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"Your link to retiree benefits information and assistance."

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Greetings Fellow Retirees

This year, we celebrate our service to this nation during Armed Forces Week 13 -17 May 2024. We have made some format changes this year. Health Benefits, the Pharmacy, Military and Family Readiness Center, the Retiree Activities Office and our on base credit unions will be available to speak with you one-on-one. We chose to put more focus on informational seminars. We have an exciting lineup. Our keystone briefing is on Artificial Intelligence-presented by a Distinguished member of the Sandia Labs technical staff. Our credit union partners will talk about investments and cyber security. Our Chief of Legal Assistance at Kirtland AFB will talk about Estate Planning in New Mexico and protecting yourself on-line. We will continue to offer golf, bowling, arts and crafts, auto hobby shop activities as well as dining discounts. Finally, the MPF will have priority I hours for ID card issue on Monday and Tuesday. We are enthused about the event and hope to see you there.

Warmest Regards,
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.

REAL ID Enforcement

REAL ID: If you are bringing a visitor on base through the Truman Visitor Center to obtain a pass, ONLY Real ID compliant IDs are now acceptable. If the visitor's driver's license is not Real ID compliant, their second form of ID must be Real ID compliant- for example, a current passport.

<p>ADVANCE SIGN-UPS. See the Calendar Schedule (Page 14) for the Retiree Appreciation Week during Armed Forces Week, 13 - 17 May 2024. A few activities require a RSVP for planning capacity requirements.</p> <p>Daily, the Dining Hall will offer retirees breakfast from 0600 – 0800. Please RSVP by 10 May 2024 to the RAO, 846-1536. For those retirees interested in eating dinner Monday through Friday at the Dining Hall from 1600 – 1900, no RSVP is required.</p> <p>For the 15 May Artificial Intelligence (0900 – 1030) and Financial Planning (1100- 1130) seminars at the Wing Presentation Center (Wing Headquarters, Wyoming and Griffin), we'll need a RSVP to 846-1536. Capacity is 120 and other Wing personnel are invited.</p> <p>For the 16 May Legal presentations on Consumer Fraud/Scams/Threats (1300) and Estate Planning (1400) at Wing Presentation Center, Wyoming and Griffin, please RSVP to 846-1536.</p> <p>On 17 May from 1300-1430, the Arts and Crafts Center manager is generously offering a free Tile Painting Party and 'how to' class in ceramics glazing with Cricut, a unique stenciling process. Please RSVP to 853-3003.</p> <p>Sign up in advance for Friday's Golf Tournament which starts at 0745 by calling the Golf Course at 846-2427.</p>	<p>Retiree Appreciation Week Schedule 13-17 May 2024</p>
<p><u>Kirtland Air Force Base</u></p> <p>Located on the southeast side of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) was originally built as a series of civilian airfields in the late 1920s. It first came under the control of the U.S. government as Albuquerque Army Air Base in 1941. In 1942, at the direction of General Henry H. Arnold, it was renamed Kirtland Field, in honor of Colonel Roy C. Kirtland, one of Arnold's early mentors. In 1948, shortly after the establishment of the U.S. Air Force, Kirtland Field became Kirtland Air Force Base. During its long history it has hosted numerous units and agencies.</p> <p>For more information about the history of the base, stayed tuned for our next newsletter or see https://www.kirtland.af.mil/About-Us/Kirtland-History/Base-History.</p>	<p>Kirtland AFB History Corner</p>
<p><u>Casualty Assistance Representative</u></p> <p>The new Casualty Assistance Representative is (CAR) is Jesus Palomino. His direct office phone number is (505) 846-5508.</p>	<p>Casualty Assistance</p>
<p><u>DEERS Information</u></p> <p>It is important to keep your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) up to date. To check your information, call 1 (800) 538-9552 or login to milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect.</p>	<p>DEERS</p>
<p><u>ID Cards</u></p> <p>The CAC/ID/DEERs section walk-in hours are 0730 – 0930 Monday through Friday. <u>If possible, please call ahead to (505) 853-4254 the day before to ensure that they will be accepting walk-ins, and all systems are up and running.</u></p> <p><u>ID Card Appointments</u></p> <p>The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) has asked for our assistance. As a community, we are tying up their phone lines to request ID card appointments. The office is presently understaffed, and they have added supporting us with DS LOGON identity verification. To help them out, we are asking that those of us who can access a computer, sign up for ID card appointments online at: https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/.</p> <p>For your convenience, Military and Family Readiness Flight has public computers available for your use at the Consolidated Support Facility, Building 20245, Room 126.</p>	<p>ID Cards</p>

If you do not have access to a computer, please call or visit our office Tuesday – Friday, 1200 – 1500 and one of our staff will be happy to set up an ID Card appointment with you.

Other Ways to Renew a Retiree or Dependent ID Card

1. Use the Kiosk in the lobby of the Consolidated Support Building
2. Order it on-line (CONUS Only)

Renewing an ID Card at the Kiosk

The Kiosk where you can renew a sponsor or dependent ID Card is in the front lobby of the Consolidated Support Building (1451 4th St SE, Bldg #20245, KAFB).

You will need: 2 forms of current/valid identification (names on both must match exactly).

Retirement orders if Sponsor is retiring.

Medicare card if the person requesting the ID Card is turning 65.

For a dependent, the sponsor must fill out and sign a DD Form 1172-2. This can be done in advance or on ID Card pickup (Dependent must then be accompanied by their sponsor). To obtain a DD Form 1172-2 online:

Go to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco> and select “Family ID Cards”.

Log in using your DS Logon (or CAC Card).

Verify contact information and select “Print Family Roster”.

Select all dependents that require verification (2 dependents per form).

Read the Privacy Act and check “I Agree”. Then select “Next”.

Select “Confirm” on the Summary Page.

Select “Display Form” and print it.

The sponsor must sign and date the DD Form 1172-2 in Box 22 and 23

Touch the Kiosk screen to begin. Tap “Start” near the top of the screen. Follow the directions.

An email will be sent once the new ID Card is ready for pickup. **NOTE** – Retiree and Dependent ID Cards will **ONLY** be held for 30 days from the time the dependent is notified by email! ID Cards not picked up within 30 days will be terminated along with the old one.

Ordering an updated ID Card online (CONUS Only)

The sponsor must fill out and sign a DD Form 1172-2 for a dependent requesting an updated ID Card.

1. Go to <https://idco.dmc.osd.mil/idco> and select Family ID Cards.
2. Log in using you DS Login (or CAC).
3. Verify your contact information and press continue.
4. Click “Request ID Card” under the name of the person that requires a new ID.
5. Review the information on the screen to ensure that it is correct. Then select which mailing address you would like the ID to be shipped to.
6. Review the email that populates. Then select the reason for the replacement card. (e.g. - replace older version, about to expire, turning 65).
7. Review the Privacy Act, click “I agree”, then click next.
8. Review the acknowledgement, click “I agree”, then press submit card request.
9. After you have submitted the new ID card request, your new card will be shipped to you in 30 days.
10. After receiving your ID card, log back in to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>, go to the family roster and click “activate card” under the requested family member.
11. Turn your old ID card into the nearest RAPIDS Station and make sure to register the new ID card in DBIDS (at Pass and ID or the Truman Gate).

**ID Cards
(cont'd)**

377 MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE. Effective immediately, the 377 MDG Lab will no longer see patients during 0730-1030 walk-in hours that have outside lab orders. All patients with outside lab orders must schedule an appointment through the THRYV website. Alternatively, if the patient would still like to be seen during walk-in hours, please drop the orders off at the Lab at least 1 business day prior to being seen.

Appointments must be made at go.thryv.com/site/377MDG. They will be in 10, 15, and 20-minute increments, depending on beneficiary status.

Outside lab orders must be no older than 60 days and should include the following information:

- Complete patient information
- Tests requested and clearly identified – all panels should have individual tests listed, as panels can be different at each laboratory.
- ICD-10 codes
- Ordering provider information
- Ordering provider fax number
- Ordering provider signature

377 MDG Immunizations

The Immunization Clinic is available for Pneumonia, Td/Tdap and Shingles vaccines on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday by appointment. Go to <https://go.thryv.com/site/377MDG> or call (505) 846-3200 to set up a time.

Flu and Covid vaccine available on Fridays by appointment, see Thryv website above.

Additionally, on Wednesdays 0730-1200 and 1300-1500, those individuals over 65 may walk-in. *The RSV vaccine is currently not available.*

377 MDG Radiology

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

- Complete patient information
- Paper order from ordering physician
- ICD-10 codes
- Ordering provider information
- Ordering provider fax number
- Ordering provider signature

377th Med Group Information

Good TRICARE For Life Information

There are a few things to keep in mind when getting care through TRICARE For life (TFL).

1. Once you are eligible for TFL, you must have Medicare Parts A and B as your primary insurance. In general, TFL will become your secondary insurance and will make payments after Medicare. However, if you have any other Medicare Supplement Insurance, TFL will be the last to pay. **NOTE:** Before getting care, it is best to know what is covered by Medicare, TFL and any other health insurance you have.
2. Medicare coverage only extends to healthcare in the US and US territories. If you are overseas, you must still have Medicare to qualify for TFL, but TFL will be your primary insurance (or secondary after any other health insurance).
3. If you also have VA coverage for a service-related health issue, it will **ONLY** cover expenses relating to that issue. For all other health problems, it is best to seek care from a civilian Medicare provider. This is because coverage for non-service-related health

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<p>care at the VA is NOT covered by Medicare and TFL will only pay a maximum of 20% of the TFL-allowable amount.</p> <p>4. There are three types of civilian providers accepted by TFL. The first is Medicare participating providers that accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full. Next is a Medicare non-participating provider. They don't accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full and can charge up to 15% above the Medicare-approved amount. TFL will cover this additional cost. Last is a provider that does not accept Medicare. While Medicare won't pay, TFL will still pay up to 20% of the TRICARE-allowable charge if it is for a TRICARE covered services. You'll be responsible for all other costs.</p> <p>5. If you have signed up for a Medicare Advantage Plan, make sure you understand HOW that plan works.</p> <p>For additional information, considered attending one of the TRICARE For Life Seminars.</p>	<p>TRICARE For Life Information (cont'd)</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 will be eligible for Medicare due to a disability. They are held at the 377th Med Group (Kirtland Clinic) from 1330 – 1500. The next two seminars are 15 May 2024 and 12 June 2024. To reserve a seat, call the Health Benefits Advisors (HBA) desk at (505) 853-1396 or (505) 853-0585. On the day of the seminar, check in at the Patient Records Desk on the 2nd floor by 1320. Topics discussed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRICARE For Life eligibility Medicare Part B enrollment requirements How TRICARE and Medicare payments work TRICARE For Life overseas TRICARE Dental / Vision Program (through BENEFEDS) Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long-Term Care 	<p>TRICARE For Life Seminars</p>
<p><u>Is My Prescription Covered By TriCare?</u></p> <p>The TRICARE Formulary Search Tool is available at https://www.express-scripts.com/frontend/open-enrollment/tricare/fst/#/. It shows if your drug is covered, where you can fill it, and if your provider needs to request pre-authorization.</p>	<p>TriCare Prescription Formulary</p>
<p><u>Patient and Family Partnership Council</u></p> <p>The 377 Medical Group has a Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC). If you have would like to help the Med Group improve their services and work well on teams, please consider joining the PFPC held quarterly on the fourth Monday at 1200. For details, please email: usaf.kirtland.377-mdg.mbx.patient-advocate@health.mil or call (505) 249-2675.</p>	<p>377 Med Group Patient and Family Partnership Council</p>
<p><u>European Airline Flight Delays</u></p> <p>Europe has a regulation, EC Regulation 261/2004, in place for compensating airline passengers for long delays, missed connections or cancelled flights. A passenger must have a valid ticket and a booking confirmation on a flight to or from anywhere in the European Union. Compensation may be up to EU600, depending on the length of the flight. To find out more specific information on the regulation and to see if you qualify for compensation, go to https://www.airhelp.com/en/ec-regulation-261-2004/#ec261-compensation-for-disrupted-flights and https://www.flihtight.com/your-rights/eu-regulation.</p>	<p>Delayed European Airline Flights</p>
<p><u>Legal Office.</u> Due to manning issues, the base legal office will not be providing services to retirees from 1 June to 3 September. Specifically, notary services will not be provided. Will/estate planning services will be limited to Active Duty and their dependents only. Plan ahead if you need legal services to avoid having to wait until September.</p>	<p>Legal Office</p>

<p><u>From AAFES</u></p> <p>The Base Exchange is no longer selling appliances on site. AAFES has partnered with Home Depot to offer military discounts, tax free and if desired, use of the military star credit card. To take advantage of this offer, login to https://www.shopmyexchange.com. If you have questions or need further assistance, stop by the BX and ask for Theresa.</p> <p>The on-base Blakes Lota Burger is now open!!!</p>	<p>AAFES Update</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 orders. 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>Family Camp</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>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). Your will need to bring a current RV Registration and proof of insurance.</p>	<p>RV Storage</p>
<p><u>Contact VA for the PACT Act and your VA benefits</u></p> <p>The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps VA provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. Starting March 5, 2024, VA is expanding VA health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act. The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.</p> <p>The PACT Act will bring these changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras ▪ Adds 20+ more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures. ▪ Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation. ▪ Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care. ▪ Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures. 	<p>VA Corner</p> <p>PACT ACT</p>

<p>You can call at 800-827-1000 or 800-698-2411 (TTY: 711) or visit the weblink https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/. You can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now on line, with a VA accredited Veteran Service Officer(VSO), or by visiting the VA regional office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File a disability claim online: https://www.va.gov/disability/file-disability-claim-form-21-526ez/introduction • Apply for VA health care: https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application • Finding a VA accredited VSO: https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep • Finding a VA regional Office: https://www.va.gov/find-locations • Albuquerque VA Regional Benefit Office 500 Gold Ave., SW Albuquerque, NM 87102 <p>If you're a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for PACT Act-related benefits.</p> <p>Source: https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/ https://www.va.gov/disability/effective-date/</p>	<p>PACT ACT (cont'd)</p>
<p><u>Protect Yourself Against Medicare Fraud</u></p> <p>There are so many scammers in the world trying to get your personal information. Some ways to protect yourself from Medicare fraud include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one should call, text or email you asking for your Medicare information. If someone does, do not respond! Only give Don't give your Medicare card or Medicare Number to your doctor or someone you know should have it. • Carefully check your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or claims statements. If you don't understand a charge, check it out with your provider. If it is for a product or service you did not receive, report it to Medicare by calling 1 (800) 633-4227. • Treat your Medicare card the same way you treat you credit card. 	<p>Protect Against Medicare Fraud</p>
<p><u>Free or Low-Cost Event Tickets</u></p> <p>"Vet Tix" provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories, and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.</p> <p>Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.</p> <p>The Veteran Tickets Foundation is proud to announce that to date 19,605,274 event tickets have been given out in all 50 States and Washington, DC to our Military, Veterans, and their families. Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets. Vet Tix is a 99% back to program charity. (Independently audited for 13 years.)</p> <p>Above info extracted from www.vettix.org.</p>	<p>Event Tickets</p>
<p><u>AIR SHOW.</u> Kirtland will host the Air Force Thunderbirds in 2025. Stay tuned.</p>	<p>Air Show</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 (480) 313-1296, or our office at (505) 846-1536 for more information.</p>	<p>Volunteer at the BX Pharmacy</p>
<p><u>Civil Air Patrol Needs Volunteers</u></p> <p>Civil Air Patrol Eagle Cadet Squadron is looking for short- and long-term volunteers of all ages! Adult opportunities include working as part of an Aircrew, sUAS operator, Aerospace and STEM instruction, and many other opportunities! The youth Cadet Program provides an opportunity to learn military structure while learning about Aerospace, Leadership, Flight, Cyber Systems, Outdoor Survival and much more! No prior experience is necessary. For more information about Civil Air Patrol, visit https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com or contact Capt. James McKelvey at command.012@nmwg.cap.gov, 505-379-7243, or Eagle Cadet Squadron, Civil Air Patrol Facebook.</p>	<p>Civil Air Patrol</p>
<p><u>Local Area Military Discounts</u></p> <p>The Retiree Activities Office is collecting information about local businesses that offer military discounts. You need to ask and show a valid military ID. The latest discounts we found are 10% at Il Vicino (Nob Hill) and 10% at Jason's Deli. If you find any others, please give us a call at (505) 846-1536 or email 377ABW.CVR.RetireeActivities@us.af.mil.</p>	<p>Military Discounts</p>
<p><u>KAFB Thunderbird Dining Facility</u></p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>The Kirtland AFB Protestant Community Service meets every Sunday at 11 a.m. 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>Jewish Shabbat in the Chapel conference room Fridays at 1800. Service is followed by Kiddish and Oneg. RSVP to Senior Airman Nicholas Bade nbearbade@gmail.com or by calling the Chapel at 505-853-5000. Shabbat services are held contingent upon RSVPs.</p> <p>Daily Mass at Kirtland Chapel</p> <p>The 377 Chaplain Corps is happy to announce the Daily Mass schedule is resuming and will be offered Monday through Thursday at 1130.</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>

Minimum base services will be available on these dates in 2024		2024 Wing Holidays And Training Days
Thursday, 16 May 2024	Training Day	
Friday, 24 May 2024	Family Day	
Monday, 27 May 2024	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, 19 June 2024	Juneteenth	
Thursday, 20 June 2024	Training Day	
Thursday, 4 July 2024	Independence Day	
Friday, 5 July 2024	Family Day	
Thursday, 18 July 2024	Training Day	
Thursday, 15 August 2024	Training Day	
Friday, 30 August 2024	Family Day	
Monday, 2 September 2024	Labor Day	
Thursday, 19 September 2024	Training Day	
Friday, 11 October 2024	Family Day	
Monday, 14 October 2024	Indigenous Peoples Day	
Thursday, 17 October 2024	Training Day	
Friday, 11 November 2024	Veterans Day	
Monday, 13 November 2024	Family Day	
Thursday, 21 November 2024	Training Day	
Thursday, 28 November 2024	Thanksgiving Day	
Friday, 29 November 2024	Family Day	
Thursday, 21 December 2024	Training Day	
Tuesday, 24 December 2024	Family Day	
Wednesday, 25 December 2024	Christmas Day	
Tuesday, 31 December 2024	Family Day	

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

Useful Phone Numbers

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 - Script Refills	(505) 846-7902
BX Pharmacy – Consult Only	(505) 846-3200
BX Pharmacy – Consult Only	(505) 846-5770
Bowling Alley	(505) 846-1156
Casualty Assistance	(505) 846-5508
Chapel	(505) 853-5000
BENEFEDS (Vision / Dental Insurance)	1 (877) 888-3337
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

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**Retiree Activities Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday from 1200 to 1500.**

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information from the Retiree Activities Office
electronically, please call us with your e-mail address at
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RETIREE APPRECIATION WEEK
13-17 May 2024**



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Start Time	MONDAY May 13	TUESDAY May 14	WEDNESDAY May 15	THURSDAY May 16	FRIDAY May 17	Notes
0600 - 0800	Breakfast at Dining Hall (RSVP 505 846-1536) NLT <i>Fri. May 10 1200hrs)</i>	Breakfast at Dining Hall (by reservation)	Breakfast at Dining Hall (by reservation)	Breakfast at Dining Hall (by reservation)	Breakfast at Dining Hall (by reservation)	ALL WEEK LONG AERO CLUB 10% off all discovery flights all week 10% ODR rental equipment all week FREE BUCKET OF BALLS At Driving Range all week FREE CERAMICS Paint/Glaze/Fire (pay for piece only) RAFFLE ITT (at the CORE) Tram pass drawing Daily Entry-2 passes. 0900-1500 Drawing at 1600 <i>Do not need to be present to win.</i> BLACK DOG SHREDDING <i>Up to 50 lbs. free shredding with Retiree ID card M-Th 0730-1630 Fri 0800-1200</i>
0800-1500	1000-1200 Pharmacy Pop-up BX Health Benefits Rep Med Group-Pharmacy Rep Military Family/Readiness Credit Unions FREE hour at Auto Hobby Shop Monday only	0900 Golf Clinic	Artificial Intelligence (Tim Meisenheimer) 0900-1030 Cyber Safety (Sandia Area Federal Credit Union) 1030-1100 Financial Planning Kirtland Credit Union 1100-1130 Wing Presentation Ctr. Wyoming and Griffin St (RSVP 505 846-1536)	0900 Golf Clinic <i>Sign up 846-2427</i>	0745 Golf Tournament Please sign up by calling the Golf Course, 846-2427	
0800-1500	LAP SWIM FREE 0600-1200 10% off meal at Spare Time Grill	\$2.00 Bowling/ \$2.00 shoes 1400-2100 10% off meal at Coyote Grill (Golf course)	WATER AEROBICS FREE 1100-1200 10% off meal at Spare Time Grill	\$2.00 bowling and \$2.00 shoes 1400-2100 10% off meal at Coyote Grill (Golf course)	FREE Class How to Glaze Ceramics Using Cricut Stencils (Retirees Only) RSVP to 853-3003 1300-1430	
0800-1500	Walk in priority at MPF 1100-1500	Walk in priority at MPF 1100-1500		Base Legal 1300 Consumer Fraud/Scams 1400 hrs. Estate Planning In NM Wg Presentation Ctr (RSVP 505 846-1536)		
	Dinner at Dining Hall 1600-1900	Dinner at Dining Hall 1600-1900	Dinner at Dining Hall 1600-1900	Dinner at Dining Hall 1600-1900	Dinner at Dining Hall 1600-1900	