



# 2013 Retiree Bulletin, #13-1

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## Bi-Annual Newsletter:

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the start of the Fort Sill's Retirement Services Office Bi-Annual Retiree Bulletin. It is my intent to have two bulletins published each year digitally. This will enable all retirees throughout Oklahoma, Arkansas and our neighboring states to receive up to date information regarding actions and topics. You can expect the bulletins to be launched each January (for up-to-date information) and July specifically concerning the function of Fort Sill's Retiree Appreciation Days events.

If there is any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at:

Mark L. Winburn, Retirement Services Officer, 580-442-2645  
Marilyn Tyler, Asst RSO, SBP Coordinator, 580-442-6131  
Raymond Keohn, Retirement Application Coordinator, 580-442-4251.

I would like to introduce Mrs. Maria Gomez to the RSO Team. Maria has been serving with her retired Army husband for over 21 years. She has served in various positions through the FMWR arena. She bring a very positive approach to assisting members of the retired community. Her self-stated goal is to provide a positive, trusting, and smooth retirement experience. Welcome Maria!



Again, thank you for your many years of service.—Mark



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## DIGITAL NEWLETTER

The Retiree Appreciation Day Newsletter is now published digitally. To view, please go to one of the following sites: INSTALLATION WEB-SITE: <http://sill-www.army.mil/> Please locate under Organizations/DHR/Military Personnel Services Division/Retirement Services.

FACEBOOK PAGES: [usagfortsill](#) [garrison](#)

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## CHANGE IN TRICARE... are you effected?

Tricare Prime, the military's managed-care option, will end Oct. 1, 2013, for retirees, their family members and for military survivors who reside more than 40 miles from a military treatment facility or from a base closure site, Tricare Management Activity.

Most of these 171,400 beneficiaries will need to shift health coverage from Prime to Tricare Standard, the military's fee-for-service health insurance option. For beneficiaries who use more than preventive health care during the year, the shift will mean higher out-of-pocket costs.

Defense officials expect the move to save the health care system up to \$55 million a year.

To learn more please visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

## Changes in Survivor Benefit Plan possibly changing?

On January 3, 2013, Representative Joe Wilson of South Carolina introduced H.R. 32, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.

This bill would repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of survivors Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. This bill is in accordance with a longstanding DAV resolution, passed each year by the delegates to our National Convention. H.R. 32 has 19 cosponsors and was referred to the House Armed Services Committee on January 3, 2013

Please use the prepared e-mail or draft your own to request that your Representative supports this important bill and ask that it be brought to the floor for a vote and passed as soon as possible.



## No POV Registration Stickers needed

POV registration stickers are no longer required to gain access to Fort Sill, OK. The only requirement through any Fort Sill gate is for all occupants to have a picture I.D. (i.e. retired I.D., driver's license, etc). Please keep in mind that if you routinely visit other branches of service it may be wise to obtain a registration from that installation.



## A Message from the Co-Chairs, Fort Sill Retiree

Dear Retirees and Families,

Greetings from Fort Sill and the Fort Sill Retiree Council! I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and that Christmas and New Year's were rewarding. I'm LTC (Ret.) Allen Shell and the new Co-Chairman of the Retiree Council. I look forward to serving the greatest group of Retiree's in the United States. Supporting Retiree's at the Post Retirement Ceremony's, the Annual Retiree Council Golf Tournament and the Annual Retiree Appreciation Days are just some of the ways that we reach out to support a great group of folks. Seen as one of the best supported installations in CONUS, we are only as strong as those that support our efforts. Stay in touch with our awesome Retirement Services Office and with the council. Here's wishing everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you out there...."Retired and Still Serving!"



LTC (Ret) Allen Shell  
Co-Chair, Retiree Council



CSM (Ret) Dave Kantor  
Co-Chair, Retiree Council

## 35th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

The 35th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days will take place from 19—21 September 2013. The events will commence at Reynolds Army Community Hospital (RACH) on the 19th. There will be many vendors and information table available to keep you up-to-date on issues . Don't forget to plan on eating lunch at the Dining Facility where the staff will prepare a special lunch in honor of the retirees for a nominal cost.

On the 20th, we will again begin free tours. The Retiree Council is examining the locations, however, they will start at the bi-monthly retirement ceremony at 0900 hours. Last years comments were extremely positive regarding this opportunity to attend the ceremony and add the next generation of retirees to our ranks.

Retirement Photos are now available to view, copy, or email under the RSO web-page stated above. For many years “hard copy” photos have been mailed to retirees in a limited fashion (normally one two or three). By placing all photos of the wonderful ceremony on the web-site, we are able to provide retirees with many opportunities to share with family members and friends.



**Your Fort Sill Retiree Council wants to thank you for your service to our Nation**

LTC (Ret) Allen Shell, Co-Chairman  
CSM (Ret) Dave Kantor, Co-Chairman  
CSM (Ret) Jenny Clement-Shaw, Fin Officer  
CW4 (Ret) Jim Gonzales, Legislative Officer  
SFC (Ret) Carter Oakes, Medical Liaison  
MSG (Ret) Kimberly Wendel, Commo Officer  
LTC (Ret) Thor Littau, Administrative Officer

SGM (Ret) H.E. McClure  
1SG (Ret) David Lukasik  
MSG (Ret) Joseph Herbert  
SFC (Ret) Julie Hamilton  
SFC (Ret) Robert Young  
SSG (Ret) Christopher Green  
Mrs. Sally Brantley, Military Widow

COL (Ret) Felix Peterson  
LTC (Ret) Michael Kunz  
MAJ (Ret) Paul Warmuskerken  
CW4 (Ret) Richard Bornhoff  
SGM (Ret) Larry Evans  
SGM (Ret) Patrick Lumpkin  
1SG (Ret) Thomas Easterly  
1SG (Ret) Edward Hedrick  
SFC (Ret) Joseph Bayones  
SFC (Ret) Lino Roldan  
SFC (Ret) Chris Brown  
Mrs. Klara Bannon, Military Widow  
Mrs. Joan Demastus, Military Widow



**Want to Join the Retiree Council?**

The Fort Sill Retiree Council is looking for some energetic officers, NCOs, and military widows to join their team. It is not necessary to reside in the immediate area, only to have the desire to assist your fellow retiree for a 4 years tour of duty. LTG Lovelace from the CSAs Retiree council visited Fort Sill this month and was impressed with how our council is involved and what they get accomplished. If interested, please contact the RSO staff for an application. (580) 442-2645/6131/4251.



**FORT SILL RETIREE COUNCIL  
8th ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY, May 10, 2013**

**Cannon Start 1300 hrs, Registration Begins 1100 hrs  
The Fort Sill Golf Course**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES TO MAKE "FLAG BOXES" TO BE PRESENTED TO FT SILL MILITARY RETIREEES AND COVER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL "FORT SILL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY"**



**FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE TEAM PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED  
THE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIANS  
PRIZES FOR HOLE-IN-ONE, LONGEST DRIVE, LONGEST PUTT, CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND  
PUTTING CONTEST**

**4 PERSON SCRAMBLE ENTRY FEE - \$50.00 PER PLAYER - THIS INCLUDES CART, GREEN FEES, RANGE BALLS, LUNCH, BEER, SOFT DRINKS, "GOODIE BAG", AND PRIZES.**

***LIMITED TO FIRST 88 PLAYERS / 22 TEAMS***

**SINGLES ARE WELCOME. THEY WILL BE PLACED ON GAME DAY  
ALL TEAM MEMBERS NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED NLT MAY 9, 2013  
TO FORT SILL RETIREE COUNCIL, PO BOX 33688, FORT SILL, OK 73503  
POC: JOHN M. DORSEY @ 580-512-3617**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<b>WORK PHONE / CELL</b>

**TOURNAMENT SPONSOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(As you would like it posted)

**TOURNAMENT SPONSOR LEVEL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## Defense Finance and Accounting Service –Cleveland Center

DFAS will once again be here to answer your finance questions and make any changes to your Retire Pay Account. They realize how popular they have become during our RAD and will sent a representative, who will be at RACH all day on Thursday, September 20th.

If you do not have access to a computer , or you move, please keep your address up to date by contacting DFAS at 1-800-321-1080, or the RSO office at (580) 442-2645.

### IMPORTANT WEB SITES AND PHONE NUMBERS

AKO—Army Knowledge on Line.....	<a href="http://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml">www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml</a>
AR Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA).....	<a href="http://www.veterans.arkansas.gov">www.veterans.arkansas.gov</a>
Arlington National Cemetery.....	<a href="http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org">www.arlingtoncemetery.org</a>
Burial and Memorial Benefits.....	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a>
Commissary.....	<a href="http://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>
Department of the Army Retirement Services.....	<a href="http://www.armyg1.mil/rso">www.armyg1.mil/rso</a>
DEERS—Update address.....	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/deers/">www.tricare.mil/deers/</a>
EVetRecs (request DD 214 and military records).....	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/">www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/</a>
ID Card Appointments.....	<a href="http://appointments.cac.navy.mil/">http://appointments.cac.navy.mil/</a>
Military Facilities.....	<a href="http://www.militaryliving.com">www.militaryliving.com</a>
Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs (OKVA).....	<a href="http://www.ok.gov/ODCA">www.ok.gov/ODCA</a>
Social Security Administration.....	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>
Society for Military Widows.....	<a href="http://www.militarywidows.org">www.militarywidows.org</a>
Space Available Travel Information.....	<a href="http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp">www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp</a>
TRICARE Information.....	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">www.tricare.osd.mil</a>
TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program.....	<a href="http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE">www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE</a>
TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program.....	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit">www.tricare.mil/mybenefit</a>
US Army Human Resources Command.....	<a href="https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm">https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm</a>
US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.....	<a href="http://www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/">www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/</a>
Veterans Administration.....	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
To obtain information regarding	~ Compensation, pension benefits and rate tables
	~ VA Health account
	~ Order Prescription Medications
	~ VGLI Information
	~ Other VA Benefits and Program Information
VA Benefits Online Application.....	<a href="https://vabenefits.vba.gov">https://vabenefits.vba.gov</a>
Army Retiree Mobilization.....	1-800-318-5298
Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC).....	1-866-281-3254
DEERS Eligibility—DMDC Center.....	1-800-538-9552
Fort Sill Casualty Assistance (OK and AR) .....	580-442-6405/4014/4055
Fort Sill I.D. Card Appointment Line .....	580-442-5010
Legal Assistance.....	580-442-5058
MEDICARE .....	1-800-633-4227
RACH Appointment.....	580-558-2000
RACH Pharmacy .....	580-558-2442
PTSD Information Line .....	802-296-6300
Reserve Retirements.....	1-800-318-5298
Retired Pay.....	1-800-321-1080
Social Security Administration.....	1-800-772-1213
Retirement Service Office.....	580-442-2645/6131/4251