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"Your link to retiree benefits information and assistance."

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Fellow Retirees,

I would like to introduce our two newest volunteers, Ricco Suarez and Woody Simpson.

- Ricco is an AF Retiree who served in Avionics, Recruiting and as a First Sergeant. In addition, he recently retired from the City Transit Department.
- Woody retired from the AF Reserves with experience as a First Sergeant. He later retired with 31 years in DOE/NNSA.

We are absolutely delighted that they both joined the RAO Team - and you will be to!

Next, I want to commend Mark Werner, our 2024 Volunteer of the Year, for his service. We are blessed with a great team of volunteers to assist our military retiree/spouse community.

I wish to clarify information from the last edition of our newsletter where taxes and tax refunds were referenced. The information wasn't generally applicable to the retiree group and was confusing. Our Volunteer Income Tax Advisor provided the following information:

- First, the statement that state income tax refunds are taxable on the following year's federal return is true only for someone who itemizes deductions, instead of taking the standard deduction. The overwhelming majority of retirees take advantage of the standard deduction, so any state tax refund is not taxable to them. They may receive a Form 1099-G from the state, documenting the amount of the refund, but taxability is determined solely by the deduction method (standard or itemized) claimed by the retiree.
- Second is the discussion of the veterans' exemption bills. The newsletter stated, "This will be relevant for the taxes you file next year". These bills relate to PROPERTY, not income, taxes. So, they will be relevant to the property taxes PAID next year (2026), but not to next year's income tax filing.

Although we don't have a solid expiration date, you might want to get your new id card sooner rather than later.

We are in the process of planning a new seminar so stay tuned.

Sally

Quarterly RAO Newsletter

The Retiree Activities Office publishes this Newsletter quarterly in February, May, August and November. It can be found at the Base Post Office, BX and Commissary, golf course, bowling alley, CORE and the east side fitness center. If you would like an electronic copy, please e-mail us at 377ABW.CVR.RetireeActivities@us.af.mil or call our office at (505) 846-1536.

<u>Review of Retiree Appreciation Week 2025</u> Our annual Retiree Appreciation Week was filled with seminars and activities. KAFB Public Affairs kindly made videos of several of the informative sessions. There are approximately 4 hours available on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRwyToBB-E4 Please feel free to let us know what you think!	2025 KAFB Retiree Week
<u>Mark Werner is the Kirtland RAO Volunteer of the Year</u> The Kirtland Retiree Activities Office recognized retired U.S. Air Force MSgt Mark Werner as the 2024 RAO Volunteer of the Year. Throughout the year, he volunteered more than 380 hours with the RAO. For example, Mark supported more than a dozen events during the 2024 Retiree Appreciation Week, helping ensure retirees were properly welcomed and informed. His “can-do attitude and dedication to serving the retiree community” earned him a certificate of appreciation, presented by Col. Michael Power, 377th Air Base Wing and installation commander. “I provide service to each person who walks in the door, as best as I can,” Mark said. Through his steady support of the RAO, Mark ensures retirees receive the guidance and assistance needed to stay connected to the resources they’ve earned. He tracked changes to defense health services, including updates impacting the Kirtland pharmacy, and aided retirees navigating those systems, particularly those with limited technical skills. His continued service reflects the Air Force core value of “service before self” and has made a meaningful difference in the lives of Kirtland’s retiree population.	Spotlight On a RAO Volunteer 
<u>Why Do You Need the Latest and Greatest New Plastic-Based ID Card?</u> Because the old ID Card form (paper-based) will be invalid! Thus, while your benefits are for your lifetime, if you don’t have the new ID card (plastic-based), you will not be able to access those benefits. That means, you will no longer have access things like to the base and the pharmacy. Also, you may no longer be registered in the DEERS System. ID Card appointments may be made at https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco. Additionally, the MPF has general walk-in hours for all customers needing CAC/DEERS assistance Monday – Friday, 0730-1200, except holidays, family days and training days. There is also a dedicated “Retiree Day and Time” from 1100 – 1400 hours on the second Tuesday of each month. The next three dedicated days and times are 12 August 2025, 9 September 2025 and 14 October 2025, 1100 – 1400 hours. Retirees and their dependents <u>WILL</u> have priority. When you sign in at the kiosk, be sure to indicate that you are a retiree! <u>DO NOT</u> enter your rank on the next screen – just choose continue. (If you include your rank, the system will automatically shift you to an active duty member and you <u>WILL NOT</u> have priority in line.) While at MPF, you will also be able to ensure that your DEERS information is up to date. Volunteers from the RAO will be on hand to meet and greet retirees on these dedicated days. <u>Note:</u> If you have an expired ID card, you will need to present a passport or real ID at the Truman Gate in order to get a temporary base pass. Tell them you are going to the MPF for the dedicated Retiree time to get a new ID card. Remember, you also need to show a valid vehicle registration and insurance card. Self-service ways to get your new ID Card include: (for already established, valid ID cards only) Order a new Retiree/Dependent ID online and have it mailed to you in 30 days. Go to https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco and choose Family ID Cards. You must have a DS Logon or CAC card to do this. Plan ahead – this process takes 30 days to complete. Once the card is received, the sponsor must activate it online using the instructions included in the mailing. <u>NOTE:</u> If the ID card is not activated in a timely manner, it will automatically be terminated in DEERS.	ID Cards And DEERS

- Use the kiosks located in the Consolidated Support Squadron lobby to order a new Retiree/Dependent ID and pick it up in about 2 weeks. You will need all required documentation, including 2 forms of unexpired ID and a signed DD Form 1172 (or the sponsor must attend for ID card pick-up). This process takes about 2 weeks to complete if all submitted documentation is correct. A system generated email will be sent if the application was accepted. Retirees will be contacted if their package is incorrect. You will be called or emailed when your ID card is ready.



Old ID Card (Blue, Green or Pink)
Will become **INVALID/UNUSEABLE**

New ID Card
Will be **REQUIRED**

Note: It doesn't matter if the old version of the ID card (Blue, Green or Pink) has an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date. You still need a new one!!!

Pharmacy Changes

The main pharmacy in the 377 Medical Group Clinic is open (see map below) . **All new scripts** and **any script your doctor sends to the KAFB Pharmacy** are automatically sent to the clinic pharmacy and that is where you will pick them up. This change should be transparent to your doctor.

Please remember, electronic prescriptions will **NO LONGER** be automatically activated. If your doctor gives you a new electronic prescription, you must activate it in one of the following ways:

- If you have access, message the pharmacy on the MHS Genesis Patient Portal, <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>.
- Through the QR code found at the main clinic or the BX pharmacy.
- From a smart phone, **text** "Get in Line" to 1(833) 429-6533 and answering the tech's questions.
- If you do not have smart phone or text capability, you must go to the clinic pharmacy main window (pickup window) and take your turn in line to request activation. Then you can choose to wait or come back for your prescription. Let the pharmacy staff know what you plan to do.
- Note: there is a separate window for delivering paper scripts.

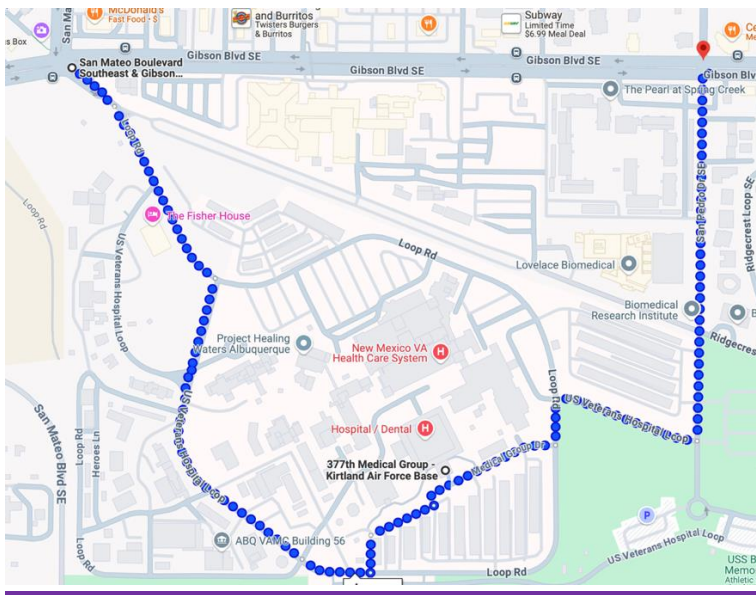
Your subsequent **refills** will be filled at the BX pharmacy and picked up at the BX pharmacy window or the kiosk (24/7). Request refills by:

- If you have a DS Logon, you can access the Kirtland Pharmacy through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal at <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>. From there, you can send a message to the pharmacy requesting medication refills. Please include what medication(s) you would like refilled and whether you would like to pick them up at the Bx Pharmacy window or the Script Center in the BX.
- Alternatively, you can call (505) 594-2846 to use the automated phone line to request your prescription refills.

Please note that the official MHS GENESIS Patient Portal is accessible 24/7. If you find any websites that reference the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal or other information about MHS GENESIS that are not part of the [.mil](https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil) domain, those are not official government websites or affiliated with the Department of Defense or Military Health System. For your cyber safety, only use official websites. If you have questions about the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, call the Defense Health Agency Global Service Center 24/7 at (800) 600-9332 or <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>.

**New
Pharmacy
Procedures**

DIRECTIONS TO THE 377 Med Group Clinic for New SCRIPT PICKUP!!!



377 MDG Immunizations

The Immunization Clinic is available by appointment only. Available vaccines include:

- **Pneumonia, Td/Tdap and Shingles vaccines** on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Flu Vaccine** on select Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 0800-1200 and 1300-1600.
- **Moderna Covid-19** vaccine available and limited to selected Fridays from 1300-1500.
- **Note:** The RSV vaccine is currently not available.

To make an appointment, go to <https://go.thryv.com/site/377MDG> or call (505) 846-3200.

Check-in for all appointments will be located at the front desk

377 MDG Radiology

Outside orders are not available via 0730-1030 walk-ins. Appointments must be booked via Thryv, <https://go.thryv.com/site/377MDG> and the x-ray order must be no older than 60 days.

Kroger Family of Pharmacies Rejoins TriCare Network

The Kroger Health and Kroger Family of Pharmacies bring more than 2,200 additional pharmacies across 35 states into the Tricare network of pharmacies, according to Defense Health Agency officials. The Kroger Pharmacy brand names also include Baker's Pharmacy, City Market, Dillons, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Harris Teeter, King Soopers, Mariano's, Pick'n Save, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's Food and Drug.

To find an in-network retail pharmacy nearby, beneficiaries can use Tricare's online <https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/find-pharmacy>

REAL ID: If you are bringing a visitor on base through the Truman Visitor Center to obtain a pass, they must have two forms of photo ID and one of them must be **Real ID compliant**. If the visitor's driver's license is not Real ID compliant, their second form of ID must be a current passport or other form of Real ID. Remember, you can only access KAFB with either a valid, current base access ID or a visitor pass.

TRICARE for Life Seminars

The in-person TRICARE For Life (TFL) Seminar offers an introduction to Medicare/TFL for retirees turning 65 years of age or under 65 who are eligible for Medicare due to a disability. They are held at the 377th Med Group (Kirtland Clinic) from 1330 – 1500 once per quarter. To find out the date and make a reservation, call (505) 853-1396. On the day of the seminar, check in at the Patient Records Desk on the 2nd floor by 1320.

**377th
Med
Group
Information**

**Kroger Family
Of Pharmacies
Rejoins
TriCare
Network**

**REAL ID
Enforcement**

**TRICARE
For
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<u>Albuquerque Area Free Senior Transportation Options</u> The city of Albuquerque has two different transportation programs available to those in the public that qualify, either through age or disability. <u>Senior Affairs</u> – offers curb to curb transportation to adults 60 years and older. They provide rides by appointment 0730-1700, Monday – Friday, throughout the Albuquerque area for both medical and non-medical reasons. To get registered in the system, call Senior Affairs Transportation at (505) 764-6464. For medical appointments, a reservation must be made at least 7 days in advance. Once the appointment is complete, you must call for a ride home. For non-medical rides (grocery store, mall, etc.), a reservation must be made at least 3 days in advance. Transport will automatically return to pick you up 2 hours later. <u>Albuquerque Sun Van (also referred to as ABQ Ride Para-Transit)</u> - Sun Van operates seven days a week, 365 days a year, Monday – Saturday, 0530 – 2200, and Sunday, 0600 – 1930. They provide transportation throughout Albuquerque and as far as Rust Medical Center in Rio Rancho. You must be "ADA paratransit eligible" to schedule a ride. Eligibility requirements include: • Any individual who is unable, as the result of a physical, visual or mental impairment, to independently board, ride or disembark from any vehicle on the fixed-route system that is readily accessible to and unusable by individuals with disabilities. • Any disabled person who could use accessible fixed-route transportation, but accessible transportation is not available at the time and on the route the customer needs. • Any disabled person who has a specific impairment that prevents the person from traveling to or from a bus stop. To verify eligibility, you must fill out an application and be interviewed at the Alvarado Transportation Center. Applications are available online at https://www.cabq.gov/transit/services/paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service or by calling (505) 243-7433. Once completed, it should be faxed to (505) 212-0131 or mailed to: ABQ RIDE Attn: Sun Van Applications 100 First St. SW Albuquerque, NM 87102 When ABQ RIDE receives the application, they will contact the applicant to set up an interview. If necessary, Sun Van can provide the applicant with a FREE ride to and from the interview. They will also provide instructions on how and when to schedule rides.	City of Albuquerque Transportation Programs
<u>Rail Runner and Rio Metro Buses:</u> All military veterans and anyone with a federally issued veteran or military photo ID can ride the New Mexico Rail Runner Express and Rio Metro buses for free (must show a valid ID). Accepted IDs Include: • Active-Duty Military, Veterans, Retirees, Dependents that show • VA medical card (VHIC) • Veteran's ID (VIC card) • Driver's License with a Veteran's Designation • Retiree, Dependent and Active Duty - Department of Defense IDs (DOD) • Railrunner Freedom Pass	Rail Runner and Rio Metro Buses
<u>Casualty Assistance Representative</u> The Casualty Assistance Representative (CAR) is Jesus Palomino. His number is (505) 846-5508. If he doesn't answer, leave a message. He <u>WILL</u> call you back.	Casualty Assistance

<u>Legal Office</u> The Legal Office is now back in full operation. For assistance and to schedule an appointment, call (505) 846-4217 or email Kirtland.Legal.Assistance@us.af.mil. Walk-In hours are: - Monday & Friday: 0830 – 1600 - Tuesday & Thursday: 0730 – 1600 - Wednesday: Closed	Legal Office
<u>New 2025 Travel Requirements for Domestic and International Destinations</u> Starting in May 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will <u>require</u> the use of Real ID for all domestic air travel. This may be a current state Real ID card, a valid REAL ID driver's license or a valid passport. A current passport is required for all international travel. Also, always check if a Visa is required for the country or countries you will be visiting. All U.S. and European travelers to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) are required to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) before arrival. The cost is about \$13.00 US and it is valid for multiple entries for 2 years. Apply for the ETA through the UK government's official website https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta or use the ETA app available from your App Store. Note: The European Union's European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) has been delayed until the 4th quarter of 2026. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the launch date.	2025 Travel Information
<u>Medicare Scams Are on the Rise</u> It's important to know the signs of a Medicare scam so you can protect yourself. To get your personal information, like your Medicare number, scammers may call, text or email saying things like: "You need to activate or renew your Medicare card." "We'd like to send you a free genetic testing kit." "Medicare has authorized us to send you a free (knee, back or elbow) brace." "You qualify for a refund on your Medicare costs." "I'm from the Patient Advocacy Group. Did you receive the latest Medicare update that was sent to directly you a few weeks ago?" <u>Medicare will never contact you unless you've contacted them first.</u> Never give your Medicare card or number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it. <u>Keep in mind:</u> Caller IDs and email addresses can be faked, so if you're not sure who's calling, call Medicare directly at 1 (800) MEDICARE (1 (800) 633-4227).	Recognizing Medicare Scams
<u>New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department Scam</u> There is currently a text message scam claiming to be from NM MVD (it usually says it's from NM DOT!) demanding payment for outstanding tickets. NM MVD WILL NOT contact any customer with threats or demand for payment. If you receive a scam message, please report it to MVD and DO NOT click on any links. MVD will only contact customers by mail with official letterhead. Anyone with questions about authenticity can contact MVD by calling 1-888-683-4636 or online at https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/ for verification. <u>Note:</u> If you check the phone number or email address – in most cases, its coming from overseas. That's the first indication it's a scam! Do not click on any of the links – delete the message!	NM MVD Scam

KAFB and M&FRC Hiring Events Hiring Events will take place in the Consolidated Support Building, 0900 – 1200 on 15 August 2025, 19 September 2025, 17 October 2025, 14 November 2025 and 12 December 2025.	KAFB Hiring Event
New Mexico VA / Roadrunner Food Bank The NM VA and Roadrunner Food Bank host a Monthly Food Drive at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE Albuquerque NM 87106, 0900-1100 every 4 th Wednesday of the month.	Monthly Food Drive
Uber Drivers on Base UBER-certified drivers with a valid base ID are able to access Kirtland AFB for pick up and drop off of passengers. <u>Note:</u> all passengers must also have a valid base ID. Please be sure to <u>verify</u> that your driver has the proper KAFB credentials before scheduling a ride.	Uber Info
Update About USAA Insurance Eligibility If a military member/retiree does not have their insurance through USAA, their surviving spouse will <u>not</u> be eligible to get any insurance through USAA.	USAA Insurance Update
Do You Need to Correct Your Military Records? Please watch this YouTube video for help in updating/correcting your military records: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCDoqc9Kw6M	VA YouTube Channel
Everything You Need to Know About Veteran Memorial Benefits To learn about pre-need eligibility, end-of-life planning, burial and memorial benefits, including burial site, presidential memorial certificate, headstone or marker, and military funeral honors, go online to: https://www.cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=16JUL2025	Veteran Memorial Benefits
Important Information About VA Services If a service member gets all of his/her care at the VA and elects NOT to take Medicare (meaning the member also does not have TriCare for Life), the service member’s spouse WILL NOT be eligible for Tricare for Life, even if they have Medicare.	Important VA Information
Mental Health Resources for Veterans Numerous resources exist to help Veterans needing mental health or suicide prevention assistance. Locally, the VA hotline is available at (505) 265-1711, and press number 7. The Federal Lifeline is available by dialing 988. For Veterans, dial 988 and press number 1. You can also text 838255 or go to the website to chat online at www.veteranscrisisline.net . These services are free. If you feel like you might hurt yourself or you need mental health assistance, don’t think you are alone.	VA Corner
Disaster Assistance and Resources for Veterans Resources are available for Veterans, dependents, survivors, and caregivers who have experienced a natural disaster. Whether you are receiving VA disability, a VA pension, education benefits, a VA home loan or insurance, the VA is available to help you and protect your benefits. Please go to https://news.va.gov/132965/disaster-assistance-and-resources-for-veterans for further information.	
VA Benefits (from VA.gov) Elderly Veterans may be eligible for a wide variety of benefits available to all U.S. military Veterans. VA benefits include <u>disability compensation</u> , <u>pension</u> , <u>education and training</u> , <u>health care</u> , <u>home loans</u> , <u>insurance</u> , <u>Veteran Readiness and Employment</u> , and <u>burial</u> . See our <u>Veterans</u> page (https://benefits.va.gov/persona/) for an overview of the benefits available to all Veterans.	

VA Benefits for Elderly Veterans

Two VA programs provide certain elderly Veterans with an additional monetary amount if you are eligible for or receiving a VA Pension benefit.

Aid and Attendance (A&A) is an increased monthly pension amount paid if you meet one of the conditions below:

- You require help performing daily functions, which may include bathing, eating or dressing
- You are bedridden
- You are a patient in a nursing home
- Your eyesight is limited to a corrected 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less
- **Housebound** is an increased monthly pension amount paid if you are substantially confined to your immediate premises because of a permanent disability.

Learn more about these benefits on [the Aid & Attendance Housebound benefits](#) page.

VA Health Care for Elderly Veterans

Geriatrics is health care for elderly Veterans with complex needs. Extended care - also known as long term care - is programs for Veterans of all ages who need daily support and assistance. Elderly Veterans can receive geriatric and long-term care programs at home, at VA medical centers, or in the community.

For more information on the following programs, check out the VA website:

- Geriatrics Program
- Long Term Care
- Eligibility for Long Term Care
- Home Based and Community Services
- Nursing Home and Residential Care
- Geriatrics Research

Deciding where to spend the golden years is one of the most important decisions anyone will make, and it's important to know that each state classifies assisted living and nursing homes in a different way, and has different rules and regulations to follow to ensure senior health. The [Federal and State Nursing Home & Assisted Living Regulations](#) provides detailed information for all 50 states. Topics include how each state defines assisted living, admission and retention policies and square feet requirements.

How to Apply

The specific VA benefit or program web page will provide tailored information about how to apply for a particular benefit or program. Generally, Servicemembers, Veterans, and families can apply for VA benefits using one of the methods below.

- Apply online using eBenefits, OR
- Work with an accredited representative or agent, OR
- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our Facility Locator page.
- File your claim by mail using an Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ). Print the form, fill it out and send it to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Claims Intake Center
P.O. Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

VA Benefits for the Elderly

<u>Visiting the Trinity Site</u> The Trinity Site is only open one day per year. This year, that day is Saturday, 18 October 2025. The Stallion Gate will be open 0800 – 1400 hours and the Trinity Site will close promptly at 1530. An informational brochure about the site can be found online at: https://home.army.mil/wsmr/3316/8020/2958/T-site_brochure_S.pdf	Trinity Site
<u>The BX Pharmacy Needs Volunteers</u> The BX Pharmacy is looking for dedicated volunteers. The Red Cross office is in charge of accepting applicants. If you are interested, call their office at (505) 262-6162, or our office at (505) 846-1536 for more information.	Volunteer at the BX Pharmacy
<u>Local Area Military Discount</u> The Adorabella Beauty Academy, located in the Manzano Shopping Center, 800 Juan Tabo Blvd NE Suite I, Albuquerque, NM 87123 gives free haircuts to veterans and military retirees. They are open Monday and Friday 0900-1500, Tues and Thurs 0900-2000. Please call (505) 262-6162 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome after 1000. Other services (manicures, hair color, waxing, etc.) are also available to seniors at a reduced cost for seniors.	Military Discount
<u>KAFB Arts and Crafts</u> The KAFB Arts and Crafts Center is located at 8001 Gibson Blvd SE Bldg. 20170, Kirtland AFB, NM 87117. It is open Monday – Friday, 0900-1700. The Golden Times Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month, 1100 – 1230 for anyone ages 18 and up. It is <u>FREE</u> for Retirees and Veterans, and \$15 per session for everyone else. A different craft will be available every month. The Crochet Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1100 – 1230 for those ages 12 and up. It is also <u>FREE</u> for Retirees and Veterans, <u>AND</u> anyone experienced and willing to share expertise with others. It is \$5 per session for everyone else. To register for either activity, call (505) 238-3003 or kirtlandartsandcrafts@gmail.com. Participants are not required to stay the entire time. Participants are welcome to bring guests, but they must also register. All supplies are provided!	KAFB Arts And Crafts
<u>Family Camp</u> The Kirtland Air Force Base Family Camp is located at 24250 F Street, near the Eubank gate. Retirees and dependents with a current valid military ID may stay at the Family Camp in an RV for up to 6 months at a time. Once that time is up, you must vacate KAFB for 6 months before being eligible to return. The cost for full hook-up is \$35 per night. If interested, please contact Fam Camp at (505) 846-0377 to reserve a space.	Family Camp
<u>RV Storage</u> KAFB has several locations around the base for dry storing an RV. Retirees and dependents with a current valid military ID are eligible to use this area. The cost is \$30 - \$55 per month, depending on the size of the RV. For more information and to reserve a space visit Outdoor Recreation in the CORE building (next to the BX). You will need to bring a current RV Registration and proof of insurance.	RV Storage
<u>Kirtland AFB Veterinary Treatment Facility</u> Veterinary weekly appointments are now available. Services include basic wellness appointments, sick call appointments, dental cleanings, and surgical procedures (including spay/neuter). Please call (505) 846-4276 or drop by the clinic to register your pet and schedule an appointment. The office is located in building 20168 on Pennsylvania Ave., behind the Base Exchange.	KAFB Veterinary Treatment Facility

<u>KAFB Thunderbird Dining Facility</u> Retirees and their dependents with a valid ID card are eligible to eat in the Dining Facility on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal Holidays from 0900-1300. <u>Note:</u> Credit cards or cash accepted.	Thunderbird Dining Facility
<u>Kirtland AFB Chapel and Religious Services</u> St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Community celebrates Mass every Sunday at 0900 at the Kirtland AFB Chapel. Anyone with base access is welcome. In addition, daily Mass is offered Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 1130. The Kirtland AFB Protestant Community Service meets every Sunday at 1100 at the base Chapel. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend. Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meets every Wednesday, 0900 – 1200, in the annex of the Base Chapel.	Kirtland AFB Chapel Services
<u>Kirtland AFB Gate Operations</u> Carlisle Gate – weekdays 0530 – 0900 in/outbound, 1530 – 1730 outbound only Eubank Gate – open 24/7 Gibson Gate – open 0530 – 1930 daily Maxwell Gate – open 24/7 Truman Gate – open 24/7 with Visitor Control Center Wyoming Gate – weekdays 0530 - 0900 in/outbound, 1530 – 1730 outbound only	KAFB Gate Access

2025 Wing Holidays and Training Days

Minimum base services will be available on these dates in 2025		2025 Wing Holidays And Training Days (Tentative)
Thursday, 21 August 2025	Training Day	
Friday, 29 August 2025	Family Day	
Monday, 1 September 2025	Labor Day	
Thursday, 18 September 2025	Training Day	
Friday, 10 October 2025	Family Day	
Monday, 13 October 2025	Indigenous People's Day	
Thursday, 16 October 2025	Training Day	
Monday, 10 November 2025	Family Day	
Tuesday, 11 November 2025	Veterans Day	
Thursday, 20 November 2025	Training Day	
Thursday, 27 November 2025	Thanksgiving Day	
Friday, 28 November 2025	Family Day	
Thursday, 18 December 2025	Training Day	
Wednesday, 24 December 2025	Family Day	
Thursday, 25 December 2025	Christmas Day	
Wednesday, 31 December 2025	Family Day	

Useful Phone Numbers

Air Force Lodging (Conus Only)	1 (888) 235-6343
AMVETS Appointment (Lou Rossi)	(505) 846-0741
Arts and Crafts	(505) 853-3003
Base Exchange	(505) 232-8771
BENEFEDS (Vision / Dental Insurance)	1 (877) 888-3337
BX Pharmacy – Consult Only	(505) 846-3200 option 3
BX Pharmacy – Script Activation TEXT ONLY	1 (833) 429-6533
BX Pharmacy - Script Refills	(505) 594-2846
Bowling Alley	(505) 846-1156
Casualty Assistance	(505) 846-5508
Chapel	(505) 853-5000
Commissary	(505) 846-4902
DEERS	1 (800) 538-9552
DFAS (Retirees/Annuitants)	1 (800) 321-1080
East Side Fitness Center	(505) 846-1102
Express Scripts	1 (800) 282-2881
Family Camp	(505) 846-0337
Golf Course	(505) 846-1169
Golf Course Snack Bar	(505) 846-7835
Health Benefits Advisor (377 Med Group)	(505) 853-1396
ID Cards	(505) 846-2017
Information, Tickets & Travel	(505) 846-2924
Legal Office	(505) 846-4217
Military & Family Readiness	(505) 846-0751
Medicare Claims and Information	1 (800) 633-4227
My Pay (DFAS)	1 (888) 332-7411
National Personnel Records Center	1 (314) 801-0800
National Aging and Disability Resources	1 (800) 432-2080
NM Department of Veterans Affairs	(505) 383-2400
Outdoor Recreation	(505) 846-1499
Patient Advocacy (377 Med Group)	(505) 249-2675
Retiree Activities Office	(505) 846-1536
Senior Citizens Law Office	1 (505) 265-2300
Social Security (Local Office)	1 (866) 613-9961
Thrift Shop	(505) 508-1114
Total Force Service Center (myPers)	1 (800) 525-0102
Tricare for Life	1 (866) 773-0404
Tricare West	1 (844) 866-9378
Truman Gate Visitor Center (24 Hours)	(505) 846-2676 / 7509
VA Benefits Advisor	(505) 853-1701
VA Hospital Albuquerque	(505) 265-1711
Veterinary Office	(505) 846-4276
Veterans Group Life Insurance	1 (800) 419-1473

Useful Websites

Base Exchange	shopmyexchange.com
BENEFEDS (Vision / Dental)	benefeds.com
DEERS	milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil
Dept of Veterans Affairs	va.gov
DFAS (Retirees/Annuitants)	dfas.mil
Express Scripts	militaryrx.express-scripts.com
Genesis Patient Portal	https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil
ID Card Renewal Appointment	https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco
Information, Tickets & Travel	kirtlandforcesupport.com/itt-office
KAFB Retiree Activities Office	https://www.kirtland.af.mil/About-Us/Retiree-Activities-Office
Medicare	medicare.gov
My Pay Login	mypay.dfas.mil
National Personnel Records Center	archives.gov/veterans
Social Security	ssa.gov
Tricare	tricare.mil
Tricare for Life	tricare.mil/tfl
Tricare Claims Information	tricare4u.com
Tricare West	tricare-west.com
Veterans Group Life Insurance	benefits.va.gov/insurance

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Some Highlights from the 2025 Retiree Activities Week



There Were Briefings with Lots of Good Information)



There was Golf



Water Aerobics, Too!

We Hope to See You at the 2026 Retiree Activities Week!!!