



111TH ATTACK WING RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

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OUR MISSION

The 111th Attack Wing Retiree Activities Office (RAO) 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.

This Newsletter is a publication of the 111th ATKW/RAO, that serves as the interface between the base commander in providing information and assistance to military retirees, their families, and surviving spouses residing in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Information, provided in this publication, has been edited and does not reflect the official policy of any U.S. Government agency.

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Our hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m.–3:00p.m. and also Saturday and Sunday of the 111th Drill/UTA 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Telephone 215-323-7135, please leave a message if no answer.

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AIR FORCE RETIREE SERVICES

- Our parent agency is the Air Force Retiree Services, located at AFPC/DPFFF, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph TX.
- They are a wealth of information, and resources and can be found at <https://www.retirees.af.mil/>
- From their webpage you can gain access to retiree specific news, the Afterburner, find answer to many Frequently Asked Question (FAQs), an extensive resource library, survivor Benefits, and much, much more.

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LIST OF MILITARY SERVICE RETIREE AGENCIES AND PUBLICATIONS

- **US Army Retiree Service (Echoes):**
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>
- **Navy Retirees (Shift Colors):** <http://www.shiftcolors.navy.mil>
- **Air Force (Afterburner):**
<https://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>
- **Marine Corps Retiree Service (Semper Fidelis):**
https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/webcenter/portal/MMSR_RS
- **Coast Guard Retiree Service (Evening Colors):**
<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Retiree-Services-Program/>



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111 ATKW
BIDDLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

Notary Services, General, and Special Powers of Attorney
(appointment recommended):
Saturday and Sunday RSD

Wills, Healthcare Powers of Attorney (by appointment):
Saturday and Sunday RSD

Legal Assistance (by appointment):
Saturday and Sunday RSD

If you need emergency assistance outside of RSD, have questions, or need a referral to the Area Defense Counsel, please contact us:

Phone: 215-323-7161

Email: 111.ATKW.Legal.Office.Org@us.af.mil

For Will and Powers of Attorney worksheets, as well as reference materials, please see:
<https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/>

Lt Col Hergenroeder



Maj Cole



Capt Luciano



Amn Constantine





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BIDDLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

- Drafting powers of attorney
- Drafting wills and providing estate planning advice
- Providing advice on contracts and leases
- Providing notarizations
- Advising on family law and domestic relations (divorce, separation, family support, adoption, custody, paternity and name changes); however, legal assistance attorneys are not authorized to prepare or review separation agreements, divorce decrees, or related documents
- Providing advice on landlord-tenant issues
- Providing resources on immigration and naturalization issues
- Providing advice on special education issues to Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) families
- Drafting advance medical directives
- Consumer law to include bankruptcy, consumer fraud, identify theft, illegal lending practices and vehicle leases.
- Providing advice on Servicemembers Civil Relief Act issues
- Providing advice on employment issues including violations of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

Note: Currently serving 111 ATKW members and their dependents have legal assistance scheduling priority due to ANG members in a Title 32 or SAD status being ineligible for legal assistance at active duty installations. Military retirees are eligible for legal assistance at any installation with a servicing legal office, to include active duty installations.



The Department of Defense is proud to expand commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation program retail eligibility to:

- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war
- All veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans enrolled under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

The DoD, VA and the Department of Homeland Security are collaborating to implement the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 for those who will be eligible for this benefit on Jan. 1, 2020.

Facilities like these will be open to the newly eligible patrons starting Jan. 1, 2020:

- Commissaries*
- Military service exchanges
- Golf courses
- Bowling centers
- Recreational lodging
- RV campgrounds
- Movie theaters
- And more!

**DoD is required to charge a small fee to new users who are eligible solely under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, to cover any increase in costs to the U.S. Treasury for processing commercial credit and debit cards.*

Want to know more? Check out the FAQs on the following pages.



<https://news.va.gov/67974/commissary-military-service-exchange-mwr-access-extended-veterans-beginning-january/>

www.111attackwing.ang.af.mil/

www.facebook.com/111thATKW



MILITARY
ONESOURCE

Military OneSource is an official Defense Department website that provides you a 24/7 gateway to trusted information, resources and confidential help. When MilLife happens, it's your "first line of support" — giving service members and military families tools to stay well and thrive.

TRENDING CONTENT

- [Travel Deals & Discounts](#)
- [DOD ID Cards: CAC, DEERS](#)
- [Joining the Military Reserves](#)

POPULAR RESOURCES

- [Retirement Calculators](#)
- [Veterans & Military Families](#)

Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) Benefits

- [Overview](#)
- [MilLife Guides](#)
- [Benefits](#)
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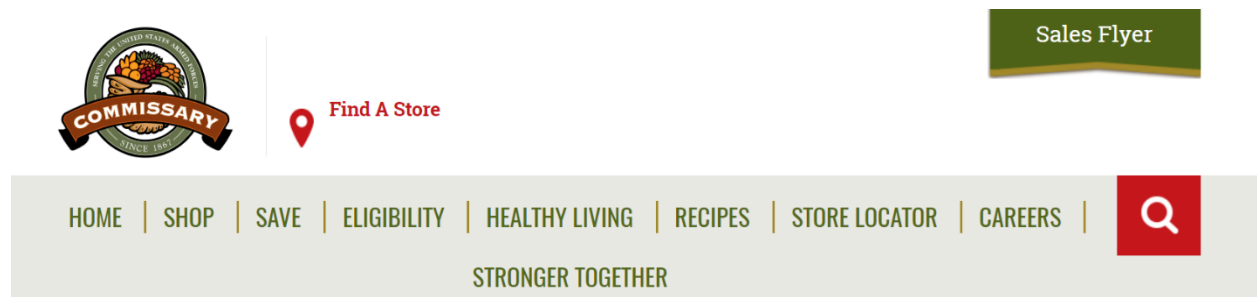
America the Beautiful Passes

America the Beautiful passes offer eligible service members and families lodging discounts and access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas across the United States. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/america-the-beautiful-passes/>

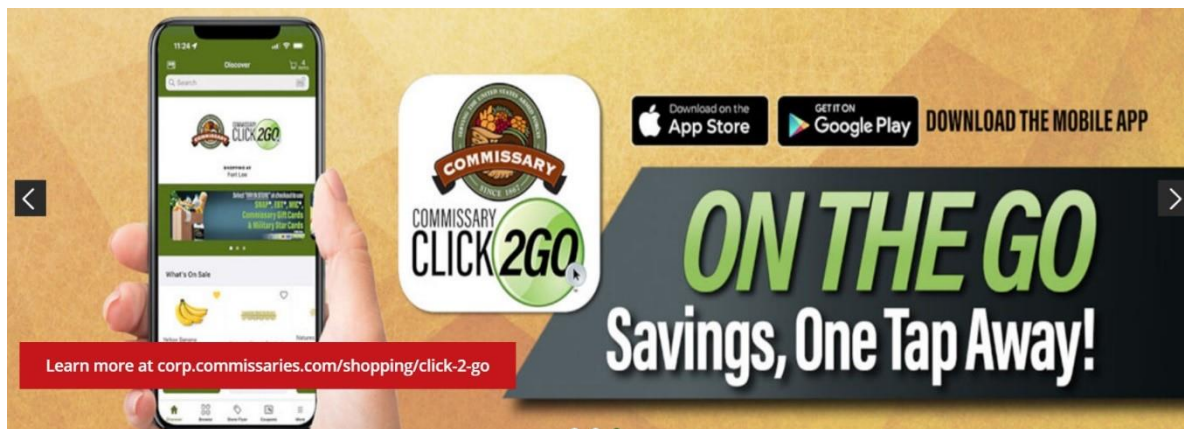
Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts

Armed Forces Recreation Center hotels and resorts around the world offer a variety of vacation and recreation opportunities for eligible service members and sponsored guests. <https://www.armymwr.com/travel/armed-forces-hotels-resorts>

COMMISSARY BENEFITS



The Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) <https://shop.commissaries.com/> operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries in a safe and secure shopping environment to the most deserving customers - our military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized patrons can purchase items tax free plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.



Commissary CLICK2GO is one tap away for savings and convenient online shopping. Download the mobile app and start shopping for the items you love!

Schedule free curbside pickup from your desktop or mobile devices while shopping online. Visit the [How Commissary CLICK2GO Works](#) page for additional information.

<https://corp.commissaries.com/how-CLICK2GO-works>



More saving, more doing, and now more convenience! On Post or Base Military Exchanges too far from you? Hate spending the whole day driving to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst? Your Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Navy Exchange offer on-line options similar to Amazon.

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/>

<https://www.mynavyexchange.com/>



Your Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Navy Exchange and have teamed up with The Home Depot to provide military families with an expanded selection of major appliances and exclusive shopping benefits. Your Exchanges are committed to bringing you quality, affordable appliances to fit your everyday needs. This partnership is available in the continental U.S. and Pearl Harbor.

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/the-home-depot/3539981>

BENEFITS

NEX patrons will be able to shop an expanded selection of major appliances and enjoy these benefits:

- FREE DELIVERY**
On Appliance Purchases of \$396 or More
- WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK**
Home Depot Protection Plans
- MORE OPTIONS**
On Top Major Appliance Brands
- FINANCING**
Available with MILITARY STAR®
- MILITARY EXCLUSIVE PRICING**
And No Sales Tax, Ever!



What To Know Before Getting Care With Your TRICARE Plan

Did you or a family member recently enroll in a TRICARE health plan or change plans? Now is a good time to review how to get care with your plan.

[Read the article to learn more](#)

Don't forget to keep your family's information up to date in [DEERS](#).

[Plans & Eligibility](#) [Getting Care](#) [What's Covered](#) [Costs](#) [Life Events](#) [Forms & Claims](#)



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VFW Red Hill Post 5954 - Canteen and Events

January 8 at 12:44 PM · Red Hill.

Breakfast Club with some 913th Airlift Wing Friends - Good Times

- Second Monday Every Month, 0800-1100, event open to the public.
- Come out and see some friendly faces.



0 Jerry Smeltzer, Phil Clark and 20 others

17 comments

EVENTS, HAPPENINGS, AND REUNIONS

- Annual 111th Wing Reunion Luncheon
 - Date: April 2, 2024 Time: 1:00pm
 - Location: La Casa di Lucias, 14425 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19116
 - More details to follow.
 - Contact: Jenny Pappas, Cell (215) 740-5468, email: FriendsofFRG@gmail.com
- Informal 913th AW Monthly Breakfast at VFW Red Hill Post 5954
 - Second Monday Every Month, 0800-1100, event open to the public Do not need to be a VFW member.
 - Contact: Judy Bieberfeld (<https://www.facebook.com/judy.bieberfeld>)
 - More information can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/219908564701542/user/100076385822850>
- 512th / 913th Willow Grove Air Reserve Association Reunion
 - Next gathering of Eagles! September 2024 – Exact date To Be Determined
 - Location: Fountain Side Seafood & Grill 537 Easton Rd, Horsham, PA 19044
 - Reservation Deadline : TBD
 - Contacts: Bob Simpson 215 659-1181, John Windfelder 215 657-0720, Neil & JoAnn Franklin 215 699-8205 Email Information: c130.wgarf@verizon.net
- Annual Friend of the 111th Family Readiness Group Golf Outing
 - Date: September 2024 Time & Day: To Be Determined
 - Registration Deadline: TBD
 - Contact: Jenny Pappas, Cell (215) 740-5468, email: FriendsofFRG@gmail.com

- **UNOFFICIAL 111TH AND 913TH VETERANS AND RETIREE GROUPS**
 - 111TH Fighter Wing Friends www.facebook.com/groups/439096756426502/
 - 111TH Fighter Wing (UNOFFICIAL) www.facebook.com/groups/112383465447507/
 - Willow Grove WARDAWGS !! www.facebook.com/groups/68968424941
 - 913 Airlift Wing Alumni www.facebook.com/groups/73569486328
 - 913TH Airlift Wing Friends www.facebook.com/groups/219908564701542
 - 913TH Security Forces www.facebook.com/groups/88915076111
 - 913TH Annual Reunion www.facebook.com/events/191159157245208
 - 31ST Aerial Port Squadron www.facebook.com/groups/198150514240/

**THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THESE VETERANS AND RETIREE GROUPS
DOES NOT REFLECT OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THEIR
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KEY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

- **MyAirForceBenefits** is the Official Air Force Benefits Website, and can be a great initial starting place to find information about your benefits.
<https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil>
- **Casualty Assistance** - Call toll free 877-353-6807.
<https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil/Casualty-and-Survivor-Assistance>
 - The local Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst AF SBP/Casualty Assistance telephone number 609-754-3814. Point of Contact Ms. Donna Gauze.
- **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Telephone Center** - Call DEERS at 800-538-9552, Monday through Friday, excluding U.S. federal holidays, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific time.
- **Identification Cards** - Call 800-525-0102 for location of the nearest issuing facility, or visit the site locator. <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>
- **milCONNECT** - With milConnect, Department of Defense (DoD) affiliates and beneficiaries manage their benefits and records through the self-service portal.
<https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
 - You can manage and view your health benefits
 - Update you and your family's DEERs records
 - Find and schedule an appointment for your Identification cards.
- **Defense Finance and Accounting Service** - The agency that pays military retirees and annuitants can be reached at 800-321-1080. Visit the retired military and annuitants webpage for more information about pay matters such as tax forms, pay verification, Direct Deposit, myPay and more. <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/>
- **Legal Offices** - Assists members with preparing wills and powers of attorney, and answers certain legal questions. Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.
- **TRICARE** <https://tricare.mil/>
- **Veterans Affairs** - For benefit inquiries call 800-827-1000; life insurance 800-669-8477; status of headstones and markers, 800-697-6947. You can visit their website at www.va.gov/.



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