



**2017**

## **Oklahoma National Guard Retiree's Retreat Invitation and Newsletter**

### **Dear Oklahoma National Guard Retirees and Friends:**

The 2017 Oklahoma National Guard Retiree's Retreat will be held on **23-24-25 June 2017** at Camp Gruber, Braggs, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) Retiree Council, in collaboration with the OKNG Command Staff and Camp Gruber Support Personnel have planned, organized, resourced and will hopefully successfully carry out this three-day event for the enjoyment of all who attend. There should be something for everyone and attendance will be well worth your time.

Retreat activities will kick off Friday morning with a **Fishing Tournament** and a **Golf Game**. The Fishing Tournament is a new event for our Retired Soldiers and Airmen to participate. We are really excited about the tournament and hope this event will be well supported. More information on the Fishing Tournament can be found on page 5. Also on Friday morning, **Golf** is back on the schedule. It's not a tournament, it's a golf game. Check out page 5 for details if you want to play golf. Early **Retreat check-in and registration** starts at the billeting office at 1300 hours. Later Friday evening, there is a **"Meet, Greet & Eat"** at the Mess Hall complete with pizza and beverages. It's not a formal event, just a come and go or stay and hangout. *Meals served out of the mess hall are under the direction of MSG(Ret) Curtis Lee and his team.*

On day two, Saturday, the more formal part of our program is held, the Retreat Briefings. A variety of agencies will be represented and some will set up booths solely for the purpose of providing information to our Retirees. Retired Service Members are authorized **Legal Support** and we will have a Legal Team to support appointments to discuss wills, advance directives and answer legal questions. We have a speaker and frequent traveler to give us some information on **Space A Travel** and our **Survivor Outreach Team** will cover the subjects on reporting Retiree deaths, burials and funeral honors. We have requested that **TRICARE** provide a brief overview of the new changes as it effects Retirees. Also, before everyone is dismissed for lunch, the results of the fishing tournament and weapons competition results will be announced. We kept and tweaked the **Pistol and Rifle Competition** which will be held on Saturday afternoon, the top shooter will be awarded. The day concludes with our **big catered BBQ dinner** Saturday night. *Catered by MSG(Ret) Paul Campbell and his "peeps".*

On day three, Sunday, at our closing ceremonies, we will once again pay **tribute to our fallen comrades** that have passed away during the past year, conduct our **POW/MIA Ceremony** and conduct the **final AAR**.

To ensure you are all well informed of the events scheduled, we have provided you with a schedule of events in this newsletter. Since plans do change, a final and detailed Retreat Program will be available at the billeting office and the registration tables. Make sure you pick up a copy.

**Retiree Retreat 2017 Commemorative Item.** As requested, a commemorative item will be available for purchase: Challenge Coins have been ordered. Cost is "TBD" per coin. We will be selling them at the Registration Tables on Friday and Saturday. CASH or CHECK.

**Registration.** Last year, we had quite a disparity in the registered attendees and those that made billeting reservations. Registration is a separate action from billeting. All billeting reservations should be followed up with a registration and visa versa. To insure a successful event, please register for the retreat and let us know if you have to

cancel before 19 June 2017. For the third year in a row, the **cost is still only \$40.00** to attend the retreat. This is a flat rate fee that covers the food costs, purchase of items to support the events and other miscellaneous items. It does not include the cost of your billeting. Registration and billeting instructions are enclosed in this newsletter. *But please remember this: A successful event begins with an accurate account of attendees and knowing what activities they will be participating.*

**Please share this newsletter.** For the first year, this newsletter will only be sent digitally to the email addresses we have on file. It will also be posted on the OKNG Public Website under the "Retirement Services" area. Funding is not available for hardcopy mail-outs. So if you know of someone that needs information on this event, please share your copy or tell them where the newsletter is posted. <http://ok.ng.mil/>

We are extending our warmest welcome as you attend this year's retreat. We hope you can join us and we thank you for your service.

**OKNG COMMAND STAFF AND CAMP GRUBER COMMAND STAFF**



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The Adjutant General – Oklahoma



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State Command Sergeant Major (Air)



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Military Liaison/Co-Chair for the Retreat



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Commander, Camp Gruber Training Site



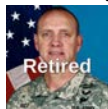
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Command Sergeant Major-Camp Gruber



SFC Michael McCurley, Aide-de-Camp, JFHQ Command Group – Retreat Registrar

**2016/2017 RETIREE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

LTC (Ret) Jim Gill  
Retreat Co-Chair



SFC (Ret) Cindy Bargas  
Retreat Co-Chair



CSM(Ret) Marvin Barbee



CW4(Ret) Rick Bornoff



CSM(Ret) Dean Bridges



MSG(Ret) Paul Campbell



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**2016/2017 RETIREE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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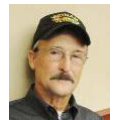
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**Oklahoma National Guard Retiree's Retreat  
Camp Gruber**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b><u>Friday, 23 June 2017</u></b>		
Fishing Tournament	Little Greenleaf Lake	0600-1200
Golf Game – Tahlequah, OK	Cherokee Springs Golf Course	0830
Check-In/Verify Registration/Billeting Check-In	Bldg 117	1300-1700
Dinner – Pizza “Meet, Greet & Eat”	Mess Hall Bldg 127	1700-Pizza runs out

**Saturday, 24 June 2017**

Breakfast	Mess Hall Bldg 127	0630-0730
Legal Counseling/Services <i>(By appointment)</i>	Building 222	0800-1600
Retreat Registration (con't)	Multi-Purpose Bldg 305	0730-0900 (BUS)
Visit Information/Resource Tables	Multi-Purpose Bldg 305	0730-0900
Welcome Ceremonies and Briefings	Multi-Purpose Bldg 305	0900-1155
Visit Information/Resource Tables (Cont'd)	Multi-Purpose Bldg 305	As Desired
Lunch	Mess Hall Bldg 127	1200-1300
Pistol and Rifle Firing and Competition ID Cards Issued (as needed)	Camp Gruber Range Bldg 116	1400-1600 (BUS) 1300-1600
BBQ Dinner	Building 222	1700-As Needed

**Sunday, 25 June 2017**

Breakfast	Mess Hall Bldg 127	0700-0800
Billeting Checkout Starts	Bldg 117	0730- As Required
Memorial Service, Closing Comments, Weapons Competition Top Shooter Results and AAR	Post Chapel	0900-1100 (BUS)
ID Cards Issued (as needed)	Building 116	1100-1300

**Dress Code:** The uniform for the weekend's events is very casual. Remember to carry your rain gear just in case.

**AAFES / PX:** The PX will be open during the weekend, exact times will be announced in the updated version of this schedule.

***An updated schedule and Retreat Details will be available when checking in at the Retreat. Make sure you get an updated copy upon your arrival.***

## RETREAT DETAILS

**GOLF (23 June):** For those that would like to golf Friday morning, there is a place on the attached registration form for you to include your green fee, cart rental and range ball price of \$35.00. You will also need to contact: Jim Pahdoco at [pahdocoj@cox.net](mailto:pahdocoj@cox.net) no later than 19 June to get your name on the list. Jim has volunteered to organize this event. The golf outing will be at Cherokee Springs Golf Course, 700 E. Ballentine, Tahlequah, OK. Report to Jim at the course NLT 0830 on Friday, 23 June 2017. First tee time will be 0900. Breakfast is available at the course at your own cost. The website for the golf course can be found at: <http://www.cherokeecasino.com/tahlequah/golf/cherokee-springs-golf-course>.

**FISHING TOURNAMENT (23 June).** The Oklahoma National Guard Retirees Retreat's First Annual Fishing Tournament is scheduled on Friday morning. Pre-Registration is required by emailing the tournament's lead coordinator, SFC Bill Hudson at email: [crzynadtbr@yahoo.com](mailto:crzynadtbr@yahoo.com) or SGM Joe Stover at: [joe.a.stover.mil@mail.mil](mailto:joe.a.stover.mil@mail.mil) Cost to participate is \$15.00 (cash) payable at the lake check-in. The tournament will be held at Lower Greenleaf, a.k.a. Little Greenleaf, which is located on Hwy 10, close to the entrance of Greenleaf State Park, just south of Camp Gruber's entrance gate. Check-in is from 0600-0700 hrs at the lake. Fishermen will be released for fishing at 0700 hrs with the contest ending at 1200 hrs. You can fish from a boat (proved for the first seven participants registering), fish from your own boat or fish from the bank. Fishing is limited to one rod and reel only. There will be two categories of fishing: Most fish caught (regardless of type of fish) and then the combined weight of the three largest Bass fish caught. Questions can be directed to the tournament's coordinator, Bill Hudson via email. Make sure you bring your own fishing pole, bait of choice, chairs, fishing license, misc. equipment, appropriate attire and your own snacks and beverage of choice. Bottle water will be provided. Prizes will be awarded along with bragging rights to the winners.

**OPEN WEAPONS SHOOTING AND COMPETITION (24 June):** The State Marksmanship Team has drawn a range for weapons firing. Bring your own weapons, ammunition, (enough ammo as you want to shoot) hearing and eye protection and water to fire on this range. Rifles: NO LARGER than .300 Win Mag will be allowed. No black powder weapons either. Pistols: Only .22, .45, .9., 357,.38, .380 mm. During the open shoot, there will be a separate firing line for pistols, another for rifles and another for shotguns. After the open shoot (approximately one hour) the weapons competition will be held. The competition will probably take two hours. Times will be adjusted to accommodate all shooters. The Marksmanship Team will be providing the weapons and ammunition for the competition; that way everyone is shooting the same caliber of weapons. Remember to bring your own safety equipment. Also, no POVs on the range. Must take the bus or military vehicle. No loaded clips in weapons on bus. Top Shooter will be awarded.

**LEGAL COUNSELING AND APPOINTMENTS.** The Staff Judge Advocate's Office will be providing limited legal services and counseling during the Retreat. Services include wills and powers of attorney. Attached to this newsletter is an informational sheet for your review. To make an appointment during the retreat, please contact The Staff Judge Advocate's Office located at the Joint Force Headquarters by calling (405) 228-5638 or email: [jeremiah.j.hagemeier.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jeremiah.j.hagemeier.mil@mail.mil)

**BUS SCHEDULE:** (The Mess Hall is home base for the busses.)

**Friday:** One bus will depart from Will Rogers Air Base at 1500 hrs Another will depart Tulsa Air Base at 0900 hrs Saturday morning. *Call the registrar (SFC McCurley 405-228-5211) to verify departure time if you need a ride.*

**Saturday:** Bus transportation is available as indicated on the Event Schedule (Page 4). Buses will depart from the Mess Hall to the scheduled event 30 minutes prior. *Example: The Firing Range starts at 1400 hrs, the bus will depart the mess hall at 1330 hrs.* Buses will make several trips from the Mess Hall for the Opening Ceremonies in Bldg 305 **Sunday:** Depart Camp Gruber for the return trip to Will Rogers Air Base after closing ceremonies.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are lacking in some manpower during the Retreat and are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- *Work Registration/Check-in at Building 117.* (One hour Shifts on Friday afternoon.) Also need helpers at the registration table on Saturday morning, building 305. If you would like a shift, please contact Cindy Bargas at (405) 642-7804.

- *Photographers.* Need Retirees to take a few photos at the fishing tournament, golf game, meals, or weapons range, basically assist our official Retreat Photographer, 1SG(Ret) Ron Mordecai (who can't be everywhere at the same time) recording all Retreat Events. If you are interested, please contact Ron direct at (918) 237-0668.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION**  
**Registration Starts 7 May 2017**

**(Please Print Neatly)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone Number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: (Print Legibly): \_\_\_\_\_ \*

*\*Changes/Update/Additions to our Retiree Email Listing will be made off of this registration form so please print legibly.*

Guests: (Wife, Family, Friends) - Include First and Last Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Affiliations\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: Army, Air, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard)  
*(i.e., 279<sup>th</sup>, 120 Med, 137 APS, 138 FW, 120 Engr, 700 Spt, HHC 45 Inf, HQ STARC or JFHQ)*

Comments (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**"I am registering for" :**

**\$40.00 Flat Rate per person.** (Non Reimbursable) Make checks payable to **Retiree's Retreat Committee.**  
(Includes Friday night pizza, two breakfasts and the Saturday night catered BBQ Meal. Cost also covers expenses used to support the events such as i.e., printing materials, hand-outs, name tags, competition prizes, etc.)

**\$35.00 for Golf Game.** *I have read information on page 5. Do not send money to Jim.* Make checks payable to **Retiree's Retreat Committee.**

Please complete this registration information and mail to: **Joint Force Hdqrs-OK**  
**SFC McCurley – Comand Grp**  
**3501 Military Circle**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73111-4305**

or FAX: (405) 228-5524 or Scan and Email to: [Michael.I.mccurley.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Michael.I.mccurley.mil@mail.mil)

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*\*Payment can be made upon arrival at Camp Gruber if you send your registration in via fax, email or phone.  
SFC Michael McCurley, Aide-de-Camp to the JFHQ Command Group is the Official Retirees Retreat Registrar. He can be reached at (405) 228-5211, (405) 207-8875 (Cell) or at the email address provided below.*

**SUGGESTED PLACES TO STAY**

**For billeting on Camp Gruber, call: (918) 549-6065.** *They have Cottages (\$40), Trailers(\$35), single rooms (\$30), two per room (\$23), 2-per room, common latrine for all rooms (\$18), RV Parking (\$9), Transient Barracks (\$2)). Rates are for each night, quarters are first come first serve. (Rates are listed as of 1Oct16.) There will be some training going on during our retreat. Don't delay making your reservations for billeting.*

**Greenleaf State Park: Cabins and RV Parking** (918) 487-5196 or [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com)

**Fin and Feather Resort (Gore, OK):** (918) 487-5148

**Marval Resort (Gore, OK): Cabins and RV Parking** (918) 489-2295

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Muskogee, OK):** (918) 687-4224

**Comfort Inn (Muskogee, OK):** (918) 682-3724

**Knights Inn (Muskogee, OK):** (918) 683-6886

**As previously mentioned in this newsletter, registering for the retreat is a separate action from making your billeting reservations. Make sure you accomplish both actions when planning to attend this retreat.**

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE MISSION**

The mission of the legal assistance program is to assist eligible Soldiers, retirees and Family members with their personal legal affairs in a timely and professional manner. The program's existence is based on the Army's need for Soldier readiness, morale, discipline, and maintenance of a quality force. Legal assistance may involve making an appropriate referral to another military or civilian attorney or entering into an attorney-client relationship and representing the client. No in-court representation is provided by legal assistance attorneys. Assistance with personal legal problems is provided on the following matters: wills and estate planning, tax, consumer matters, finances, family law, immigration and naturalization, insurance, real estate, and military administrative actions such as responses to financial liability investigations of property loss (FLIPLs), letters of reprimand, evaluation appeals, security clearance denials and other matters.

### **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

A will is a document that directs how property is to be distributed upon your death and appoints responsible parties to carry out your wishes under the supervision of a court. Contrary to popular belief, your property does not go to "the state" if you do not have a will, unless you have no surviving heirs. Laws which determine to whom your property will be distributed if you die without a will vary from state to state, but usually your property will be distributed to your spouse and children and in some cases your nearest living relatives. In Oklahoma your property would be distributed as follows:

- If you are single and without children, your biological parents receive your property in equal shares.
- If you are married and without children, your spouse receives the property acquired during the marriage and one-third of everything else. Your parents (or siblings if parents are deceased) receive the remainder.
- If you are married with children, your spouse and children may be required to divide the property, but not necessarily in equal shares.

To direct the specific distribution of property, designate your executor, name guardians, and establish trusts or custodianships for minor children, you should make a will. However, making a will is an entirely personal decision and must be completely voluntary. No one can require you to have a will.

### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

A power of attorney is a written grant of legal authority from you to the person named to act on your behalf. A *special power of attorney* grants limited authority only to act as specified in the document. A *general power of attorney* extends legal authority to the person named to take almost any action that you could take such as buying and selling property and creating debt obligations. It is an extremely broad and powerful document and should be carefully considered and made for a limited duration. Many financial institutions and stock brokerages recognize only powers of attorney prepared on their forms. DFAS will accept only a *special power of attorney* for financial transactions involving the pay of Soldiers. A power of attorney can be revoked by retrieving the document and destroying it or by executing a written revocation and notifying the agent and anyone to whom it was or may be presented for use that the instrument is revoked. However, even after revocation the signer may, nevertheless, remain liable to any third party who accepts the power of attorney and was not aware of its revocation.