



# KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

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“Your link to retiree benefits information and assistance.”

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<p><b>Recent RAO Seminar</b></p>	<p><b><u>RAO Estate Planning Seminar</u></b> For those that may have missed it, here is the link to our recent “Estate Planning for all Ages and Stages” seminar: <a href="https://youtube.com/live/enqFMbzaGXI?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/enqFMbzaGXI?feature=share</a></p>
<p><b>Coming Event</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consumer Protection Workshop</u></b> On June 9, 2026, the Military and Family Readiness Center is hosting a hands-on Consumer Protection Workshop. Stay tuned for more information.</p>

<p><b>ID Cards</b></p> <p>If you still have a legacy ID Card (paper-based), consider coming into the MPF to obtain the updated plastic ID card. Walk-in hours for Retirees and their Dependents are Monday – Friday, 08:30 am – 10:30 pm, (except Holidays and Wing Training Days on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month). Remember, during walk-in hours, active-duty personnel in uniform will have priority. On the other hand, Retirees have priority on the second Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (except holidays or family days).</p> <p>Other ways to update ID Cards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make an appointment with the MPF at <a href="https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator?siteId=101531">https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator?siteId=101531</a></li> <li>• If you have a current ID Card, you can renew it online. Directions can be found at <a href="https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/Renewing-Online/">https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/Renewing-Online/</a> Once an online renewal request is submitted, the card will arrive via U.S. Mail, eliminating the need to visit a RAPIDS ID Card Office.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Military ID Cards</b></p>
<p><b>DFAS Customer Care</b> <small>(from DFAS)</small></p> <p>DFAS is excited to share updates to the DFAS Customer Care Phone Menu 1(888) 332-7411) to make it easier to reach the right representative for assistance.</p> <p>The DFAS411 phone line now starts with options for selecting what type of caller you are, Retiree or Annuitant, so all the options that follow apply to the customer type you choose. Those following options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1 - for those calling to report the death of a retiree or check on an existing Casualty claim.</li> <li>• Option 2 - for Retirees, Annuitants, and Former Spouses. The next menu choice then separates those groups into: option 1 for Retirees, option 2 for Annuitants.</li> <li>• Option 3 - for Former Spouses. Once you've selected the one that applies to you, continue to listen and follow the prompt that best summarizes your issue.</li> </ul> <p><u>Calling DFAS vs. Self-Service Options</u></p> <p>While the redesigned phone menu should help avoid reaching the wrong area or having to be transferred to get assistance, wait times to speak with a Customer Service Representative can still be long. Therefore, the self-service options are still the easiest and fastest way to receive assistance.</p> <p>Accessing your myPay account at <a href="https://mypay.dfas.mil">https://mypay.dfas.mil</a> remains the best way to instantly obtain tax documents (like your 1099-R) and update your information (such as your bank account or mailing address). You can also submit a request through AskDFAS for a tax statement to be reissued by mail (including if a mailing address update is needed). If your mailing address on file is current, you can even submit the request through our phone menu's self-service option. Using these available options helps keep the wait time lower for those callers that require assistance not available through self-service.</p> <p>Visit the AskDFAS Online Tools for Retirees webpage (<a href="https://www.dfas.mil/retonlinetools">https://www.dfas.mil/retonlinetools</a>) to see more information.</p> <p>DFAS realizes that it can be difficult to reach a Customer Service Representative quickly during peak times. The hope is that by simplifying and enhancing their phone menu, you will be able to get to the right person for assistance the first time without the need for any call transfers or unnecessary delays. DFAS is dedicated to finding ways to make your experience calling them a positive one and welcome any feedback on better achieving that goal.</p>	<p><b>DFAS News</b></p>

<p><b><u>KAFB Pharmacy</u></b></p> <p>The main pharmacy in the 377 Medical Group Clinic is open. <b>All new scripts</b> and <b>any script your doctor sends to the KAFB Pharmacy</b> are automatically sent to the clinic pharmacy and that is where you will pick them up. This change should be transparent to your doctor.</p> <p>All new electronic prescriptions must be activated in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have access, <b>message</b> the pharmacy on the MHS Genesis Patient Portal, <a href="https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil">https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil</a>. (You <b>CAN NO LONGER</b> use messaging for refills.)</li> <li>• Through the QR code found at the main clinic or the BX pharmacy.</li> <li>• From a smart phone, <b>text</b> “Get in Line” to 1(833) 429-6533 and answering the technician’s questions.</li> <li>• If you do not have smartphone 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.</li> <li>• Note: there is a separate window for delivering paper scripts.</li> </ul> <p>Your subsequent <b>refills</b> will be filled at the BX pharmacy and picked up at the BX pharmacy window or the BX Script Center. Please remember to indicate which place you would like to pick up from. Request refills by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have a DS Logon, you can access the Kirtland Pharmacy through the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal at <a href="https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil">https://patientportal.mhsgenesis.health.mil</a>. <b>From there, you need to choose RX Refills.</b> Then select which 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. Note: If the medication cannot be refilled, you will need to request a new script be sent to the pharmacy by your provider.</li> <li>• Alternatively, you can call (505) 594-2846 to use the automated phone line to request your prescription refills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>KAFB Pharmacy Update</b></p> <p><b>NOTE NEW ONLINE REFILL PROCEDURE</b></p>
<p><b><u>Explore the Sunport!</u></b></p> <p>The Albuquerque International Sunport has started the “FlySide Pass Program”. Once approved, it allows a person a one-time access to the terminal beyond the TSA screening checkpoint without an airline ticket. You can shop, dine, explore or accompany your loved ones through the secure side of the terminal. Visitors must be at least 18 years old to apply. Note: you need to apply for this pass each time you wish to visit the Sunport. Also, <b><u>NO MINORS</u></b> may utilize the FlySide Pass at this time. This will be updated in the future as TSA is able to make the appropriate updates to their systems.</p> <p>Step 1: Apply online at ABQSunport.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the FlySide Pass Frequently Asked Questions before applying.</li> <li>• Complete your application online the same day up to 7 days prior to visiting.</li> <li>• FlySide Passes are free!</li> </ul> <p>Step 2: Receive your digital FlySide Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once you have submitted your application you will receive an email confirmation, if approved, no more than 24 hours before your scheduled visit date.</li> <li>• The digital FlySide Pass on your device is good to have, but not required.</li> </ul> <p>Step 3: Go through security screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At your scheduled time, arrive at the security checkpoint inside the terminal, as if you are a regular traveler.</li> <li>• Your government-issued <b>REAL ID or passport</b> will be required at the security checkpoint. (NOTE: You may NOT use TSA Pre-Check or Clear even if you have it)</li> <li>• Enjoy your day in the terminal! (NOTE: You must re-present your FlySide Pass and resubmit to TSA screening if you leave the concourse and wish to re-enter.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Explore The Albuquerque Sunport</b></p>

<p><b><u>TSA PreCheck Touchless ID</u></b></p> <p>TSA PreCheck Touchless ID enhances the security screening process with facial comparison technology. This allows for faster, more efficient identity verification. Enrolled travelers with participating airlines (Alaska, American, Delta, Southwest, and United) can move through dedicated lanes with ease, enjoying a smoother and more convenient airport experience—an effortless way to start your travels. TSA PreCheck Touchless ID is now available at 65 airports, including the Albuquerque Sunport.</p> <p>TSA PreCheck Touchless ID requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active airline profile with a participating airline</li> <li>• Current TSA PreCheck traveler</li> <li>• Valid passport information uploaded to your airline profile</li> </ul> <p>Add the following information to your profile with each valid participating airline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter Known Traveler Number (KTN)</li> <li>• Enter valid passport number and country</li> <li>• Select “OPT IN” on your profile or at airline check-in</li> </ul> <p>Once you get your mobile boarding pass, ensure that the TSA PreCheck Touchless ID indicator appears on it. This will allow entry into the dedicated PreCheck lane ... </p> <p>Note: Even those who opt-in to the TSA PreCheck Touchless ID program must carry a REAL-ID compliant physical form of an acceptable ID and present it if asked by a TSA officer.</p>	<p><b>TSA Precheck Touchless ID</b></p>
<p><b><u>TRICARE for Life Seminars</u></b></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 377<sup>th</sup> Med Group (Kirtland Clinic) from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, once per quarter. The next three dates are 20 May 2026, 19 August 2026 and 18 November 2026. To make a reservation, call Michele Kibler, Health Benefits Advisor at (505) 846-2456. On the day of the seminar, check in at the Patient Records Desk on the 2nd floor by 1:20 pm.</p>	<p><b>TRICARE For Life Seminars</b></p>
<p><b><u>Casualty Assistance Representative</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Casualty Assistance</b></p>
<p><b><u>New Mexico VA / Roadrunner Food Bank</u></b></p> <p>The NM VA and Roadrunner Food Bank host a Monthly Food Drive at Veteran's Memorial Park, 1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, 09:00 am-11:00 am. Next dates are 28 May and 25 June 2026.</p>	<p><b>Monthly Food Drive</b></p>
<p><b><u>Commissary News</u></b> (started April 6, 2026)</p> <p>As of April 6, 2026, the Commissary will be charging the following for Single-Use Bags:</p> <p>Plastic - \$0.05 per bag Paper - \$0.10 per bag</p> <p>When using the self-checkout line, you will be asked how many of each bag you used. To avoid these charges, remember to bring your own bags.</p>	<p><b>Commissary News</b></p>
<p><b><u>New Benefit for Women Veterans</u></b> (from VA.gov)</p> <p>The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that <u>enrolled</u> women Veterans can now schedule appointments directly with VA gynecology providers without a referral from a primary care provider.</p>	<p><b>Women Veterans</b></p>

<p><b><u>Everything You Need to Know About Veteran Memorial Benefits</u></b>  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: <a href="https://www.cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families/?utm_source=middle&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=VetResources&amp;utm_id=16JUL2025">https://www.cem.va.gov/veterans-and-families/?utm_source=middle&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=VetResources&amp;utm_id=16JUL2025</a></p>	<p><b>VA Memorial Benefits</b></p>
<p><b><u>Do You Need to Correct Your Military Records?</u></b>  Please watch this YouTube video for help in updating/correcting your military records: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCDoqc9Kw6M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCDoqc9Kw6M</a></p>	<p><b>VA YouTube Channel</b></p>
<p><b><u>Important Information About VA Services</u></b>  If a service member gets all of his/her care at the VA and elects <b>NOT</b> to take Medicare (meaning the member also does not have TriCare for Life), the service member's spouse <b>WILL NOT</b> be eligible for Tricare for Life, even if they have Medicare.</p>	<p><b>Important VA Information</b></p>
<p><b><u>Albuquerque Area Free Senior Transportation</u></b>  The city of Albuquerque has two transportation programs available to qualifying members of the public, either through age or disability.</p> <p><b><u>Senior Affairs</u></b> – Offers curb-to-curb transportation to adults 60 years and older. They provide rides by appointment 7:30 am - 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, throughout the Albuquerque area for both medical and non-medical reasons. To register, 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.</p> <p><b><u>Albuquerque Sun Van (also referred to as ABQ Ride Para-Transit)</u></b> - Sun Van operates seven days a week, 365 days a year, Monday – Saturday, 5:30 am – 10:00 pm, Sunday, 6:00 am – 7:30 pm. It provides transportation throughout Albuquerque and to Rust Medical Center in Rio Rancho. You must be "ADA paratransit eligible" to schedule a ride. Eligibility requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any individual who is unable, as the result of 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Any disabled person who has a specific impairment that prevents the person from traveling to or from a bus stop.</li> </ul> <p>To verify eligibility, fill out an application and be interviewed at the Alvarado Transportation Center. Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.cabq.gov/transit/services/paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service">https://www.cabq.gov/transit/services/paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service/sun-van-application-for-paratransit-service</a> or by calling (505) 243-7433. Once completed, it should be faxed to (505) 212-0131 or mailed to:</p> <p>ABQ RIDE  Attn: Sun Van Applications  100 First St. SW  Albuquerque, NM 87102</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>City of Albuquerque Transportation Programs</b></p>

<p><b><u>Rail Runner and Rio Metro Buses:</u></b> 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).</p> <p>Accepted IDs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active-Duty Military, Veterans, Retirees, Dependent ID</li> <li>• VA medical card (VHIC)</li> <li>• Veteran’s ID (VIC card)</li> <li>• Driver’s License with a Veteran’s Designation</li> <li>• Retiree, Dependent and Active Duty - Department of Defense IDs (DOD)</li> <li>• Railrunner Freedom Pass</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rail Runner and Rio Metro Buses</b></p>
<p><b><u>Osuna Nursery</u></b> For all of the gardeners out there, Osuna Nursery always offers a 10% discount with a valid military ID. They also offer a 10% senior discount every Monday through Friday.</p> <p><b><u>Disney Military Discounts</u></b> <b>Walt Disney World, Florida</b> Disney Celebrates America Military Salute Ticket: Offers unlimited visits through Dec. 18, 2026. The Park Hopper ticket (allows park-goers to visit more than one park) costs \$499, while the Park Hopper Plus option (allows visits to additional venues, including a water park and a miniature golf course) costs \$529.</p> <p>Other options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-Day Disney Military Salute Ticket: Park Hopper (\$449) or Park Hopper Plus (\$479)</li> <li>• 5-Day Disney Military Salute Ticket: Park Hopper (\$429) or Park Hopper Plus (\$459)</li> <li>• 4-Day Disney Military Salute Ticket: Park Hopper (\$409) or Park Hopper Plus (\$439)</li> </ul> <p>Reservations are required for each day. Offers are valid from Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 18, 2026, with blackout dates from March 29 to April 11 and Nov. 22 to 28. Learn more about the deals on the Disney website, and contact your installation’s ticket/travel office or MWR department for more details or to purchase tickets.</p> <p><b>Disneyland Resort, California</b> The 2026 Military Salute Ticket offer includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-Day Pass: Park Hopper (\$369) or Park Hopper with Lightning Lane Multi Pass (\$505).</li> <li>• 3-Day Pass: Park Hopper (\$314) or Park Hopper with Lightning Lane Multi Pass (\$416).</li> <li>• 1-Day Pass: One-park military adult ticket \$104, child (age 3-9) ticket \$98.</li> </ul> <p>Reservations are required. Deals are available through Dec. 27, 2026. Tickets can be purchased at military installations or via GovX.com – search “Disney” for options.</p> <p><b>Disney Cruise Lines</b> In addition to special military rates on some 2026 cruises, uniformed servicemembers and retirees (and their spouses) are eligible for a \$250 onboard credit per reservation on select Disney Wish and Disney Dream cruises next year. Multiple departure points are included in the offer. Check the Disney Cruise Line website for details and for booking.</p>	<p><b>Military Discounts</b></p>
<p><b><u>Legal Office</u></b> The Legal Office is fully operational. For assistance and to schedule an appointment, call (505) 846-4217 or email <a href="mailto:Kirtland.Legal.Assistance@us.af.mil">Kirtland.Legal.Assistance@us.af.mil</a>.</p> <p>Walk-In hours are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday &amp; Friday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm</li> <li>• Tuesday &amp; Thursday: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm</li> <li>• Wednesday: Closed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Legal Office</b></p>

<p><b><u>Uber Drivers on Base</u></b>  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 <b><u>verify</u></b> that your driver has the proper KAFB credentials before scheduling a ride.</p>	<p><b>Uber Info</b></p>
<p><b><u>Kirtland AFB Chapel and Religious Services</u></b>  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 11:30 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.</p> <p>The Kirtland AFB Protestant Community Service meets every Sunday at 11:00 am at the Kirtland AFB Chapel. Anyone with base access is welcome to attend.</p> <p>Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will restart their meetings in September. Until then, check out their Facebook group.</p>	<p><b>Kirtland AFB Chapel Services</b></p>
<p><b><u>Kirtland AFB Veterinary Treatment Facility</u></b>  The Veterinary Clinic is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm (Closed for lunch 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm). Services include basic wellness appointments and sick call appointments. Please stop by the clinic or call (505) 846-4276 to register your pet and schedule an appointment. The office is located in building 20168 on Pennsylvania Ave., behind the Base Exchange.</p>	<p><b>KAFB Veterinary Treatment Facility</b></p>
<p><b><u>KAFB Thunderbird Dining Facility</u></b>  Retirees and their dependents with a valid ID card are eligible to eat in the Dining Facility on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal Holidays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. <u>Note:</u> Cash or credit cards are accepted.</p>	<p><b>Thunderbird Dining Facility</b></p>
<p><b><u>KAFB East Side Fitness Center Access</u></b>  The East Side Fitness Center has 24/7 access for retirees and their dependents. Register for this 24/7 access Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the East Fitness Center front desk. Once a Statement of Understanding (SOU) acknowledging policies and standards of use is signed, members will be issued a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card (essentially a key fob). This will allow access to the fitness center with the 24/7 entry system. Members who lose cards may be subject to replacement card fees.</p>	<p><b>East Side Fitness Center</b></p>
<p><b><u>Family Camp</u></b>  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><b>Family Camp</b></p>
<p><b><u>RV Storage</u></b>  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><b>RV Storage</b></p>
<p><b><u>Kirtland AFB Gate Operations</u></b>  Carlisle Gate – weekdays 5:30 am – 9:00 am in/outbound, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm outbound only  Eubank Gate – open 24/7  Gibson Gate – open 5:30 am – 7:30 pm daily  Maxwell Gate – open 24/7  Truman Gate – open 24/7 with Visitor Control Center  Wyoming Gate – weekdays 5:30 am – 9:00 am in/outbound, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm outbound only</p>	<p><b>KAFB Gate Access</b></p>

### 2026 Wing Holidays and Training Days

Thursday, 21 May 2026	Training Day	<b>Wing Holidays and Training Days Minimum base services will be available</b>
Friday, 22 May 2026	Family Day	
Monday, 25 May 2026	<a href="#">Memorial Day</a>	
Thursday, 18 June 2026	Training Day	
Friday, 3 July 2026 (Observed)	<a href="#">Independence Day</a>	
Monday, 6 July 2026	Family Day	
Thursday, 16 July 2026	Training Day	
Thursday, 20 August 2026	Training Day	
Friday, 4 September 2026	Family Day	
Monday, 7 September 2026	<a href="#">Labor Day</a>	
Thursday, 17 September 2026	Training Day	
Thursday, 15 October 2026	Training Day	
Tuesday, 10 November 2026	Family Day	
Wednesday, 11 November 2026	<a href="#">Veterans Day</a>	
Thursday, 19 November 2026	Training Day	
Thursday, 26 November 2026	<a href="#">Thanksgiving Day</a>	
Friday, 27 November 2026	Family Day	
Thursday, 17 December 2026	Training Day	
Thursday, 24 December 2026	Family Day	
Friday, 25 December 2026	<a href="#">Christmas Day</a>	

### Useful Websites

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

### 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 <b>TEXT ONLY</b>	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) 578-6035
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) 846-2456
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



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