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"Your link to retiree benefits information and assistance."

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Fellow Retirees,

The year is off to a busy start. We hope most of you had the opportunity to enjoy the Lt. Dan Band on 2 February 2025. It was a wonderful concert. Check out the articles in this newsletter for information about this year's Tax Center and the latest updates from the Kirtland AFB Clinic Pharmacy. Also, because of the change to TriWest, the administrator for Tricare for Life, verify that your health care provider(s) still accepts Medicare! If you are NOT on Medicare, verify that your health care provider(s) still accepts your current insurance!

The KAFB Retiree Activities Office is busy working on this year's Retiree Appreciation Week. It will be 28 April - 2 May 2025. Throughout that week, there will be dedicated hours at the MPF for retirees to get the newest version of ID card and update their DEERS Information. There will be various discounts offered at FSS facilities, a golf tournament, briefings on Veteran's Benefits, Survivor Benefits Planning, Artificial Intelligence, and Protecting Yourself from SCAMS. Light refreshments will be served. Our annual RAO dinner at the DFAC will be Friday evening 2 May 2025. Stay tuned for further details. And please plan to join us.

The very next month the base is hosting an air show and open house. We hope to see you there.


Sincerely,

Sally



Quarterly RAO Newsletter

The Retiree Activities Office publishes this Newsletter quarterly on or about Mid-February, Mid-May, Mid-August and Mid-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.

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| <p><u>Sally Uebelacker, Col, USAF Retired</u></p> <p>For the past 6 years, I have been the volunteer Director of the Retiree Activities Office at Kirtland Air Force Base. Our office supports the military retirees of the state of New Mexico, including those from all branches of service. I served twenty-four years in the United States Air Force in Security Forces with my capstone assignment being the 42d Support Group Commander at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. Following my Air Force retirement, I attended UNM School of Law. After graduation and becoming a licensed member of the New Mexico Bar, I worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Second Judicial District for a few years. There I prosecuted misdemeanor and felony crimes. I then served many years at Sandia National Laboratories as an Ethics Officer, Security Manager and Sandia Emergency Director. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, a Master's in Public Administration and a Juris Doctorate. I am also a graduate and active member of the FBI National Academy Associates, a Life-time member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and American Society for Industrial Security. I am a national board member of the Air Force Security Forces Association (AFSFA) and a member of the local Pete Magwood Chapter of the AFSFA.</p> | <p>Spotlight on a Retiree Office Volunteer</p>  |
| <p><u>Kirtland AFB Tax Center</u></p> <p>The volunteer staffed Kirtland AFB Tax Center will provide free tax-filing services to eligible individuals. The Center will operate in the Consolidated Support Building, Room 117, 3 February 2025 – 15 April 2025. Hours of operation are 0900-1400 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, by appointment only. After 3 February 2025, appointments may be made by calling the Center at (505) 853-1700.</p> <p><u>Eligibility is limited to:</u> Active duty, Guard, and Reserve E-1 thru E-7 and O-1 thru O-3 and their dependents; and Military Retirees, their spouse or their widow/widower with a gross income <u>below</u> \$100,000.</p> <p>What to bring to the appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identification (Picture ID) • Social Security Cards for everyone on the tax return/ITIN for foreign status • Birth dates for everyone on the return • Income statements from any source: W-2, W-2G, 1099s, etc. • Direct Deposit information (bring checkbook or bank routing and account numbers) • Total paid for childcare and provider's taxpayer identification number (TIN) • Higher education documents (1098-T and statements from college/university) | <p>Kirtland AFB Tax Center</p> |
| <p><u>2024 NM Personal Income Tax</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An armed forces retiree or the surviving spouse of an armed forces retiree may claim an exemption of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of armed forces retirement pay on their 2024 NM PIT • An "armed forces retiree" is defined as a former member of the armed forces of the United States who has qualified by years of service or disability to separate from military service with lifetime benefits • Military disability pay is exempt from 2024 NM Personal Income Tax | <p>NM PIT</p> |

IMPORTANT Announcements from the Military Personnel Flight (MPF)

The MPF expanded their CAC/DEERS customer support hours starting 1 January 2025. General walk-in hours for all customers needing CAC/DEERS assistance will be from 0730-1200 Monday – Friday, except holidays, family days, and training days. Note: the MPF will also be closed for a Wing Exercise, 25 – 27 February 2025.

Do You Need a New ID Card?

It has recently been difficult to get an appointment for a new ID card. The Retiree Activities Office has partnered with Military Personnel on a pilot program intended to help our retirees and their dependents get new or updated ID cards. For the foreseeable future, there will be a dedicated “Retiree Day and Time” from 1100 – 1400 hours on the second Tuesday of each month. The next two dedicated times and days are 1100 – 1400 hours on 11 March 2025 and 8 April 2025. Retirees and their dependents WILL have priority. Note: You can update your information in DEERS at the same time, even if you don’t need a new ID card. (To check or update your information, call 1 (800) 538-9552 or login to milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect). Volunteers from the RAO will be on hand to meet and greet our retirees on these dedicated days.

Please Remember: if you don’t already have one, everyone will need the newest version of ID card (white plastic) by 1 June 2026. You can get this any time before that date. **Please DO NOT wait until the last minute to get the new ID Card!!!**

Other self-service ways to get your new ID Card include: (for already established 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/locator> and follow the visuals in the DD Form 1172-2 drop-down
Plan ahead – this process takes 30 days to complete
- Order a new Retiree/Dependent ID and pick it up in about 2 weeks; please utilize the kiosks located in the Consolidated Support Squadron
Must have all required documentation (2 forms of unexpired ID)
Must have a signed DD Form 1172-2, or the sponsor must attend for ID card pick-up
Please remember that 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.

ID Cards And DEERS

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.

Beginning 3 Feb, 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:

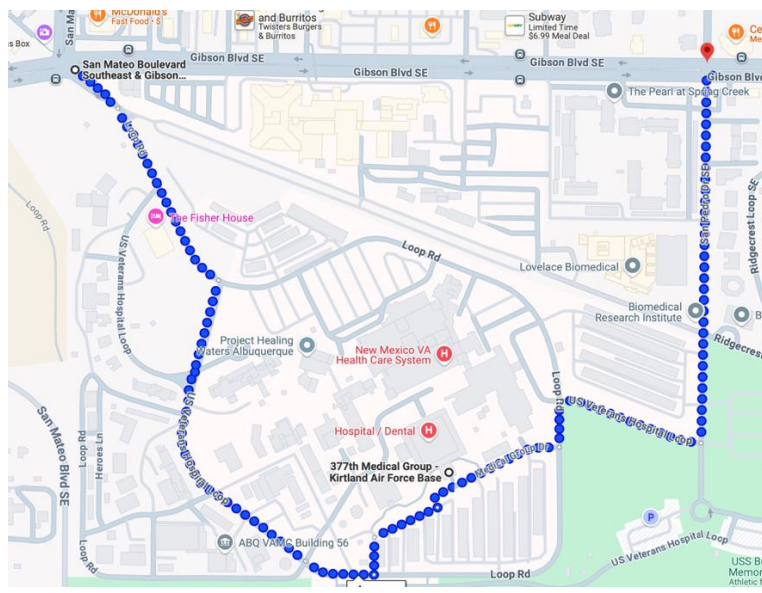
- If you have access, message the pharmacy on the MHS Genesis Patient Portal, <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>.
- Through the QR code found at the main clinic or the BX pharmacy.
- From a smart phone, **text** “Get in Line” to 1(833) 429-6533 and answering the tech’s questions.
- If you 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 continue to be filled at the BX pharmacy and picked up at the BX pharmacy window or the kiosk (24/7).

New Pharmacy Procedures

Note: There are 5 reserved parking spaces at the clinic exclusively for pharmacy pickup. They are near the front entrance. If needed, wheelchairs are available inside the main entrance. Let us know what questions you have, and we'll get answers for you. Contact us at 377 ABW/CVR Retiree Activities Office, (505) 846-1536 or 377ABW.CVR.RetireeActivities@us.af.mil.

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



A Little More Information About Prescription Refills

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) 846-7902 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 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, you can call the Defense Health Agency Global Service Center 24/7 at (800) 600-9332 or visit <https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil>.

Prescription REFILL Requests

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.

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

Note: The RSV vaccine is currently not available.

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.

377th Med Group Information

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| <p><u>REAL ID:</u> 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 <u>Real ID compliant</u>. 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.</p> | <p>REAL ID Enforcement</p> |
| <p><u>New 2025 Travel Requirements for Domestic and International Destinations</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>As of January 2025, an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) will be required for all U.S. and European travelers to enter the United Kingdom. The cost is currently \$13.00, 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.</p> <p>The European Union's European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) is <u>expected</u> to take effect in May 2025. This will require all U.S. Passport holders to apply for authorization through the ETIAS platform before visiting. Once granted an ETIAS travel authorization, travelers will be able to enter participating countries multiple times for stays up to 90 days. The ETIAS is valid for up to three years, but if your passport expires, a new ETIAS travel authorization will be required.</p> <p><u>New Protections for Air Travelers</u></p> <p>In 2024, new <u>federal regulations took effect</u> that require airlines to make it easier for ticketed passengers to get a refund for their airline tickets if a flight is cancelled or significantly delayed and they choose to not take a rebooked flight. Significant delays are now clearly defined across all airlines. Travelers are also eligible for refunds of baggage fees if a bag is delayed for over 12 hours (or 15-30 hours for international flights) and refunds on ancillary paid services, such as WiFi, that don't work. Each airline is required to have 24/7 live customer service support channels. Hopefully, this improves the airline travel experience!</p> | <p>2025 Travel Information</p> |
| <p><u>Tribute to Women in the Military</u></p> <p>The 40th annual "Tribute to Women in the Military" starts at 0800, Friday, 7 March 2025 at American Legion Post 13 (1201 Legion Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102). The keynote speaker is Dr. Mosely-Brown, USMC. Information is available at www.TributeToWomenInTheMilitary.org. To register, please call Ms. Mary Cox at (505) 492-6412 before 22 February 2025. The cost is \$25.00.</p> | <p>Tribute to Women In the Military</p> |
| <p><u>Casualty Assistance Representative</u></p> <p>The Casualty Assistance Representative is (CAR) is Jesus Palomino. His direct office phone number is (505) 846-5508.</p> | <p>Casualty Assistance</p> |
| <p><u>Free COVID Tests from US Government</u></p> <p>The U. S. Government is again providing 4 free At-Home Covid-19 Tests per household by mail. They can be ordered online at https://special.usps.com/testkits. If you need help ordering them by phone, call 1(800) 232-0233 (TTY 1(888) 720-7489).</p> | <p>Free Covid Tests</p> |
| <p><u>TRICARE for Life Seminars</u></p> <p>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. The next three seminars will be 19 February 2025, 19 March 2025 and 16 April 2025. For reservations, call (505) 853-1396. On the day of the seminar, check in at the Patient Records Desk on the 2nd floor by 1320.</p> | <p>TRICARE For Life Seminars</p> |

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| <p><u>Legal Office</u></p> <p>The Legal Office is now back to full operation. For assistance and to schedule an appointment, call (505) 846-4217 or email Kirtland.Legal.Assistance@us.af.mil.</p> <p>Walk-In hours are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday & Friday: 0830 – 1600 Tuesday & Thursday: 0730 – 1600 Wednesday: Closed | <p>Legal Office</p> |
| <p><u>Uber Drivers on Base</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Uber Info</p> |
| <p><u>My HealtheVet Sign-In Changes</u></p> <p>After 04 March 2025, you'll no longer be able to use your My HealtheVet user ID and password to sign in. You must sign in through either Login.gov or ID.me. This change also requires multifactor authentication (MFA) as an added layer of protection for your account. It will reduce the number of sign-in options Veterans need to choose from—and protect all Veterans' information and benefits.</p> <p>Remember - Never give your information to anyone who says they can help you with signing into VA websites unless you're sure they are a VA employee or an accredited representative of VA. Always make sure a link is taking you to the official va.gov website before selecting it from an email, text message, social media post, or online ad. You can always go to www.va.gov/sign-in-changes for trusted information. If you need to verify your identity or add MFA to your ID.me account, you are encouraged to do that soon. This process often takes about 10 minutes.</p> | <p>Important VA Update</p> |
| <p><u>2025 Veterans Benefits Guide</u></p> <p>The guide is available online at https://department.va.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Federal-Benefits-for-Veterans-Dependents-and-Survivors.pdf.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Resources for Veterans</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Disaster Assistance and Resources for Veterans</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p>VA Corner</p> |
| <p><u>The BX Pharmacy Needs Volunteers</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Volunteer at the BX Pharmacy</p> |

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| <p><u>Local Area Military Discounts</u></p> <p>A bonus for signing up to access several Government sites (IRS, Social Security, MyHealtheVet) using id.me is that accessing the website also provides discounts. For example, Apple offers a 10% military and veterans discount through the id.me website. Another good discount on id.me is for Samsung products with up to 30% off for military and veterans. Access the complete list at https://shop.id.me/military.</p> | <p>Military Discounts</p> |
| <p><u>KAFB Arts and Crafts</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 next few sessions will be clay hand building on 13 March 2025, glazed tiles on 10 April 2025 and watercolor art therapy on 8 May 2025.</p> <p>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. Upcoming dates are 18 March 2025, 15 April 2025 and 20 May 2025.</p> <p>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. The goal of these clubs is to build community! All supplies are provided!</p> | <p>KAFB Arts And Crafts</p> |
| <p><u>AI Voice Scams</u></p> <p>Artificial intelligence-enabled voice cloning tools have made it easier for criminals to mimic people’s voices and dupe victims into handing over large sums of money.</p> <p>For example, a scammer might pose as a person’s grandchild and claim they are in dire need of cash – fast. Older people who might not be as familiar with new technologies such as AI can be particularly susceptible to these types of scams, particularly when the caller on the other line sounds identical to a loved one. Phone numbers also can be spoofed, meaning, the number may show up on caller ID as someone you know, even though it is a scammer.</p> <p>To help avoid being scammed, cybersecurity experts and law enforcement officials recommend families create a "safe word" or "phrase", along with a protocol for verifying a loved one's identity. It should be a word or phrase that can't be easily guessed. Avoid obvious identifiers like street names, towns, names of family members, phone numbers or other information that may be readily available online. To be most effective, a safe phrase should consist of at least four words.</p> <p><u>Remember:</u> Any time you are asked for financial assistance, require that the caller verify his or her identity. Don’t offer any hints about the safe word or phrase and don’t take the excuse that the caller is nervous and upset so they can’t remember it. Don’t transfer money if you are unsure of the callers identity.</p> <p><u>Amazon scams</u> – If you receive an email or text message saying you have “unauthorized purchases on your Amazon account” or need to “verify purchases you have made” – it is a scam. <u>DO NOT</u> click on any of the links! Scammers are just trying to get your credit card information. If you want to be sure there is no problem – log on to your account and check the information yourself.</p> <p><u>Netflix Scams</u> – If you receive an email from “Netflix” saying that there is a problem with your payment, it is a scam. The email looks amazingly VERY legitimate! Do not follow any directions in the email. Logon to your account yourself and verify that it is order.</p> | <p>Some of the Latest Scams</p> |

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| <div> <div>SEPTEMBER</div> <div> <h2><u>SrA Jason Cunningham</u></h2> <p>Event: On 13 September 2002, Kirtland AFB hosted the Air Force Cross ceremony for pararescueman SrA Jason Cunningham, who perished during the Battle of Takur Ghar while providing medical treatment that ultimately saved the lives of ten other service members.</p> <p>Background: The Battle of Takur Ghar was a short but intense military engagement between U.S. special operations forces and al-Qaeda insurgents in March 2002, atop Takur Ghar mountain in Afghanistan. For the U.S., the battle proved to be the deadliest engagement of Operation Anaconda, an early effort in the War in Afghanistan to expel al-Qaeda from the Shahi-Kot Valley and Arma Mountains.</p>  <div> <div>Wing Heritage Pamphlet</div> <div> <div>THE ARCHIVE</div>  <p>Caption: The family of SrA Cunningham view a shadow box to be displayed in the dormitory dedicated to him during a ceremony at KAFB on 14 June 2022. (USAF Photo)</p> </div> </div> <div> 377 ABW History Office: Email – 377ABW.HO.Workflow@us.af.mil Phone – (505) 846-0170 </div> <p>https://www.kirtland.af.mil/Portals/52/20240101%20%28U%29%20377%20ABW%20Heritage%20Pamphlet.pdf</p> </div> </div> | <p>377 ABW History</p> |
| <p><u>Westside Express Shop</u> New hours at the Westside Express Shoppette (near the Truman Gate) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday: 0600 – 1800 Saturday – Sunday: Closed | <p>Westside Express Shoppette Hours</p> |
| <p><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.</p> | <p>Family Camp</p> |
| <p><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.</p> | <p>RV Storage</p> |
| <p><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 are accepted for payment.</p> | <p>Thunderbird Dining Facility</p> |
| <p><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.</p> | <p>KAFB Veterinary Treatment Facility</p> |

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| <p><u>Kirtland AFB Chapel and Religious Services</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Kirtland AFB Protestant Community Service meets every Sunday at 1100 at the base Chapel. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend.</p> <p>Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meets every Wednesday, 0900 – 1200, in the annex of the Base Chapel.</p> | <p>Kirtland AFB Chapel Services</p> |
| <p><u>Kirtland AFB Gate Operations</u></p> <p>Carlisle Gate – weekdays 0530 – 0900 in/outbound, 1530 – 1730 outbound only</p> <p>Eubank Gate – open 24/7</p> <p>Gibson Gate – open 0530 – 1930 daily</p> <p>Maxwell Gate – open 24/7</p> <p>Truman Gate – open 24/7 with Visitor Control Center</p> <p>Wyoming Gate – weekdays 0530 - 0900 in/outbound, 1530 – 1730 outbound only</p> | <p>KAFB Gate Access</p> |

2025 Wing Holidays and Training Days

| Minimum base services will be available on these dates in 2025 | | <p>2025 Wing Holidays And Training Days (Tentative)</p> |
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| Monday, 17 February 2025 | President's Day | |
| Thursday, 20 February 2025 | Training Day | |
| Thursday, 20 March 2025 | Training Day | |
| Thursday, 17 April 2025 | Training Day | |
| Thursday, 15 May 2025 | Training Day | |
| Friday, 23 May 2025 | Family Day | |
| Monday, 26 May 2025 | Memorial Day | |
| Thursday, 19 June 2025 | Juneteenth | |
| Friday, 20 June 2025 | Family Day | |
| Thursday, 3 July 2025 | Family Day | |
| Friday, 4 July 2025 | Independence Day | |
| Thursday, 17 July 2025 | Training Day | |
| 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

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| Air Force Lodging (Conus Only) | 1 (888) 2356343 |
| AMVETS Appointment (Lou Rossi) | (505) 846-0741 |
| Arts and Crafts | (505) 853-3003 |
| Base Exchange | (505) 232-8771 |
| BX Pharmacy – Consult Only | (505) 846-3200 |
| BX Pharmacy – Consult Only | (505) 846-5770 |
| BX Pharmacy - Script Refills | (505) 594-2846 |
| BENEFEDS (Vision / Dental Insurance) | 1 (877) 888-3337 |
| 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) 346-4810 |
| 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 |
| VA Benefits Advisor | (505) 853-1707 |
| VA Hospital Albuquerque | (505) 265-1711 |
| Veterinary Office | (505) 846-4276 |
| Veterans Group Life Insurance | 1 (800) 419-1473 |
| West Side Fitness Center | (505) 846-1068 |

Useful Websites

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| 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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