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Retiree Appreciation Days

31 October & 1 November 2025

Fort Hood 50th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) will take place on 31 October & 1 November 2025. 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 Hood Annual Newsletter is available by email and online only. If you would like to receive the annual newsletter, you can download a copy of the annual newsletter from the Fort Hood Retirement Services Office using the QR code below or at: <https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/retiree-services-office>.



Fort Hood Access and Visitor Passes

All visitors to Fort Hood 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 Hood Main Gate. The Visitors Welcome Center will provide visitor access passes for non-DoD ID Card Holders. All non-DoD visitors entering the Fort Hood 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 Hood Retirement Services Office and ID Card Facility

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



Concealed and Open Carry Illegal on Fort Hood

Fort Hood 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)

The museum honors our mounted Soldiers and features the story line of America's warfighting from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts of today. 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 <https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/ID-Cards> and 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 Hood Legal Assistance Office will be open for Retiree Appreciation Days from 0900-1600 on Friday, 31 October 2025 and 1000-1400 on Saturday, 1 November 2025. 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 of this newsletter or are available by email or through Legal's Facebook page. Please contact: <https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/iii-corps/office-staff-judge-advocate-iii-corps-and-fort-Hood>, or at: <https://www.facebook.com/fort.Hood.legal.assistance>. For more information please call (254) 287-7901. Each person seeking assistance must present a valid military identification card as proof of eligibility for services.

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.

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USID Card Facility Update

location >>>

The Fort Hood 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 Hood 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 Hood ID Card Facility will be open for walk-ins on 1 November 2025 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 Hood website at <https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/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 Hood ID Card Representative if you have questions at (254) 287-5670.

ATTENTION: Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers

Did you know there is a new avenue to stay connected and informed between the time you stop drilling and the time you start receiving retired pay? It's a new kind of myPay account setup specifically for Gray Area Retirees! This basic "Future Retiree" myPay account provides Gray Area Retirees a convenient way to keep contact information updated with DFAS during the gray area period, so that you can receive important news from DFAS and from Army Retirement Services. This allows us to keep you informed about changes in the laws or policies that may affect you. For more information or questions about Gray Area Retirement, please visit: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/plan/Gray-Area-Retirees/Army-Gray-Area-Retirees/>, or if you need additional assistance with accessing a myPay account, please contact the myPay Customer Support Unit Toll-Free at 1 (888) 332-7411 or (317) 212-0550

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 Hood Retirement Services Office at (254) 287-8761/287-5210 --The Fort Hood 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.

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) 287-8761/287-5210

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

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

meet your council >>>

Fort Hood Installation Retiree Council

BG (Ret) Michael Ryan, Co-Chair

COL (Ret) Robert Howe

COL (Ret) David Sage

COL (Ret) Rick Rousseau

LTC (Ret) Pat Christ

MAJ (Ret) Michael Cooper

CW5 (Ret) Heriberto Rivera

CSM (Ret) Rebecca Booker

CSM (Ret) Angela Wilson



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CSM (Ret) Stephanie Price

SGM (Ret) Anita McMahan

SGM (Ret) Guadalupe Lopez

MSG (Ret) Tracey Brown-Greene

MSG (Ret) Lori Spencer

SFC (Ret) Acquanett Pullins-Sneed

SSG (Ret) John Footman

Ms. Naomi Roupe, Gold Star Spouse/Secretary

Associate Members: COL (Ret) William R. Salter, CSM (Ret) Frank Minosky, SFC (Ret) Steven Moore, SFC (Ret) Adrienne Evans-Quickley

Retirement Services Officers: Preston Young (Chief RSO), April Gant (Asst. RSO), Sarah Rodriguez (Asst. RSO)

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

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50th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

The 50th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days will be held on 31 October & 1 November 2025 at Fort Hood, Texas.

event information >>>

Retiree Golf Tournament

The Courses of Clear Creek will host a Retired Military Golf Tournament at 0900, Friday, 31 October 2025 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 Hood, TX 76444 NLT 10 October 2025. 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 Lone Star Conference Center, Bldg 5764, 24th Street, Fort Hood, TX 76544. You must RSVP to nrroupes23@gmail.com by 15 October 2025.

Legal Assistance

The Fort Hood Legal Assistance Office will be open for Retiree Appreciation Days from 0900-1600 on Friday, 31 October 2025 and on Saturday 1 November 2025 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 Hood ID Cards Facility will be open for walk-ins on 1 November 2025 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 light pastries from 0700 to 0830 in the main foyer (near the dining facility area) of the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center on Saturday, 1 November 2025 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 1 November 2025.

County Fair/Health Fair

At the completion of the Opening Ceremony, several vendors will have an array of displays at the County Fair/Health Fair located on the first floor of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center on 1 November 2025.

Lunch at Theodore Roosevelt Warrior Restaurant

Join our Fort Hood 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 1 November 2025. The restaurant is located at Bldg. 9205, 21st Street and Legends Way. Cost is \$7.60 per person at the restaurant.

1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment Demonstration

The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment will conduct a demonstration at 1400, Saturday, 1 November 2025 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!

1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment (HCD) Mounted Weapons Demonstration



Carl R. Darnell Army Medical Center Health Fair

Come out and take advantage of the services planned especially for you. The Health Fair will be from 1000 to 1300, Saturday, 1 November 2025 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.



50th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

Friday, 31 OCTOBER 2025

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 15 Oct 25	Bldg 5764, 24th Street Lone Star Center Conference

Saturday, 1 NOVEMBER 2025

0700 – 0845	Coffee & Light Pastries	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC)
0900 – 1000	Opening Ceremony	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. CRDAMC
1000 – 1300	County Fair/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 (\$7.60)	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, 31 OCTOBER 2025

**** DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 15 OCTOBER 2025 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES ****

MAIL ENTRY TO: DFMWR - Business Operations Division
The Courses of Clear Creek
Bldg. 194, 37th Street Fort
Fort Hood, 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 HOOD LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Initial Screening Questionnaire page 1 of 2

The purpose of this questionnaire is for the Fort Hood 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 Hood 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: _____