting and challenging activities. We will continue to maintain our Maryland residence but will spend four to five months in our home state of Montana and travel as opportunities arise. I am pleased to be retired – it was the right time!

The RAD held on 23 October 2015 was one of the most successful and very well attended. Many organizations supported the event and they have indicated their interest in supporting our next RAD once again. We appreciate the support provided by so many to include Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center.

Mr. Mark E. Overberg, Deputy Chief, Army Retirement Services, Soldier for Life Office,

was guest speaker. He provided an excellent summary of retiree related topics and fielded many questions from fellow retirees. We appreciate the support we receive throughout the year from him and his staff.

Mr. George Owings, Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs, will serve as this year's guest speaker. Mr. Owings is a former elected Maryland Delegate and served as Secretary of Veterans Affairs during the Governor Ehrlich administration. He is Vietnam Veteran and is highly qualified to address veteran issues. We are honored and pleased to have Mr. Owings address our RAD attendees. Plan now to attend RAD activities on 21 October. The doors will open at 0800 hours.

Please read the comments by Command Sergeant Major Midge Matlock-Williams, USA (Ret), Co-Chairperson of the Retiree Council. She provides a summary of results of the Army's Chief of Staff Retiree Council meeting that occurred in April 2016. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Council brief the Army Chief of Staff regarding findings after their research and development of recommendations on myriad issues submitted by Installation Retiree Councils from around the world. We thank and appreciate CSM Matlock-Williams for her

service on the Army's Chief of Staff Retiree Council! Keep up the good work CSM!

As I usually do, I want to acknowledge and thank Ms. Anna Taylor and her staff for their support of a large retiree population served by Fort Meade. The Retirement Services Office has been understaffed for an extended period. We are hopeful that the office will be able to hire additional personnel to accomplish all the requirements to support the retired community. Thanks Anna and staff!

RAD activities could not be conducted without the wonderful support of the Garrison Commander and his staff. This is to acknowledge that support and to extend our sincere thanks to all involved in rendering continued outstanding support.

Finally, I/we offer an invitation to anyone who is interested in joining the Fort Meade Retiree Council. If interested, please let any member of the Council or Ms. Anna Taylor and/or her staff know of your interest. You will be provided application materials that are quite easy to complete. We seek additional Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers to join the Council.

Thank each and every one of you for your service. Another way of saying it is, "Thank you for my freedom!" Thanks, too, to the families who have stood with us during our service. In my book, they are the unsung heroes!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Friday, 21 October at RAD activities to be conducted at the McGill Training Center beginning at 0800 hours.

"SOLDIER FOR LIFE AND PROUD OF IT"

Retiree Council Co-Chairperson:

**CSM Saundra "Midge" Matlock-Williams
USA (Ret)**

Greetings to all,

I hope it's been a great year for you and life has treated you kindly. Once again, a year has come and gone, Ft. Meade has undergone many changes with more to come. As you have noticed there is construction and road improvements throughout the community. The road construction is daunting at times but hang in there, because it will benefit all in the area when it's done.

Again this year, I have had the privilege and honor to serve on the Chief of Staff of the Army Retired Soldier Council. It is a humbling experience to represent retired soldiers Army wide and address the concerns of our population and community. This year, there were 34 issues addressed by the council. The issues and concerns covered three major areas; healthcare, communications, and benefits and entitlements. For example the proposal of changes to Tri-Care choices and the fee increases associated with these changes; the inability of retired soldiers to communicate with leadership and others, or the proposal to support concurrent receipt regardless the level of disability compensation. It is a lot of information to address in this newsletter, so please visit <http://soldierforlife.army.mil>, click on CSA Retired Soldier Council and scroll down to the council report and read it. If there is an issue or

interest you have, forward it to Ft. Meade's Council to make recommendations and to forward it up. The council makes recommendations to CSA.

I join COL Rice in inviting you to participate in the Retiree Appreciation day on Friday, 21 Oct 16 at McGill Training Center. Last year was a great success with a large number of participants. This year as always, Ms Taylor, RSO and her staff are working in partnership with Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center staff to continue to support you. Come to the RAD and discover something new across the installation! Thank you Ms Taylor and staff for all your efforts in supporting the retiree community.

Ft. Meade Garrison has changed hands once again. Let us take a moment to thank and recognize the efforts of Col Brian Foley. Thank you for your leadership and your time given to making the community and council stronger.

With Col Foley's departure, we welcome Col. Tom Rickard, an Infantry officer who has taken command of the installation. We look forward to working with him on retiree and Soldier for Life issues.

Once again I ask that you lead the way and set the example. Please offer your time, energy and effort in helping to keep Ft. Meade vital and strong. Consider volunteering at any number of activities around the installation. Utilize the services offered on the installation. Complete the satisfaction surveys. Participate in the retiree council. Share your military story with our youth. Lastly, I hope to see you all at the Retiree Appreciation Day. Have a great summer. Best wishes and thank you for your continued service.

A Soldier For Life,
Midge



Save the Date For Next Year!

*Retiree Appreciation Day 2017 will be held on
27 October 2017*

MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION

Installation Adjutant General

Richard Lee

Located at 2234 Huber Road, the Military Personnel Division manages personnel information and provides world class human resources services for more than 5,800 active duty-, Active Guard/Reserve Soldiers and their families in a 25 state area and overseas. The MPD is responsible for a five state casualty assistance center and retirement services office that provides services to potentially more than 33,000 plus retirees and Family Members. Our goal is to be the best military personnel division in the Army.

Retirement Services

Officer



Anna M. Taylor

The Fort Meade Retirement Services Office is temporarily located in the lower level of building 219 Chisholm Ave. We provide numerous pre and post-retirement services. For all the services we provide, please visit our website at http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/pages/rso/rso_svcs.html. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at (301) 677-9603/9434. We look forward to serving you.

Chief, Identification Card Office

Juana Velez

The Fort Meade Identification (ID) Card Facility is located on the main level of building 2234 Huber Road. It is encouraged that you please use our on-line appointment system at

Voting Assistance Officer

Delissa Rodgers-Green

The Installation Voting Assistance Office (IVAO) is located in building 2234 Huber Road, Room 108, Fort Meade, MD 20755, Phone: 301-677-2506, Office Hours are M-F 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, or you can send emails to: Delissa.r.rodgersgreene.civ@mail.mil

Chief, Casualty Assistance Center

Antoinette O'Connor

The Fort Meade Casualty Assistance Center is located on the 2nd Floor of 2234 Huber Road, Room 202. Open Monday – Friday / 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
(301) 677-2206 Office
(301) 677-6495 Fax

Identification Cards/ Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

2234 Huber Road

Fort Meade, MD 20755

Customer Service 301 677-3342

Monday through Friday, 0730 to 1530

Military in uniform, without their Family Members, have priority from 0730-0830.

Limited walk-ins are welcome.

Closed last the Wednesday of each month, 0730 - 1230 for training.

18 years and older need two forms of ID unexpired, one must be a picture state ID.

Lost: Military, Civilian and Contractors reporting their CAC as lost, must provide a military police report or a letter from there agency stating the reason for the lost CAC. Military personnel can present a counseling statement from there change of command.

Military Members

Official documentation must be presented for any updates or changes (i.e. Promotion Orders, DD 214, and Re-Enlistment Contact. Name changes must be submitted by unit personnel.

Must present two (2) valid forms of identification that is not expired. One must be a state picture ID.

Family Member

Dependents 18 years and older must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification and have one of the following:

Sponsor present

Valid Power of Attorney (POA)

DD Form 1172-2: ID Card Application signed by the Sponsor and a Verifying Official

DD Form 1172-2: ID Card Application signed by the Sponsor and a Notary Public

For adding Family Members

Spouse: Marriage certificate/license, must contain a seal of the court certified, driver's license (unexpired), birth certificate (must contain the name of at least one parent), Social Security card, photo ID issued by state or local government (no), final divorce decree, annulment or death certificate from the previous marriage.

Children: Birth certificate, Social Security Card. Children must be 10 years of age to be issued an ID card. With the exception of single parents and dual military.

Newborn: Verification of birth from hospital. Sponsor must present the birth certificate and Social Security card within 90 days.

Single Soldiers and Child Born Out of Wedlock (For Initial Entry-Only Army)

Birth certificate, Social Security Card

Must bring one of the following: Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity from the state in which the child was born, court order establishing paternity, Dependency Determination (Except Army not required)

Step Children

Sponsor must bring the marriage certificate/license, (must contain the name of at least one parent), birth certificate, Social Security Card.

Full-Time Students

Students age 21-23 years old – Must provide an official letter from the registrar’s office on school letterhead indicating that he/she is a full time student, enrolled attending an associate’s degree or higher and the expected graduation date. Student can also visit www.studentclearinghouse.org and print the Enrollment Verification Certificate. Sponsor must input in block 89 (Remarks) of the DD 1172 the following statement **“The Child Named is a fulltime student attending an associate’s degree or higher and I am providing over 50% of monetary support”**. Must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

DFAS Packets, incapacitated Child (For Initial Entry-Only Army)

DFAS approval, if applicable. Photo ID, military ID, Social Security card, and medical sufficiency statement (memorandum from the doctor).

DFAS Packets, Parent/Parent-in-law (For Initial Entry-Only Army)

DFAS approval, valid unexpired photo ID, card, birth certificate and birth certificate of sponsor. Parent-in-law: in addition to above documentation, please include birth certificate and marriage certificate of sponsor and spouse.

The ID Card Facility **does not handle the approval for these packets**. Once completed you must mail or fax to DFAS Indianapolis Center. **All packets need to be re-certified every 4 years**

100% Service Connected Disable Veteran (DAV)

Letter from Department of Veteran Affairs showing member as an honorably discharged veteran rated as 100% service connected, authorizing commissary store and exchange privileges.

Must have a DD Form 214 (Copy of Member 4), an unexpired picture ID, and social security card.

Ward (For Initial Entry-Only Army) (Require a dependency package, except Army)

Court order granting custody to the Sponsor. Court order must stipulate that the child will be in the care and custody of the Sponsor for no less than twelve (12) consecutive months. The court order can designate length of custody by age, time or permanency. Also, must bring their birth certificate, Social Security Card.

Retirees (Initial Retirement) Initial Retirement: Retirement Orders and DD Form 214 (Copy 4), Reserve/National Guard Retirees need Orders/Letter transferring to Retired List and authorizing retired pay. If Medicare eligible, must present Medicare Card and must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

Service Members Discharge (ETS)

Must have a DD 214 Member 4, and two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

DoD Civilians

All data must be previously input through Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC). Must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

DoD Contractors

All data must be previously input through Trusted Agent Sponsorship System (TASS). If going overseas, a Letter of Authorization (LOA)/Synchronized Pre-deployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) is required. For the initial card, LOA cannot be older than 30 days. Must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

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FORT MEADE TAX CENTER

Tax time generally comes before you know it and the Fort Meade Tax Assistance Center is available to help. The Tax Center is located at 4217 Roberts Avenue. Hours are from 8:00 am. - 3:00 pm. with some evening and weekend hours in March and April to be announced. For more information, or to make an appointment call the Fort Meade Tax Assistance Center at (301) 677-9762.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

We offer a wide variety of programs and service to assist you in meeting your needs. To discover further information on our services visit us online at <http://www.ftmeademwr.com/acs.php>, if you need further information on our programs contact us at (301) 677-5590 or visit us at 830 Chisholm Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Families of Fallen Soldiers. Regardless of your loved one's Army component, duty status, location, or manner of death, SOS support staff are available to help. For additional information, contact Ms. Farmer, telephone (301) 677-4116/6930, or e-mail voncile.c.farmer2.civ@mail.mil

CLUB MEADE

Club Meade is located at 6600 Mapes Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755. This facility host meetings, conferences, reunions, birthday parties, awards ceremonies, expositions, and wedding receptions. Club Meade can accommodate a wide range of group sizes; from intimate parties of 25 to large groups up to 400. The club offers everything from casual buffet style to elegant, formal

dining. Call them today at (301) 677-4333.



*Fort Meade
Retiree
Appreciation Day
October 21, 2016
at the McGill
Training Center*



GET INVOLVED WITH RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS

- Fort Meade E9 Association meets the second Friday of every month at 7 a.m. in the Pin Deck Cafe at the Lanes. The next meeting is Friday. The association is open to active, retired, Reserve and National Guard E9s of any uniformed service. All E9s in this area are invited to attend a breakfast and meet the membership. For more information, go to e9association.org.
- Meade Branch 212 of the Fleet Reserve Association meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie. Active-duty, Reserve and retired members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are invited. For more information, call 443-604-2474 or 410-768-6288.
- Families Dealing with Deployment meets the first and third Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. Children welcome. The group is for families experiencing an upcoming or current deployment, or the service members who have recently returned from deployment. For more information, call 301-677-7823.
- The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center, 4998 2nd Corps Blvd. For more information, visit trea.org or call Charles Green, the local chapter president, at 443-610-4252 or Otis Whitaker Sr., chapter secretary, at 443-306-1104.
- The Society of Military Widows meets for brunch the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at Club Meade. For more information, call Betty Jones at 410-992-1123.
- The Military District of Washington Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Barfield, club vice president, at aaron.a.barfield.mil@mail.mil.
- The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 254 meets the third Wednesday of every month from 3-4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Airman Leadership School, 8470 Zimborski Ave. For more information, call 831-521-9251 or go to AFSA254.org.
- The Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month. The meetings normally occur from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the America Building, River Conference Room (next to the Prostate Center), third floor. Spouses/partners are invited. Military ID is required for base access. Men without a military ID should call the Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least four business days prior to the event for base access. For more information, call retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or email jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.
- The Marriage Enrichment Group, sponsored by Army Community Service, meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 3-4 p.m. at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave., Fort Meade. For more information, call Celena Flowers or Jessica Hobgood at 301-677-5590.
- The Fort Meade Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America holds regularly scheduled meetings at Club Meade. Reservations are required. For more information, call Wayne Hobbs at 410-799-8331.
- Monthly Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Religious Support Office, is held the first Thursday of every month at 7 a.m. at Club Meade. There is no cost for the buffet. Donations are optional. Menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, grits, Danish pastries and fruit. All Fort Meade employees, civilian and military personnel, and family members are invited. For more information, call 301-677-6703.
- Fort Meade First Class Petty Officer Association meets the first Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. at The Lanes. All first class petty officers are invited. For more information, call PO1 Jennifer Wonch at 410-854-2763.
- The Meade Rod and Gun Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant and Odie's Pub at 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton, in the banquet hall in back of the building. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. For more information, call Charisma Wooten at 240-568-6055.
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Anne Arundel County offers a free support group for families with a loved one suffering from mental illness on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Odenton (West County) Library, 1325 Annapolis Road. For more information, visit namiaac.org.
- The Exceptional Family Member Program hosts "Sip and Share" on the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Exchange coffee shop in the food court. The event is designed to allow participants to share their stories to encourage and inform one another about resources available in the local community. For more information or to register, call 301-677-4779.
- Project Healing Waters meets Thursdays at Burba Lake area No. 3 in the summer. Grilling begins at 5 p.m. In the winter, the group meets at the Rascon Building, 2481 Llewellyn Ave. The project is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of wounded warriors and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying and outings. For more information, call Larry Vawter, program leader, at 443-535-5074 or email thecarptman@msn.com.

(Information provided from the SoundOff newspaper, 8/18/16 edition)

Morning Session

Welcome & Registration 0800-1100
 Information Booths/Medical Screening 0800-1145
 Flu Shots 0800-1200
 Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining Facility (\$5.55) 1200-1300
 A shuttle is provided starting at 1130.

Afternoon Session 1300-1500

Posting of the Colors

Meade High School Honor Guard

National Anthem

Meade High School

Invocation

Religious Support Office, Fort Meade

Retiring the Colors

Welcome

COL Bert Rice (USA Retired)

Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council

Introductory Remarks

COL Thomas S. Rickard

Garrison Commander

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker

COL Bert Rice (USA Retired)

Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council

Guest Speaker

George W. Owings III

Secretary, Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs

Closing Remarks

CSM Sandra Matlock-Williams

Co-Chairperson, Fort Meade Retiree Council

****Raffle Prizes****

Directions to Fort Meade Entrance Gates

From North – Travel south on Route 295 to the Jessup/Odenton exit (Rte. 175). Exit east on Route 175 towards Odenton. Turn right onto Reece Road (3rd light).

From West – Travel east on Route 175, turn right on Reece Road.

From the East – Travel Route 175. Either enter at the gate on Llewellyn Road (this will not permit you on to the main post) or the gates at Reece (Open) or Mapes Road (Currently Closed).

From South – Travel North on Route 295 (Baltimore Washington Parkway) and then east on Route 198. Take the circles at Rte. 32 and come through Mapes Road entrance or drive North on 95 then east on Route 32 to Mapes Road.

***Notes**

- For your convenience, the Installation will post directional signs guiding you to the RAD event.
- Be prepared for possible traffic delays.
- Please fill out the registration form included in this publication and return it as soon as possible.
- Breakfast refreshments are provided by AUSA.
- If possible, please bring exact change to purchase lunch tickets.

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

RESERVATION FORM

October 21, 2016

Mail to: Retirement Services Office

ATTN: IMME-HR

2234 Huber Road

Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Fax to: 301-677-2142

Scan to: armyrsomeade@mail.mil

Registration Questions:

Is Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Clinic your primary medical treatment facility? Yes or No

Do you plan on participating in the no cost medical screening/flu vaccination?
Yes or No

Are you planning joining us for lunch at the Freedom Inn Dining Facility?

(Cash only \$5.55) Yes or No

Registration Information:

Name(s) _____

City and State: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

****Note:** Please return forms no later than October 17th. If you miss the deadline, no problem, you can sign up the day of the event! ******

We look forward to seeing you there!

FALL 2016

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
McGILL TRAINING CENTER
21 October 2016
0800-1500

INFORMATION BOOTHS, MEDICAL SCREENINGS, LUNCH AT ONE OF THE
ARMY'S BEST DINING FACILITIES (FREEDOM INN), BENEFITS SYMPOSIUM,
AND GREAT DOOR PRIZES.



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