



111th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office Horsham AGS, 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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Building 203, Room 168 Horsham, Pa. 19044-5203 Telephone 215-323-7135

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 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.vol@mail.mil or vincent.acquaviva.vol@mail.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

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

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111th Attack Wing
111th Attack Wing Horsham Air
Guard Station
1051 Fairchild Street, HQ Bldg
203, Horsham, PA 19044

**Saturday July 11,
2020
0900-1400hrs
Military Retiree
Information**

Seminar: Briefings from
representatives of: DFAS/My-
Pay, Tricare, Dept. of PA. for
VA Benefits, Casualty
Assistance, ID Cards; Retirees
Activities Office; Family
Programs and Veterans
Organizations

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**Retiree Activities
Office @ Horsham
Air Guard Station**

**6th Annual Military
Retirees
Appreciation Day**

Contact:

Jenny Pappas or Vincent
Acquaviva
@ 215-323-7135

jenny.pappas.vol@mail.mil

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vincent.acquaviva.vol@mail.mil

**R.S.V.P. By Saturday June
1, 2020**

Complimentary Lite Buffet

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HORSHAM AIR GUARD STATION

“ID CARDS”

PHONE: 215-323-7419

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



**Force Support Squadron
Superintendent SMSgt
Lauren Paul**

Lauren.m.paul.mil@mail.mil

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

111TH ATTACK WING

Location: Bldg 203, Room 149

215-323-7419

**ID's are available: Wednesday –
Friday**

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

(must schedule an appointment)

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT:**

- 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)
- 5)

****ON LINE 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/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=447>

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Air Force Retiree Council
The following people currently serve on the Air Force Retiree Council:
Lt. Gen. Stephen L. Hoog, Co-Chairman
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 17 James A. Cody, Co-Chairman
Chief

Master Sgt. Carl W. Olsen, Area I representative - Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington

Lt. Col. Michael J. Reagan, Area II representative – California

Chief Master Sgt. James R. McCarty Jr., Area III representative -Arizona and New Mexico

Lt. Col. John S. Lannefeld, Area IV representative - Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming

Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Greene, Area V representative -North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin

Chief Master Sgt. Jon R. Lindgren, Area VI representative –Texas

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Chief Master Sgt. Stephan R. Francis, Area VII representative -Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma

Master Sgt. Cindy Cox, Area VIII representative -Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio,West Virginia

Master Sgt. Bennie J. Wells, Area IX representative - Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee

Col. Terry W. Jensen, Area X representative -Florida (Includes Puerto Rico and Panama)

Chief Master Sgt. James D. Ingram, Area XI representative -Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia

Maj. Lisa Forester, Area XII representative -Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland Vacant

Chief Master Sgt. Jenny W. Pappas, Area XIII representative -Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont

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Area XIV representative -Pacific Region (includes Alaska and Hawaii)

Col. Heather L. Osterhaus,

Area XV representative -Atlantic Region (includes Europe and The Azores)Col. Frank G. Rohrbough,

**member at largeChief Master Sgt. John “Doc” McCauslin,
member at largeSusie Schwartz, member at largeSandra
Taylor, member at large**

This information is extracted from the source : USAF
Retirees Services Website . Afterburner Newsletter Fall
2019/Winter 2020

The Defense Department has announced expanded Commissary, Military Service Exchange and MWR [access Jan. 1](#) and established a standard for physical access to military installations.

Veterans who are eligible and want to take advantage of in-person benefits must have a Veterans Health Identification Card, or VHIC. Primary Family Caregivers must have an eligibility letter from VA’s Office of Community Care.

Veterans use VHICs for identification and check-in at VA appointments, but will also use them for base access under the new program.

Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card must use this credential for in-person installation and privilege access. The card must display the Veteran’s eligibility status (i.e., PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW or SERVICE CONNECTED).

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Veterans eligible solely under this act who are not enrolled in or are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, or who are enrolled in VA health care, but do not possess a Veteran Health Identification Card will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for in-person commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces Travel.

Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are eligible for DoD credentials under DoD policy.

How to get a VHIC

Veterans must be enrolled in the VA health care system to receive a VHIC. To enroll, you can complete an application for enrollment in VA health care by telephone without the need for a signed paper application. Just call 1-877-222-8387 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Eastern. You can also apply for VA healthcare benefits online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll, or in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, you can have your picture taken at your local VA medical center, and VA will mail you a VHIC.

ID needed to get VHIC

To ensure a Veteran's identity, enrollees must provide one form of primary identification when requesting a VHIC. Acceptable forms of primary identification are:

Primary Identification (Unexpired)

State-Issued Driver's License

United States Passport or Passport Card

Other Government ID

This ID can be issued by federal, state or local government agencies provided it contains a photograph, name, date of birth and address. If the address is not on the proofing document, Veterans can provide separate documentation to confirm their address. Acceptable address documents include:

- Electric bill
- Cable bill
- Other mailing document
- Voters Registration card

How long does it take?

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Once you have your picture taken, you should receive your VHIC within 10 days. If you have questions about the status of your VHIC, you may call your local VA medical facility where you receive your care or contact us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

The VHIC provides:

Increased security for your personal information – no personally identifiable information contained on the magnetic stripe or barcode.

Unique Member Identifier — Department of Defense assigns an electronic data interchange personal identifier (EDIPI) that allows VA to retrieve the Veteran's health record.

A salute to your military service – The emblem of your latest branch of service is displayed on your card. Several special awards will also be listed.

Accessibility – Braille “VA” helps visually impaired Veterans to recognize and use the card

Anti-Counterfeiting – Microtext helps prevent reproductions

Lost or stolen?

If your VHIC is lost or stolen, contact the VA medical facility where your picture was taken to request a new card be re-issued, or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387). Veterans will need to provide identification information, when reporting lost or stolen cards.

Caregivers

Eligible caregivers will receive an eligibility letter from VA's Office of Community Care.

If you are a primary family caregiver under the PCAFC and lose your eligibility letter, please call 1-877-733-7927 to request a replacement. Please allow two weeks for processing.

For installation access, entry to some commissary stores and at point of sale at commissaries, exchanges, and MWR retail facilities, eligible caregivers will need to show an acceptable credential along with their eligibility letter. Acceptable credentials may include:

- DoD common access card (CAC) (when otherwise eligible)
- DoD uniformed services identification card (when otherwise eligible)
- REAL ID-compliant driver's license issued by a State, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia
- REAL ID-compliant non-driver's identification card issued by a State, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia
- Enhanced driver's license issued by a State, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia
- U.S. passport or passport card

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- Foreign passport bearing an unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa or entry stamp
- Federal personal identity verification card (when otherwise eligible)
- VHIC
- Transportation Worker Identification Card

First visit

Upon the first visit to an installation, these eligible Veterans and caregivers must stop at the visitor control center. Depending on the type of installation, Veterans may enroll for recurring access, which would allow them to proceed to the gate for entry upon subsequent visits without having to stop again at the visitor control center.

As with all other individuals seeking access to DoD installations, all eligible Veterans must pass a basic on-the-spot background check prior to enrolling, and an automated check each time they enter the installation. Veterans with felony convictions, felony arrest warrants, or other types of derogatory information related to criminal history or terrorism will not be permitted entry.

Find out more about military resale privileges.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/vets>)

Coast Guard Exchange (<https://shopCGX.com>)

Defense Commissary Agency (<https://www.commissaries.com/>)

Navy Exchange (<https://www.mynavyexchange.com/>)

Marine Corps Exchange (<http://www.mymcx.com/>)

MILITARY STAR Card (<https://www.myecp.com/>)

American Forces Travel (<https://www.americanforcetravel.com>)

Information extracted from source : www.va.gov