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Fort Cavazos Retirement Services Annual Newsletter 2024

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Retiree Appreciation Days 25 & 26 October 2024

Fort Cavazos' 49th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) will take place on 25 & 26 October 2024. Legal and ID Card services will be offered. Detailed information provided on pages 6-8 of this newsletter.

Retirement Services Annual Newsletter Email & Online

The Fort Cavazos Annual Newsletter is available by email and online only. If you would like to receive the annual newsletter by email, please submit your email address to usarmy.cavazos.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retsvcs@army.mil. You can also download a copy of the annual newsletter from the Fort Cavazos Retirement Services Office homepage at: <https://home.army.mil/cavazos/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/retiree-services-office>. Your email address will only be used to send the annual newsletter.

Fort Cavazos Access and Visitor Passes

All visitors to Fort Cavazos must have a valid military ID Card or a visitor's pass from the Marvin Leath Visitors Welcome Center.

The Visitors Welcome Center is located off of Interstate 14 on T.J. Mills Blvd, Building 69012, adjacent to the Fort Cavazos Main Gate. The Visitors Welcome Center will provide visitor access passes for non-DoD ID Card Holders. All non-DoD visitors entering the Fort Cavazos Installation must have Real ID compliant forms of identification and/or a valid passport from their country of residence showing valid entry into the United States. For more information contact (254) 287-9909 or apply online at pass.aie.army.mil.

Fort Cavazos ID Card Facility and Retirement Services Co-Located

The ID Card Facility and the Retirement Services Office are now co-located in Building 130 at the corner of Legends Way and T.J. Mills Blvd.



Concealed and Open Carry Illegal on Fort Cavazos

Fort Cavazos is a federal installation. Neither Conceal nor Open Carry are allowed. All weapons on the installation MUST BE registered. No exceptions. For more information, call (254) 288-1170.

National Mounted Warrior Museum (NMWM) to Open Soon

The National Mounted Warrior Museum (NMWM) is tentatively scheduled to open on 18 September 2024. The museum will honor our mounted Soldiers and will feature the story line of America's warfighting from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts of today. The 1st Cavalry Division and 3d Cavalry Regiment Museums are closed. The exhibits contained in those museums were transferred to the NMWM. The NMWM is located near the Marvin Leath Visitors Welcome Center and the 1st Cavalry Division Stables.

Blue Retirement ID Card is Being Phased Out

Effective January 2026, the Blue Retirement ID Card will not be accepted for entry to any military installation. Do not wait until the last day to get your new USID Card. Schedule your ID Card Facility appointment now. See "How To" on page 4.

Age for Permanent USID Card

Upon reaching the age of 65, retired members will receive a permanent (indefinite) USID Card. Spouses will not receive their permanent USID Card until they reach the age of 75. The Retiree and spouse must have applied for their Medicare Part A and B and be in receipt of their Medicare Card from the Social Security Administration. Please see detailed information on page 3.

USID Cards – Remote Issue

Remotely issued ID Cards are now valid for their full life-cycle (indefinite cards are indefinite; and dependent ID Cards are valid for 4 years, unless eligibility ends sooner.) The remote process requires you to mail or email all required documents to the ID Card Facility. You will only receive notification if your documents are not in order or when it's time to pick up your card, normally 4-5 business days after your documents are received. For more information on the Remote Process, please visit the Fort Cavazos Webpage, under "Quick Links" select "ID Cards & DEERS", click on "Remote ID Card Action and Required Documentation" or call (254) 287-5670. The Remote Process is not recommended for special cases or complex situations.

Legal Assistance

The Fort Cavazos Legal Assistance Office will be open for Retiree Appreciation Days from 0900-1600 on Friday, 25 October 2024 and 1000-1400 on Saturday, 26 October 2024. Services will include drafting and execution of Wills, Advance Medical Directives, and Powers of Attorney (POAs).

If you are in need of a Will, it is highly recommended that you complete a Will Questionnaire prior to meeting with an Attorney. Questionnaires are provided on pages 10 & 11 or are available by email, please contact usarmy.cavazos.iii-corps.mbx.sja-legal-asst@army.mil, or you can request one by sending us an email through our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/fort.cavazos.legal.assistance>. For more information please call (254) 287-7901.

Please note that there are some services that are outside the scope of the Army Legal Assistance Program. In those cases, we may need to refer you to a private civilian attorney or other agency from which assistance may be obtained.

Each person who is seeking legal assistance must present a valid military identification card as proof of eligibility for these services.

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USID Card Facility Update

location >>>

The Fort Cavazos ID Card Facility is located in Building 130 on the corner of Legends Way (formerly Battalion Ave) and T.J. Mills Boulevard.

hours of operations >>>

The Fort Cavazos ID Card Facility is open daily M-F from 0800-1130 and 1300-1530 by appointment only. Walk-ins are highly discouraged. The facility is closed weekends and federal holidays.

appointments >>>

Information on how to make an appointment is provided in the “how to” section of the newsletter. The ID Card Appointment Scheduler is an application provided by the Defense Military Data Center (DMDC). The Fort Cavazos ID Card Facility does not control its availability or speed.

The Fort Cavazos ID Card Facility will be open for walk-ins on 26 October, 2024 from 1000-1400 for Retirees and their Family members.

What to Bring to Your ID Card Appointment

-Two (2) forms of valid state or federal identification are required for all adults (18 yrs or older), one must be a photo ID. Identification documents may include a military ID Card, drivers license or passport. Children 10 years and older require one (1) form of identification which can include a Social Security Card, Birth Certificate or dependent ID Card.

-Sponsor must be present for all transactions or Family Member must have current verified DD Form 1172-2 (APPLICATION FOR ID Cards/DEERS Enrollment) or valid General or Special Power of Attorney. Special Power of Attorney must state ID Cards/DEERS enrollments.

-All documents must be original. Ensure all names (First and Last) on the identification provided match the names in DEERS.

For special cases, please call and confirm required documentation at (254) 287-5670 or visit the Fort Cavazos website at <http://home.army.mil/cavazos> and go to quick links, click on ID Cards.

MEDICARE Enrollment and TRICARE for Life

The window for enrollment for MEDICARE spans seven months (3 months prior to birth month, birth month at age 65, and 3 months following). If you do not enroll at age 65, there is a penalty, and you lose TRICARE coverage until you eventually enroll in MEDICARE. Although the MEDICARE window spans several months, BE ADVISED, if you are approaching age 65, check the expiration date of your ID card; it should expire on the last day of the month preceding your birth month. At that time your medical benefits under regular TRICARE will also expire.

Enrollment in MEDICARE PARTS A and B, and possession of your MEDICARE card is required for update in DEERS and issuance of a new ID card which enrolls you in TRICARE FOR LIFE. Retirees and spouses must apply for their Medicare Card at least 90 days prior to their 65th birth date through the Social Security Administration.

To enroll in MEDICARE parts A and B, contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 (online at www.ssa.gov) or MEDICARE at 800-633-4227 (online at www.medicare.gov). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call the Social Security TTY number (800) 325-0778. You can also visit your local Social Security office. If you apply online, once approved, you can print your own MEDICARE card. If you are enrolled in MEDICARE when you are first eligible, but do not yet receive Social Security, MEDICARE will bill you for your MEDICARE Part B premiums. You can also call a Fort Cavazos ID Card Representative if you have questions at (254) 287-5670.

Schedule an ID Card Appointment

-Go to the online scheduler located at <https://idco.dmdc.osd/mil/idco> or the Fort Cavazos Website: Under “Quick Links” select “ID Cards and DEERS”; scroll down to “Appointments” and select “Click here to Schedule an Appointment.”

-Select: “ID Card Office Locator & Appointments”

-Enter “Fort Cavazos”; Select Location #2 – “Fort Cavazos” (Bldg 130 Only Dep/Retirees/DAV (NO CAC)

-After you select Location #2, select “Schedule Appointment.”

-Available appointments will be visible in the calendar on your screen. Select an available date (by scrolling up or down) and then chose an open appointment time that fits your schedule, select “Book This Appointment.” Ensure that you read “Important Site Information” then select “Continue.”

-Once you have added your information, select “Save” and you will receive a confirmation of your appointment to include date and time.

Report the Death of a Retired Service Member

1. Visit the DFAS Homepage, <https://www.dfas.mil>
 - a. Select the “Retired Military & Annuitants Banner”
 - b. Next, select “Click Here to Report the Death of a Retiree”
 - c. Select “Agree”
 - d. Complete and Submit the Form on-line
2. Contact the Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) anytime by calling (254) 287-3395. The CAC will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the Survivor Benefits process. This is applicable to Army Reservist and Army National Guard members who are in a pay status at time of death.

For additional assistance you can contact:

--Fort Cavazos Retirement Services Office at (254) 287-8761.

--The Fort Cavazos CAC at (254) 287-7200.

Update Your Address or Other Retired Pay File Information

When to update your account:

It is recommended that you review your retired pay account at least once a year to make sure your record is up to date. Also look at your allotments every so often, you might find that you want to make a change.

-If you’ve switched Banks or Opened a New Account. Your banking information is perhaps the most important thing to keep updated. Please ensure that your payments are going to your new account before you close out your old account.

-If you Move to a New Home or Relocate Temporarily. You need to update your mailing address whenever it changes. DFAS is always sending important information you don’t want to miss.

-If You’ve Married, Divorced or Added to Your Family. First update your Arrears Pay Beneficiary, the person who receives your final payment when you die and you might also need to update your SBP beneficiary.

For more detailed information visit: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary>, select Retired Military and Annuitant.

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Retirement Services Office (RSO)

The Retirement Services Office offers a variety of information and assistance on retirement topics and benefits. We encourage you to make an appointment with us to discuss any issues or concerns regarding retirement. Many inquiries can be resolved telephonically; therefore, we encourage you to call prior to making a trip to the office.

location >>>

The Retirement Services Office, located in Building 130, on the corner of T.J. Mills Blvd. and Legends Way (formerly Battalion Ave).

hours of operation >>>

Monday - Wednesday: 0800-1600

Thursday: Appointments only

Friday: 0800-1200.

Lunch: 1200-1300 daily

Federal Holidays: Closed



contact us >>>

Telephone: (254) 287-8761 or (800) 403-6640

email: usarmy.cavazos.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retsvcs@army.mil

website: <https://home.army.mil/cavazos/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/retiree-services-office>

meet your council >>>

Fort Cavazos Soldier For Life Retired Council

BG (Ret) Michael Ryan, Chairperson

COL (Ret) Robert Howe

COL (Ret) David Sage

COL (Ret) William Salter

LTC (Ret) David Shaw

MAJ (Ret) Michael Cooper

CSM (Ret) Melissa McFrazier



CSM (Ret) Ron Cowan, Co-Chairperson

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CSM (Ret) Stephanie Price

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MSG (Ret) Tracey Brown-Greene

SFC (Ret) Acquanette Pullins

Ms. Naomi Roupe, Gold Star Spouse/Secretary

Associate Members: COL (Ret) Joslyn Portmann, LTC (Ret) Pat Christ, CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky and

SFC (Ret) Adrienne Evans-Quickley

Retirement Services Officer: Preston Young

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***Thank You for
Your Service and Sacrifice***

Still Proud ~ Still Serving ~ Still Saluting

49th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

The 49th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days will be held on 25 & 26 October 2024 at Fort Cavazos, Texas.

event information >>>

Retiree Golf Tournament

The Courses of Clear Creek will host a Retired Military Golf Tournament at 0900, Friday, 25 October 2024 at The Courses of Clear Creek. The event is limited to the first 144 entries received from Retired personnel, their Family Members and Survivors. Please email your entry form to charles.e.mcphilomy.naf@army.mil or mail the form to: DFMWR-Business Division, The Courses of Clear Creek, Bldg. 194, 37th Street, Fort Cavazos, TX 76444 NLT 15 October 2024. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. Entry fee is \$60.00 per person which includes green fees, cart fees, prizes, and lunch afterward. For additional information, please call Courses of Clear Creek at (254) 287-4130.

Friday Night Bingo

Come out and join us for our Friday Night Bingo Social at 5:30 p.m. at the Phantom Warrior Center, 37th Street, Bldg 194, Fort Cavazos, TX 76544.

You must RSVP to tlstmm02@yahoo.com by 4 October 2024.

Legal Assistance

The Fort Cavazos Legal Assistance Office will be open for Retiree Appreciation Days from 0900-1600 on Friday, 25 October 2024 and on Saturday 26, October from 1000-1400. Legal Assistance is located at building 13, 52d St (on the west side of III Armored Corps Headquarters). Services will include drafting and execution of Wills, Advance Medical Directives, and Powers of Attorney (POAs). Please review the additional information provided on page 2.

ID Cards

Fort Cavazos ID Cards Facility will be open for walk-ins on 26 October 2024 from 1000-1400 for Retirees and their Family Members. Please review the information provided earlier in this newsletter for location and what to bring.



We look forward to seeing you.



Breakfast

Come and enjoy danishes, fruit and breakfast tacos from 0700 to 0830 in the main foyer (near the dining facility area) of the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center on Saturday, 26 October 2024, prior to the opening ceremony.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will be conducted in the Main Foyer, 1st Floor of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at 0900 on 26 October 2024.

County Fair

At the completion of the Opening Ceremony, several vendors will have an array of displays at the County Fair located on the first floor of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center on 26 October 2024.

Lunch at Theodore Roosevelt Warrior Restaurant

Join our Fort Cavazos Soldiers for lunch at the Theodore Roosevelt Restaurant with a meal prepared especially for you. Lunch will be served from 1130 to 1400 on Saturday 26 October, 2024. The restaurant is located at Bldg. 9205, 21st Street and Legends Way. Cost is 7.00 per person at the restaurant.

1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment Demonstration

The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment will conduct a demonstration at 1400, Saturday, 26 October 2024 at the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Stables located near the main gate Visitor Welcome Center. This is a great family activity and a photo opportunity!

For more information please contact the Fort Cavazos Retirement Services Office at (254) 287-8761 or email us at usarmy.cavazos.usag.mbx.dhr-iag-retvals@army.mil



CRDAMC Health Fair

Come out and take advantage of the services planned especially for you. The Health Fair will be from 1000 to 1400, Saturday, 26 October 2024 at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center. This fair will provide a combination of screenings and educational programs to be held at various times throughout the day. The Zostavax (Shingles) vaccine, Flu and Pneumonia shots and tetanus booster will be available for those needing these vaccines. Please bring shot records for verification and update.



49th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

Friday, 25 OCTOBER 2024

0900 – TBD	Retiree Golf Tournament	The Courses of Clear Creek
0900 – 1600	Legal Assistance	Bldg. 13, 52d Street
1100 – 1200	Retirement Ceremony	Bldg. 5764, 24th Street Lone Star Conference Center
1730 – TBD	*Friday Night Bingo Social *Must RSVP by 4 Oct 24	Bldg. 194, 37th Street Phantom Warrior Center

Saturday, 26 OCTOBER 2024

0830 – 0900	Coffee & Donuts	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC)
0900 – 1000	Opening Ceremony	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. CRDAMC
1000 – 1400	County/Health Fair	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. CRDAMC
1000 – 1400	ID Cards/DEERS	Bldg. 130, Legends Way
1000 – 1400	Legal Assistance	Bldg. 13, 52d St. & 761st Tank Destroyer
1130 – 1400	Lunch (\$7.00)	Bldg. 9205, 21st St & Legends Way, Theodore Roosevelt Warrior Restaurant
1400 – 1500	1CD Horse Detachment Demonstration	1CD Horse Stables (Near Main Gate Visitors Welcome Center)

RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

0900, FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2024

**** DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 15 OCTOBER 2024 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES ****

MAIL ENTRY TO: DFMWR - Business Operations Division
The Courses of Clear Creek
Bldg. 194, 37th Street
Fort Cavazos, TX 76544

Or EMAIL ENTRY TO: charles.e.mcphilomy.naf@army.mil

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek

I have my own cart, circle: YES or NO Handicap _____ my age is _____

The **entry fee will be \$60.00**; cost includes green fees, cart, purchase of prizes, and lunch.

FORT CAVAZOS LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Initial Screening Questionnaire page 1 of 2

The purpose of this questionnaire is for the Fort Cavazos Consolidated Client Services office to gather information about you, *the prospective client*, and the reason you are wanting help. Return the completed questionnaire to:

Please fill out this questionnaire completely and honestly. Completing this questionnaire DOES NOT establish an attorney/client relationship. **Your answers are confidential.**

Some matters are outside the scope of services provided by our office. The Fort Cavazos Legal Assistance Office reserves the right to limit or deny assistance IAW AR 27-3.

Legal services are subject to confirmation of eligibility. If an appointment is scheduled, final confirmation of eligibility is made at the time of appointment.

You MUST bring your Military Issued ID card to ALL appointments.

Your FULL Name: _____

All previous last names used: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____ DoD ID #: _____ Branch: _____

Gender: _____ Marital Status: _____ Bde/Div assigned to: _____

Military Status: _____ Pay Grade: _____

Best contact method? _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Do you own a business? _____ Do you have an attorney? _____

(Enter name of current spouse, or if divorced/widowed, former spouse)

Spouse's FULL Name: _____

All previous last names used: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____ DoD ID #: _____ Gender: _____

Military Status: _____ Branch: _____

Bde/Div assigned to: _____ Pay grade: _____

Does your spouse own a business? _____ Does spouse have an attorney? _____

For Office Use Only:

Form intake para: _____ **Date/Time Rec'd:** _____ **Date entered/checked in CIS:** _____
by _____

Contact Time/Date: _____ **Initials:** _____

Notes: _____

Check your Legal Issue

Opposing Party Information – (Anyone involved in the legal issue. Examples of Opposing Parties include, landlords, significant other, roommate, debt collector, other people held liable in a FLIPL)

Status: _____ Pay grade: _____ Branch: _____ Installation: _____
