

NEWS & UPDATES FROM

RETIREMENT SERVICES

*Soldiers, Retirees, Surviving Spouses
& their families*



AUGUST MEETING

RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Council held their monthly meeting on Saturday August 19 at the Janet Barr Building. The Garrison Commander & Command Sergeant Major, COL Mundweil & CSM Denson attended the meeting and were on hand to answer questions and share their plan for the council.

The Meeting was well attended with 17 in person attendees and 5 calling in via teleconference. The Retired Service Members expressed their desire to continue to serve & shared their concerns & ideas with the command team. We have a vibrant and resourceful Retiree Community in the APG Area - so many of our retired service members are continuing to serve their communities through their work, special interests, community groups, & hobbies. If you are looking for a great place to connect with other Retired service members please join us for our next meeting on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16. Email APGRSO@army.mil for more information.

APPLICATION TRACKING

WHERE IS MY APPLICATION?

- We have 40 Retirement Applications that have been submitted to HRC that we are waiting on Approvals for. They have requested Retirement dates between FEB 2024 – MAY 2025. As of our last update from HRC, HRC is working on retirement Applications based on Requested Retirement Date NOT order they were received. They are currently still working on FEB – MAR 2024 for Officers & MAY – JUN 2024 for Enlisted.



VETERANS HEALTH IDENTIFICATION CARD

DO YOU HAVE YOURS? HOW DO YOU GET ONE?

Retirees & Veterans in the Maryland Area can get their Veterans Health Identification Card at Perry Point VA Medical Center.

No Appointment is required, just bring your DD214 & photo ID. & If you already have a disability rating from the VA, make sure to bring your letter.

PERRY POINT IS THE ONLY FACILITY IN THE AREA ISSUING CARDS - Baltimore & Loch Raven are no longer issuing VHIC.

Gather your documents & take them to the Perry Point Enrollment & Eligibility office (the front desk will direct you). Enrollment & Eligibility will review your documents & will make an eligibility determination that day! Once you have been issued your card, the Eligibility Coordinator will explain what benefits you are eligible for.

Veterans with IDme can apply online at:
www.va.gov/health-care/get-health-id-card/



REPORT THE DEATH OF A RETIREE

Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Division anytime by calling (800) 626-3317. You will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center.

The Casualty Assistance Center for Maryland & Delaware is Fort Meade Casualty Assistance Center, they will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the survivor benefits process. They can be reached at the number below.

When reporting the death, please provide as much of the information below as you have: • Full name • Disability Rating • Copy of death certificate • Social security number and/or service number • Circumstances surrounding the death • Retirement date • Date and place of birth • Next of Kin (NOK) information • Retired rank

FT MEADE CAC
301-677-2206

apgrso@army.mil | 410-306-2345 Applications | 410-306-2322 Survivor Benefits Plan/Briefings

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DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS MWR BENEFIT?

American Forces Travel specializes in travel deals and military discounts for eligible military travelers, including retired military, on hotels, flights, cars, cruises, travel packages, and more. Users are required to verify their eligibility when using this site.

WWW.AMERICANFORCESTRAVEL.COM/



LIBRARY ACCESS!

All military ID card holders with MWR permissions have access to the MWR Libraries on any installation. You can register for an account at your local MWR library. Another great option is the DoD MWR Libraries Online. Once you establish an account using your DoD ID number on your military ID you have access to a wealth of online resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines, children's resources, genealogy research resources, streaming music, and more.



APG OUTDOOR RECREATION

Did you know that the Outdoor Recreation Office on APG has boat, RV, Cabin rentals and so much more? See all of the items that they have available - from Grills & games to canopies & trailers!

<https://aberdeen.armymwr.com/programs/equipment-check-out>

RETIRED PAY

ACCOUNT CHECK UP

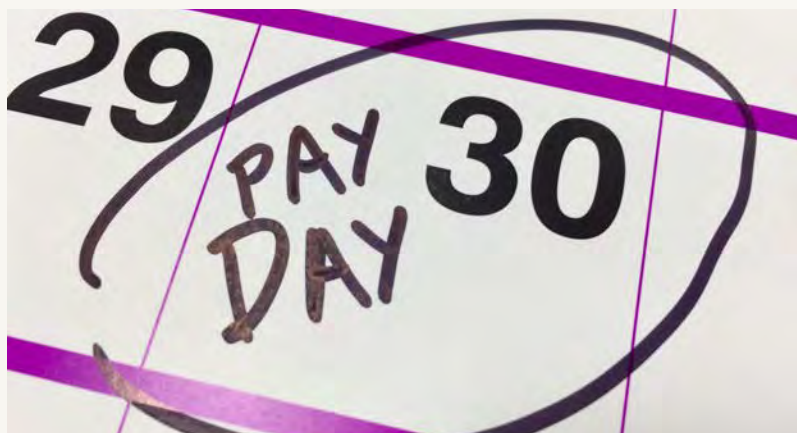
HAVE YOU UPDATED DFAS?

1. **Is your mailing address current?** You might be surprised to learn DFAS gets a lot of returned mail. If you've moved and haven't told us, we won't know how to reach you. Log in to your myPay account and check your "Correspondence Address" under "Pay Changes" on the side menu as part of your annual account check-up: <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

2. **Do you have a current email address in myPay?** Email is the easiest and fastest way for DFAS to communicate with you. Take a minute right now and check to make sure your email address is current. At the top of your myPay account menu, select "Personal Settings" and then in the side menu on the left, select "Email Address" to view the email address(es) you have on file with DFAS. Make sure you indicate the primary email address you want us to use. Delete any old email addresses you no longer use.

3. **Are your allotments correct?** Review your allotments at least once a year. Look under "Pay Changes" for "Allotments" in the menu on the left side of your myPay account. Check each allotment and the allotment amounts. Please keep in mind that some allotments, including FEDVIP and TRICARE, cannot be changed using myPay. If you have a question about any of these, please contact that organization directly.

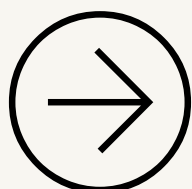
4. **Have there been changes in your family?** If you get married, lose a spouse, or have a child, the change can affect your account. You may need to change your income tax withholdings or notify us to change your Survivor Benefit Plan information.



5. **Is your Arrears of Pay (AOP) beneficiary correct?** Who did you choose as a beneficiary for any arrears of retired pay that may be due when you pass away? AOP is the prorated amount of your final month's retirement pay. Make sure your designation is current and confirm that your beneficiary's address is up to date. You can check this information by clicking on the "Beneficiary for Arrears" link under "Pay Changes" in the menu on the left side of your account in myPay.

6. **Is your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage and beneficiary(ies) correct?** Your myPay Retiree Account Statement has a lot of information on it about your pay, deductions, taxes and SBP. The SBP section has five lines on it for members who participate in it. The most important information for you to check: your type of coverage and the date of birth of your spouse beneficiary (if applicable). If you need to change your SBP coverage, DFAS needs a copy of the official documentation (marriage license, divorce decree, death certificate or birth certificate), along with the Survivor Benefit Plan Election Change form (DD Form 2656-6) to update your account.

Always notify DFAS as soon as possible about a major life change. You can upload your documents on the askDFAS online upload tool, fax your documents to (800) 469-6559 or mail them to DFAS, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200. Make sure your Social Security Number is clearly visible on each document so we can identify your account to update it. If you need assistance accessing your myPay account, please contact the myPay Customer Care Center toll-free at (888) 332-7411 or at (317) 212-0550.



[HTTPS://MYPAY.DFAS.MIL](https://mypay.dfas.mil)

WHILE YOU ARE IN YOUR MYPAY ACCOUNT, ADD A MOBILE PHONE NUMBER SO YOU CAN RECEIVE KEY MYPAY ACCOUNT NOTIFICATIONS VIA TEXT.



TIMELINE

RETIREMENT APPLICATION

For more information call APG Retirement Services at 410-306-2345 or email apgrso@army.mil

1 IPPSA PAR

contact your S1 to submit your PAR in IPPSA. Once approved by your Chain of Command it will be sent to the RSO



2 SERVICE CALCULATION

The RSO Office will calculate your Service Time. Make sure that your Records are up to date & that your Enlistment Contracts, Oath's of Office, Reserve Points Calculations, DD214's NGB22/23, Active Duty orders, Separation Orders & any other forms that might be needed to calculate your service time are in your OMPF.

3 HRC APPROVAL

HRC will review your packet & Issue Approval, Disapproval, or deferment. This process can take 120 + days



4 DRAFT ORDER & DD214 WORKSHEET

When your Retirement is Approved the RSO office will send you draft orders & your DD214 worksheet for review. After review, send any additions or corrections to the RSO along with your Approved Leave & TAA forms. You can also schedule your Pre-Retirement Briefing & Individual SBP Counseling Appointment.



5 FINANCE & FINAL OUT APPOINTMENT

Upon Receipt of your Approved Leave & TAA Form, the RSO will send your packet to finance for an initial review of your Active Duty Pay Account. We will also set your appointments to Issue your Installation Clearing Papers & your Final Out Appointment.



APPLYING FOR RETIREMENT TIPS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

UPDATE YOUR RECORDS – go check your iPerms and make sure that any service documents are in your record. This includes DD4 Enlistment Contracts, DD214's, DA71 Oath of Office, NGB 22/23, Reserve Points Statements, DA5016's and any other documents that might help document your service dates. You should also check your awards & Military Education and make sure they are up to date.

Talk to your S1/G1 about submitting your PAR in IPPSA –your unit S1/G1 have samples of all attachments and wording that needs to be included in your PAR. They can also tell you how to route your PAR correctly.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF YOUR PAR – The Effective date on your PAR is your REQUESTED Retirement Date – NOT the date that you submitted your application.

ADSO Memo – Officer applications require a ADSO verification memo from the Education Center. Contact the Education Center or your S1 to request the memo.

SELECTING YOUR TRANSITION CENTER

WHERE WILL YOU DO YOUR FINAL OUT?

We are often asked by Soldiers if it is possible to do their final out at another location – often because it is closer to where they plan on retiring or where their families live. & the short answer is Yes you can... but.... If you INPROCESS at Aberdeen Proving Ground, you have to OUTPROCESS Aberdeen Proving Ground & it is usually easier to do your final out & sign your DD214 during your clearing process.

This does NOT prevent you from conducting your retirement ceremony at another installation.

APG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

SCHEDULING YOUR CEREMONY

Retirement ceremonies are scheduled by the Garrison Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Plans and Operations Division. The ceremonies are generally scheduled on the last Thursday of each month beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Building 3074 Dickson Hall, Ball Conference Room. call 410-278-3660 for more information





