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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD) ACTIVITIES 3 NOVEMBER 2017

**YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY ARE
CORDIALLY
INVITED**

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Greetings!!! Fort Benning is about to embark on another Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD).

As your Retirement Services

Officer, I look forward to greeting old and new Retirees and their family at this year's RAD event.

Please take advantage of the valuable information concerning all benefits at

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (706) 545-1805 or email to:

Usarmy.benning.imcom.mbx.q1hrd-rso@mail.mil.

Verna Clemons

Retirement Services Officer

Retirement Services Hours of Operation

Telephone Numbers:

(706) 545-2715/1828/1738/1805

35 Ridgway Hall, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
0830 – 1130 hrs (out processing appointment only)
1430 – 1630 hrs (Retirees call for appointment)

Tuesday – Closed all day for Pre-Retirement Briefing and Post Retirement Ceremony

Friday 0830 – 1130 hrs (Appointments only)
1300 – 1700 hrs (closed for Admin/Training Time)
Closed on all Federal Holidays

Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

3 November 2017	Friday
1015 - 1115	Registration at Benning Club
1115 - 1245	Lunch and Guest Speaker
1245 - 1300	Door Prizes
1300 - 1530	County/Health Fair Event
1530	Retiree Appreciation Day Ends

Reminder

Within a year of marriage or remarriage a retiree must relook their SBP options and must inform DFAS of these changes by the first anniversary of marriage of remarriage.

Opportunities to Still Serve. Please contact one of the following to become a member:

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

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

LTC (Ret) Raymond DeVoe
Atlanta/NW, Georgia
[gown_grace@att.nett](mailto:grown_grace@att.nett)

ARMY RETIREE MOTTO

....."SOLDIER FOR LIFE".....

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





MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION INFORMATION

Identification Card

The installation ID Card Section operates via an appointment only system. All Military ID cards, including those for Family Members, can be renewed 90 days prior to expiration date. Please schedule an appointment to renew your card soon after you've reached that 90-day point. This will ensure your card will not expire before it can be renewed.

Please use our on-line appointment system at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. You will be able to see all future appointment dates and times that are available and select the appointment that best meets your needs. An appointment is required for each family member you plan to bring. If you do not have access to the Internet, then the telephone appointment line is 706 545-9085 or 706 545-4068. Please understand the telephone wait time for customer service assistance may be lengthy.

There is required documentation you must bring to renew or to be issued an ID card, CAC card, or to enroll a Family Member in DEERS. These documents must be original or certified true copies. Below is a list of the most common documents you will need:

- a. Identification: Must have two forms of identification, Neither ID can be expired. At least one ID must be a Picture ID from a local, state or government agency (i.e. military ID, driver's license, or passport). The second form can be another of the above, or a Social Security card, original or certified birth certificate or school ID. If you're unsure about having the proper ID, call us at (706) 545-9085/406 or visit our websites <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>
- b. Marriage and Birth Certificate: Must be original document with seal intact.
- c. Students over 21 years of age: Must provide proof from an accredited university, or college registrar office or national student clearinghouse at <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org>, verifying they are enrolled full time in a degree program and must include the anticipated graduation date.

The Main Post ID Card Section has relocated to Building 9230, 8150 Marne Road.

Wait times can be lengthy, therefore It is very important that you make an appointment.



LEGAL SERVICES

GENERAL INFORMATION: (706) 545-3281

HOURS OF OPERATIONS:

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Office is closed on Federal Holidays and Training Holidays

LOCATION: The OSJA Legal Assistance and Claims Divisions are now located on Main Post, Building 2839, 6450 Way Avenue. The Installation Tax Center has relocated to this building, but on the third floor (Open from Jan-Apr or by appointment).

"Retirees and their family members should take the opportunity afforded by the annual Retiree Appreciation Day to review their personal legal affairs. Many legal experts say that such a review should be conducted once a year, to ensure that legal difficulties can be minimized or prevented altogether."

Services: Military retirees and their family members are entitled to free advice and assistance on many types of personal legal issues. Notarizations and Powers of Attorney are prepared on a walk-in basis during normal hours of operation. All other services are by appointment. Call (706) 545-3281 during duty hours for an appointment. Additional information is available on line at: <https://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/SJA/>.

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CENTER

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

TIPS FOR SURVIVORS UPON THE DEATH OF THE SPONSOR

Important Documents

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

DD 214 –

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military--service-records>

National Cemetery Pre-Need burial eligibility requirement form - <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pre-need/index.asp>

Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov/>



MARTIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Martin Army Community Hospital has lots of new items of interest. The **Welcome Home** campaign is active, we are inviting **eligible DEERS enrolled retirees** and their families to **enroll in Tricare Prime**. Over the last year many specialties have been added to our already robust health care system. To receive personal assistance, there is a new **Patient Navigator Center** located in the main lobby of the hospital. The Center is open Monday-Friday, 0800-1630 and staff are available to assist with enrollment via computer <http://www.tricare.mil> or www.HumanMilitary.com or by calling 1-800-444-5445 selecting **option 1**. (These same sites can also be accessed from your home computer or telephone). Our Health Benefits advisors are also available to assist with billing and other Tricare or hospital concerns. A team of three Patient Advocates are also located in this area and are there to address any concerns or receive staff compliments.

Tours are available of the hospital, please contact the Public Affairs Office to coordinate. Telephone: 762-408-2604/2605.

We welcome your participation, we are always looking for local veterans to join our **Patient Advisory Committee**. Please call 762-408-2604/2605 for more information.

Army Secure Messaging Service (ASMS) offers much more than just a way to message your Medical Home. It is also a way to request appointments and medication renewals, ask questions of either the Medical Home Nurse or PCM, and to receive reminders of future appointments or scheduled testing. Enrollees have access to information specific to their interest or condition—there are approximately 5000 patient information handouts available to search at leisure. It is also a way for the Medical Home to send important information to the patient population (such as when flu immunizations are available or to announce dates when the clinic is closed).

To Enroll in ASMS, you must be enrolled as a patient at Martin Army Community Hospital. You can request to enroll to your PCM at the front desk of your PCM Clinic. The staff will verify your eligibility and ask for your e-mail address. Next, the team at ASMS will contact you with instructions on how to activate your account. Once that is completed you can use the service as often as you'd like—WITHOUT COST TO YOU!

Our **web page** has been totally revamped and updated – check us out at www.martin.amedd.army.mil. We are also on **Facebook**, please like our page, leave comments or private message us with your ideas or concerns.

Patient appointment line is 762-408-2273 (Monday-Friday, 0700-1600)
Information desk 24/7 is 762-408-2604/2605.

Nurse Advice Line, 24/7, Call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), select option 1.



MWR offers a monthly bus tour with a complimentary lunch the 3rd Thursday each month. The tour will begin at the Benning Club on Morrison Avenue. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends! Free childcare available with registration. Space is limited and registration is required.

Thursday, September 28, 2017, location, Fort Benning, Golf course: Test your golf game in the Fort Benning Golf Scramble. Register your team of four by calling 706-545-0397. Entry fee is \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the event. For information, call 706-545-0397.

The Fall Flea Market will be held Sept. 23, 2017 from 8am-2pm on Stilwell Field, across from the Post Office on Main Post at the intersection of Vibbert and Hall streets. This popular free event is open to the public and it is scheduled on the same day as the post-wide yard sale, so vendors/sellers should expect a big crowd. Booth space starts at \$15, and tables and chairs are available for rent. Space is limited. Register at benningmwr.com or call 706-545-7978.

Oktoberfest, Fort Benning's favorite fall tradition, returns to Uchee Creek October 20-23. Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy traditional German music including Sonnenschein Express and Yodelers, food, games for all ages, pumpkin patch, hayrides, and a Volksmarch. There is no entry fee for this family event and it is open to the public.



AER CAN ASSIST RETIREES

Provide Emergency Assistance for Loss of Income,
Essential EMERGENCY TRAVEL
(Verified By the Red Cross)

Widows of Retirees are also eligible for AER Assistance,
Pick up an application and receive detailed instructions at
Patch Hall, Building 7, 7117 Baltzell Avenue
(706) 545-7517/4043

For more information on additional AER Programs
visit www.aerhq.org

2017 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 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 20 October 2017** because we must give an accurate count to the caterer for Thursday'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 _____ HANDICAP: CIRCLE YES or NO

WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS NEEDED: CIRCLE YES or NO

Administrative Fee is \$8.00 per person for the duration of the Retiree Activities

Friday, 3 November 2017

() 11:30 a.m. Lunch at The Benning Club: Number of Persons attending (#)_____@ 12.00 each Check for \$_____
enclosed - **by 13 October 2017**

Lunch menu this year: Fried and Baked Chicken, Tossed Salad, Blended Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes, Rolls, Assorted Cakes and Iced Tea

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

Check/Money Order enclosed for: \$ _____		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Lunch (\$12.00 per person) \$ _____		Date Registration Received: _____	
Administrative Fee (\$8 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 13 October 2017.
MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: RETIREE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION
MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO: RETIREE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 52373, FORT BENNING, GA 31995-2373