



111th 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 nine active 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). **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 and Sunday 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.

Military Retiree or Retiree Spouse deaths 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

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 odging <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.

BIDDLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

"ID CARDS"

PHONE: (215) 323-7419

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



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****MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE****

111TH ATTACK WING

Location: Bldg 203, Room 149

(215) 323-7419

ID'S are available: Wednesday-Friday

Times: 8:00-11AM and 1:00-3:00PM

(Must Schedule an Appointment)

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Retirement Orders, DD Form 214 or Old Military ID Card
- 2) Marriage Certificate (For Spouse)
- 3) Birth Certificate (For Children)
- 4) Adoption Certificate (If Applicable)

****ONLINE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULER****

Did you know you can schedule an appointment online?

All you need to do is go to the website below and reserve your appointment

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



What You Can Do Online @ www.socialsecurity.gov

Apply for benefits

Apply for Social Security retirement/spouse's benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits
Apply for Social Security disability benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability
Apply for extra help with your Medicare prescription drug costs	www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020
Check the status of your online application	www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits

See if you qualify for benefits

Find out what benefits you can apply for	www.socialsecurity.gov/best
Find out if you can get extra help with your Medicare prescription drug costs	www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020

Estimate your future benefits

Get a personalized retirement benefit estimate	www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator
Use our benefit planners to calculate your retirement, disability and survivors benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/planners
Request a <i>Social Security Statement</i>	www.socialsecurity.gov/statement

If you get benefits

Change your address or telephone number	www.socialsecurity.gov/coa
Get a replacement Medicare card	www.socialsecurity.gov/medicarecard
Request a Proof of Income letter	www.socialsecurity.gov/beve
Get a Form 1099/1042S — <i>Social Security Benefit Statement</i>	www.socialsecurity.gov/1099
Get a password	www.socialsecurity.gov/password

If you have a password

Check your information and benefits	www.socialsecurity.gov/pcyb
Change your address or telephone number	www.socialsecurity.gov/coa
Start or change direct deposit	www.socialsecurity.gov/pdd

www.socialsecurity.gov

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HEALTH CARE OPTIONS



Retired

After retirement, your options change as you age.

Up to
age 60

TRICARE RETIRED RESERVE®

Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premium-based health plan for qualified Retired Reserve members and/or their family members until the sponsor turns age 60
Enrolling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment required Offers member-only and member-and-family coverage Initial two-month premium payment due with enrollment request
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly premiums, a yearly deductible, and applicable copayments or cost-shares Catastrophic cap protection (limits your out-of-pocket expenses for covered services each year)
Getting care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No referrals required Some services require prior authorization Get care from any TRICARE-authorized provider (network or non-network) Get care at a military hospital or clinic if space is available

Ages 60-64

If you are entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A and have Medicare Part B, you may use TFL as early as age 60.

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RETIRE RESERVISTS UPON REACHING AGE 60

Upon reaching age 60, qualified Retired Reserve members and their family members must enroll in TRICARE Prime (where available locally) or TRICARE Select. If not enrolled, they may only be eligible for care at a military hospital or clinic if space is available. Don't delay upon reaching age 60; enroll online or call your TRICARE regional contractor within 90 days of turning age 60. Copayments or cost-shares apply when getting care with a civilian provider. In addition, those who are entitled to Medicare Part A must have Medicare Part B to be eligible for TRICARE For Life or TRICARE Prime. For more information, go to www.tricare.mil/enroll.

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TRICARE FOR LIFE

TFL is Medicare-wraparound coverage for TRICARE beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Part A and who have Medicare Part B. TFL beneficiaries are also eligible for TRICARE Pharmacy benefits. See www.tricare.mil/tfl for details.

Age 65
and up

Enrolling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TFL coverage is automatic and effective the first date that Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B are effective Must be entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A and have Medicare Part B
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No enrollment fees or monthly TFL premiums Required Medicare Part B premiums are payable to Medicare
Getting care	<p>Get care from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare participating providers Medicare non-participating providers Military hospitals and clinics if space is available

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This TRICARE For Life EOB is your record of how we processed your claim. You may use it to show your provider how much of the deductible you've met as of the date of the EOB.

Eligibility: You must show eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). If you're not sure if you're eligible, call DEERS at 1-800-538-9552.

Individual/Family Deductible: A deductible is the initial amount a beneficiary must pay out-of-pocket for services before TRICARE begins to pay. The annual deductible is applied on a calendar year basis and will only apply when TRICARE For Life pays first. There are individual and family deductibles. An individual deductible is half of the family deductible. Individual deductibles do not apply once you meet the family deductible.

Beneficiary Notice: Please review the services/supplies shown on the front of this EOB. If TRICARE has paid for any services you did not receive or if you were charged by a healthcare professional you did not see please call the TRICARE For Life Customer Service Department at 1-866-773-0404 to report Fraud and Abuse. If Medicare paid on the claim please also report the Fraud and Abuse to Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE.

To file a grievance: If you aren't satisfied with the timeliness or quality of service, you may file a grievance. Send your grievance to:

WPS/TRICARE For Life
Attn: Grievances
PO Box 8974
Madison, WI 53708-8974

Timely Filing: You or your provider must file claims no later than one year from the date of service, or the date of discharge from an inpatient stay. If your claim is denied because it was not filed on time, you may request a timely filing waiver. Some limited exceptions apply. Send your timely filing waiver request to:

WPS/TRICARE For Life
PO Box 7889
Madison, WI 53707-7889

Right to appeal: If you disagree with the determination on your claim, you have the right to request a reconsideration. Your signed written request must state the specific matter with which you disagree and **MUST** be sent to the following address No Later Than (NLT) 90 days from the date of this notice. If the postmark on the envelope is not legible, then the date of the receipt is deemed the date of filing. Include a copy of this notice. On receiving your request, all TRICARE claims for the entire course of treatment will be reviewed. Send requests to:

WPS/TRICARE For Life
Attn: Appeals
PO Box 7490
Madison, WI 53707-7490

To access your TRICARE For Life claims, visit **TRICARE4U.COM**. Once registered, you can check claim status, view your EOB, update Other Health Insurance (OHI) information, and verify eligibility and out of pocket expenses or send a secure message.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

WPS/TRICARE For Life
Attn: Claims
PO Box 7890
Madison, WI 53707-7890

WPS/TRICARE For Life
Attn: Correspondence
PO Box 7889
Madison, WI 53707-7889

WPS/TRICARE For Life
Attn: Third Party Liability
PO Box 7897
Madison, WI 53707-7897

Please visit beneficiary self-service online at **TRICARE4U.COM** to take advantage of our chat and secure messaging features, or contact Customer Service at 1-866-773-0404. **Available Mon through Fri 7 AM - 10 PM CST.** You can also send us a fax at 1-608-301-2114.

Our automated phone system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.