



Fort Hamilton Military Community

OCTOBER 2023

Message from our Garrison Commander



Colonel Brian A. Jacobs Garrison Commander

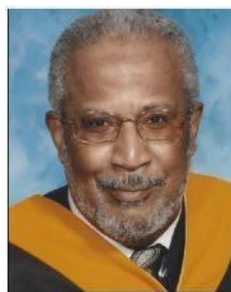
Dear Retirees and
Family Members,

As we head into 2024,
I want to thank you for
your service to our
nation.

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Friday, October 27th, 2023. We have an informative program commencing at the Post Theater at 9:00am. Doors will open promptly at 8:00am for registration and a light continental breakfast. Our guest speakers will be sharing updated information regarding the Veteran's Administration, the Soldier for Life Program and Tricare health benefits. Please join us at the Fitness Center for the Wellness Fair at 10:30am with local vendors, government agencies, and a meet-and-greet with leadership. The Veterans Administration will provide flu shots and a wellness check-up. The Community Club will be serving a buffet lunch for \$16.00 from 12:00pm-2:00pm; the 42nd Infantry Division Band and Michelle DellaFave will be performing. The Commissary will have a bounce house, food truck, giveaways from industry partners, and a Sidewalk Sale Event from October 27th- October 29th. The Commissary will also have a cake cutting ceremony for Retirees at 2:30pm. The Exchange will be offering manager specials along with vendor giveaways and raffle prizes, as part of the day's events. We are proud to host this annual event honoring your continued service and sacrifice.

In addition to our on-post services, the Army offers many benefits to support you in retirement. Stay connected through Army Echoes and your local Retiree Council.

Please RSVP if you can attend the RAD and reach out to the Retirement Services Office with questions (718) 630-4552. We look forward to seeing you at the Fort Hamilton theater, on Friday, at 8:00 am, October 27, 2023!



Rev Charles A. Byrd Retiree Council Chair

On behalf of your United States Garrison Retiree Council Senior Council, I extend warm greetings to you and your families.

The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council is comprised of Retirees from all branches, eras and ranks. We are retired members that served twenty years or more and medically retired or 100% service connected. The Retiree Council -Soldier for Life Program was created to influence policies, programs, and services that support soldiers, veterans, and families; build sustainable relationships and outcomes; and reinforce the Soldier for Life mindset throughout the entirety of the Soldier Life Cycle. The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council serves for the specific purpose of supporting the Garrison Commander with community goals, objectives and advising on community goals that effect the retirees in our region.

To that end we are interested in your thoughts, concerns and issues of importance that affect you and your family. One of our major honors of the year is in assisting the installation with the development of the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) agenda and assisting the Retiree Services Office in executing the RAD. We have been working tirelessly to schedule a Retiree Appreciation Day for you. The RAD is scheduled for Friday, October 27th, 8am-2pm. Your input and suggestions help us to be more successful in recommending presenters and valuable service providers who have up-to-date information which can impact us all in our daily lives as we enjoy the benefits earned for our selfless service to our country. We encourage you to join us in membership and on Fort Hamilton for Installation Events and Ceremonies; to enjoy the benefits you have earned, which are available to you on your installation throughout the year.

USAG Fort Hamilton Retirement Service Office (RSO)

**US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton 114N
White Avenue, Room 101 B
Brooklyn, NY 11252**

The Fort Hamilton DEERS & ID Card Office

**The DEERS/ID Card Section is located
at 114N White Avenue, Room 101,
Brooklyn, NY 11252 -718-630-4557**

Hours of Operation:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30am - 12:00pm & 1:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday from 1:15pm - 4:30pm**



**Wanda E. Mills,
Retirement Service
Officer, USAG, Ft.
Hamilton**

Greetings Retirees
and Family Members,

It's our opportunity at Fort Hamilton to show our appreciation to Military Retirees, Veterans with 100% Disability Rating and families for your tremendous sacrifices and outstanding service to our country. We proudly open our doors as the only military base in the New York City metropolitan area to host our annual Retirement Appreciation Day on Friday, October 27th, 2023. On behalf of the Commander of Fort Hamilton our invitation goes out to all military retirees, Veterans with 100% Disability Rating, spouses, widows and widowers of all branches of the services. The post theater doors will open at 8am for registration and a continental breakfast. The Commander's Briefing will start promptly at 9am. After the program we will have an Information, Health and Wellness Fair at the post gym. We'll have representatives from local, state, and federal organizations. This is an opportune time for everyone to inquire about new programs and benefits. It'll give you a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. As always, it is our pleasure to recognize you for your outstanding dedication, contributions, and continued support. If you need assistance with submitting your retirement packets, Survivor Benefit Plan, report a death, or records updates please feel free to call the Fort Hamilton Retirement Service Office. My office is located on the first floor of Building 114N White Avenue, Room 101B. If you need additional information please call (718) 630-4552.



Join the Fort Hamilton Retiree Council

The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council Members consist of Retirees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The Retiree Council meets on the first Thursday of March, June, September, and December. For additional information on membership, contact the Fort Hamilton Retirement Services Officer at (718) 630-4552.

USAG Fort Hamilton Retiree Council Members:

Ms. Wanda E. Mills,
Retirement Services Officer

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Fort Hamilton's Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER 27th- RAD- Live Event

NOVEMBER - Native American Heritage Month / Veteran's Day observance and appreciation.

Visit Fort Hamilton's Website for the specific dates of observances, ceremonial and special events.

WWW.HAMILTON.ARMY.MIL

U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC):

As a reminder, the Reserve Component Retirements Branch discontinued the advance mailing of retirement applications to grey area Army Retirees. At age 59,

Reserve Retirees can request retirement applications via internet or by phone / email.

Website:

<https://www.hrc.army.mil>

Phone:

502-613-8950

Once the application is completed it can be submitted to HRC via email, fax or mail.

Email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd

retirement-application-request@mail.mil

Fax: 502-613-4524

Mail:

U.S. Army Human Resources Command
ATTN TAGD (AHRC-PDP-TR)
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Dept. 482
Fort Knox, KY 40122-9986

Fort Hamilton Retiree Bulletin Important Email Note:

The Fort Hamilton Bulletin is available via email. Thank you to all who have provided your email to your RSO. The Bulletin is sent out to military Retirees in the Fall.

Please provide your email address to the Retirement Services Office (RSO) by calling 718-630-4552.

The Soldier for Life sticker promotes the Soldier for Life mindset among Soldiers, Retired Service members and Veterans by united them in their desire to be Army advocates and demonstrate the value of a lifetime of service to the nation. The stickers are officially known as Department of the Army Label 180 (Exterior) and 180-1 (Interior). DA Label 180 uses normal adhesive and is affixed to the outside of windows, on books, and other appropriate surfaces. DA Label 180-1 uses electrostatic cling and is affixed to the inside of windows. Both stickers may be provided by your RSO or purchased from the Exchange and other retail businesses.



Navigating Military Retirement

While serving in the military, the service member does not need to look far to find answers to most any questions regarding benefits, assistance and entitlements. Upon retiring however, many service members and families are unsure of where to go or who to call for information or assistance. While there is no one place to get all the information you might need, the following list provides a quick reference for many of the most commonly used military retirement services.

Benefits Contact Info:

Retiree Health Care

TRICARE, www.tricare.mil

TRICARE East (Humana Military)

800-444-5445 www.humanamilitary.com

US Family Health Plan—TRICARE Prime Option— 800-241-4848 www.usfhp.net

Retiree Vision Care

Naval Ophthalmic Support & Training

Activity (NOSTRA),

[www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra/order/Pages/](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra/order/Pages/Retiree.aspx)

Retiree.aspx, 757-887-7600.

Retiree Dental Care

<https://www.benefeds.com/>

Military Retirement Pay Questions

Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) www.dfas.mil

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US Army Garrison Fort Hamilton

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FORT HAMILTON COMMUNITY SPOUSES' FOUNDATION (FHCSF)

FHCSF is a non-profit 501(c)(3), all-volunteer organization dedicated to building community, strengthening resiliency, and promoting the educational advancement and professional development of military families and those who work in support of them.

The FHCSF leadership and the majority of its volunteers are Military Spouses, family members, retirees or veterans working from within and as a part of the community they serve.

Last year the FHCSF awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships and community grants, and over \$140,217 since 2012 benefitting military units, spouses, dependents and the Ft. Hamilton community.

In order to fund its charitable giving, FHCSF operates the Fort Hamilton Thrift Store. The Thrift Store serves the community as a resale and consignment outlet for new or used items. It provides military families, who relocate frequently, with an opportunity to buy and/or sell goods at competitive prices.

The Thrift Store's address is **125 Wainwright Drive** (across from the back entrance of the bowling alley), **US Army Garrison, Fort Hamilton.**

Store Hours: **Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10am-2pm; and every 3rd Saturday of the month: 10am-2pm**

The Fort Hamilton Community Spouses' Foundation **mailing address is 404 Sterling Drive, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY 11252.**



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The Fort Hamilton Community Club and the Bowling Center will be open on October 27th 2023

Luncheon Menu at the Community Club

Buffet- \$16.00

Fried Chicken/ Baked upon request

Barbecue Spare Ribs

Red Beans and Rice, Vegetable Medley

Macaroni and Cheese

Salad

Assorted Desserts and Variety of Sugar-free cakes

Beverages: Coffee and Tea (Iced/Hot)

Retiree Bulletin Committee:

Ms. Wanda Mills, Retiree Service Officer

**SFC Maria Green, Retiree Council
1st Chair/ RAD Chair**

Reminder! All visitors must follow mandatory Fort Hamilton/CDC safety guidelines for the new COVID variant.

Articles for this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Department of the Army, or Fort Hamilton, NY. We do our best to ensure accuracy. The materials in this new newsletter were provided by a number of sources. The Soldier for Life-Retirement Services Office (SFL-RSO) publishes the Retirement Services Newsletter in accordance with AR 600-8-7



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

We Want Your Feedback!

Is there something you would like to see in our next Retiree Bulletin? Let us know!

Contact: Wanda.e.mills.civ@mail.mil at 718-630-4552 with your suggestions!

The Fort Hamilton Retiree Bulletin via Email:

Effective immediately the Fort Hamilton Retiree Bulletin will only be sent out to retirees via email. Please provide your email address to the RSO office by calling 718-630-4552.

Fort Hamilton Directory:

AAFES/PX	(718) 748-3440
Army Emergency Relief	(718) 630-4462
Barbershop	(718) 745-6836
Strike Zone Bowling	(718) 630-4440
Chapel	(718) 630-4969
Cleaners	(718) 836-4530
Commissary	(718) 630-4960
Community Club	(718) 765-7368
Fort Wadsworth MWR	(718) 354-4407
Guest Housing	(718) 630-4892
ID Cards	(718) 630-4557
Legal Assistance	(718) 630-4743
DES Police Front Desk	(718) 630-4144
Museum	(718) 630-4349
MWR Fitness Center	(718) 630-4793
Thrift Shop	(718) 630-4166
Tricare– Humana Military	(800) 444-5445
Tricare– US Family Health Plan Option	(800) 241-4848 Ext. #3
Gen Colin Powell USO	(718) 630-1023

Fort Hamilton Garrison Website: www.hamilton.army.mil

Fort Hamilton Garrison Facebook: www.facebook.com/USAGFortHamilton



USAG Fort Hamilton Retiree Appreciation Day

Friday, October 27th 2023

8:00 Post Theater Registration & Refreshments

9:00 Commanders Briefing

Army Soldier For Life Program

Veterans Administration

Tricare- USFHP

10:30-2:00 Fitness Center-Wellness Fair

12:00-2:00 FHCC Buffet Luncheon & Entertainment

9:00-3:00 ID Card Office open for Retirees

10:00-2:00 RAD Specials at Commissary & PX

2:30 Cake cutting ceremony for Retirees at the Commissary



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