



111 th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office Biddle Air Guard Base, Horsham, Pa.



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A publication of the 111th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office (RAO) whose mission is in support of the base commander in providing information and assistance to military retirees their families and surviving spouses residing in the Pa., N.J. and N.Y. Information has been edited and does not reflect the official policy of any U.S. Government agency.

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The 111th Attack Wing Retiree Activities Office is an official activity organized in accordance with AFI 36-3106. The office is here to assist military retirees, their spouses, military veterans, guard and reserve personnel from all U.S. military services. We can provide information and contacts for pay (DFAS), benefits and entitlements, personnel and casualty affairs and interface with these organizations to help personnel. We have thirteen volunteers in our office including our director, Retired AF Chief Master Sgt. Jenny Pappas. E-Mail: jenny.pappas.2@us.af.mil or vincent.acquaviva.3@us.af.mil

The 111th Retirees Activities Office (RAO) is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3p.m. and also Saturday morning of 111th Drill/RDO 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Telephone 215-323-7135. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

If you need to contact Casualty Assistance Representative at Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, their phone number is 609-754-3814/3154 or cell 609-668-5385.

If you need to replace or get a new ID card, please call 111th Customer Service Office at 215-323-7419. Contact for the Airman and Family Readiness Programs Office is: 215-323-7132

1. The 111th Attack Wing's external websites are at <http://www.111attackwing.ang.af.mil> or <http://www.facebook.com/111thATKW>

You will find all events and up to date info there including the Retirees Office, ID card, JAG information and current news and programs offered by the wing. A Retiree Survivor's Guide to Benefits is available on the Library page of the Air Force Retiree Services website.

<http://www.retirees.af.mil> This guide provides general information about most federal benefits and entitlements available to eligible family members of deceased retired Airmen and it explains various application processes. People can direct specific questions to the government agency administering the benefits or discuss these matters with an Air Force casualty assistance representative.

Lists of Retiree Publications on Websites on line:

Army(Echoes): <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Navy(Shift Colors): <http://www.shiftcolors.navy.mil>

Air Force (Afterburner): <http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner>

Marine Corps(Semper Fidelis) <http://www.usmc-mccs.org>

Coast Guard (Evening Colors) <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgl/psc/ras>

Mil Retiree Space A Lodging <http://www.dodlodging.net>
All Services (Gov./Mil.) information

DFAS/My Pay <http://www.dfas.mil> Tricare <http://www.tricare.mil>
Defense Eligibility(DEERS) <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil> Phone-1-800-538-9522
Military Records <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>
Casualty Assistance <http://militaryonesource.mil/casualty>
General News and Info <http://www.militaryonesource.mil>

AMC Travel Space A <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel>

AMC Space A Travel Page <http://www.spacea.net>

Space A travel Documents <http://www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/afd-140423-118.pdf>

Military Burial Honors Eligibility:

DOD Policy is mandated by law to provide a minimum of a two-person uniformed detail to present the core elements of the funeral honors ceremony, and one service member must represent the veteran's branch of service.

Core Elements include playing of TAPS, Folding the American Flag, and presenting the American Flag to the family.

DOD is required to provide a (two-service member) detail; policy encourages each service to provide elements as firing team and pallbearers. They can be provided by Veteran Service Organizations.

DEERS/ID Cards Locator Sites PA,NJ,Del Nov 2022

Penna:

- (1) 111th Force Support ,1051 Fairchild Street, Bld 203, Rm 149, Biddle AGB, Horsham,Pa 19044 (215-323-7419) Wed to Fri.
 - (2) NSA Philadelphia, 700 Robbins Ave,NSA Building 10, Rm 1
NorthEast Phila 19111 215-697-3783
 - (3) NSWC Phila South Philadelphia, 4700 South Broad St.,
Phila, Pa 19112 215-897-7001
 - (4) Tobyhanna Army Depot ,Bld 606, 11 Hap Arnold Blvd. Visitors Center,
Tobyhanna,Pa 18466 570-615-7409
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New Jersey:

- (1) JBMDL Mc Guire AFB,NJ , 87th FSS/FSPS, Mc Guire AFB, 08641 609-754-5774
 - (2) JB MDL Fort Dix N.J. , 5418 Scott Plaza 1stFloor, 08640 609-562-2177
 - (3) 514th FSS Mc GuireAFB, 2216 Arnold Ave,JBMDL,NJ 08641 609-754-6842
 - (4) 108th FSS/FSMPS NJ ANG, JBMDL,NJ , 3324 Charles Blvd, 08641 609-754-4466
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Delaware:

- (1) 436th FSS, DoverAFB,Del 520 Main Gate Way, DAFB 19902 302-677-4585
- (2) 512th FSS,DoverAFB,Del 200 Liberty Way, DAFB 19902 302-677-3522
- (3) 166th Del ANG New Castle, Del. ,2600 Spruance Drive, 19720 302-323-3410
Tuesday and Thursday Only.
- (4) Del AG HQ Del Army Guard,250 Airport Road, JFHQ Del NG ID Office
New Castle,Del. 19720 302-326-7153 (Monday and Wednesday Only)

Website: [https:// idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator](https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator)

Where can I get a new ID card, when do I need a new one, how do I make an appointment, etc.?

The easiest way for you to locate the nearest ID card facility, as well as *all* the ID card sites available in your area, **is probably by using the online RAPIDS site at:**

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>

Once you get to the RAPIDS site, click on the “ID Card Office Locator & Appointments” Continue box. The page that comes up should default to the “Search for Site by Address” tab. Ensure “All” is selected under the “Search For” area, then enter your zip code in the “Enter Location” area, select an entry from the “Radius” drop-down menu, and click on the “Search” box. A list of sites will pop up and then you can select “More Info” for the site you want to use, and the “Schedule an Appointment” block. A calendar will come up for that site where you can scroll through the months on the calendar to see when appointments are available. During the pandemic some locations may not show any appointments available. When you pick a day with appointments you will see a list of the times available for that day below the calendar and you can pick the one you want and click on “Book This Appointment.” When you select a specific ID card site it will list the address, phone number and office hours for the site. If you want to make an appointment by phone you can always call the number listed on the webpage or contact your local Retiree Activities Office (RAO) for assistance.

During the pandemic DoD has issued guidance (8 Sep 2020 memo signed by Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness) that any ID card expiring after 1 Jan 2020 is valid through 30 Jun 2021. (current as of 22 Jan 21)

When military retirees get their first retired ID card it will not expire until they turn 65 and qualify for Medicare. At that point they need to update their information in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) so the system knows if they are enrolled in Medicare and eligible for Tricare for Life (TFL). Their new ID card issued at this point will have no expiration date, it will be INDEF.

Spouses of military retirees will also get a new ID card at age 65 (Medicare) but have been required to get it renewed every four years until they reached age 75. On 21 Sep 2020, the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness signed a memo stating, “DoD will reduce the age for indefinite ID card issuance to spouses and other eligible dependents from age 75 to 65.” This memo indicated the Defense Manpower Data Center will work with the DEERS Service Project Offices to implement this change with the rollout of the Next Generation Uniformed Services ID card.

Dependent ID Card General Info

For full time students between the ages of 21-23, they need to have a letter from the school stating they are a full-time student and their expected graduation date. If they are over 23, they are not eligible for an ID card unless they are enrolled in the Tricare Young Adult Program (they need to call Tricare to get that set up if they haven't).

You will need:

- Two forms of ID (Passport, Drivers License, Military ID, etc)
- DD Fm 1172-2 signed by the sponsor if the sponsor is not with you. If the sponsor is going to sign the form prior to your appointment because they can't accompany you, they may have to have it notarized or signed using a general power of attorney.

100% Disabled Vet ID Cards

Veterans with a 100% disabled rating are eligible for a 100% Disabled Vet ID Card. They will need the following to apply for the ID card:

- A letter from the VA confirming their 100% disabled rating
- Two forms of ID (passport, driver's license, etc.)

If enrolling a spouse, they will need to have:

- Marriage Certificate
- Spouse's social security card
- Another form of ID (driver's license, passport, any government issued ID, etc.)

When enrolling children, they will need the following to enroll them in DEERS:

- Child's birth certificate
- Social Security card

There is an excellent DEERS enrollment and ID card issuance checklist at the following link:

https://www.cac.mil/Portals/53/Documents/required_docs.pdf

The link below will show you a list of acceptable DoD Identity Documents:

https://www.cac.mil/Portals/53/List_of_Acceptable_Documents.pdf?ver=2019-08-20-130159-397



VA SURVIVOR BENEFITS & THE PACT ACT

You may be eligible for VA benefits and services after your loved one has passed.



The PACT Act makes it easier for many survivors to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

VA will be contacting survivors who were previously denied DIC benefits and may be newly eligible under the PACT Act. You do not need to wait for VA to contact you to submit a claim.

How to Apply for DIC and/or Accrued Benefits

Surviving family members may apply for these benefits using the appropriate VA form on [va.gov/family-member-benefits](https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits).



Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent children or parent(s) of the Veteran or service member IF Veteran or service member died in the line of duty or due to a service-related injury or illness.



Accrued Benefits

A one-time payment to a surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on relationship when the record shows additional benefits (such as VA compensation or pension) due to the Veteran prior to passing.

Additional Survivor Benefits Available:



Burials and Burial Allowance

Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of our National cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone, marker, or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost. Some survivors may also be eligible for a plot allowance, transportation allowance, and burial allowances based on the service connected disability status of the deceased Veteran.



Final Monthly Payment

If a Veteran who is receiving VA compensation or pension benefits passes away, their last month of benefits can be paid to their surviving spouse.



Home Loan Guaranty

Certificate of Eligibility is available for surviving spouses receiving DIC.



Education and Training

Chapter 35 benefits and Fry Scholarship are the two main GI Bill programs offering educational assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of service-related disabilities.



Health Care

Survivors and dependents of Veterans may qualify for health care benefits, such as CHAMPVA.

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Learn more and sign up at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT)
Download the [VA Health and Benefits App](#)
Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
Find a VA at [VA.gov/find-locations/](https://www.va.gov/find-locations/)

111th Attack Wing Force Support DEERS /ID Card PA Air Guard

Site ID: 102354 Phone: 215-323-7419

1051 Fairchild St. Building 203 Room 149

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(A) Office Hours: Appointments

Monday: 08:00 -11:00 / 13:00 -15:00 Tuesday: 13:00 -15:00

Wednesday: 08:00 - 11:00 / 13:00-15:00 Thursday: 08:00-11:00 /
13:00 -15:00

Friday: 08:00-11:00 / 13:00 -15:00

(B) Walk-In Hours:

Wednesday: 08:00 -11:00 / 13:00 – 15:00

Thursday: 08:00 – 11:00 / 13:00 – 15:00

Friday: 08:00 – 11:00 / 13:00 – 15:00

Note: Appointments have priority over walk-in's

RAPIDS Website to Schedule Appointments:

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>

Our 111th Wing and Retiree Activities Office
Would Like to Welcome Our New
Volunteers.

(A) SMSgt David Olson (USAF/Retired)

(B) Colonel Paul Vezzetti (USAF/Retired)

Thank You to all our RAO Volunteers for all
the work that was done this 2022 Year.

Note: Save The Date

Saturday 8 July 2023

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

Our 111th RAO Office would like to wish
everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Merry
Christmas, and Happy New Year to All.

