



111 th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office Horsham AGS,PA



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A publication of the 111th Attack Wing Retirees Activities Office (RAO) who's 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 seven 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 (3 hours per shift).

The 111th Retirees Activities Office (RAO) is open Tuesday thru Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and also Saturday mornings of 111th ATKW's Drill 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 215-323-7135. Please leave a message if no answer.

If you need to contact Casualty Assistance Rep at Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst their number is 609-754-3814/3154 -- Cell 609-668-5385.

If you need to replace or get a new ID card, you can visit the Wing's web site at <http://www.111thAttackwing.ang.af.mil> and select the DEERS tab on the right side to schedule an appointment or call 111th Customer Service at 215-323-7419. To contact for Airman and Family Readiness Office, call 215-323-7132

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

111th Retirees Appreciation Day// Planned Date : Saturday April 7, 2018

Planned Times 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

Representatives from VA, Casualty Assistance, Family Programs, Space A, ID Cards Section, Retiree Activities Office and Veterans Associations will be giving briefings during program.

EVENT LOCATIONS:

111th Attack Wing Headquarters Building 203 Auditorium

Horsham Air Guard Station, Horsham Penna. 19044-5203 (former Willow Grove Air Station)

SPECIAL DETAILS AND AGENDA: Briefings on Military and Veteran benefits and entitlements and their spouses. Also info about what is avail for Military retirees at the Facility. Lite lunch will be provided by the Friends of 111th Family Programs Office.

Contact Number for more information 111th Attack Wing RAO Office 215-323-7135 or DSN 358-7135 E-MAIL CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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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/MyPay <http://www.dfas.mil> TriCare <http://www.tricare.mil>

Tricare Dental <http://trdp.org>
Military Records <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>
Causality 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. The policy encourages each service to provide elements as firing team and pallbearers. They can be provided by Veteran Service Organizations.

Source: <http://www.military.com/benefits/2016/07/11/official-urges-families-to-learn-about-burial-eligibility.html>

DFAS Arrears of Pay Info: in case of Mil Retiree or Spouse Death.

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/aop/aop-order.html>

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/retiree-death.html>

Source: DFAS <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

Military Records on-line Available DD-214's and records

<http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov>

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

New DFAS /MY-Pay address- as of Summer 2017

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
US Military Retired Pay
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200
Tel 1-800-321-1080

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