

FORT KNOX RETIREE BULLETIN

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Special points of interest:

- Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Days scheduled for 2-3 November
- Pneumonia vaccine to be offered at Fort Knox RAD event



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Hello from Fort Knox! In spite of Fort Knox's Base Realignment and Closure transformation that was completed in 2011, the 94-year-old Army post continues to be an exciting place with a lot of ongoing activities.

In the spring, we instituted significant changes with how we process non-Department of Defense affiliated visitors attempting to gain access to Fort Knox. Instead of making people go inside a visitor center and wait up to 45 minutes to receive a temporary vehicle pass, they simply need to show their driver's licenses to the gate guards.

This effort was made possible because of a system called All Star, which quickly scans a person's driver's license. So long as that person doesn't have an undesirable background (i.e., warrant), that person will be allowed on post. Simple as that.

While Fort Knox is not an open post like it was prior to 9/11, All Star gets us as close to open as possible. The benefits of this approach to gate security are many. Gate traffic is down, visitors can gain hassle-free access, and the security of Fort Knox is enhanced as well.

We've created a win-win situation, and I'm confident this best practice will soon be adopted by other Army installations in the near future.

While this change may not necessarily affect the DoD ID cardholder, the building formerly used as the visitor center to process the temporary vehicle passes might...and in a positive way.

The old visitor center is now a Welcome Center that features easy-to-use maps, installation guidebooks, as well as digital kiosks. In this one room you can learn about Fort Knox leisure and recreation activities, the units and organizations that call this Army post home, and how to get from A to B. With this facility conveniently located just in front of the Chaffee (Main) Gate, navigating the installation is now easier than ever.

Another significant update is on the status of a new medical facility on Fort Knox. In June, approval was granted by the Department of Defense to proceed with the design and planning for a full-scale outpatient clinic in which construction would begin as early as fiscal year 2014. Such a facility would cost about \$300 million and allow our medical team to more effectively handle the patient loads and provide more of the required services.

All told, the Warrior Transition Battalion clinic, women's health clinic, and the necessary pharmacy, radiology, X-ray and laboratory departments would be moved to this outpatient clinic. This is exciting news, and we'll be sure to provide updates as they become available.

Another medical facility that's just come online is our Warrior Transition Battalion complex. Opened in September, it's a fine example of how our Army is committed to providing the very best for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers.

Now, if you use Wilson Road to enter Fort Knox, you'll notice that it's been expanded from two to four lanes from the Wilson Road Gate on through to the Eisenhower Road intersection. This was a two-year project and was well worth the wait in my estimation. With the largest administrative complex in Kentucky – the LTG Timothy J. Maude Complex – and Ireland Army Community Hospital located on either side of Wilson Road, this has been one of the most used thoroughfares on post.

With this road widening, traffic congestion there is no longer an issue.

In other, yet important news, several units have returned to and deployed from Fort Knox in the past year. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division came back last December/January after a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan. They made great strides in helping to stabilize that region and establish conditions for an Afghan government to lead its people.



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL CONTINUED

The 233rd Transportation Company returned to Fort Knox in July. The unit traveled more than 4.6 million miles, as they helped pull U.S. military equipment out of Iraq and support logistics operations in Afghanistan as well.

This unit will be re-stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., in the coming months because of the greater operational need to support three heavy brigade combat teams there. In all, this move will entail 178 military positions and isn't expected to cause any adverse affects at Fort Knox or in the surrounding area.

The 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) deployed to Afghanistan in April in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Led by Brig. Gen. Kristin French, the command is managing the logistics efforts throughout the country and is playing a major support role in assisting with the drawdown of U.S. forces.

What I've mentioned just scratches the surface on the many significant events and activities associated with Fort Knox. I encourage you to come out to experience what we have to offer for our Military Family – whether it's using the Welcome Center to research our recreation opportunities or visiting our new Warrior Transition Battalion complex to see firsthand how we take care of our Soldiers.

We will be hosting our Retiree Appreciation Days Nov. 2 and 3, which provides a perfect reason to come visit. Like in years past, most of the activities will take place in the same location for added convenience. Just a quick note to eliminate confusion: That primary location for RAD is the Saber & Quill, which used to be named the Leaders Club. You'll also notice that the Saber & Quill has been expanded with an open-air eating and congregating place called the Verandah. Similar to the Landing Zone – the other club on Fort Knox – both now offer great venues for gatherings and watching sporting events on their many TVs. I encourage you to take advantage of these offerings whenever possible.

Now, although you are “officially” retired, I thank you all for your continued support of and contributions to the Armed Forces. Please take advantage of RAD, as it's a way in which our military can give back to you and your family for your years of outstanding service.

STRENGTH STARTS HERE!

Jefforey A. Smith

Commanding General, U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox

RETIREE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

To all of the retirees from all branches of service in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, welcome to this year's Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD). The 2012 RAD will be a week later this year, November 2nd and 3rd instead of the last week in October.

The retiree council members will be wearing black t-shirts with “Member Fort Knox Retiree Council” printed in yellow over the left pocket. Your council members are Vice-Chairmen CW5 Glen Roby and CSM Don Devine; Kentucky representatives, COL Donald E. Appler, COL Russell D. Gold, COL John O. Marsh, COL Paul H. Swanson, MAJ John P. Stovall, CW2 Rodney L. Gillespie and 1SG Nathaniel Williams; Ohio representatives, CSM Rodney J. Newell, SGM Sherman Nicol and MSG Glenda L. Nicol; West Virginia representative SSG Stephen L. Goff; Indiana representative 1SG Richard A. Pegg; Illinois representatives LTC John L. Michalski and CSM Franklin T. Brady. I encourage you to get to know the council member from your state. Our council can be more effective with your input.

Last year I gave all of those who participated a briefing on the Old WWII barracks that was moved to the Patton Museum. This year you are invited to an open house of the ongoing restoration which will start at 1300 on November 3rd, right after the conclusion of RAD.

Mike Weaver, Col, US Army Retired
Chairman, Fort Knox Retiree Council

IRELAND ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL COMMANDER

The staff and I at Ireland Army Community Hospital look forward to seeing you at the Fort Knox Saber & Quill for the 2012 Retiree Appreciation Days. We are proud to serve all those who have given so much to the Nation.

Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH) provides a full spectrum of clinical, laboratory, pharmacy, and imaging services, including Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and digital mammography. All appointments at Ireland can be made by calling our appointment line at 1-800-493-9602 or through TRICARE Online at <http://www.tricareonline.com/>.

We continue to improve our services and on May 31, we proudly opened the doors to our newly renovated Emergency Department. We expanded the Emergency Room by six beds, so we can now offer 18 beds, including two trauma beds, 10 monitored beds and six rapid treatment beds. The Emergency Room waiting area also features a designated pediatrics area so that children can play with toys while they are in the waiting room.

We've also expanded our parking area to serve you better. You should notice more parking spaces available to you when you visit our hospital, and more are in the process of being constructed.

As always, flu shots will be available at RAD (as always dependent upon timely supply from our vendor who is challenged every year to produce just-in-time the latest vaccine). This year's vaccine will also include immunization against the H1N1 virus. As in past years, we will also provide the pneumonia vaccine at RAD. The pneumonia vaccine is only needed once for those 65 years of age and older. This immunization has the potential to save your life so please plan to receive it if you haven't already. It's also available at our Immunization Clinic, along with the shingles vaccine, Zostavax.

Zostavax is given to those 60 years and older who have a prescription.

Please take the time to visit all of our displays and services here at Retiree Appreciation Days and consider our invitation for you to visit Ireland to enjoy our dining facility.

Lastly, please feel free to share your comments with me and my staff. Your input, be it through word of mouth, the customer scorecards or APLSS, helps us to continuously improve. To reach my office, call (502) 624-9070. I look forward to hearing from you, to providing you with the medical services you have earned and to personally thank you for your service to our country.

Cornelius Maher, MD, PhD

COL, MC, USA Commander Ireland Army Community Hospital

FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION

Family and MWR extends a warm and a hearty welcome to all Retirees visiting Fort Knox for the annual Retiree Appreciation Days on 2 and 3 November. We are truly grateful for your service to this great nation and for your continued support to those who are in uniform today.

As a token of our sincere appreciation, during the Retiree Appreciation days, all Retirees will enjoy a 25 percent discount on Family and MWR from our food and beverage operations; Saber & Quill, Lindsey Golf Course, Landing Zone, Houston Bowling Center, and Java Café. Also, fees for golf at Lindsey Golf Course, swimming at Anderson Aquatics Center, bowling at Houston Bowling Center and usage fees at the French Shooting Club is included in the 25 percent discount.

Alcoholic beverages, lodging, and resale items are excluded from the discount. Again, welcome to Fort Knox and the 2012 Retiree Appreciation Days. The Family and MWR Team are excited and looking forward to serving you and your families!

Director, Family and MWR

NOTES FROM THE RSO

The Fort Knox Retirement Services Office (RSO) is located in White Hall, Bldg 1384, room 103. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Operating hours on Thursday are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. You can contact us by calling (502) 624-1765/7236/6419/4641/4315/4141/6995, or by e-mailing: usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil. Our mailing address is: ATTN Retirement Services, Bldg 1379, Rm 2, 26 Pershing Drive, Fort Knox, KY 40121-4215. Visit our website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/rso/index.asp>.

The RSO is designed to assist Soldiers and their Families making the transition to retirement and to keep them updated on their rights, benefits and privileges after retirement. We coordinate, conduct, and facilitate detailed pre-retirement and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) briefings. We also provide information related to pre-retirement, such as retirement application processing, retirement orders, DD Form 214 (Certificate or Discharge from Active Duty) processing, final out-processing procedures and Career Status Bonus Election (CSB)/REDUX retirement pay option counseling and processing.

We assist retirees and their Family members with Defense Finance and Accounting System - Cleveland issues/concerns, such as allotments, beneficiary information, bank information, tax withholding status, reissue 1099-R for tax filing and requesting copies of the Retired Account Statement. We assist with understanding Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP), obtaining copies of lost documents and issuance of military identification cards.

We counsel and assist survivors of retired Soldiers and Soldiers who die on active duty regarding their SBP options and entitlements and the proper processing of the application. The RSO also provides information and assistance to retirees, Soldiers, spouses and former spouses regarding the Uniformed Services Former Protection Act (USFSPA).

Fort Knox has a retiree council that consists of 17 members with a chairman and two co-chairmen. Their mission is to represent the retired military community of all services and grades residing in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana.

The Veterans Service Office (VSO) in Bldg 1384 Chaffee Ave or (502) 624-4103 or Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) Field Representative Mr. Frank Neiderriter in Bldg 1109 or (502) 799-0418 are available to assist you with VA related matters.

Retirement Services Officer

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Personnel from the Legal Assistance Office will be available to help you with your immediate needs regarding notaries, powers of attorney and living wills. Notaries, powers of attorney and living wills will be available at the Saber and Quill during the 2012 Retiree Appreciation Days. Information papers are available online at www.knox.army.mil/center/sja/ under the Legal Assistance section.

COMMISSARY

It is indeed a pleasure for the Fort Knox Commissary to participate in the Retiree Appreciation Days. We will have an information table at the Saber & Quill with all the latest coupons, giveaways and news from the Commissary. The bakery will provide a special –Retiree Day cake to be served Friday, 2 November at 11:00 a.m. at the commissary. Further excitement will be included with special sales throughout the commissary. The Commissary renovation is complete. The renovation included new tile, lighting, refrigeration equipment, décor package, larger Deli, Bakery and Sushi Bar. Rotisserie Chicken is also now available at your Commissary. You are invited to come and experience the new look at your Commissary.

Your Fort Knox Commissary has the following On Site Sales scheduled for 2012. You can obtain detailed information by visiting us on www.commissaries.com. Richmond Kentucky on October 19th and 20th and Evansville Indiana on November 2nd and 3rd.

Fort Knox Store Director

ACAP PROVIDES TRANSITION SERVICES TO RETIREES

It is widely recognized that ACAP assists Transitioning Soldiers to start a new career in civilian life; but not everyone knows that the program continues to assist Retirees and their family members after retirement. The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) can help family members with the employment search process by providing the highest quality guidance, training, resources, and support during their career transition from military service.

The program can aid Retirees and family members by identifying career goals and providing assistance in meeting those goals. "We have five professional counselors on staff that can assist family members with access to national and local job resource databases, resume development, and career counseling."

Retired Soldiers and Family Members and those preparing for retirement may access full ACAP services for life. Some of the specific services include: Specialty Seminars: Retirees and Family members can also attend specialty seminars offered on a rotating basis that include: Federal Job Applications (twice monthly), Advanced Resume Writing, Interviewing and Dressing for Success, Financial Readiness Planning (in coordination with ACS), and Online Career Research. We also provide individual assistance through one-on-one counseling on a wide of variety of topics including: Job Search, computer usage, job and specialty applications, Resume Building and development, benefit explanation and access, and much more.

For additional information, contact the Fort Knox ACAP office at (502) 624-5222 or 624-2227 or drop by our office located in building 1109-C, room 112, Spearhead Division Road, for scheduling information.

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service values your contributions to our nation and is once again honored to participate in the annual Fort Knox Retiree Days celebration. We have scheduled several promotions and specials specifically for this weekend and hope that you will take full advantage of these terrific deals.

In addition to the in-store promotions, there are many other ways to save throughout the year. The Buddy List, which you can sign up for at the Exchange Information Booth, will alert you to the many sales and events going on at the Exchange. Additionally, by joining the Exchange Online Savings Club you can be among the first to know about online savings events, receive exclusive coupons and are automatically entered for chances to win great prizes. Authorized Exchange shoppers can find out more and even join the Exchange Online Savings Club at www.shopmyexchange.com/SavingsClub. And don't forget about our annual Still Serving event which salutes former Soldiers and Airmen by offering unique specials and events. This year's event will be Oct. 5-7.

Finally, we also have some very exciting news regarding updated and new facilities that will further enhance the quality-of-life on Fort Knox. We will begin an image upgrade to the Main Exchange in Feb. 2013 and hold the brand opening for the new-look store in Aug. 2013. Additionally, we will have a Pizza Hut Takeout and Delivery located at the Chaffee Express in October and we also now have a Starbucks located off of Wilson Road in the Knox Hills Community Center. So this is obviously a very exciting time for the entire Fort Knox community. Thank you again for your service to our great country and for letting the Exchange serve the best customers in the world.

General Manager Fort Knox Exchange

SIGNING UP FOR E-ECHOES WILL ENSURE YOU STAY INFORMED

Army Echoes needs your help to reduce publishing costs. Have you ever considered reading your echoes online? We understand not all retirees have access to a computer, but those who do should consider the advantages of e-Echoes. Not only will you save paper, but you will have access to Echoes from any computer and can see current and back issues.

Army Echoes has a goal this year to increase e-Echoes volunteers from 33,000 to 150,000. You can sign up for e-Echoes at www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp by clicking on register now. You can also register via mail by sending your name, email address and the last four of your SSN to: Army Retirement Services, ATTN: DAPE-HR-RSO, Alexandria, VA 22332-0470. Surviving spouses must provide the retiree's FULL SSN.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2 Nov 12

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony at the Saber & Quill
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration / Exhibits / Seminars* / Flu shots* / ID Cards (Building 1384)
 *Seminars(9:30–4:00): TRICARE, DFAS Retired Pay , Veterans Affairs, Post Tour
 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Retiree Luncheon—Guest Speaker COL Bruce D. Jenkins,
 Fort Knox Garrison Commander

3 Nov 12

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits, Medical screenings, Flu Shots*

* Flu shots given to Retirees, Spouses, and Surviving Family members with military ID only – NO children.

* Places of interest include: Patton Museum, Commissary, PX, Houston Bowling Alley, Lindsey Golf Course, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

MAILING LIST FOR THE FORT KNOX RETIREE BULLETIN

We are no longer able to mail the Fort Knox Retiree Bulletin, but we will be distributing it via e-mail and will also post it on our website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/rso/index.asp>. If you wish to be added to the e-mail list you can sign up by sending a request via e-mail to usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil. You may also call us at (502) 624-7236/6419/4641/1765. Please feel free to forward the bulletin to any retiree you know that would be interested in receiving it.

ID CARD FACILITIES

The Fort Knox ID card section is located in Bldg 1384, Rm 103. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can contact them at (502) 624-1626/1667. Listed below are a few locations for ID cards. Call any of the numbers below or visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1> to locate a facility closer to you. To schedule an appointment for the Fort Knox ID card facility, go to http://www.knox.army.mil/garrison/dhr/ag/mpd/psb/id_hours.asp and click on make an appointment.

Kentucky

- Louisville (502) 413-4210 or (502) 607-2615/2663
 Bowling Green (502) 607-2214/2213
 Frankfort (502) 607-1660/1754
 Lexington (502) 607-2444/2429
 Greenville (502) 607-7990; Ashland (502) 607-2122
 Owensboro (502) 607-3208/3209
 London (502) 607-5461/5462
 Richmond (502) 607-2715/2716
 Fort Campbell (270) 798-2424/4838

Indiana

- Ft Wayne (260) 478-3231/3173 or (260) 747-1131
 Terre Haute (812) 877-5610/5594
 Indianapolis (317) 212-4430/1910 or (317) 964-7052/7183 or (317) 390-2607
 South Bend (574) 287-0835 or (574) 289-5871

- Peru (765) 688-3909
 Edinburgh (812) 526-1671/2308

Ohio

- Columbus (614)336-7087; (614) 356-7941; (614) 492-2891/2887; (614) 492-3156/3461
 Dayton/Wright Patterson AFB (937)257–2547
 Cincinnati (513) 221-0138
 Mansfield (419) 520-6205
 Springfield (937) 327-2186-2320
 Canton (614) 336-6053; Akron (330) 491-3450
 Toledo (419) 868-4225/4183 or (419) 666-3444
 Cleveland (216) 522-5135

You should contact your servicing location prior to coming to make sure you have the required documentation. Possible documents are:

- 2 forms of unexpired identification
- Retirement orders/DD Form 214
- Birth/Death/Marriage certificates
- Letter from Registrar's Office stating full-time status & date of graduation
- Divorce decree
- Adoption papers
- Driver's license (if replacing lost ID card)
- Social security cards & Medicare cards



KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY CENTRAL

Thanks in part to your many generous contributions, Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) adjacent to Fort Knox marked its fifth Year of Honors on Memorial Day. Make plans to visit KVCC, which is just outside the Fort Knox main gate, during Fort Knox Retiree Appreciation Days. You can find out more about KVCC at the website of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs at <http://veterans.ky.gov/cemeteries/kvcc>. KVCC mainly serves veterans from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. KVCC is available for Active Duty Soldiers and their Family members. Eligibility is the same for the VA national cemeteries. For more information about interment at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, including eligibility and services, call the cemetery at (270) 351-5115 or (270) 351-5119. This is Kentucky's second state veterans cemetery and we are currently creating a Recognition Wall with name placements to those who made donations. See page 8 for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Eligibility application.

Make Your Tax Deductible Donation or Pledge to:

The Kentucky Veteran's Program Trust Fund
 c/o Department of Veterans Affairs
 1111 Louisville Road
 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
 Phone: (502) 564-9203

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

Pledge or Donation Amount

- \$5.00
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$25.00
- \$50.00
- OTHER \$ ____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone () _____ - _____

Pledge Information

- Donation Enclosed
- Monthly Donation
- Quarterly Donation
- Annual Donation

PLEDGE CARD

KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERIES ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

Please Print Legibly Or Type

STEP 1: VETERAN'S INFORMATION (Please Complete Even If The Veteran Is Deceased)

1. Veteran's Last Name: First: Middle: Suffix (Jr., Sr.):		2. Date of Birth / /	3. Social Security #: - -
4. Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Marines <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves Only		5. Service # (if known):	6. Rank:
7. Date of Entry: / /	8. Date of Separation: / /	9. Character of Discharge: <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other Than Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<i>PLEASE INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF SERVICE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER</i>			

STEP 2 (Complete Only If Spouse Will Be Buried With The Veteran): SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

10. Spouse's Last Name: First: Middle: Suffix (Jr., Sr.):		11. Date of Birth / /	12. Social Security #: - -
13. Is the spouse a veteran also? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>IF YES, A SEPARATE APPLICATION & DD FORM 214 OR DISCHARGE IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE ADJACENT PLOT</i>			

STEP 3: OTHER ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS' INFORMATION

- No documentation is required if your child is under 21
- Proof of college enrollment is required if child is under 23
- If dependent child is over 23 and permanently handicapped, documentation is required for eligibility—please contact cemetery staff for documentation requirements.

STEP 4: PLEASE PROVIDE CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

14. Mailing Address:	15. City:	16. State:	17. Zip Code:
18. Home Phone:		19. Work Phone:	

STEP 5: PLEASE SELECT THE CEMETERY OF YOUR CHOICE

20. PLEASE PLACE A CHECKMARK IN ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW AND MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT DD FORM 214 OR DISCHARGE FORM (DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL) TO THE ADDRESS BELOW THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE CEMETERY OF YOUR CHOICE

<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West , Hopkinsville (Near Ft. Campbell)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central , Radcliff (Near Ft. Knox)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North , Williamstown
Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West Application Review 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 (270) 889-6106	Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central Application Review 2501 N. Dixie Boulevard Radcliff, Kentucky 40160 (270) 351-5115	Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North Application Review C/O Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central 2501 N. Dixie Boulevard Radcliff, Kentucky 40160 (270) 351-5115

21. I declare under penalty of law that the information contained herein is true and correct.

Signature of veteran or authorized representative: _____ Date: _____

- Forms are available to compose your own headstone inscription. Contact cemetery staff for details.
- See reverse side for information about the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund.

--THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CEMETERY PERSONNEL-- Approved Pending Disapproved

Name: _____ Date: _____

ONLINE RETIREE RESOURCES

The Army G1 website at <http://armyg1.army.mil/retire> is a vast source of information valuable to retirees, family members, survivors and Soldiers preparing to retire. This website provides access to valuable links such as TRI-CARE, Social Security, Military Records, Army Casualty, AER, Retirement Services and benefit calculators. Army Echoes is also available online via this website.

Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at <https://www.us.army.mil> is another website available for retirees. AKO can be used to contact Army buddies also registered through the Army White Pages or a Reunion page.

MyPay is a website that allows you to make changes to your retired pay, print your 1099R and Retiree Account Statements. You can log onto <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. If you do not already have a MyPay account, click to request a new PIN number and one will be mailed to you in 7 to 10 days. Once you receive your temporary PIN number you can log in and change your PIN to a number you choose. MyPay makes it easy for you to view and make changes to your retired pay account without making a phone call or mailing in forms.

FORT KNOX VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

The Fort Knox Veteran Service office is staffed by volunteers who consider it their mission to assist veterans and their survivors in obtaining the benefits that they have earned through service to our nation. We consider it an honor and a privilege to submit claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of veterans and their survivors. We also submit applications for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for all branches of the service.

We are available at our office in Building 1384, Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to Noon. Or you may contact us at (502) 624-4103. We do not make appointments. We operate on a walk-in basis first come first served. We recommend that you arrive at 9:00am or shortly thereafter as our waiting room is frequently crowded by 10:00am. We also insist that you arrive not later than 11:00 to be seen on that day. We have assisted with 851 claims to date in 2012.

If you are in need of assistance with a claim to The Department of Veterans Affairs or applying for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) we would consider it an honor to assist you.

WHAT DOES CRSC DO FOR OUR RETIRED COMBAT VETERANS?

Per the VA, more retired combat veterans may receive Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) benefits due to the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

"There are a select number of veterans out there who are still getting their retirement and their VA compensation, but aren't aware that CRSC is available to them," said MAJ Marcia Lambert, CRSC Deputy Branch Chief.

CRSC restores military retired pay that is offset when a military retiree accepts compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a disability or condition that can be attributed to a combat-related event as defined by the Department of Defense (DoD) program guidance. This allows eligible military retirees to concurrently receive an amount equal to or less than their length of service retirement pay and their VA disability compensation, if the injury is combat-related.

CRSC is a congressionally mandated benefits program that recognizes the sacrifice of eligible military retirees. It is open to all retirees of all components of the Army. It's also available to medical Chapter 61 retirees – Soldiers with 1-19 years of service who were medically discharged from the service for a qualifying event. A retiree from the active component of the Army must have served 20 years, while those from the Army Reserve or Army National Guard must have reached age 60.

"CRSC has paid out more than 3.5 billion dollars to qualifying Retired Army Combat Veterans since its start in June 2003", said Lambert.

To be eligible for CRSC, you must be receiving military retired pay, have 10% or greater VA rated injury, your military retired pay reduced by VA disability payments (VA waiver considered) and must be able to provide documentary evidence that your injury was a result of training that simulates war, hazardous duty, an instrumentality of war, or armed conflict.

For more information, please go to www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/crsc

For more information about U.S. Army Human Resources Command, visit: www.hrc.army.mil

RETIRED PAY PROCESS FOR RESERVE RETIREMENTS

Once you receive your 20-year letter, eligibility for retired pay based on non-regular service may not be denied or revoked on the basis of any error, miscalculation, misinformation or administrative determination of years of service performed, unless it resulted directly from fraud or misrepresentation. Administrative errors, such as awarding of too many points, can be corrected; however, eligibility for retired pay cannot be withdrawn. The 20-year letter is a valuable document and should be stored in a safe place along with other documents pertaining to your estate.

HRC-Ft. Knox Reserve Component Retirement (RCR) Branch processes applications for age 60 Reserve retirements for the Army Reserve and Army National Guard. Reserve retirement eligible Soldiers are mailed an application packet during the month prior to their 59th birthday. Application packets include instruction and forms necessary to process your retirement. Packets are mailed to your address listed in the reserve database (TAPDB-R). Your responsibility in accordance with Title 10, United States Code (USC), Section 10205, and Army Regulation (AR) 135-133 is to maintain a valid address so you may promptly receive your retirement application, benefits and entitlements.

You should return it nine months prior to your requested retirement date. You may also download the forms and instructions from the HRC-Ft. Knox Web site: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/reserve/soldierservices/default.asp>.

NOTE: Soldiers who were recalled under authority of 10 USC 12301(d) (or a subsequent paragraph of the same chapter) on or after 29 Jan 2008 are entitled to claim a 90 day drop from their age 60 retirement date for every 90 days accumulated in any given fiscal year (1 Oct – 30 Sep). Soldiers who claim this “drop” should adjust the requested retirement date (block 3 of the forms) as well as attach copies of their mobilization order(s), separation order(s), and DD 214('s). Once you return the packet, HRC-Ft. Knox will certify you as eligible for retired pay and notify DFAS-CL to establish your retired pay account. You will not receive notification of receipt of your application unless you return it by a mode that requires proof of receipt of delivery. You may also contact the HRC-Ft. Knox customer service office toll-free at 1-888-276-9472 to inquire whether the packet has been received or if you have any questions regarding the Non-Regular Retirement Process.

LODGING

If you are planning to stay overnight in the immediate area you will want to make your reservations in advance. Below is a listing of some local establishments for your consideration. This list does not include all lodging facilities and should not be seen as an endorsement for any facility.

On Post Reservations (502) 943-1000

Camp Carlson (502) 624-4836

Radcliff / Muldraugh (5 to 10 minutes from post)

Candlewood Suites (270) 351-3333

Econo-Lodge (270) 351-4488

Economy Suites (502) 942-9526

Fort Knox Inn (270) 351-3199

Golden Manor (502) 942-2800

Gold Vault Inn (270) 351-1141 or (800) 266-2104

Hampton Inn & Suites (270) 351-5777

Holiday Inn Express (800) 465-4329

Super 8 (270) 352-1888

Elizabethtown (30 minutes from post)

Best Western (270) 769-3030

Bluegrass Inn (270) 765-2194

Comfort Suites (270) 360-0088

Days Inn (270) 769-5522

Fairfield Inn (270) 769-1440

Hampton Inn (270) 765-6663

Holiday Inn Express (270) 769-1334

Howard Johnson (270) 769-9616

LaQuinta Inn (270) 765-4747

Motel 6 (270) 769-3102

Quality Inn & Suites (270) 765-4166

Ramada (270) 769-9683

Brandenburg (20 to 25 minutes from post)

Super 8 (270) 422-1700

Brandenburg Inn (270) 422-1200

RETIREES—BE SMART! DO YOUR PART! VOTE!

Information provided from <http://elect.ky.gov/voterinfo/Pages/voterinformationguide.aspx>

The deadline to register to vote for the General Election is October 9, 2012. Normally, you will receive a notice in the mail from the county clerk with your precinct name and voting location address. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., local time. All those in line by 6 p.m. will be able to vote.

You may request an absentee ballot application from your county clerk's office in person, by mail, by phone, or by fax. The deadline for applying for a mailed absentee ballot is seven days before an election. You must fulfill one of these qualifications in order to request a mailed absentee ballot:

Due to advanced age, disability, illness or medical emergency

You are a member of the armed forces or the dependent of a member of the armed forces

You are military personnel confined to a military base on election day

You temporarily reside overseas but are still eligible to vote in Kentucky

You are a student attending school outside the county of your voter registration

You temporarily live outside the state but are still eligible to vote in Kentucky

You are incarcerated in jail and have been charged but not convicted of a felony

You work outside the county and are unable to either vote on the absentee voting machine in the county clerk's office or in your polling place on election day.

A voting machine at the County Clerk's office is available during the last 12 working days before the election for certain qualified voters. If you do not qualify for a paper absentee ballot and meet one of the following conditions, you may vote an absentee ballot on a voting machine in the County Clerk's office.

You will be out of the county on election day

You are a pregnant woman in your third trimester

You are a member or an employee of the county board of elections, deputy clerk, alternate precinct officer or appointed to a precinct other than that in which you are registered

You are a member of the armed forces who will be confined to base within the county on election day and learn of that confinement within 7 days or less of the election

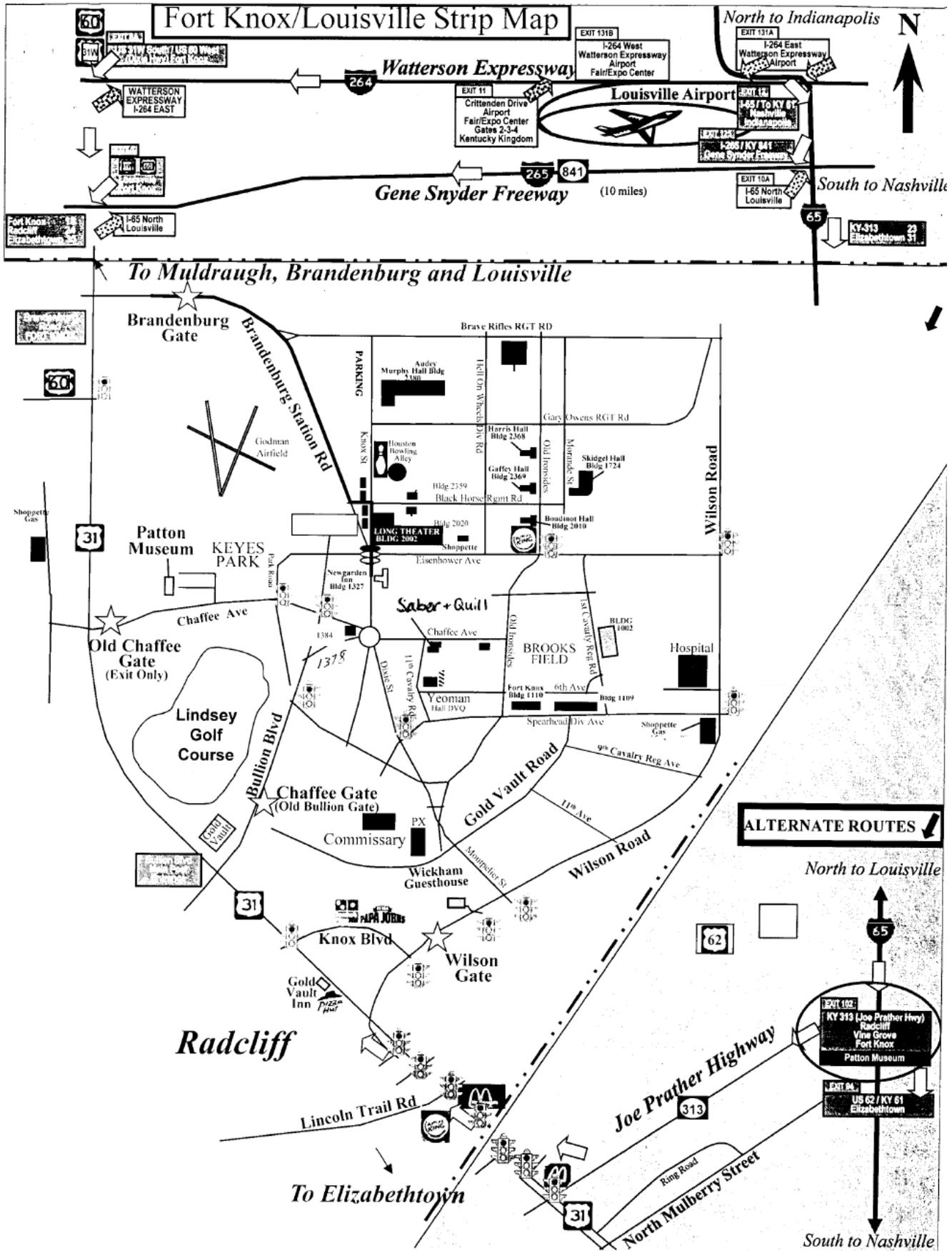
You are a student attending school outside the county of your voter registration who will be absent from the county on election day

You or your spouse who has surgery scheduled that will require hospitalization on election day

If you have a medical emergency, you or your spouse may apply for a medical emergency absentee ballot within 14 days or less of an election.

If you are not sure who will be on the ballot, a sample ballot will be published by the county clerk in the local newspaper at least 7 days before Election Day. The local or state Republican or Democrat party headquarters will also be able to supply you with this information, as well as the Kentucky State Board of Elections' website, www.elect.ky.gov.

If you have any questions concerning where to vote, the Installation Voting Assistance Office is available to assist you by verifying that you are registered to vote and what county you are registered in, looking up your polling location, or providing you with contact information for your local election official. Contact us at 502-624-4034 or email us at ag.knox.votingassistance@conus.army.mil



Indiana Military Appreciation Day and Information Fair

When: Saturday, November 17, 2012

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Indiana National Guard Armory
9929 E. 59th Street
Lawrence, IN 46216

Note: This is a new location! The National Guard Armory is directly East of the PX/Commissary at Old Fort Harrison.

All military veterans and retirees are invited including widows, survivors, and dependents of Active, National Guard, and Reserve Forces.

Activities:

- Reserve Officers Association Seminars
 - Speakers:
 - Brig Gen Jonathan George, USAF (Ret)
 - Brig Gen John McGoff, C/S, INANG
- Community Health Fair
 - Flu Shots
 - Health Screening
 - Etc.
- Veterans and Retiree Luncheon (12:15 PM)
 - Guest Speaker: Ralph Peters
 - \$10 per person
 - Call _____ at 317-891-7717 for reservations by November 13
- Information/Displays
- PX Drawing

For more information, please call
_____ at 317-709-2567