2015 RETIRED ARMY PERSONNEL BULLETIN

RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE FORT SILL

37th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

The time has come once again to welcome you to Fort Sill's 37th Retiree Appreciation Days. This year the event is scheduled for 17 September through 19 September 2015. So mark your calendars as it promises to be another grand event! Fort Sill Retirement Services Office, in conjunction with the Fort Sill Retiree Council and the other agencies participating, continue to work together to bring you another year full of opportunities to share information, health screens, and most importantly, the opportunity to interact and share stories with other Retirees, young and old!

The Open House will be held in Rinehart Fitness Center, Building 2730 Bragg Road, Fort Sill, OK. Last year many of you expressed tremendous satisfaction with the events that took place. Your feedback is important as we plan and set up our Open House, the banquet, the tours and the entertainment. You shared with us that flu shots and medical screenings were at the top of your lists. We have coordinated with Reynolds Army Community Hospital to continue this service. The tours will also continue...so be sure and sign up for those. They will begin by attending the Retirement Ceremony, on Friday and the bus will transport to tours. Lunch will be at the Garcia Hall Dining Facility for those participating in the tours. Many of you were unaware that there would be a fee for the lunch. The cost for lunch with the Soldiers will be $5.55. Please ensure that you bring in enough money to cover that cost. To ensure you are all well informed of the events scheduled, we have provided you with a Schedule of Events on page 15. Again we extend our warmest welcome as you visit the Fort Sill Retiree Appreciation Days. Hope you can join us and we thank you for your service.

Digital Newsletter Available to you!

The Retiree Appreciation Days Newsletter will continue to be sent digitally. We will continue to publish for your information and viewing in a digital form no later than the end of July each year. To view the newsletter, please go to one of the following websites:

MPD Web Page: http://sill-www.army.mil/usag/dhr/MPSD/retirement.html

(Click on Retiree Appreciation Days, RAD)

Installation Web Site: http://www.army.mil/

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A Message from the Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major

Dear Retirees and Families,

On behalf of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, we are pleased to invite you to our annual Retiree Appreciation Days, scheduled for September 17-19, 2015. For 37 years our Retirement Services Office has hosted this crucial event, focusing on ensuring our Veterans and Families remain engaged and informed.

We will have vendors during our open house, tours, lunch at our dining facility and a banquet with speakers and prizes. There is something for everyone and participation will be well worth your time. Also, we encourage you to take some time while you are here to sign up for a scheduled installation tour. This is your Army and your Fort Sill, so take some time to see what improvements we are making to our facilities to ensure we have the best trained and equipped Fires Soldiers and Marines. Although you may have not worn your uniform for several years, you still are part of our Army team. You serve as ambassadors to the civilians that have never experienced Army life. We count on you, and look for your mentorship to the newly retired Soldiers in your community.

We sincerely urge you to attend this year's Retiree Appreciation Days. The agenda is in this newsletter, along with your registration forms. Your service was invaluable and we want the Retiree Appreciation Days to be an event that helps you continue to serve. You represent a crucial part of our nation's history, and we are excited to have this opportunity to host you at Fort Sill. You are a "Soldier for Life."

John Rossi, Major General, US Army, Commander, Fort Sill, OK
Brian K. Lindsey, Command Sergeant Major, Fort Sill, OK

A Message from the Garrison Commander and Command Sergeant Major

Dear Retirees, Family Members, and Comrades,

It is an honor and privilege to welcome you to Fort Sill's 37th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days held September 17th through September 19th. Your lifetime of devoted service to our Nation truly reflects your patriotism for our country. We thank you for forging the path for our current Military serving to preserve our freedom that you so fervently defended. We are proud of your service and urge you to continue to tell your story and encourage young people to consider Military service as a career.

The Retiree Appreciation Days events are geared to honor you and your Family members. We urge you to continue to visit Fort Sill whenever possible, use our facilities, and attend troop homecomings, ceremonies, and other events throughout the year.

Again, thank you for your continued service and support. We look forward to seeing you at the Retiree Appreciation Days in September.

Sincerely,

Glenn A.Waters
Colonel, U.S. Army
Garrison Commander

Walter C. Puckett
Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army
Garrison Command Sergeant Major

A Message from the RSO

Roland A. Shirley
Retirement Services Officer

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to join us at Fort Sill's 37th annual Retiree Appreciation Days event to honor its retirees. Our Retirement Services Office (RSO) is responsible for handling a population of over 29,000 retirees (17,000 in Oklahoma and 12,000 in Arkansas). As we welcome each and every one of you who will travel from far and near to take part in our Retiree Appreciation Days, I want to stress that the services and activities planned were designed with you, "the Retiree" in mind. Our Open House will again be held at the Rinehart Fitness Center. This event features many exhibits and information booths set up with only one goal….to share information with our retirees. There will be information about wellness, Tricare, ID cards, medical services, and the fun things, such as giveaways, the banquet, entertainment, and the annual Buffalo Burger cookout sponsored by MWR. This year promises to be another successful one! Our Retiree Council will be providing refreshments and will be active in facilitating golf cart rides from the parking areas to the fitness center as well as supporting every aspect of this event. Tours will also be offered. As always, I invite you to attend the retirement ceremony. Our newest retirees will appreciate your support as they eagerly plan their transition to retirement. For your convenience, we have provided you with a Schedule of Events on page 15. You will find additional information throughout the newsletter that you might find helpful as you plan your stay or visit to Fort Sill.

The RSO is here to help and advise you. Professional and friendly service awaits you. We are located in the Welcome Center, Bldg 4700, Room 123N (near ID Cards Section). Our normal hours of operation are 0830-1600, Monday-Friday. (580) 442-2645/4251/6131

Maria C. Gomez
Applications Coordinator

Marilyn K. Tyler
Survivor Benefits Counselor

A Message from the Retiree Council

Dear Retirees and Families,

Greetings from Fort Sill and the Fort Sill Retiree Council! I'm LTC (Ret.) Allen Shell, Co-Chairman of the Retiree Council. On behalf of CSM (Ret.) Dave Kantor, Co-Chairman, we and the Fort Sill Retiree Council would like to extend our thanks for all of the support and continued progress over the past year.

It has been an epic year with regard to changes. It can sometimes be difficult to stay current with benefits and updates that affect all of us in the retiree community. Year after year, the Fort Sill Retiree Council looks forward to serving the greatest group of Retirees in the United States. Supporting Retirees at the Post Retirement Ceremonies, 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. Still recognized as one of the best supported installations in CONUS, we are only as strong as those who support our efforts. Shrinking budgets have jeopardized many installations support of Retiree Appreciation Days events or have forced cancellation altogether. Our promise to the retiree community is that we will stand strong and be there when it counts the most. Although some activities or supporting organizations may reduce some of our efforts, we will stand strong in our commitment to those that served.

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…….

LTC (Ret) Allen Shell

CSM (Ret) Dave Kantor

RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE
FORT SILL

RETIREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

LTC (Ret) Allen Shell, Co-Chairman
LTC (Ret) Jerry P. Orr, Activities/Event Coord
LTC (Ret) Sean T. Bateman
CSM (Ret) Dave Kantor, Co-Chairman
CSM (Ret) Jenny Clement-Shaw, Fin Officer
CW4 (Ret) Jim Gonzales, Legislative Officer
MSG (Ret) Kimberly Wendel, Commo Officer
Mr. Roland A. Shirley Jr., RSO Advisor
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LTC (Ret) Thor Littau
LTC (Ret) James H. Rikard
MAJ (Ret) Nicole Tarpley
MAJ (Ret) Paul Warmuskerken
CSM (Ret) John M. Dorsey
CSM (Ret) Phillip W. Heater
CSM (Ret) Robert L. White
CSM (Ret) J.B. Shoopman

SGM (Ret) Larry Evans
SGM (Ret) H.E. McClure
SGM (Ret) Edward D. Mounts
1SG (Ret) Morris C. Collins
1SG (Ret) Thomas Easterly
1SG (Ret) Donald Herrick
1SG (Ret) Stanley Schofield
MSG (Ret) Joseph Herbert
SFC (Ret) Joel Nevills
SFC (Ret) Lino Roldan
SFC (Ret) Mark L. Winburn
SSG (Ret) Curtis Holmes
Mrs. Klara Bannon, Military Widow
Mrs. Sally Brantley, Military Widow (Off)
Mrs. Melitta R. Kukurich, Military Widow
Mrs. Adela I. Sanduski, Military Widow
Mrs. Brigitte T. Schemonia, Military Widow

"Retired, and Still Serving"

10th Annual Retiree Council Golf Tournament

Despite the rain and the flooding, the 10th Annual Retiree Council Golf Tournament was held on June 8, 2015 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Nineteen teams participated in the tournament. This is the largest fund raiser of the year for the Council; proceeds go toward the manufacturing of Flag Cases for retiring Soldiers as well as to off-set the cost of the Retiree Appreciation Days Banquet in September. The winning teams were as follows:

1st Place Winners: **Fort Sill Golf Staff**: Shelby Anderson, Aaron Calhoun, Michael Hall, and Ken Sharp

2nd Place Winners: **Rob & Wendy Convenience Store**: Dustin Wood, Dillion Leveille, Frankie Zollars, and Chris Campbell

3rd Place Winners: **Big Dog Daddy**: Jerry Smith, Lou Phillips, Noah Smith, and Shawn Komacheet

Congratulations to all the winners!

Hole #3, Longest Drive: Chris Campbell

Hole #6, Closest to Pin: Chris Campbell

Hole #18, Longest Putt: Gary Webb

Hope to see you next year!

RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE
FORT SILL

Tricare has a new WEB Chat! Let's chat!

Our new web chat is now available through the beneficiary web portal. Simply register for self-service and start chatting with us today.

Quick and Informative!

Beneficiaries can access chat from the HumanaMilitary.com secure web portal, click on the "Chat Available" image, and be fully PHI-authenticated!

They are able to discuss benefits, referrals, etc., as if they were on the phone.

Chat agents are able to "push" web pages to beneficiaries instead of sending a link.

Reasons beneficiaries tell us they love the feature:

* Fast and to the point!

* Having chat capability is more convenient when you can find out information during work hours. Chat allows the flexibility to continue to do your job and still get the information you need for your health concerns.

* Those who are deaf or are hard of hearing find it easier to ask questions via chat; it also gives them the time to carefully craft their message.

* It allows me to research while chatting with an agent without having the phone propped up on my shoulder!

The web chat feature is available to individuals who registered at-www.humanamiltary.com <http://www.humanamiltary.com> . Chat hours of operation for all South Region beneficiaries are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-6 p.m..

Self-Service Options Online

TRICARE Self-Service Enrollment Online

TRICARE Prime

- Prime Service Area ZIP Code Look-Up
- TRICARE Prime Distance and Drive Time Standards
- Prime Enrollment Fees
- When Coverage Begins
- Split Enrollment
- Disenrolling from TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime Remote

TRICARE Prime Overseas

TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas

US Family Health Plan

TRICARE Reserve Select

TRICARE Retired Reserve

TRICARE Young Adult

Continued Health Care Benefit Program

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is available in Prime Service Areas. To see if you live in a Prime Service Area, you can:

- Check your ZIP code online
- Call your regional contractor

If you don't live in a Prime Service Area, visit the Plan Finder to learn about your options.

Step 1: Choose a Primary Care Manager (PCM)

You may select a military or network provider as your PCM. If you don't list a PCM on your enrollment form, we will select one for you.

Military Provider	You may have to enroll at a military hospital or clinic if you live within the facility's enrollment area. • Find a military hospital or clinic • If you live within 30 minutes, call your regional contractor first

Network Provider	If you don't have to enroll at a military hospital or clinic, you can select a network provider as your PCM.
	• Find a network provider:
	  ◦ North Region
	  ◦ South Region
	  ◦ West Region
	• Call first to see if they are accepting new patients

Self-Service Options Online

TRICARE Self-Service Enrollment Online

Step 2: Complete the Enrollment Application

- Enroll all family members on one enrollment form
- Send enrollment fees (if applicable) with your enrollment form
- If you have questions or if you have special cirmcumstances, call your regional contractor first to discuss your options.

Online*	Go to the Beneficiary Web Enrollment website: • Click the red "Log On" link at the top of the page • Select the "Medical" tab to enroll
Phone	Call your regional contractor: • North—Health Net: 1-877-874-2273 • South—Humana Military: 1-800-444-5445 • West—UnitedHealthcare: 1-877-988-9378
Mail	Mail your enrollment form to your regional contractor. The address is on the form. • North Enrollment Form • South Enrollment Form • West Enrollment Form

** You can only enroll online if you live in a Prime Service Area. You need a Common Access Card (CAC), DFAS (MyPay) Account, or a DoD Self-Service Logon to log in to the Beneficiary Web Enrollment website.*

Your Contacts

North-Health Net
1-877-TRICARE
(1-877-874-2273)
North Region Website

South-Humana Military
1-800-444-5445
South Region Website

West-UnitedHealthcare
1-877-988-WEST
(1-877-988-9378)
West Region Website

View More Contacts

Related Websites

Beneficiary Web Enrollment Demonstration

Related Downloads

TRICARE Prime and TRICARE

Do you need a copy of your 1999-R?

myPay: Get your 1099R right away. myPay is your fastest and most secure option to obtain a copy of your 1099R and to manage your retirement account every day. Login to myPay, and print your 1099R out in the comfort of your own home.

Ask DFAS: Need to update your mailing address and have your 1099R re-sent? Submit a request to one of our customer care representatives through the internet. You can update your mailing address, enter your email address and request your 1099R. Your transaction will be logged instantly and it will be in the mail to you within 7 to 10 business days.

Call Us: Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of your customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers. (1-800-321-1080)

Written Request: Do you prefer traditional mail? Send us a written request by fax or mail, but make sure you leave us time to reply. It may take us 30 to 60 days to process requests received by this means.

Please use the form on next page to make your request.

Please annotate on this form if you are the Retiree, the Annuitant or a Former Spouse.

1099R REQUEST

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: - 5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C., Chapters 53,61,63,65,67,69,71,73,74; 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1059, and 1408(h); 38 U.S.C. Sec. 1311 and 1313;Pub. L. 92-425; Pub. L. 102-484 Sec. 653; Pub. L. Sec. 554 and 1058; Pub. L. 105-261, Sec. 570; DoDI 1342.24, Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents; DoD Financial Management Regulation 7000. 14-R, Volume 7B and E.O. 9397 (SSN)

PRINCIPAL PURPOSES: To instruct the retirees and annuitants on how to request a 1099R tax form. The form advises the retiree or annuitant that if they did not receive a 1099R form, or would like an additional 1099R, they must utilize the form and provide information to identify themselves. The form will have to be downloaded, filled out and mailed in accordingly. Applicable SORN is **T7347b.**

ROUTINE USES: Certain **'Blanket Routine Uses"** for all DoD maintained systems of record have been established that are applicable to every record system maintained with the Department of Defense, unless specifically stated otherwise within the particular record system notice. These additional routine uses of the records are published only once in each DoD Components Preamble in the interest of simplicity, economy and to avoid redundancy.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary, however, failure to provide the requested information may result In not being provided with an updated 1099R. The Social Security Number is requested to identify the member/annuitant. Without using the SSN, DFAS could not meet the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations, 38 U.S.C., and U.S.C. Section 1450.

This form serves as a request for an additional 1099R. The 1099R reports the amount of taxable income received from DFAS Retired and Annuity Pay throughout an entire year, as well as the amount of Federal and State taxes withheld throughout the year. The 1099R is identical to the W2 you received while serving on Active Duty.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the information in the spaces below and mail the completed document to:

Retirees: Defense Finance and Accounting Service
US Military Retirement Pay
PO Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130

Annuitants: Defense Finance and Accounting Service
US Military Annuitant Pay
PO Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131

Or send it to us by fax to **1-800-469-6559.**

NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
HOME MAILING ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE	DATE

If you wish for us to continue using the above address as your permanent address in the future, you must indicate your intentions to us by checking the box below. If you would like us to use the above address for only this occasion, please leave the box empty.

YES, please use the above address as my permanent home mailing address.

RETIREE ID CARD RENEWAL

No more waiting in line

No more sitting for hours in the waiting room

No more endless attempts at phone calls

Make an appointment to renew your ID card or update DEERS

Log on at: https:rapids-appointment.dmdc.osd.mil

ID Card Section

Mission: The Fort Sill ID Card section is responsible for processing identification cards for all Soldiers, dependents, Retirees, and applicable Civilian employees at Fort Sill and its supported regions.

Fort Sill ID Card Section: (580) 442-5010, DSN 639-5010

Mailing Address: Military Personnel Division, ID Card Section, Attn: IMWE-HRM-P, 4700 NW Mow-Way Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Hours of Service: Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1530, closed on all Federal holidays.

What to bring: To receive an ID card, all personnel must bring two forms of approved unexpired ID, one of which must bear a photo (e.g., passport, driver's license).

Appointments: Appointments are available Monday-Friday, 0830-1130, and 1230-1530. Emergency walk-ins will be done on a case-by-case basis.

FORT SILL ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

0830-1400	Retiree Appreciation Days Open House There will be over 60 vendor and informational booths present at Rinehart Fitness Center. You may also sign up for tours on Friday as well as the Retiree Appreciation Banquet on Friday evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

0830-1230	Fort Sill Retirement Ceremony/Tours w/lunch at Garcia Hall Dining Facility (DFAC) (There is a fee of $5.55)
1730	Banquet – Registration/Get Acquainted at Patriot Club
1830	Posting of Colors, Master of Ceremonies: Mr. John Beemer
1845	Dinner/Buffet Patriot's Club
1930	Welcoming Remarks
	Entertainment: 77th Army Band, Jazz Combo and Costello's Own Bagpipers
1955	Introduction of Guest Speaker
2030	Retire Colors
2035	Benediction
2040	Door Prizes and Gifts

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

1100	All Retirees and Family members are invited as guests of the Lawton/Fort Sill Co-Op to a Buffalo Burger Cookout at the CO-OP Park. (Sponsored by MWR)

***You can pre-register for the Banquet at the "Buffet Ticket" table.**

***I.D. Tags can be replaced at the Open House on Thursday free of charge. You must be present as I.D. Tags will not be mailed.**

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong

"ACAP" Rebranded
"Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program"

In July 2012, the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) established the Army's Soldier for Life (SFL) program to connect the Army, government agencies, non-government organizations, private companies, and communities across America in an effort to assist Soldiers, Retirees, Veterans and their Families with the process of integrating into civilian society. In June 2014, Secretary McHugh and the CSA refocused the Army's SFL program and approved several initiatives that reflect the Army's commitment to the SFL mindset to "Start Strong, Serve Strong, Reintegrate Strong, and Remain Strong." SFL will synchronize the efforts of the more than 46,000 organizations, which will ensure Soldiers have the support required for their continued success during every phase of their military service and not just during the transition phase. Adopting the Soldier for Life approach will assist current Soldiers to concurrently develop and refine their individual military and post-military service goals across the span of their military and subsequent Civilian careers. In response to this refocused effort, the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) has been rebranded as the Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP). The Rebranding process is not instantaneous; however it has already started. So the next time you are trying to call ACAP and someone answering the phone states, "Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program" or SFL-TAP, don't hang up you have called the right number. We are still on the third floor of Building 4700. The signs have just changed but the service has not. The one thing you can count on is change, but, the Army will be uniform in its display of the branding in accordance with military traditions and standards. ACAP is still there to help with your transition; we just changed the name. We are now proudly called Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP). See you soon. Remember, "Come early and come often."

Fort Sill's Visitor Control Center

Visitor Control Center
T6701 Sheridan Road
Fort Sill, Okla. 73503

Who needs a pass?
All adults who do not have a DoD-approved identification card.

- All vehicle drivers who are 16 or 17 years of age.
- Veterans who do not have a DoD-approved identification card.
- The V.A.-issued identification card no longer meets the criteria for installation access.

Installation access cards from other DoD installations (for example: Tinker Air Force Base, Sheppard Air Force Base, Fort Hood) do not meet the criteria for installation access. Fort Sill has a "stand alone" installation access process and does not share information with other DoD installations.

If you have a question about whether or not you need a pass card to gain access to Fort Sill, call the Visitor's Control Center at (580) 442-9602 or 9603 or email your question to Fort Sill at this email address: usarmy.sill.imcom-central.mbx.fort-sill-visitor-control-center@mail.mil

The Visitor Control Center can process requests for unescorted access on a same-day basis, but you can speed the process by filling out the appropriate form and submitting it to the VCC. Please note below that there are two different forms – one for contractors of civilian companies located at and supporting Fort Sill missions (Fort Sill Form 118), and another for post visitors (Fort Sill Form 118a).

Exceptions to this requirement include:

- Delivery trucks must access Fort Sill through Apache Gate. A special station for background checks will be available at that location. Fort Sill security personnel will recognize the DoD-issued Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for access to post.
- Taxis – Taxi drivers must have a DoD I.D. card or a pass card. Admission to post will be denied to any passengers who do not have a DoD I.D. card or a pass card.
- Local buses – Bus drivers must have a DoD I.D. card or a pass card. Civilian passengers who do not possess a pass card will not be allowed to ride the bus through Fort Sill; they will be required to dismount the bus and be left at the gate. The Lawton Area Transportation System terminal will have several warning signs addressing that contingency.

As the result of the background information check, your request for access might be rejected. In this instance, the center staff will attempt to contact the requestor to inform them of the rejection. To appeal any access rejection, those parties should complete and submit (via the methods detailed above) a Fort Sill Form 117, FS Access Control Denial Waiver Application. Details for completing the form are contained within the form. Completing an appeal form does not guarantee any person access to Fort Sill. Only after the form is received and the merits of the document considered will a determination be made. After that determination is made, the requestor of the appeal will be notified as to its outcome.

RENEWING YOUR PASS CARD

Individuals who wish to renew their pass card must complete a access request form and the VCC staff conduct a new background check before a new pass card can be issued. In order to conduct a background check, visitors and contractors should prepare a new request for access and submit the complete form to the VCC. The individual may submit their access request form to the VCC 30 days prior to their current card's expiration date.

Need a Place to Stay?

The InterContinental Hotel Group (IHG) has joined forces in support of the RAD to accommodate retirees visiting Fort Sill. Thirty rooms have been blocked at a very reasonable $65.00 per night plus tax. These reservations include full breakfast and an on-post shuttle service. The hotel will provide transportation to the retirement ceremony on Friday morning. Please contact IHG Army Hotels at (580) 442-5000 for reservations. When making the reservations, please mention that you are staying to attend the Retiree Open House. Reservations must be made by 6 September 2015. For guests arriving on 16 September 2015, there will be a "Wednesday Night Guest Social" from 1730—1900. You are welcome to attend.

Lake Elmer Thomas Recreational Area

LETRA offers many activities for your enjoyment. These include fishing, paddle boats, swimming, a water slide, and putt-putt golf.

RV-ing?

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Sites:

LETRA offers RV sites and beautifully remodeled cabins during the Retiree Appreciation Days. Reservations are now completed on-line at www.adv-travel.com .

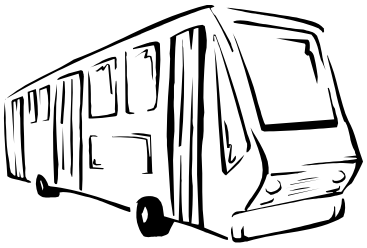
Click on LETRA Cabins

Reserve quickly as sites will fill up.

White Wolf Crossing—$17.00 per night for full hook up,

Dry area-no hook up- $5.00 per night.

Call Outdoor Adventure Center at (580) 355-8270 for reservations.



Fort Sill Survivor Outreach Services

Fort Sill Survivor Outreach Services demonstrates the Army's commitment to provide quality care for Families of the Fallen. SOS provides a holistic, multi-agency approach to address Survivors' needs throughout their healing journey for as long as requested. We provide services such as information and referral resources, advocacy, support groups, budget planning, investment education, and other financial matters. For more information contact (580) 442-4282.

New U. S. Army Retired Lapel Buttons are now available

The new U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button (depicted to the right) is now available through the Exchange stores and website at https://www.shopmyexchange.com . The lapel button costs $5.80 online and the larger Retired Service Identification Badge, which is worn by Retired Soldiers on the Army Service Uniform, costs $12.25. To quickly find the new items on the Exchange website, just type “Soldier for Life” into the keyword search box at the top of the site and hit enter.

The Army logo in the middle of the new U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button and Retired Service Identification Badge is slightly different than the official Army logo due to manufacturing requirements.

The new Soldier for Life window stickers, which incorporate the official Army logo, will be available this summer.

News From the Education Center

The Veteran’s Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

In June 2014 Congress passed legislative bill HR 3230, which requires all post-secondary public institutions to charge veterans and dependents in-state tuition if they are using the Post-9/11 G BILL. The law will go into effect for the 2015 academic year. The only requirement is that the veteran or dependent enroll in the college within three years of leaving the military. This is certainly good news if you are moving to a state where you are not a resident because out-of-state tuition can be three times higher than in-state tuition. Oklahoma has gone beyond the scope of this bill and it will apply to veterans using the Montgomery GI BILL AND the Post-9/11 GI BILL. Additionally, rather than having to enroll in three years veterans have five years from the date of separation to enroll in an Oklahoma public university or college.

IMPORTANT SITES AND NUMBERS

AR Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA)……www.veterans.arkansas.gov

Arlington National Cemetery……www.arlingtoncemetery.org

Burial and Memorial Benefits……www.cem.va.gov

Commissary……www.commissaries.com

Department of the Army Retirement Services……www.armyg1.mil/rso

DEERS—Update address……www.tricare.mil/deers/

EVetRecs (request DD 214 and military records)……www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/

ID Card Appointments……https:rapids-appointment.dmdc.osd.mil

Military Facilities……www.militaryliving.com

Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs (OKVA)……www.ok.gov/ODCA

Social Security Administration……www.ssa.gov

Society for Military Widows……www.militarywidows.org

Space Available Travel Information……www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp

Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program…….. https://www.sfl-tap.army.mil

TRICARE Information……www.tricare.osd.mil

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program……www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE

TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program……www.tricare.mil/mybenefit

US Army Human Resources Command……https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm

US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims……www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/

Veterans Administration……www.va.gov

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……https://vabenefits.vba.gov

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……580-442-5058/5059

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/DFAS……1-800-321-1080

Retiree Appreciation Banquet

You are invited to join the Commanding General of Fort Sill for a dinner buffet at 1800 on September 18th 2015 at the Fort Sill Patriot Club. The menu will be Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry Glaze, Honey Glazed Pineapple Chicken, seasonal vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Tomato and Cucumber Salad, Cobbler, Rolls and Butter. Entertainment for the event will be the Jazz Ensemble of the 77th Army Band. The evening will be capped off with drawings for many door prizes.

Please complete the enclosed form and mail early. You may pick up your tickets at the Open House or the Historic Patriot Club that evening.

Banquet Reservations

The Retiree Appreciation Days Banquet continues to grow each year. To ensure we have room for you and your Family please complete this form and mail it no later than **4 Sep 2015** to: Fort Sill Retiree Council, P.O. Box 33688, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Number of persons attending _____ x $12.00 ea = _____ enclosed.

RANK AND NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____