

FORT DETRICK ALL SERVICES RETIREE COUNCIL

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REPORT TO RETIREES

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On 25 April 1995, the Garrison Commander appointed a Fort Detrick All Services Retiree Council. The purpose of the Council is to provide retirees with a means of communicating with the active and reserve military; to analyze and influence decisions, policies, and laws; to take part in programs concerning their well being; and to develop public support of military programs through retirees.

The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 1900 and we need to hear from the retiree community. Come to our meetings in Bldg. 1520 Community Support Center on Freedman Drive (*beyond the Education and Training Center at the Commissary. NOTE: There is no entry through the Education and Training Center.*) Call one of the council members with your ideas, concerns, comments, or questions at (301) 619-3340. A list of the Council members follows:

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW: FORT DETRICK 'S NINTH ANNUAL
RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003**

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FREQUENTLY CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT FORT DETRICK:

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.....	FAX: (301) 619-3597
FORT DETRICK (When calling from outside the local dialing area).....	1-800-256-7621
WEB PAGE.....	http://www.detrick.army.mil
POST EXCHANGE.....	(301) 619-2262
GAS STATION.....	(301) 662-7777
THRIFT SHOP.....	(301) 619-2289
BARBER SHOP.....	(301) 619-2345
CLEANERS.....	(301) 694-3237
COMMISSARY.....	(301) 619-2989
CHAPEL.....	(301) 619-7371
HEALTH CLINIC/TRICARE.....	(301) 619-7175
PROVOST MARSHAL.....	(301) 619-7114
JUDGE ADVOCATE/ LEGAL ASSISTANCE.....	(301) 619-2221
FORT DETRICK OPERATOR ASSISTANCE.....	(301) 619-8000
HOTLINE	(301) 619-CARE (2273)
ID CARDS.....	(301) 619-7311
FITNESS CENTER.....	(301) 619-2498
RETIRED PAY (DFAS-CLEVELAND).....	VOICE: 1-800-321-1080
.....	FAX: 1-800-469-6559
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	1-800-827-1000
DEERS.....	1-800-538-9552
BWI SPACE "A" TRAVEL.....	1-877-429-4262

Fort Detrick and the All Services Retiree Council Announce the 9th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, October 8, 2003

Fort Detrick and its All Services Retiree Council cordially invite all military retirees, families and friends to the 9th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Wednesday, October 8, 2003 from 0900 to 1500 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The celebration kicks off with opening ceremonies in Strough Auditorium (Bldg 611) with the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation, greeting by Retiree Council Chairman, LTC John P. Hess, (USA-Ret), and introduction of Council Members.

MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, and Garrison Commander, COL John E. Ball will offer welcoming remarks. The status of new construction on the post) to include a new Commissary and PX) will be provided.

Lunch will be served in the Community Activities Center (Bldg 718) for \$8.50 per person. (see page 9 for a luncheon reservation form). Following lunch you will be invited to the CPT Jennifer Shafer-Odom Fitness Center to view a variety of displays provided by numerous organizations at Fort Detrick. In addition you will have the opportunity to renew your ID card, make appointment with legal assistance personnel, and have your blood pressure screened. The day's activities will end with a bus tour of the post.

Guest Speakers!

Mr. Norman M. Covert

Mr. Covert is a U.S. Military and biological warfare historian. Among his historical and genealogical publications, he authored

“Cutting Edge, a history of Fort Detrick,” now in its fourth printing. He continues to serve on the Laboratory Animal Care and Use Committee for the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick. He was retired in 1999 after more than 30 years of federal service, including the last 23 at Fort Detrick as Chief of Public Affairs and Command Historian.

Frank Damazo, M.D.

Dr. Damazo has been a practicing general surgeon in Frederick since 1956. As a result he had contact with the researchers at Fort Detrick and the 2300 Whitecoat human volunteers. He will share their story and his many exciting experiences with you and answer your questions.

Commander Katherine O'Neill Tracey (USNR-Ret)

Commander Katherine O'Neill Tracy, USNR (Ret), is the Deputy Director of the Benefits Information Department of the Military Officers Association of America. She will provide an update of legislation of interest to military retirees.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) Campaign Results

This year's AER Campaign was very successful with the installation's contributions totaling \$33,367.45, up 97 percent over last year's contributions.

Special thanks to the military retirees for contributing \$3991.00, up 115 percent above last year's contributions.

HEALTH CLINIC HAS NEW DIRECTOR

Colonel Kathleen M. Sheehan M.D., assumed the position of Commander, Barquist Army Health Clinic on 23 July 2003.

Colonel Sheehan earned a Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. in 1979. She attended George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C. graduating in 1983 and joined the Army Medical Corps the same year. Her professional military education includes the Army Advanced Course in 1986 and Command and General Staff College in 1997. She is board certified in internal medicine and critical care, and is a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Her previous assignments include a residency in Internal Medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, 1983 to 1986, a tour as staff physician at Martin Army Hospital, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1986-1989, and Critical Care Fellowship, 1989-1991, at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Colonel Sheehan next served as Assistant Director of the Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Madigan Army Hospital, Tacoma, WA from 1991-1994. She then was appointed Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, and Quality Improvement Director, Special Care Units, at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1994-1997. Her next assignment was at Clinical Researcher at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, MA. From 1997 to 2001. While there, she conducted research on stress fractures during military training. Colonel Sheehan then served as Army Representative to the Medical Programs Sub-Panel for Joint Medical NBC Requirements, Center for Combat and Doctrine Development at Fort Sam Houston from 2001 to 2002. She subsequently assumed the position of Deputy Command

Surgeon, U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, Illinois from 2002 - 2003.

Colonel Sheehan's military awards and decoration include Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

**THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA**

The Spirit of America is a patriotic, live-action show presented by the United States Army Military District of Washington. It features music, drill and historical narrative as soldiers recap the history of our country, and the battles we fought to maintain its freedom.

The show will be held on

- Friday, 19 Sep at 7 PM

- Saturday, 20 Sep at 2 PM

(transportation is available - \$5.00 per person

departs the CAC, Bldg 718, at 12 Noon)

- Saturday, 20 Sep at 7 PM

- Sunday, 21 Sep at 2 PM

FREE tickets to the Spirit of America at the MCI Center are available at the Community Activities Center. For more information call 301-619-2839.



Case Lot Sale

This huge sale will be the third annual "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale" with most of your favorite products available by the case, all at rock-bottom prices. Fort Detrick's sale will be held on 11, 12, and 13 September 2003.

NO LEFT TURN

Effective 7 AM – 9 AM, Monday thru Friday, the Frederick City Police are enforcing a no left turn from Lee Place onto 7th Street. Tickets are being issued and the fines are heavy. Take notice.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO CELEBRATE FORT DETRICK'S 60 YEARS

U.S. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett wishes to invite you to and give you advance notification of a Congressional Forum on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Fort Detrick which will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Grove Stadium in Frederick, MD.

This event will include personal presentations and commendations by top federal, state and local representatives. It will also highlight the role of all civilian and military personnel who have served at Camp and Fort Detrick throughout its 60-year history.

This 60th year anniversary event is in the planning stages and as additional information becomes available it will be

shared with you. For information and ticket availability call 301-619-7611.

SBP Reminder

Too often, the Office of Retired Pay denies Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) benefits because retirees fail to update retired pay records when an event such as marriage, divorce, death or birth occur.

DFAS hears from former spouses who lost SBP because neither the former spouse nor the retiree notified DFAS within a year of the divorce that SBP was part of the divorce by sending a letter and a copy of the divorce decree.

To make sure your SBP beneficiary is prepared, keep a file of information that your spouse will need. Make sure your spouse knows what benefits to expect. Clip this article to your files as a reminder to keep your retired pay records current when your status changes

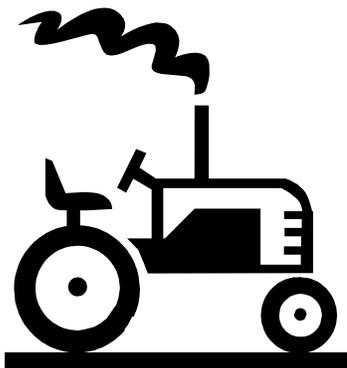
Army Career and Alumni Program Offers Space-A Help to Retirees.

James T. Hoffman, Director, Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP), has announced that effective immediately, ACAP's employment assistance services is extended on a "Space-Available" basis to all Army retirees and their eligible family members for life. This lifetime extension of ACAP services is available only to Army retirees.

If for some reason Army retirees did not participate in ACAP during their transition, they remain eligible for assistance after retirement. Upon release from active duty, Army retirees may return to any ACAP center to continue to receive employment assistance along with their eligible family members. These services include: preparing resumes; polishing interviewing skills; and attending special workshops.

ACAP will provide these extended services strictly on a Space-Available basis. This is not considered a retirement "benefit", but rather a service to retirees that will continue as long as it is resourced. ACAP will provide appointments to the retired community based on their daily workload of first serving Active Duty soldiers. Further, ACAP policy allows non-retiring members (i.e., veterans) and other Service retirees extended ACAP services for up to 180 days after separation or retirement.

For more information, go to <http://www.acap.army.mil/transitioner/retiree/retiree.cfm>.



FORT DETRICK FARMER'S MARKET LOCAL FARMERS

FRUITS
VEGETABLES
BAKED GOODS
CUT FLOWERS
DAIRY ITEMS

Until October 28 2003

Tuesday – 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM

In front of building 549 (Library/
Conference Center/Café

Volunteers Needed at Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop at Fort Detrick needs volunteers to help with donations, consignments and maintaining the sales floor. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00am – 3:00 pm and the first

Saturday of each month, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Volunteer for whenever and whatever hours are convenient for you! If your vehicle has a decal, then only one photo ID is required to enter Fort Detrick. Call Diane McCure, 301-619-2289 for more information.

New ePIN Feature Goes Live for Army myPay Users

Arlington, VA (June 23) - Army personnel can now obtain their myPay personal identification numbers (PINs) by using a new online feature called ePIN. myPay is an online system operated by Defense Finance and Accounting Service. ePIN is available to active, reserve, guard, civilians and military retirees with Army Knowledge Online accounts.

"We are constantly looking for ways to make myPay even more user friendly," said Pat Shine, Director of DFAS Military and Civilian Pay Services. "ePIN will make this valuable pay management tool more accessible to our Army customers."

ePIN greatly simplifies the process of gaining access to myPay. Personnel can visit the myPay Web site, <https://myPay.dfas.mil>, and click on the "New PIN" button. The system will verify the identity of the user through their Social Security Number. The user can elect delivery of the PIN by email or regular mail. Email delivery takes place within 48 hours. The following features are available:

- View, print and save leave and earning statements
- Select electronic leave and earning statement
- View and print retiree account statement
- View and print tax statements
- Change federal and state tax withholdings
- Update bank account and electronic funds transfer information
- Manage allotments (civilian/retiree)

Edit address information
Manage Savings Bonds (civilian/retiree)
Control Thrift Savings Plan enrollment
(military only)
View and print travel vouchers
(civilian/military)

myPay is simple and secure. Available nearly 24/7, it means no waiting in lines or on the phone. Ease to use menus and clear confirmation messages give customers confidence that changes they request are made quickly and correctly. Strong encryption and secure sockets layer technologies combined with user-unique access make myPay safe to use and protect personal information from unauthorized access.

Related links:

<http://www.dfas.mil> - The Defense Finance and Accounting Service

<https://mypay.dfas.mil> - myPay

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) for Certain Combat-Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees

The Department of Defense, working together with the Department of Veteran Affairs, announces the start of a new compensation program for many disabled military retirees, Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The new special compensation becomes effective May 31, 2003, with first payments possible on July 1st.

Eligible Members are those retirees who have 20 years of service for retired pay computation and who either have at least a 10% disability based on combat injuries for which they have been awarded the Purple Heart or who are rated at least 60 percent disabled because of armed conflict, hazardous duty, training exercises, or mishaps involving military equipment. Payments will equal the amount of VA disability compensation for combat-related

disabilities, but will be reduced for those retirees whose retired pay exceeds what they would have received for length of service. Payments are limited to the amount of the retired pay reduction resulting from receipt of VA disability compensation.

The payments are considered to be tax exempt pending a review by the Armed Forces Tax Council.

Members must apply to their own branch of service using DD form 2860, Application for Combat-Related Special Compensation. Each Uniformed Service will review the applications of their own retirees, with the Department of the Navy reviewing applications for both the Navy and Marine Corps. Payments will be retroactive to Jun 1, 2003, for all approved applications, no matter when received, to the extent otherwise allowed in law, providing the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Service reviews will determine which disabilities, if any, are combat-related or are the result of an injury to which the member was awarded a Purple Heart. Combat-Related includes those disabilities that are the direct result of armed conflict or from conditions that simulate combat, or that result from the performance of uniquely hazardous military duties, or caused by an instrumentality of war.

Services will presume that disabilities awarded VA disability compensation based on service-connected exposure to hazards, which are clearly combat-related, are combat-related for the purpose of CRSC. These include Agent Orange, Gulf War illnesses, Radiation Exposure, Mustard Gas and Lewisite. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder will require combat-related documentation.

Retirees will be informed of denied applications and the reason for denial. They may reapply later if they are able to show they meet the program criteria or appeal the decision if they believe their disabilities were combat-related, but were denied compensation by their service.

Combat-Related special Compensation

The Combat-Related Special Compensation DD Form 2860 is at <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/DD2500-.htm> (scroll to the bottom of the web page). There are three application formats available - Perform Pro, Form Flo 2.0, and Fillable Adobe PDF.

Shades of Green Delays Opening

ORLANDO, Fla, July 15, 2003 - The refurbished Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort won't open until March 1, 2004, instead of the originally planned December 15, 2003, date. Unexpected construction delays caused officials to move the date back 76 days, according to Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer at the U.S. Army community and Family Support Center. The Army serves as the executive agent, operating AFRCs for DoD. "When we were on schedule, we began accepting guest reservations in December of last year," said Isaacs. "We sincerely regret the inconvenience this causes our customers and want to give them as much advance notice as possible. We are in the process of notifying those who have reservations and offering them other options. "Shades of Green General Manager Jim McCrindle personally signed more than 2,200 letters to guests already booked at Shades of Green, informing them of the delay. "We're genuinely sorry for the delay, but it was unavoidable," he said. Guest who already hold reservations are offered three options:

- Keep the same vacation dates for 2004 at the same room rates guaranteed in 2003.
- Keep their vacation dates for 2003 at a comparable Disney Resort at the same room rates plus the applicable state tax of 11 percent.
- Cancel the existing reservation and receive a full refund.

The renovation and expansion project that began in April 2002 was driven by high demand that kept the original 288 rooms at or near 100 percent occupancy. The hotel is financially self-sufficient, and no taxpayer dollars are used in the operations or for the new construction. When it reopens, there will be 586 new or renovated rooms.

You can Request Retiree/Veterans Records Online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) now offers an online option for those requesting military records at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Retirees, veterans and their next of kin can use this site to request records instead of the Standard Form 180. All others must still use the Standard Form 180. NPRC anticipates that they will offer better service online by eliminating mailroom processing time and, through the use of online prompts, avoiding delays caused by incomplete applications.

Army Knowledge Online

"Army Knowledge Online," the Army's Intranet, gives active-duty and reserve soldiers, DA civilians, retirees and other authorized users a secure, computer-accessed ability to communicate worldwide and obtain access to a storehouse of information. Contrasted with the Army Homepage, which is open to the general public through the Internet, AKO is available only to those with an Army approved user ID and password. Users can individually "tailor" their site by placing preferred topics 'up front' on the page. To sign up for an Army Knowledge Account, go to https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml and click on "I'm a New User" to register.

**FORT DETRICK 9TH ANNUAL RETIREE
APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON**

1200, Wednesday, October 8, 2003
Community Activities Center (Building 718, Porter Street)

MENU

Ham, Roast Beef, roasted New Potatoes, Wild and Long Grain Rice, Green Beans and Baby Carrots, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee Service

RESERVATION REQUEST

Clip and mail with check or money order (no cash) made payable to IMWRF to:

DCS
ATTN: MCHD-CSM (Retiree Council)
1520 Freedman Drive, Suite 300
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5016

Yes, I will attend the 9th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon at the Fort Detrick Community Activities Center on October 8, 2003. Please make _____ reservation(s) in my name. I enclose my check or money order made payable to IMWRF in the amount of \$_____ (\$8.50 per person).

Reservations must be received no later than
Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (in case of cancellation) _____

Mailing List: For FREE home delivery of *Report to Retirees*, print this page, complete the forms below and mail to: **DCS, ATTN: MCHD-CSM, 1520 FREEDMAN DRIVE, SUITE 300, FORT DETRICK, MARYLAND 21702-5016**

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974-

Auth.Sec.3012, Title 10, United States Code. **PURPOSE OF THIS FORM:** To maintain current mailing address which will be used when mailing newsletters and other notices to military retiree or widow(er).

LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Check block, which shows your status

Retiree Widow(er) Reserve retiree not yet 60

From”

DCS
ATTN: MCHD-CSM (Retiree Council)
1520 Freedman Drive, Suite 300
Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5016

To: