

RETIREE OFFICE NEWS – 171st ARW



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“Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.” ~ Dwight Eisenhower

Email Addresses: If you would like to hear about upcoming retiree news and events, please provide your email address to Bonnie Kriberney at bjkriberney@msn.com. *There are approximately a dozen non-deliverable emails that are being returned. Don't forget to keep me informed, if you change your email address/provider.*

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

When: CY 2014 - January 20th, April 21st, **July 21st**, and October 20th

Where: Golden Corral, 900 Park Manor Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
(Near Mall at Robinson) (412) 788-1776

“Don't forget to ask for your military or senior discount!!!”

Time: 1100 hours

We average around 80 retirees at the luncheons. Come join the fun and catch up with old friends over a delicious lunch.

Hope to see you all at the next Retiree Luncheon on July 21th!

112th Reunion: The 112th Reunion was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 (112th day of the year) at the 911th AFRES Club. Many enjoyed the dinner buffet and everyone had a great time catching up with old friends. It sure brings back a lot of wonderful memories and good times looking at the display of 112TFG memorabilia that Brad Gilles sets up for the reunion. A **“BIG Thank You” goes out to Brad Gilles** for all his time and efforts in planning the reunion and continuing this annual event.

Retirements: Congratulations to our recent retirees who retired from April 2014 through June 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact the Retiree Office, if you need assistance.

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Retired
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APR 2014

COL	MACMILLAN	DAVID	01-APR-14
LTC	KUCINSKI	JOHN	30-APR-14
SMS	STATZER	JOHN	24-APR-14
MSG	BARNA	MARC	18-APR-14
MSG	MAIN	DERIC	16-APR-14
TSG	SPIRIDIGLIOZZI	SARAH	27-APR-14

MAY 2014

MSG	BURKE	PATRICK	31-MAY-14
MSG	LECHNER	KEVIN	31-MAY-14
TSG	LITWIN	EDWARD	01-MAY-14

JUN 2014

CMS	BAILEY	DAVID	01-JUN-14
SMS	EGGERT	DOUGLAS	01-JUN-14
TSG	SLUK	MARK	01-JUN-14

Sympathies: We extend 'Our Deepest Sympathy' to the families and relatives of the following retirees who passed away. Please inform our office if you hear of the passing of one of our fellow 171st, 112th, or 258TH members. Click on each name to view the obituary.

Col George T. Bright, Sr. - 28 May 2014 - Age 92 – 171ARW Wing Vice Commander/Safety Officer
<http://fryefuneralhome.com/sitemaker/sites/FRYEFU2/obit.cgi?user=1317116Bright>

Lt Col John M. "Mike" Johnson - 19 May 2014 - Age 71 – 112TFG Operations F102 Pilot
[Link to obituary no longer available](#)

LTC Warren E. Kuhlber - 30 Apr 2014 - Age 89
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?pid=170902535>

MSGt James W. Pike, Sr - 21 May 2014 - Age 72 – 171ARW Maintenance Squadron
http://www.shoemakerfh-monuments.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user_id=1314137

James H. Shelton - 13 Apr 2014 - Age 51 – 112TFG Munitions (Brother of Dave Shelton)
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?pid=170651991>

TRICARE FORMULARY SEARCH TOOL

A Tricare Formulary Search Tool is available to provide you an easy way to determine the cost and availability of your medication at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF), Home Delivery (Express Scripts), or at a Retail Network (Your local Tricare participating pharmacy).

http://pec.ha.osd.mil/fst/formulary_search_results.php

1. Click on the link above
2. Enter your medication name in the 'Search' Box and select your medication from the list and hit 'Enter'
3. Search results will appear
4. Select the correct medication with the proper dose and form (Tablet/Capsule).
5. Next you will see the table below. It will provide your medication costs from a Military Pharmacy (MTF), Home Delivery (Express Scripts), and a Retail Network (Local Tricare participating pharmacies). Since you are retired, your costs will appear under the column titled 'Non-Active Duty.'

Delivery Method	Cost		Notes
	Active Duty	Non-Active Duty	
Military Pharmacy (MTF)			
Home Delivery (Mail Order)			
Retail Network			

Non Formulary Medications and information

The link below provides you a list of Non Formulary medications.

<http://pec.ha.osd.mil/nonform.php?submenuheader=1>

A non-formulary medication can be provided at the formulary cost share if your provider supplies information showing that there is a medical necessity to use the non-formulary medication instead of any of the therapeutic alternatives that are on the TRICARE Uniform Formulary.

- If you are an active duty service member and medical necessity is approved, then you will be able to obtain the non-formulary medication through any pharmacy (military, mail-order, retail network etc.) at a \$0 cost share. Active duty service members may not fill prescriptions for non-formulary medications, unless the medication is determined to be medically necessary.
- If you are not an active duty service member (spouse, dependent or retiree) and medical necessity is approved, then you may receive the non-formulary medication at the formulary cost share at retail network pharmacies and the mail-order program.

In general, for medical necessity to be established, one or more of the following criteria must be met for ALL of the available formulary alternatives:

- The use of the formulary alternative is contraindicated; meaning you shouldn't use this

- medication because it could harm you rather than help you;
- You experience, or are likely to experience, significant adverse effects from the formulary alternative, and you are reasonably expected to tolerate the non-formulary medication;
 - The formulary alternative results in therapeutic failure (meaning the medication is not effective which is determined by your provider), and you are reasonably expected to respond to the non-formulary medication;
 - You previously responded to a non-formulary medication and changing to a formulary alternative would incur unacceptable clinical risk; or
 - There is no formulary alternative.

Medical necessity forms and criteria for each non-formulary medication are available at http://pec.ha.osd.mil/forms_criteria.php?submenuheader=0

Legal Assistance – A Retired Military Benefit

Do you need a Will or Power of Attorney? Did you know, as a military retiree, you can be provided this service through a military legal office. I contacted the 171ARW Legal Office and received the following guidelines. Keep in mind that the 171ARW Legal Office is a part-time office, so appointment times are limited.

Wills - can only be done on UTA weekends

Powers of Attorney - can be done on UTA weekends, and occasionally once or twice a month mid-week.

1. *Prior to making an appointment*, you are required to fill out an online legal worksheet by visiting the Legal Assistance Website at: <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/lass/lass.html>

After completing all necessary information, the **system will generate you a ticket number**, which you will need to schedule your appointment.

2. *To schedule an appointment at the 171ARW Legal Office, you need to provide your online ticket number, last name and contact number to hold your appointment:*

Call: 412-776-7529 or Email:
TSgt Mary Wargo at mary.wargo@ang.af.mil
Major Amy Bryan at amy.bryan@ang.af.mil

Due to a demand of legal assistance appointments with current active members on drill weekends, retirees may have to schedule a month or two out.

**Are you interested in serving those who served their country?
Become a member of the Beaver County Special Unit Honor Guard
Program:**

We are the Beaver County Special Unit (BCSU), an official, recognized Veterans Service organization (VSO) that provides Honor Guard ceremonies for the families of deceased veterans. Each honorably discharged veteran is entitled to a military funeral consisting of two members of his former service who folds the flag, blows taps, and presents the flag to the next of kin.

However, the BCSU, which has 13 members, provides a personalized eulogy (1), flag bearers (2), ceremonial guards (2), two personnel to fold the flag (2), a bugler for Taps (1), and up to five (5) members of the firing detail.

We provided 199 services in 2013. We average four funerals per week, although there were occasions when we had none, and other times when we had nine. We conduct our services mainly in Beaver County, although we also go to Resurrection, Coraopolis Cemetery, Sewickley Cemetery, Hookstown, Rochester, Monaca, New Brighton, Clinton and North Hills.

We provide a new full Army dress blue uniform, with a dickey, beret, gloves, paten leather shoes, boots and gloves. See picture below:



For more information, contact Ray Dougherty at dougduv@verizon.net or Carl Hughes, at chughes55@comcast.net.

Thank you, and God Bless America.

**CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? - Civil Air Patrol needs serviceable
military clothing and equipment:**

The Civil Air Patrol Squadron 603, (located on the 911th Air Force Reserve Base), would gladly accept all serviceable Air Force military clothing and equipment you have that is no longer needed for both males and females. The Cadets wear the older Air Force blues as well as the woodland camouflage BDU. They can use just about anything you may have to include items such as the BDU Uniforms (field jackets/shirts/pants/belts/hats/boots), Blues Uniform (jackets/shirts/pants/belts/hats/low quarters), canteens, ribbon racks, web belts, etc.

If you have any military clothing or equipment that you can donate, you can either:

1. Drop them off at the 171ARW Retiree Office on any Thursday
2. Bring them to the next Retiree Luncheon on Monday, July 21st
3. Call Brian Finnegan in Moon Township at (412) 915-0352 to arrange a pick-up

Thank you!

Moon Military Commissary & Post Exchange Update as of 20 Jul 2014:

Rumor has it, that the New Commissary and Post Exchange facility is now planning on a "Grand Opening" shooting for **September 2014**. We were not able to get a reply from our contact at the Commissary, so this date has not been confirmed. The firm date will be set as the time-frame approaches and it becomes more apparent how the construction and supply of these facilities progress. Both entities indicate that they may be open for business a few days prior to any "Grand Opening" ceremony.

The new location of the Military Commissary and PX is located at the corner of University Boulevard and the Interstate 376 Business Route in Moon.

"NEW COMMISSARY"

Ground Breaking – 17 Aug 2012
Contract, \$15 Million
43,000 square feet

"NEW POST EXCHANGE (PX)"

Ground Breaking – 29 Aug 2013
Contract, \$6 Million
11,000 square feet
Retail Store
Military Clothing Sales
Barbershop
Class Six
Snack Bar



"Commissary Main Entrance"



"PX Construction to right of Commissary"

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND LINKS:

171st Air Refueling Wing: <http://www.171arw.ang.af.mil/>

911th AW Casualty Assistance Office: (412) 474-8558, Fax: (412) 474-8987
Address: 911th FSS/FSMPS, 2475 Defense Ave, Bldg 316, Rm 112, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Email contact: Martin W. Patterson, <mailto:martin.patterson.1@us.af.mil>
Provides assistance to a retiree/spouse/dependent upon the passing of a retired military member or dependent in processing the required documentation and survivor benefits.

Air Force Retiree Services: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

AMC Space-A Travel: <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp>

Department of Veteran Affairs (VA): <http://www.va.gov/> or 1-800-827-1000

Express Scripts – TRICARE Pharmacy: <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/>
Toll-Free within the U.S.: 1-877-363-1303

Retired and Annuitant Pay:

For news updates, general information, and forms: visit the Retired Pay Site, **Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) – Retired Military & Annuitants**
<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

- Questions about your retired or annuity pay account: 1-800-321-1080, Press 1 then 4, Press 0 (zero) for operator.
- Reporting a Death or Following-Up on a Claim: 1-800-321-1080, Press 1, then Press 1 again, Enter social security number.

For specific questions: AskDFAS <https://corpweb1.dfas.mil/askDFAS/askRA.jsp>

For discussion on retired pay issues: Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/DefenseFinanceandAccountingService?ref=ts>

Military.com/Benefits: <http://www.military.com/benefits>

Military.com free membership sign-up:
http://www.military.com/Registration/Universal_Registration_Page?ESRC=TAF.bb

myPay: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> or 1-888-332-7411 Option 5

TRICARE Health Insurance Coverage & Benefits Plans: <http://www.tricare.mil>
Tricare North Region – Health Net Federal Services: 1-877-874-2273
TRICARE For Life: 1-866-773-0404

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Retiree Assistance: 1-877-968-3778