



## 111th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office Biddle Air National 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 9 volunteers in our office including our director, retired Chief Master Sgt. Jenny Pappas. We are seeking more military retirees that have the time to volunteer (three hours per shift).

The 111th Retirees Activities Office (RAO) is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3p.m. and also Saturday and Sunday morning of 111th Drill/RDO 8:30 a.m. – 14:30 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. Director Mrs. Donna Gauze

If you need to replace or get a new ID card, please call 111th Customer Service Office at 215-323-7419. Office hours Wed thru Friday 08:00 to 11:00 and 13:00 to 15:00

Contact for the Airman and Family Readiness Programs Office is: 215-323-7132

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

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>

Tricare and OPM Dental/Vision <http://www.tricare.benefeds.com>

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. : Source USAF Retirees Services Website

ARPC Retirement and Pre-Retirement Videos on YouTube

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o3Vm6h1two](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o3Vm6h1two)

Source :Air Reserve Personnel Center

**Did you know you can schedule an appointment online?  
All you need to do is go to the website below and reserve your  
appointment**

## BIDDLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION

**“ID CARDS”**

PHONE: 215-323-7419

<http://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=447>



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**\*\*MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE\*\* 111<sup>TH</sup> ATTACK WING**

**Location: Bldg 203, Room 149 215-323-7419**

**ID's are available: Wednesday – Friday Times: 8:00-11:00AM and 1:00-  
3:00PM(must schedule an appointment)**

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT:**

- 1) Retirement Orders, DD form 214 or Old Military ID card Marriage Certificate (for spouse) Birth Certificate (for children)**
- 2) Adoption Certificate (if applicable)\*\*\*\***

[Applying for retirement pay](#) begins by submitting an application through the Virtual Personnel Center, [vPC](#). Individuals approaching their Retirement pay effective date (60th birthday or reduced retirement pay age) should submit an application four months prior to this date. Applicants will be notified when a technician receives their application and will receive their

retirement order two weeks prior to their effective date in most cases. Some exceptions are members who work up to their retired pay effective date and members who file late. Applicants who do not receive their order two weeks prior to their effective date are advised to submit a message to the retirement section via myPers, followed up by a phone call to the Total Force Service Center 1-800-525-0102. With the retirement order, retirees are able to receive their retiree ID Card from their local military personnel service office and apply for healthcare through Tricare. HQ ARPC submits retirement orders to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS, where they are processed to initiate the retirement payments. [DFAS](#) typically processes retirement pay 30-45 days after receipt of the retirement order, or retirement pay effective date, whichever is later. Once you have received your retirement order please direct questions or concerns to DFAS at 1-800-321-1080. **IMPORTANT NOTE: HQ ARPC DOES NOT PROCESS RETIREMENT PAY.**

*Current as of August 2, 2020\* HQ ARPC is currently processing:*

**Applications for retirement pay for current applicants reaching age 60 in October 2020**

*(Applications for retired pay for retirees approaching age 60)*

**Retired Reserve Applications are processed within 30 days of receipt**

*(Applications for retirement for members retiring from the Guard and Reserve. Not pay related.)*

**AF Reserve/ AGR Retirements are processed within 30 days of receipt** *(Applications for members who qualify for an active duty retirement (points, Total Active Federal Military Service))*

***Please monitor your email for retirement application approval and notification indicating your order is available in myPers under your “My documents area.” Please note that Tricare will honor a retroactive enrollment into a Tricare policy due to substantiation of a government administrative error. Please contact Tricare at 800-444-5445 (Tricare East) or 844-866-9378 (Tricare West) or visit at <https://tricare.mil> for specific guidance regarding Tricare enrollment. In addition, DFAS will process retroactive effective date of retired pay : Source USAF ARPC***

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2008 reduced the retirement age for Reserve Component airmen from 60 to a lesser age, not to be any earlier than age 50. The reduced retired pay age is calculated with qualifying service days on or after Jan. 29, 2008. **Qualifying Service** Involuntary mobilization - call or order to active duty under Title 10, U.S.C., Sections 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, 12406, or any other provision of law during a war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress. Qualifying active duty may be combined between consecutive fiscal years beginning with the FY15/FY16 crossover. Voluntary active duty - call or order to active duty under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(d). Includes MPA or RPA provided such active duty is performed under 12301(d). Medical treatment/medical evaluation for disability purposes or medical study, Title 10, U.S.C., Section 12301(h)(1).

- **Nonqualifying Service Active Guard Reserve (AGR) (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12310)**

- Annual Tour (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12301(b))
- National Guard Service (Title 32)
- Captive status (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12301(g))
- Call to active duty (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 688)
- As an Airmen not assigned to or participating satisfactorily in units (Title 10, U.S.C., 12303)
- Under active duty agreement (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12311)
- Disciplinary/courts martial (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12315)
- Muster duty (Title 10, U.S.C., Sect. 12319) **Verifying Documentation** Orders citing the applicable section of law are required documents. Airmen should maintain copies of their active duty orders and provide them for the Reduced Retired Pay Age Application. Orders publishing authorities must ensure proper statutory authorities are included on orders. **Impact on Benefits** Airmen will receive all retired pay benefits (e.g., commissary, base exchange, etc.) except: **Medical benefits are deferred until age 60.** Blue ID card (ID card will show Airmen are not entitled to medical until age 60. At age 60, will need to visit a military facility to obtain another blue ID card bestowing the medical benefit). Premiums for the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan will be deducted from retired pay upon the age the member starts drawing pay. : Source USAF ARPC 2020

CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2021

## Air National Guardsman and Reservist Surviving Spouse Benefits

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A Surviving Spouse of an ANG/Reservist Retired Reserve drawing retired pay (Blue ID card holder)	A Surviving Spouse of an ANG/Reservist Who died on AT, ADS, MPA mandays including active duty regardless of purpose including travel to and from or serving on AD or ANG/AGR	A Surviving Spouse of an ANG/Reservist Who died while on UTA or IDT to include travel to and from
Air Force Aid Society	Air Force Aid Society	Air Force Aid Society
Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Foundation	Air Force Service Programs	Air Force Service Programs
Air Force Service Programs	Arrears of Payment	Arrears of Payment
Air Force Village – Officers	Burial Benefits	Burial Benefits
Arrears of Payment	Casualty Assistance	Casualty Assistance
Burial Benefits	Claims for loss/destruction of personal property	Claims for loss/destruction of personal property
Casualty Assistance	Commissary	Commissary
Civil Service Preference	Death Gratuity Payment	Death Gratuity Payment
Commissary	Dependent Travel	Dependent Travel
Dependency & Indemnity Compensation	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
Exchange Service & Theater	Dependent Travel	Exchange Service & Theater
Family Service Program	Exchange Service & Theater	Family Service Program
Family Support Center	Family Service Program	Family Support Center
ID & Privilege Card	Family Support Center	ID & Privilege Card
Legal Assistance	ID & Privilege Card	Legal Assistance
Medical (AFI 41-115) TRICARE (See health benefits advisor)	Legal Assistance	Medical (AFI 41-115) TRICARE (See health benefits advisor)
Mortuary Services	Medical (AFI 41-115) TRICARE (See health benefits advisor)	Mortuary Services
National Cemetery	Mortuary Services	National Cemetery
Nonservice Connected	National Cemetery	Officer, NCO & Airmen Open Mess
Death Pension	Officer, NCO & Airmen Open Mess	Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan
Officer, NCO & Airmen Open Mess	Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan	Service Members Group Life Insurance
Open Mess	Service Members Group Life Insurance	Shipment/Storage of Household Goods
Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan	Shipment/Storage of Household Goods	Survivor's & Dependents' Education and Home Loans
Social Security	Survivor's & Dependents' Education and Home Loans	Survivors Benefit Plan
State Benefits	Survivors Benefit Plan	
Survivor's & Dependents' Education and Home Loans		
Survivors Benefit Plan		
U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, Washington, D.C.		

*Note: Items marked with a green checkmark (✓) are available. Items marked with a red 'X' and 'Not Available' are not available.*

[www.arpc.af.mil](https://www.arpc.af.mil)
<https://mypers.af.mil>
[Air Reserve Personnel Center \(ARPC\)](https://www.facebook.com/AirReservePersonnelCenter)
[Air Reserve Personnel Center \(ARPC\)](https://www.youtube.com/AirReservePersonnelCenter)



# Air National Guardsman and Reservist Surviving Spouse Benefits

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A Surviving Spouse of an ANG/Reservist  
 With **more than >20** yrs of satisfactory service  
Who died while not on IDT, AT, ADS or MPA  
mandays status  
 Includes Retired Reservist  
 with Letter of Eligibility, pay at 60

Air Force Service Programs	✓
Arrears of Payment	✓
Burial Benefits	
Casualty Assistance	
CHAMPVA (medical)	
Commissary	
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	
Exchange Service & Theater	
Family Support Center	
ID & Privilege Card	
Legal Assistance	
Medical (AFI 41-115) TRICARE (See health benefits advisor)	
National Cemetery	
Nonservice Connected Death Pension	
Officer, NCO & Airmen Open Mess	
Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan	
Service Members Group Life Insurance	
Survivor's & Dependents' Education and Home Loans	

A Surviving Spouse of an ANG/Reservist  
 With **less than <20** yrs of satisfactory service  
Who died while not on IDT, AT, ADS or MPA  
mandays status

Arrears of Payment	✓
Casualty Assistance	✓
CHAMPVA (medical)	
Civil Service Preference	
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	Not Available X
Family Support Center	Air Force Aid Society X
Nonservice Connected Death Pension	Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Foundation
Service Members Group Life Insurance	Air Force Service Programs
Social Security	Air Force Village – Officers
State Benefits	Burial Benefits
Survivor's & Dependents' Education and Home Loans	Claims for loss/destruction of personal property
	Commissary
	Death Gratuity Payment
	Dependent Travel
	Exchange Service & Theater
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	Survivors Benefit Plan
	U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, Washington, D.C.



## Source Air Force Reserve Personnel Center Jan 2021

Q: At what age can my spouse get an indefinite ID card? A: Good news! The Department of Defense has lowered the age for spouses and other eligible dependents to receive indefinite ID cards from 75 to 65. When making this change, DOD officials took into consideration the continuing growth in the retiree population, and considered the burden the current age requirement places on both dependents and ID card office resources. As always, the DOD relies on the self-reporting of any change in a retirees' marital status after the age of 65 to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. The indefinite ID card for eligible dependents turning age 65 will be available this summer.

Q: My retiree ID card has an "INDEF" expiration date on the front, but an actual expiration date on the back. Why? A: Blue retiree identification cards (DD Form 2) issued before December 2012 have an "INDEF" expiration date on the front, but an expiration date of the month before their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on the back. This relates to medical benefits. Although benefits will not automatically expire, some changes will take effect based on Medicare eligibility. You will still be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, but the expiration date is a reminder that you must enroll in Medicare Part A and B to retain TRICARE for Life eligibility. You do not need to get a new ID card just because of the expiration date change. Retiree cards issued since December 2012 have an expiration date effective the day before the retiree's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Q: I do not want federal income tax withheld from my retirement pay. What did I do to make that happen? A: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the agency that can assist you with retired pay matters. Retirees who wish to claim exemption from federal income tax must submit a new W-4 form every year. DFAS officials advise taking the following steps when completing the form: Fill in your name, address, and Social Security number; write "Exempt" in the space below Step 4c (titled "Other Adjustments"); and then sign and date the form. Send the completed W-4 form to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, U.S. Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

Source:

[www.retirees.af.mil](http://www.retirees.af.mil) Fall/Winter 2020-2021 Afterburner Pg 9

**Notice: 11 July 2020 Military Retirees  
Appreciation Day Has Been cancelled  
because of the Covid -19 and Penna State  
health precautions for personnel at events.**

**Next programed 111<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing Military  
Retirees Appreciation Day is tentively  
scheduled for Saturday 10 July 2021 .**

**Please Save The Date .**

**Keep posted on 111<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing Website  
<http://www.111attackwing.ang.af.mil> and  
click on Retirees Activities Office for more  
info.**

**Please Stay Safe and Stay Healthy. From the  
111<sup>th</sup> RAO Director and Volunteers**

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