

# 2016 Retiree Retreat

## Retiree Retreat 2016 AAR

**We would like to thank everyone** who attended the 2015 Retiree Retreat. We hope you all had as wonderful a time as we did. We saw some old faces and some new faces! It's always good to see everyone.

**Paul Campbell and Curtis Lee** cooked for us again, and did a spectacular job! Thank you to you and your staff! We will be holding the cookout again at the lodge on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**We heard you!** We are working to ensure the VA will be available on retreat weekend to answer your questions. We hope to have them here for the afternoon on Sat the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
This will be the last year for mail outs. We need all Retiree's to provide an active email address, and phone numbers to MSG Elizabeth Setser at [elizabeth.e.setser.mil@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.e.setser.mil@mail.mil) or you may reach her at 405-228-5548

Once you provide your information, you can expect to receive updates and registrations for the next retiree's retreat and other events. We will continue to send emails since those are free. It is our goal to minimize the costs to continue to hold this event for you.

## Retiree Retreat 2016 Changes, etc.

**The 2016 Retiree Retreat** has been scheduled for 13-15 May. There will be a few changes we wanted to put out in advance.

**CHANGES!** It was decided that this year will be a **flat rate of \$40.00** (regardless of days attending) for the retreat

**Starting this year**, retreat check-ins and room check-ins on Friday night and Saturday morning will both be done in the Billing office (bldg 117). You will have a one-stop shop!

**Calls for retreat billeting or registration** should be directed to SFC Crenshaw at 918-549-6065.

**Another big change** Due to the flat rate, we will not issue bracelets this year.

**Camp Gruber** will be a busy place this year with several Units being on the ground. Various types of training will be taking place. A couple of the ranges we have used in the past will not be available this year. Extra caution and prudence should be exercised

**Shooting Range.** If you choose to bring and shoot your own weapon, the calibers are restricted to the following.

**Rifles** NO LARGER than .300 Win Mag will be allowed

**Pistols** only .22, .45, .9mm, .357 .38, .380

**!!!!!!NO BLACK POWDER WEAPONS ALLOWED!!!!!!**

## Remember:

- Complete the registration forms
- Make Checks Payable to Retirees Retreat Committee
- Drive carefully and enjoy the weekend

## Point Of Contact

**Please direct all calls** for the Retirees Retreat, Contact CSM Tony Riggs 405-228-5625 email [tony.f.riggs.mil@mail.mil](mailto:tony.f.riggs.mil@mail.mil) email or SFC McCurley 405-228-5211 [michael.l.mccurley.mil@mail.mil](mailto:michael.l.mccurley.mil@mail.mil)

For billeting questions contact SFC Crenshaw 918-549-6065

BILLETING IS FIRST COME FISRT SERVE, rooms are limited, but H style are available

**You can email your request** for registration and pay upon arrival, or you can complete all information on the registration form and return it with a check for: **\$40.00 Flat rate fee** (regardless of days attending) Make Checks payable to **Retiree's Retreat Committee** and mail to JFHQ



*The 2016 Camp Gruber  
Officer and NCO Assn.  
Golf Tournament*

**There will not be a Golf Tournament this year.**

### *Suggestions*

**If you have** suggestions for the next retreat or comments about the last retreat, a changed email or hardcopy address, please call or email Mrs Cindy



### *Camp Gruber Tour*

**You can tour** special Camp Gruber areas and some of our other ranges during Retiree Retreat weekend. We will

### *Spouse/Special Needs Billeting*

**Spouses** and those with special needs are always welcome to attend the Retreat; However, Camp Gruber does not offer co-ed housing or single bathroom facilities. You are more than

### *Dress Code*

**The uniform** for the weekend's events is very casual. Remember to bring your rain gear just in case. Hopefully, we will have wonderful

### *Camp Gruber Website*

**Camp Gruber's Website** has been re-designed. You can now check out Camp Gruber's website for the last few years' pictures and all of the information about this year's

### *ID Cards*

**We will have** the ID Card Machine available in **Bldg. 154** on Saturday afternoon 1300-1600 for those needing new ID's. The bus will drop you off if you



### *Pizza*

**remember** that you are welcome to join us Friday evening for early registration and pizza. Cost is included in the \$40.00 fee. If you are not a registering guest, you will be

### *Transportation*



**If you** will require transportation to/from the Will Rogers Air Guard Base, please

## *Stay Connected!*

**EMAIL:** In 2009 we started to collect email addresses of our Retirees. Through email, we are sending out a weekly email of events, our yearly Retreat Newsletter, death announcements, deployment ceremonies, retirement and pinning ceremonies, changes in benefit programs, etc. NO JUNK MAIL. To get your name and email on our mailing list, please contact one or both of these individuals:

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**NOTE:** Postage to mail this newsletter is paid from the Camp Gruber Officer and NCO Association Fund, so having a valid email on file not only keeps our costs down but also keeps you connected with information all year long. We are only able to mail hard copy newsletters to Retirees that have previously attended the Retreat and Retirees with separation dates within the last two years.

**PUBLIC WEB SITE:** [www.ok.ng.mil](http://www.ok.ng.mil) In the future, this site is where you will find various information as well as stories of Soldiers and Airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard. NOTE: After you access the public web site, on the navigation bar, scroll to "Home" and then arrive over to "Retirement Services". We periodically post information for Retirees.

**FACEBOOK:** The Oklahoma National Guard has a FaceBook page, titled: [www.facebook.com/oklahomanationalguard](http://www.facebook.com/oklahomanationalguard) Our FaceBook page has over 9,965 fans. Many of our Soldiers, Airmen and Retirees are fans and regular contributors to our page. On an average week, some 7,000 people get to view our stories and videos we post about happenings in the Oklahoma Guard. If you're on FaceBook, I would encourage you and your FaceBook friends that are interested in the Guard to "fan" our page.

**FLICKER:** A great place to see the photos taken by the Public Affairs Office --- [www.flickr.com/photos/oklanationalguard](http://www.flickr.com/photos/oklanationalguard)

**YOU TUBE:** [www.youtube.com/OklaNationalGuard](http://www.youtube.com/OklaNationalGuard)

**TWITTER:** [www.Twitter.com/oKguard](http://www.Twitter.com/oKguard)

All of these websites are a great way to stay connected and in touch with old friends and find out what's been said about our men and women in uniform.



# Welcome!



*The Oklahoma National Guard will host its Annual Retiree Retreat at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma  
weekend of May 13-15, 2016*

**We wish to welcome you** to the annual Retiree Retreat. The retreat is a time to get together and renew old friendships, swap stories, get the latest information about what is going on in the Guard, and a time to; once again, enjoy all the comforts of being from home at beautiful Camp Gruber.

**The Adjutant General** of Oklahoma, Major General Robbie Asher, State Command Sergeant Major Tony Riggs, Command Master Sergeant Ronald Teague, Command Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Rau, wish to extend to each retiree of the Oklahoma National Guard an invitation to attend this year's retiree retreat.

*Welcome All!*

*Army, Air Force, Traditional Soldiers, Enlisted, and Officer  
Weekend Schedule of Events*

### Friday, May 13th

#### Golf & Retreat

**1300 - 1800** Retiree Retreat  
Early Registration and  
check-in quarters @  
Bldg 117

**5:00** Pizza is available @ Bldg  
127 for Retirees Retreat  
attendees

### Saturday, May 14th

**0630-0730** Breakfast @ Bldg 127

**0700-0800** Check-In Quarters @  
Bldg 117

**0830-1100** Opening Ceremony @  
Bldg 305

Welcome to Camp Gruber  
Command Comments  
Briefs TBD

**1200-1300** Lunch @ Bldg 127

**1300-1600** Camp Gruber

Activities

Camp Gruber Tour  
Zero Range Fire

### Sunday, May 15th

**0700-0900** Breakfast @  
Building 127  
Checkout @  
Building 117

**0900-1030** Fallen Comrades  
Memorial  
Service @ the  
Chapel

**1030-TBD** Closing  
Comments and  
AAR