



RETIREE

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Items of interest

Vaccinations available at Retail Pharmacies: TRICARE beneficiaries can now receive select vaccines with no out of pocket expense at retail pharmacies. For the first time ever, beneficiaries can visit TRICARE retail network pharmacies to receive seasonal flu, H1N1 flu and pneumonia vaccines at no cost. This expanded coverage is available to all TRICARE beneficiaries eligible to use the TRICARE retail pharmacy benefit. For further information the following links may be accessed: www.tricare.osd.mil/Pressroom/News or 27 SOMDSS/SGST/784-6975.

Retiree Activities Program Offices: Retiree Activities Offices currently need volunteers at more than 100 offices at active duty, Guard and Reserve bases worldwide. Volunteer opportunities for retired military and their family occur in several areas, depending on the base. RAPO volunteers assist retirees with several actions, including serving as an information center for space available travel, Tricare, and base services. Retired affairs offices for all services could use more volunteers. For more information and locations near you, refer to:

Air Force (Afterburner) www.retirees.af.mil.raos

Navy (Shift Colors) [www.cposf.org/files/Shift Colors Fall 2007.pdf](http://www.cposf.org/files/Shift%20Colors%20Fall%202007.pdf)

Army (Army Echoes) www.armyg1.army.mil.rso/docs/RSORoster.doc

USMC call 1-800-336-4649 option 0

USCG call 1-800-772-8724

Its official, DD214 are Now on line: The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD214 on line: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD214. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Veterans and next of kin of deceased members may now use the on line military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requestor will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur, will be minimized. The new web based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mailroom and processing time.

Tricare program for 'gray area' retirees:

A new program will offer "gray area" reservists the opportunity to purchase Tricare health care coverage. Under a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010, certain members who have not yet reached age 60, called "gray area" retirees, are now allowed to purchase Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra coverage. Tricare extra simply means beneficiaries have a lower out of pocket costs if they use a network provider. This new program will differ in its qualifications, premiums, copayment rates and catastrophic cap requirements. The new statute requires premium rates to equal the full cost of the coverage. Premiums for the program will be announced after program rules are published in the Federal Register.

Space-A travel an option for retirees:

Retirees who dream of climbing an Egyptian Pyramid or walking on a beach in Hawaii can make these dreams come true. Air Mobility Command aircraft fly all over the globe and often have passenger seats available. An AMC aircraft takes off every 90 seconds. More than 130,000 Space-A travelers take advantage of this military benefit each year. Retired personnel with a retiree ID card and who are eligible to receive retired or retainer pay, fly as category VI passengers. Since missions can be rerouted, delayed or cancelled for a variety of reasons, retirees need to be flexible, need to plan for any potential delays and/or added expenses for stays, especially in high-cost areas. Retirees cannot visit their grandchildren in Iraq or Afghanistan; they can, however, travel to

Germany if the aircraft transitions there. If traveling overseas, retirees should know the restrictions of the host country, Status of Forces Agreements and restrictions, Foreign Clearance Guide and passport and visa requirements are all necessary items to research. There are four different methods for signing up for Space-A travel: in person at the passenger terminal or remotely via telephone, fax or e-mail.

Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) registration: Many will ask “What does this mean to me?” The short answer is you will have a more secure installation. In order to use this system, all personnel on the installation must register. Everyone, including GS civilians, contractors and visitors will be required to register. **Registration is not required for children who do not possess an ID.** Following locations and times for registration are:

- Main Gate Visitor Center (VCC) – 0600-1800 M-F
- ID card section MPF – 0800-1530 M-F (when receiving new ID card)
- Atrium of Base Clinic – 0730-1630 M-F

Base Clinic is primary registration station of Active Duty and dependents
VCC is primary registration station for contractors and visitors.

MPF is primary registration station for newly arriving and incoming personnel as well as those personnel receiving new ID card. Please allow enough time to complete the process, usually 15-30 minutes, depending on number of personnel and wait time. Items required are Active Duty, Contractor, Dependent and Retired ID card, Drivers License and Social Security Card, if not on active duty, when registering.

Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT): ITT is a full service travel agency servicing Cannon AFB. Services provided are airline tickets, cruise and resort vacation packages, car rentals, hotels and discounted theme park tickets. Call ITT for current specials Monday-Friday 0900-1700 at 27SOFFSS/FSCP/784-1275.

Commissary

784-4330

Closed Monday and day following a calendared holiday

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Friday 0900-1700

Saturday 0900-1800

Sunday 1000-1700

First quarter store information

Jan 7-20	Resolutionary Savings Sale
Jan 21-Feb 10	Pigskin Party Sale
Feb 11-24	Mardi Gras of Savings Sale
Feb 25-Mar 10	Frosty's Dollar Day Sale
Mar 11-Mar 24	Ice Cold Savings Sale
Mar 25-Apr 7	Baking Up Great Sale

The Landing and End Zone

784-2853/784-4283

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday open for lunch 1100-1300

Wednesday-Friday Casa de Falcon Dining Room opens 5pm-8pm

Fridays till 9pm

Social Hour every Friday 6pm-7pm
Refueling Pit Wednesday-Thursday 4pm-9pm, Friday-Saturday 3pm-1am
Tumbleweed Lounge opens Friday only 4pm-11pm
Brunch monthly; refer to Horizon Magazine for details

Members

E1-E3 \$4
E4-E9 \$6

Officers and qualified civilians \$13

Change of address

Do Not send your address changes to this office, All retiree, SBP, RSFPP, surviving spouse payments should be sent to below addresses, which are contractor that scans the written request as a computer image and transmits it to DFAS. Include your social security and that of your deceased spouse.

Annuitant Pay

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
PO Box 7131
London KY 40742-7131
800-321-1018
216-522-5955
Fax 800-982-8459

Retired pay

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retirement Pay
PO Box 7130
London KY 40742-7130
800-321-1080
216-522-5955
Fax 800-522-6550

Submit COPIES rather than originals, documents CANNOT/WILL NOT BE RETURNED

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THE US AIR FORCE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Section C- Occupant Protection and Vehicle Requirements

5) All people in a moving motor vehicle on Air Force installations or off an installation using a vehicle for conduct of Air Force business must ensure operability and use of available installed occupant protective devices (restrains, air bags, child safety seats..etc) required by the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

5.1) Comply with local occupant protective device laws. Installation traffic safety program shall be consistent with the State and local child safety seat requirements. Installation traffic safety program shall specify age, weight, or other criteria for child safety seats use. If state or host-nation child restraint laws conflict with these instructions, apply the most stringent guidance.

5.2) Vehicles of model years 1965 and newer must have installed occupant protective devices within the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Vehicles manufactured before 1965 must have occupant restraints installed if required by host-state or nation laws.

Freedom is not free