



FORT BENNING 2025 RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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Directorate Of Human Resources

*You And Your Family
Are Cordially Invited To Attend
Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) Activities
7 November 2025
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Greetings from Your Fort Benning RSO!

I am looking forward to welcoming all retirees, family members, and friends to the 43rd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD). Over the past year, we have undergone a huge modernization and streamlining, making us far more efficient in serving the retirement community. As systems and policies continue to evolve, it is essential to keep your online information updated and secure to ensure smooth access to benefits and services. Additionally, make sure that someone you trust knows how to access your important information should the need arise. I look forward to seeing you all soon!



This year's Guest Speaker will be COL (Ret) Patricia Ross, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Veterans Services. Please take advantage of all the valuable retiree information and benefits at: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>
Dale H. Doeden

Retirement Services Hours of Operation

Telephone Numbers:
(706) 545-1738/1828/5643/3500/
RSO (706) 545-1805

Monday 08:30- 1600

Tuesday & Thursday
0830-1130 hrs. (out processing appointments only)
1430-1600 hrs. (appointments and walk ins)

Wednesday – Closed all day for Mandatory Training and processing Retirement Request

Friday 0830-1130 hrs. (out of town and non-appointment walk ins)
1300-1600 hrs. (closed for

Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

7 November 2025	Friday
1000 - 1115	Registration at 1918 Club (Old Benning Club)
1115 - 1245	Lunch and Guest Speaker
1245 - 1315	Door Prizes
1315 - 1530	County/Health Fair Event
1530	Retiree Appreciation Day Ends

Continued Service Opportunity: Retired personnel are encouraged to join the Fort Benning Retiree Council and contribute their experience and leadership. To become a member, please reach out to one of the contacts listed below.

FORT BENNING RETIREE COUNCIL

COL (Ret) Biff Hadden
Columbus, Georgia
(706) 615-2455

CPT (Ret) Willie Wingfield, Jr.
Albany, Georgia
(229) 432-5533

SSG (Ret) James Avrett, Jr.
Macon, Georgia
(478) 929-0974

COL (Ret) Howard Floyd
Southwest, Georgia
(229) 221-0864



ARMY RETIREE MOTTO

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<https://www.soldierforlife.army.mil>

IDENTIFICATION CARD

ONLINE UNIFORMED SERVICES ID CARD (USID) RENEWAL (PILOT PROGRAM BY DEFENSE MANPOWER DEFENSE CENTER (DMDC))

SPONSOR MUST BE A CAC HOLDER AND REQUESTING A RENEWAL OF AN ACTIVE USID CARD.



USID CARDS

- Issued to retired, reserve uniformed service members, dependent family members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD regulations.
- Used for benefits and privileges.

CURRENT RENEWAL PROCESS

- Must be done in person at a RAPIDS site.
- Requires an appointment scheduled in advance.

WHAT'S CHANGED

- Sponsors can now request card renewals online, from anywhere.
- Cards will be mailed to the cardholder via U.S. mail.
- No in-person requirement for most renewals.

REQUIREMENTS

- Sponsor must be a Common Access Card (CAC) holder or DoD Self-Service Logon credential requesting a renewal of a USID card.
- The Sponsor and the card recipient must have email addresses listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) that they have authorized DoD to use for contacting them.
- Authorization to use email for official contact can be made under "My Profile" on the IDCO website **ID Card Office Online**.
- The Sponsor's personnel status must extend at least **30 days** beyond the renewal request date.
- The card recipient has a **photo saved in DEERS** taken within the last **12 years**.
- The card recipient's mailing address must be present in DEERS and located in the **continental United States, Hawaii, or Alaska**.
- Cannot be a **Post Office (PO) Box**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ID Card Office Online (IDCO):
<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CENTER

(706) 545-4116/4606/1917/6346

TIPS FOR SURVIVORS UPON THE DEATH OF SPONSOR

Important Documents

- Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates
- Divorce Decree
- Social Security and Identification Cards
- Insurance Policies
- Bank Account Information, and DD 214

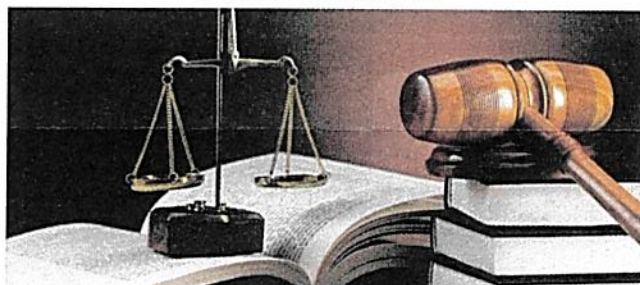
Support Agencies Numbers

DFAS – Retired Pay: 800-321-1080
Social Security Administration: 800-772-1213
Veteran's Administration: 800-827-1000
National Cemetery Scheduling Office: 866-900-6417

Support Agencies Websites

DFAS – <https://www.dfas.mil>
SSA – <https://www.ssa.gov>
Veterans Administration – <https://www.va.gov>
National Cemetery Pre-Need burial eligibility requirement form – <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pre-need/index.asp>
DD 214 – <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military--service-records>

LEGAL SERVICES



GENERAL INFORMATION: (706) 545-3281

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Wednesday: 0900 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 0900 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Federal Holidays and Training Holidays.

LOCATION The OSJA Legal Assistance and Claims Divisions have moved to a new location on Main Post, diagonally across from Burger King: Building 130, 6930 Morrison Avenue, Fort Benning, Georgia.

For specific directions, call (706) 545-3281, then press 2 for directions from various gates. A map is also available on the OSJA Facebook page: Fort Benning Legal Assistance

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR RETIREES Military retirees and their family members should review their personal legal affairs annually, particularly during Retiree Appreciation Day. Many legal professionals advise a yearly review to minimize or prevent legal difficulties.

Available Services:

Retirees and their family members are entitled to free legal advice and assistance on a variety of personal legal matters.

Notarizations and Power of Attorney services are available on a walk-in basis during normal business hours. ☐ All other legal services are by appointment. Call (706) 545-3281 during duty hours to schedule an appointment. For additional information, visit: OSJA Legal Assistance

2025 MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY REGISTRATION FORM

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT - Authority: USC Section 3012 and E09307. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide information used in registering attendees. ROUTINE USES: Copies of this application will be used by the Retirement Services Office for the purpose of processing application for Retiree Appreciation Day attendance. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. Please complete each section as it pertains to you. If, after registration, circumstances prevent you from attending, notify us immediately. **Retirement Services** telephone number is **(706) 545-1805**. **We will not be able to accept cancellations after 17 October 2025** because we must give an accurate count to the caterer for Friday's luncheon.

_____	_____	() _____
Grade	Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
Mailing Address (P.O. Box or Street Address)	City, State	Zip Code
Distance (in miles) from Home to Fort Benning Retiree Activities _____		
(Write in mileage)		
Email Address: _____		STATUS: () Retiree () Spouse () Widow(er)
_____	_____	
Retirement Date	Birth Date	

Administrative Fee is \$5.00 per person for the duration of the Retiree Activities

Friday, 7 November 2025

11:15 a.m. Lunch at The 1918 Club: Number of Persons attending (#) _____ @ 25.00 each Check for \$ _____
enclosed - **by 17 October 2025**

Lunch menu this year: Oven Roasted Chicken, Salisbury steak, Garlic mashed potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Fresh green beans, Rolls & butter, Chef Choice Dessert

*****Please write in the total number of people who will be attending below:

		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Lunch (\$25.00 per person)	\$ _____	Date Registration Received: _____	
Administrative Fee (\$5 per person)	\$ _____	Amount of Payment Received: _____	
Total Payment Enclosed:	\$ _____	Circle Form of Payment Received: Check Money Order Cash	
		Record Number (s) in database: _____	

ALL REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 17 October 2025.
MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: RETIREE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION
MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO: RETIREE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 52373, FORT BENNING, GA 31905