

RETIREE OFFICE NEWS – 171st ARW



Retiree Office
300 Tanker Road #4210
Coraopolis, PA 15108-4210
Phone: 412-776-7587 or
412-776-7538, Fax: 7441
BJKRIBERNEY@MSN.COM
Office Hours: Thursdays 0800 – 1200



“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.” ~ Lauren DeStefano

Email Addresses: If you would like to hear about upcoming retiree news and events, please provide your email address to Bonnie Kriberney at <mailto:bjkriberney@msn.com>.

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

When: CY 2013 - **October 21st**
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 had 79 in attendance at our last Retiree Luncheon in July. It is wonderful to see so many retirees at the luncheons. Everyone enjoys the good food, but most of all seeing and talking with good friends.

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

Military Retiree Pay during government shutdown:

Military retirees and annuitants are not paid from Continuing Resolution Act (CRA) appropriations, so those payments will continue as scheduled.

Retirements: Congratulations to our recent retirees who retired in July, August, and September 2013. Please do not hesitate to contact the Retiree Office, if you need assistance.

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Retired
------	-----------	------------	---------

JUL 2013

--- NONE ---

AUG 2013

MSG	HUFF	STEPHEN	14-AUG-13
TSG	BOOTH	BAY	28-AUG-13
TSG	EYLER	CLAYTON	01-AUG-13
SSG	LIZON	JOSEPH	01-AUG-13

SEP 2013

MSG	SNATCHKO	DEBORAH	30-SEP-13
TSG	MARONEY	EDWARD	03-SEP-13

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. To view the obituary, click or paste link.

Lt Col Robert "Hap" Holiday - 14 Jul 2013 - Age 96

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=robert-lewis-holliday-hap&pid=165869978&fhid=10409>

SMSgt Robert W. Johnson - 18 Sep 2013 - Age 77

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=robert-w-johnson-bob&pid=166890570>

MSgt Walter B. Austin - 24 May 2013 - Age 63

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/PostGazette/obituary.aspx?n=WALTER-B-AUSTIN&pid=165009978>

TSgt Sherman L . Kirkland, Sr. - 19 Sep 2013 - Age 71

<http://www.hillandkunselman.com/obits/obituary.php?id=359385>

SSgt James H. Kramer - 24 May 2013 - Age 81

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=james-h-kramer-rap-rap&pid=165009981&fhid=9774>

How to request documents from your Retired Military “Personnel Service” Record:

After speaking with ARPC at Buckley AFB, CO, it is recommended that all retirees contact ARPC “**FIRST**” for quicker response. (*Disregard instructions on the web for requesting military records from the National Archives, because it will take much longer to receive your requested copies.*)

To obtain copies of documents from your Military Personnel Service Record (**does not include medical records**) for all retirees currently receiving retired pay and members in the retired reserve eligible to receive retired pay at age 60, contact:

1-800-525-0102, Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) at Buckley AFB, CO. You will be given several options, in order to reach the proper person to answer your question.

- Press 5 for “Retired Military”
- then, Press 4 for “Retired Reserve or Guard” ~OR~ Press 3 for “Retired Active Duty”
- then, Press 2 for “Request, Update, or Correct documents from Military Personnel Service Record”

When they answer, you will be asked to provide your SSAN first. Then they will ask you how they can help you and guide you on what you need to do.

To obtain a copy of the following documents, you will need to complete an SF Form 180, because they are accountable documents that provide you benefits.

- NGB 22 National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service (*see note*)
- DD 214 Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (*see note*)

Note: Retired Guard members with **NO** other active duty tours over 90 consecutive days, excluding initial active duty for training, will only have an NGB Form 22 on file.

ARPC may provide you the following documents via email (Depending on who you talk to, they may require an SF Form 180 request to be submitted first.):

- Ribbons and Decorations
- Survivor Benefit Election
- Retirement Order
- AF526 Point Summary
- Awards and medals
- Other personnel documents

To submit an SF Form 180 “Request Pertaining to Military Records”:

- Best Choice for quicker response: Fax to ARPC, Buckley AFB, CO at 478-327-2215
- or Mail to: HQ ARPC/DPTSC
18420 East Silver Creek Ave
Bldg 390 MS68
Buckley AFB, CO 80011

How to request documents from your Retired Military “Medical” Record:

To obtain copies of documents from your Military Medical Record, retirees must contact the VA Medical Records Center in St Louis, MO. They will instruct you on where your medical records are located and how to request them. An SF Form 180 is usually required to request copies of documents from your Medical Record. They will instruct you on where to mail or fax the request.

VA Medical Records Center
St Louis, MO
1-888-533-4558

Click or paste link for a copy of the SF180:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>

Ground Breaking for New Military Post Exchange in Moon:

Local leaders and military officials gathered August 29th for the ground breaking for the new Post Exchange (PX) in Moon. This 11,000 square foot exchange will carry military clothing items, household goods and even include a snack bar and a barbershop. The grand opening is expected in the spring of 2014. The store will be adjacent to the new commissary currently under construction.



Moon Military Commissary update as of 13 Aug 2013:

Since the ground-breaking ceremony on August 17, 2012, the Mississippi-based Carothers Construction company is progressing on the \$12 million contract. If you drive past the corner of University Boulevard and the Interstate 376 Business Route in Moon, which is the new location of the Military Commissary, you will see the construction. The 43,000 square-foot facility is projected to open in the spring of 2014.



“Commissary Main Entrance”



“Front Shopping Area”

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, Oct 21st
3. Call Brian Finnegan in Moon Township at (412) 915-0352 to arrange a pick-up

Thank you!

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>

This office 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>

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

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html> or Customer Service: 1-800-321-1080

Express Scripts – TRICARE Pharmacy: <http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/>

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

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

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

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