2016 RETIRED ARMY PERSONNEL BULLETIN

RETIREMENT SEVICES OFFICE FORT SILL

38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

It is with great excitement that Fort Sill announces the 38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days. This year the event is scheduled for 15 September through 17 September 2016. We certainly hope that you can join us in celebrating our Retirees. They have sacrificed all as they served honorably for our country. We honor them!

Fort Sill Retiree Council, in collaboration with our Fort Sill community and its agencies, plans, organizes and successfully carries out this three-day event.

The activities will kick off on September 15, 2016, with the Open House at Rinehart Fitness Center, Building 2730 Bragg Road, Fort Sill, OK. A variety of agencies will be represented. They will set up booths solely for the purpose of providing information to our Retirees. Reynolds Army Community Hospital will be providing flu shots, medical wellness and nutrition advice. Fort Sill Legal Office will have someone to schedule appointments, to discuss wills, and address legal questions. Tricare will be available as well for any questions you might have.

On day two, we invite you to join the tours. Come see what's new at Fort Sill. The day will begin with participants attending the Retirement Ceremony on Friday, and the bus will transport to tours. Lunch will be at the Garcia Hall Dining Facility (DFAC) for those participating in the tours. There will be a small fee of $5.55 for those eating lunch with the soldiers in the DFAC. Please ensure that you bring 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 20. Again, we extend our warmest welcome as you visit the Fort Sill Retiree Appreciation Days. We hope you can join us and we thank you for your service.

38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

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 15-17, 2016. For 38 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 38th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days held September 15th through September 17th. 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.

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

We'd like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to join us at Fort Sill's 38th annual Retiree Appreciation Days event to honor our Retirees. Our Soldier for Life Retirement Services Office (SFL-RSO) is responsible for handling a population of over 29,000 retirees (17,000 in Oklahoma and 12,000 in Arkansas). We welcome each and every one of you who will travel from far and near to take part in our Retiree Appreciation Days. Our Open House will again be held at the Rinehart Fitness Center on Thursday, 15 September. This event features many exhibits and information booths. There will be information about wellness, Tricare, ID cards, medical services, as well as flu shots and Dental Exams. On Friday the 16th we will start off the day with the Fort Sill Retirement Ceremony and if you desire followed by tours and lunch at Garcia Dining Facility. On Friday evening starting at 1730 you are invited to the Retiree Banquet at the Patriot Club. Finally on the 17th you are all invited to 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. 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 20. You will see 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 Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri 08:30-1600. We are closed for administrative work Tuesday mornings until 12:30. (580) 442-2645/4251/6131.

Maria C. Gomez
Applications Coordinator

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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 SGM (Ret) Edward Mounts, 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, please feel free to use our great Council should you have any questions about your benefits or those of your family members. 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 the third week of September, are just some of the ways that we reach out to support a great group of folks. Because of supporters such as yourself the Fort Sill Retiree Council has been recognized as **the top council in CONUS**, and we would like to thank you for your support. Across the nation 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 all those that served and their families

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

SGM (Ret) Edward D. Mounts

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"Retired, and Still Serving"

11th Annual Retiree Council Golf Tournament

Despite the rain and the flooding, the 11th Annual Retiree Council Golf Tournament was held on June 3, 2016 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. A total of 21 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: Bill Pitts, John Tanzi, Matt Kappel, Kevin Rogers

2nd Place Winners: Jim Rickard, Wayne Andrews, Zack Johnston

3rd Place Winners: Brian Hellard, Carl Clement, George Splittstoesser

Congratulations to all the winners!

Hole #3, Longest Drive: Zack Johnston

Hole #6, Closest to Pin: John Tanzi

Hole #18, Longest Putt: Jake Ratliff

Hope to see you next year!

Tricare and Medicare Turning 65

TRICARE For Life (TFL), TRICARE's Medicare-wraparound coverage, is available to you when you have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. This fact sheet provides important information about how Medicare affects your TRICARE coverage.

REMAINING TRICARE-ELIGIBLE

If you are entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A, you must also have Medicare Part B to keep TRICARE, regardless of your age or place of residence (*exceptions to this rule are discussed in the* Delaying Part B Enrollment *section of this fact sheet*). Once you have both Part A and Part B, you automatically receive TRICARE benefits under TFL. Keeping your information up to date in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is key to ensuring effective, timely delivery of your TRICARE benefits.

SIGNING UP FOR MEDICARE

Your birth date determines when you become Medicare-eligible and when you should visit a Social Security Administration (SSA) office to sign up for Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. Your TFL coverage begins on the **first day** you have both Part A and Part B coverage. Follow these guidelines to avoid the Medicare Part B monthly late-enrollment premium surcharge:

If you were born after the first day of the month:

You become eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month you turn 65.

Sign up for Medicare between **one and three months** before the month you turn 65.

If you live in the United States or in the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, and you already receive benefits from the SSA or the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, you will automatically receive Medicare Part A and be enrolled in Part B at age 65.

If you live in Puerto Rico and already receive benefits from the SSA or the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, you will automatically receive Medicare Part A; however, you must sign up for Medicare Part B.

Tricare and Medicare Turning 65 *(cont)*

If you live outside the United States and U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands), you must apply for Medicare Part A and Part B even if you already receive benefits from the SSA or the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.

Premium-Free Medicare Part A

You are eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A if you worked and paid Social Security taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters total). If you are not eligible through your own work history, you may be eligible for premium-free Part A through your current, divorced, or deceased spouse. If you are not eligible for premium-free Part A through your own or your spouse's work history, please refer to the charts later in this fact sheet to learn how to remain TRICARE-eligible when you turn 65.

Already Entitled to Medicare

If you are already entitled to Medicare due to a medical condition or disability, your Medicare coverage will continue without interruption after you turn 65. If you are paying a premium surcharge for late enrollment in Medicare Part B, it will be removed when you reach age 65. If you are entitled to Medicare Part A, but do not have Medicare Part B, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part B when you become eligible based on age.

Delaying Part B Enrollment

Active duty service members (ADSMs) and active duty family members (ADFMs) who are entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A remain eligible for TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra program options without having Medicare Part B. However, when the sponsor's active duty status ends, you must have Medicare Part B to remain TRICARE-eligible. You may sign up for Medicare Part B during the special enrollment period, which is available anytime your sponsor is on active duty and you are covered by TRICARE, or within the first eight months following either (1) the month your sponsor's active duty status ends or (2) the month TRICARE coverage ends, whichever comes first. To avoid a break in TRICARE coverage, ADSMs and ADFMs who are entitled to Medicare Part A must sign up for Medicare Part B before their sponsor's active duty status ends.

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Tricare and Medicare Turning 65 (cont)

Please note that the special enrollment period does not apply to ADSMs and ADFMs entitled to Medicare based on end-stage renal disease. You are strongly encouraged to sign up for Medicare when first eligible to avoid the Medicare Part B monthly late-enrollment premium surcharge.

You also do not need Medicare Part B to remain enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) or TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR). While you are not required to have Medicare Part B to remain eligible for TRS or TRR, you are strongly encouraged to sign up for Medicare Part B when first eligible to avoid paying the monthly late-enrollment premium surcharge if you enroll at a later date.

If you have group health plan coverage based on current employment, Medicare allows you to delay your enrollment in Medicare Part B without having to pay the Part B monthly late-enrollment premium surcharge. You may sign up for Part B during a Medicare special enrollment period. The special enrollment period is available anytime while a family member is still working (and you are covered under a group health plan through that employer), or within the first eight months following either (1) loss of employment or (2) loss of group health plan coverage, whichever comes first. To ensure TRICARE coverage is effective when your group health plan coverage ends, you need to sign up for Part B before your group health plan coverage ends. This does not change the TRICARE requirement that individuals entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A must also have Part B to remain TRICARE-eligible. TRICARE will not act as secondary payer to your employer-sponsored health plan until you have Medicare Part B. Your TFL coverage begins on the first day you have both Medicare Part A and Part B.

Important Note for US Family Health Plan Enrollees

If you were enrolled in the US Family Health Plan (USFHP) on September 30, 2012, you will be able to remain in the plan after becoming entitled to Medicare Part A at age 65. You will not be required to have Part B to remain eligible for USFHP, but you are encouraged to sign up for Medicare Part B when first eligible. If you disenroll from USFHP after September 30, 2012, you will not be eligible to reenroll if you are entitled to Medicare.

TRICARE beneficiaries who become members of USFHP after September 30, 2012, will not be able to participate in USFHP after becoming entitled to Medicare Part A at age 65. TRICARE and Medicare beneficiaries who are age 65 must have Medicare Part B to remain TRICARE-eligible and receive benefits under TFL.

Tricare and Medicare Turning 65 (cont)

TRICARE beneficiaries who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A at age 65 on their own work history or their spouse's work history remain eligible to enroll in USFHP. If they later become eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A, they will be ineligible for USFHP.

Under TFL, you can get care from Medicare-participating, nonparticipating, and opt-out providers. Medicare-participating providers agree to accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full. Medicare-nonparticipating providers do not accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full. They may charge up to 15 percent above the Medicare-approved amount, a cost that will be covered by TFL. Providers who opt out of Medicare and enter into private contracts with patients are not allowed to bill Medicare. Therefore, Medicare does not pay for health care services you receive from opt-out providers. When you see an opt-out provider, TFL pays the amount it would have paid (normally 20 percent of the allowable charge) if Medicare had processed the claim; you are then responsible for paying the remainder of the billed charges.

Veterans Affairs (VA) providers cannot bill Medicare and Medicare cannot pay for services received from the VA. If you are eligible for both TFL and VA benefits and elect to use your TFL benefit to see a VA provider for non-service connected care, you will incur significant out-of-pocket expenses. By law, TRICARE can only pay up to 20 percent of the TRICARE-allowable amount. If you receive care at a VA facility, you may be responsible for the remaining amount. When using your TFL benefit, your least expensive option is to see a Medicare-participating or Medicare-nonparticipating provider. If you want to seek care from a VA provider, check with Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS), which administers the TFL benefit, to confirm coverage details and to determine what will be 4

covered by TRICARE. For contact information, see the For Information and Assistance section of this fact sheet.

TFL beneficiaries can receive care at military hospitals and clinics on a space-available basis. You may also be able to use TRICARE Plus, which allows certain beneficiaries to enroll at military hospitals or clinics and have priority access to primary care.

Under TFL, Medicare is the primary payer in areas where Medicare is available (the United States and U.S. territories), and TRICARE pays last. Generally, you will have no out-of-pocket costs for services that both Medicare and TRICARE cover. You will have out-of-pocket costs for care that is not covered by Medicare and/or TRICARE. TRICARE is the primary payer for care overseas unless you have other health insurance and Medicare pays nothing.

Tricare and Medicare Turning 65 (cont)

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

There is usually little or no beneft to purchasing a Medicare prescription drug plan if you have TRICARE. Medicare Part D is not required to remain TRICARE-eligible. The TFL Pharmacy Pilot requires TFL benefciaries living in the United States and U.S. territories who use select maintenance medications to fll those prescriptions using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or a military pharmacy. You will be notifed if you are impacted by this pilot. The pilot is required under the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. Call 1-877-363-1303 or visit www.tricare.mil/tfpilot for more information.

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Urgent Care Pilot Program

Are you enrolled in TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote or TRICARE Young Adult-Prime in the United States?
If so, you may be able to participate in the new Urgent Care Pilot Program.

What is the Urgent Care Pilot Program?

When enrolled in a Prime plan, you usually have two options for getting urgent care:

- Get urgent care from your primary care manager (PCM), or
- Get a referral from your PCM to get urgent care from a different provider

With the Urgent Care Pilot Program, we'll cover two urgent care visits each fiscal year October 1 - September 30 where:

- You don't need a referral or authorization from your PCM.
- You can visit any TRICARE-authorized provider . An authorized provider is any individual, institution/ organization, or supplier that is licensed by a state, accredited by national organization, or meets other standards of the medical community, and is certified to provide benefits under TRICARE. There are two types of TRICARE-authorized providers: Network and Non-Network. with a primary care specialty.

This means you can get urgent care twice (per fiscal year) from a provider other than your PCM without a referral from your PCM. The pilot begins on May 23, 2016 and will end May 23, 2019.

What is Urgent Care?

Urgent care is care you need for a non-emergency illness or injury. You need urgent care treatment within 24 hours, and you shouldn't have to travel more than 30 minutes for the care. You typically need urgent care to treat a condition that:

- Doesn't threaten life, limb, or eyesight.
- Needs attention before it becomes a serious risk to your health.

Examples may include things like a high fever or sprained ankle. Urgent care is different than emergency care.

Not sure if you need urgent care? Please call the Nurse Advice Line:

- 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273), option 1
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If you call the Nurse Advice Line and receive a pre-authorization for network urgent care, it won't count against your two free visits. However, if you are enrolled to a military hospital or clinic and there are appointments available or the facility has an available urgent care clinic and you choose to go to civilian urgent care clinic, that visit will count against your two free visits per year.

Urgent Care Pilot Program-cont.

Am I eligible?

The Urgent Care Pilot Program is available to:

- Active duty service members enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote

  Activated -Called or ordered to active duty service for more than 30 days in a row. Guard/ Reserve members enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote
- All other beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, or TRICARE Young Adult-Prime

The Urgent Care Pilot Program is **not** available to:

- Active duty service members enrolled in TRICARE Prime
- Activated Guard/Reserve members enrolled in TRICARE Prime
- Beneficiaries enrolled in the US Family Health Plan
- Beneficiaries enrolled overseas*

**While traveling in the U.S., you don't need a referral from your PCM and you aren't limited to a two visit limit. The Urgent Care Pilot Program doesn't apply to urgent care you may get overseas.*

How does the pilot work?

When you need urgent care:

- Schedule an appointment with any TRICARE authorized provider, network or non-network.
- You can see the following provider types when getting care under the Urgent Care Pilot:
- Family practice
- Internal medicine
- General practice
- Pediatrician
- Obstetrician/Gynecologist
- Urgent Care Clinic/Convenient Care Center
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Nurse Midwife
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Network copayments will apply, if applicable.

Urgent Care Pilot Program-cont.

After your urgent care visit, you should:

- Notify your PCM about the urgent care visit within 24 hours.
- Get follow-up care from your PCM, if needed.

If you see another provider for urgent care for follow-up care without a referral, it will count against the two visit limit.

Not sure if you need urgent care?

- You can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273), option 1

If you get a pre-authorization from the Nurse Advice Line for urgent care, it won't count against your two visit limit.

What happens after I meet the two visit limit?

After you meet the two visit limit each fiscal year, you must have a referral from your PCM for any urgent care they can't provide. Without a referral, you'll be using the point-of-service option. To avoid point-of-service fees:

- Schedule all urgent care appointments with your PCM, or get a referral from your PCM to see another provider or Urgent Care Center.

Call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (1-800-874-2273), option 1, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the registered nurse recommends urgent care, the NAL can provide you with a pre-authorization for care.

I'm enrolled overseas and traveling stateside. Do I need a referral from my PCM?

No. You don't need a referral from your PCM and you aren't limited to a two visit limit when traveling in the U.S. You must get the urgent care from a TRICARE authorized provider, network or non-network. The provider must have one of the following primary care specialties. A branch of medicine or surgery that a doctor specializes in.:

- Family practice
- General practice
- Pediatrics
- Urgent Care Clinic

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 15, 2016

0830-1400	Retiree Appreciation Days Open House
	There will be over 60 vendors 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 16, 2016

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: The 77th Army Band, Jazz Combo and Costello's Own Bagpipers
1945	Introduction of Guest Speaker
2015	Benediction / Retire Colors
2020	Door Prizes and Gifts

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

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.**

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.

Need a Place to Stay?

If your plan is to stay at The InterContinental Hotel Group (IHG) on post, reservations need to be made early. In the past, IHG blocked off rooms for the Retiree Appreciation Days accommodations, however, due to the high demand for hotel accommodations at Fort Sill, rooms will no longer be blocked off. Please call and make your reservations as early as possible (580-355-4475). Rooms available will be at a very reasonable $65.00 per night plus tax. These reservations include full breakfast and an on-post shuttle service. Hotel accommodations can also be made at Lawton's local hotels.

Hilton Garden Inn Lawton-$86 (580) 280-2100

Comfort Suites-$78 (580) 248-2200

Days Inn Lawton-$54 (580) 355-7155

Springhill Suites Marriott-$99 (580) 248-8500

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 .

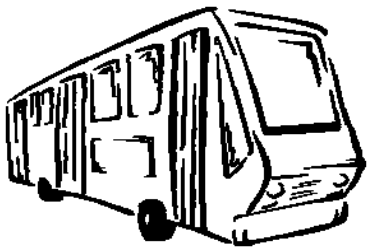
Click on LETRA Cabins

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.



Office Hours: Mon-Tues– 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Wed-Thurs- Closed
Fri-11:30 am-4:00 pm

News from the Education Center

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN OBTAINING AN ASSOCIATES

There is no doubt that seeking to obtain an Associate's (AA/AS) degree before going for your Bachelor's (BA/BS) degree may be a wise idea. It can give your resume and credentials a boost for civilian career purposes. Many veterans seek an AA/AS degree in "General Studies" to take advantage of random miscellaneous credits or military training. "General Studies" degrees tend to be mostly comprised of random electives, or courses where the student is free to choose what to take.

However, many individuals may be thinking of getting an AA/AS in a specific subject. This smaller type of credential may make someone competitive in many fields, such as information technology (with the appropriate certifications), fire science, criminal justice, automotive, nursing, radiology, paralegal, etc. However, individuals in this situation may encounter obstacles in the future when attempting to transfer their AA/AS to a BA/BS. Namely, the school may require that you take up to 8-13 classes in that specific subject. In the case of community college's they will all be 100 to 200 level classes. A BA/BS on the other hand, will require that many classes in your major be 300 to 400 level classes— though it is possible some may transfer as upper level classes. However, it may mean your future school will disregard classes from your AA/AS and you will be transferring over much less than the 60 credits it took to get your AA/AS. The other danger is that your new school will most likely want you to take their classes in the subject, since you are obtaining the BA/BS from them, which will also lead to a loss of credits.

When reviewing various AA/AS's there are ways to protect yourself when transferring to maximize your credits. Some AA/AS's, typically called Associate's-to-Transfer, are specifically targeted for transferring and will require you take less classes in the subject to avoid duplicity. Just bear in mind that if you are applying to a job the employer may see an AA/AS with 10 classes in the subject as more valuable than an AA/AS with only 4 classes in the subject. Doing a search of career qualifications would highlight if even getting an AA/AS in that subject is useful. You may want to skip directly to getting a BA/BS to save time in the long run. If you are uncertain of what to do, call the Education Center to make an appointment to see a counselor. It is the mission of any Education Center to also assist the veteran population.

What can I do on myPay Account?

Log into the myPay system Go to WWW.DFAS.mil and create an account .

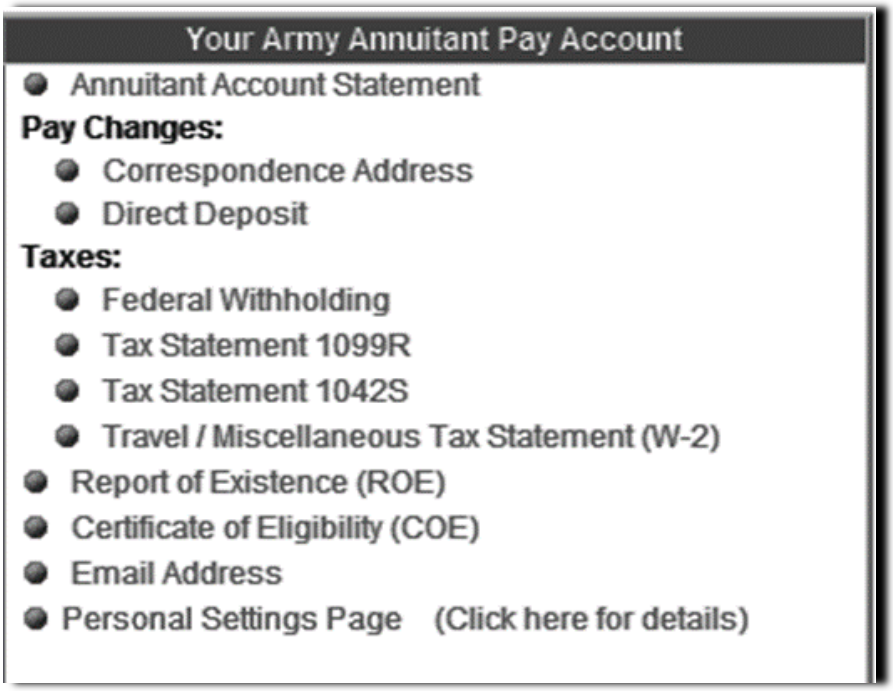
The following transactions can be accomplished by the customers. If you need assistance, please contact Customer Care Center by calling toll free 1-888-DFAS411 (1-888-332-7411) or DSN 580-5096 and selecting Option #5 for myPay.

Retirees:

* Request Retiree Account Statement (RAS)
* Request Hard Copy of Annual RAS be stopped to receive only the electronic copy
* Request CRSC Pay Statement
* View, Start, Stop & Change EFT (only) allotments
* Correspondence address changes
* Retired Pay Direct Deposit changes
* Federal Withholding Tax (FITW) changes
* State Withholding Tax (SITW) changes
* View/request tax statement (1099R)
* Request Hard Copy of annual 1099R be stopped to receive only the electronic copy
* Register your email address
* Change your personal settings

myPay Account

Annuitants:



* Request Annuitant Account Statement (AAS)
* Correspondence address changes
* Direct Deposit changes
* Federal Withholding Tax (FITW changes)
* View/request tax statement (1099R)
* View/request tax statement (1042S)
* Reports of Existence (ROE)
* Certificates of Eligibility (COE)
* Register email address
* Change personal settings

Notes

1. Retirees cannot make any changes to paper check allotments or blanket allotments using myPay.
2. The electronic versions of the RAS and 1099R are printable.
3. Retirees cannot start, stop, view or make any changes to their check address using myPay if it is sent as a paper check to their homes.
4. Retirees cannot use myPay to make themselves “exempt” for FITW purposes nor can they choose to withhold an additional amount only.

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 16, 2016 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 **29 August 2016** to: Fort Sill Retiree Council, P.O. Box 33688, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Number of persons attending _____ x $10.00 ea = _____ enclosed.

RANK AND NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____