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18-19 September 2026

Fort Hood 51st Annual Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD) will take place on 18-19 September 2026. Legal and ID Card services will be offered. Detailed information provided on page 2.

Retirement Services Annual Newsletter Email & Online

The Fort Hood Annual Newsletter is available by email and online only. If you would like to receive the annual newsletter, you can download a copy of the annual newsletter from the Fort Hood Retirement Services Office using the QR code below or at: <https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/Military-Personnel-Division/retiree-services-office>.



Fort Hood Access and Visitor Passes

All visitors to Fort Hood must have a valid military ID Card or a visitor's pass from the Marvin Leath Visitors Welcome Center.

The Visitors Welcome Center is located off of Interstate 14 on T.J. Mills Blvd, Building 69012, adjacent to the Fort Hood Main Gate. The Visitors Welcome Center will provide visitor access passes for non-DoD ID Card Holders. All non-DoD visitors entering the Fort Hood Installation must have Real ID compliant forms of identification and/or a valid passport from their country of residence showing valid entry into the United States. For more information contact (254) 287-9909 or apply online at pass.aie.army.mil.

Fort Hood Retirement Services Office and ID Card Facility

The ID Card Facility and the Retirement Services Office are co-located in Building 130 at the corner of Legends Way and T.J. Mills Blvd.



51st Annual Retiree Appreciation Days

The 51st Annual Retiree Appreciation Days will be held on 18-19 September 2026 at Fort Hood, Texas.

Retiree Golf Tournament

The Courses of Clear Creek will host a Retired Military Golf Tournament at 0900, Friday, 18 September 2026 at The Courses of Clear Creek. The event is limited to the first 144 entries received from Retired personnel, their Family Members and Survivors. Please email your entry form (page 6) to charles.e.mcphilomy.naf@army.mil or mail the form to: DFMWR-Business Division, The Courses of Clear Creek, Bldg. 194, 37th Street, Fort Hood, TX 76544 NLT 12 September 2026. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. Entry fee is \$60.00 per person which includes green fees, cart fees, prizes, and lunch afterward. For additional information, please call Courses of Clear Creek at (254) 287-4130.

Friday Night Bingo

Come out and join us for our Friday Night Bingo Social 18 September 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Phantom Warrior Center, Fort Hood, TX 76544. You must RSVP to nrroupes23@gmail.com by 4 September 2026.

Legal Assistance

The Fort Hood Legal Assistance Office will be open for Retiree Appreciation Days from 0900-1600 on Friday, 18 September 2026 and on Saturday 19 September 2026 from 1000-1400. Legal Assistance is located at building 13, 52d St (on the west side of III Armored Corps Headquarters). Services will include drafting and execution of Wills, Advance Medical Directives, and Powers of Attorney (POAs). Please - review the additional information provided on pages 7-8.

ID Cards

Fort Hood ID Cards Facility will be open for appointments only on 18 September 2026 from 0800-1130 – 1300-1530 and walk-ins on 19 September 2026 from 1000-1400 for Retirees and their Family Members.



We look forward to seeing you.



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Breakfast

Come and enjoy light pastries from 0700 to 0845 in the main foyer (near the dining facility area) of the Carl R. Darnall Medical Center on Saturday, 19 September 2026 prior to the opening ceremony.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will be conducted in the Main Foyer, 1st Floor of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at 0900 on 19 September 2026.

County Fair/Health Fair

At the completion of the Opening Ceremony, several vendors will have an array of displays at the County Fair/Health Fair located on the first floor of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center on 19 September 2026.

Lunch at Operation Iraqi Freedom Restaurant

Join our team for lunch at the Operation Iraqi Freedom Restaurant with a meal prepared especially for you. Lunch will be served from 1130 to 1400 on Saturday 19 September 2026. The restaurant is located at Bldg. 21020, Legends Way. Cost is \$8.60 per person at the restaurant.

1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment Demonstration

The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment will conduct a demonstration at 1400, Saturday, 19 September 2026 at the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Stables located near the main gate Visitor Welcome Center. This is a great family activity and a photo opportunity!

1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment (HCD) Mounted Weapons Demonstration



Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Health Fair

Come out and take advantage of the services planned especially for you. The Health Fair will be from 1000 to 1400, Saturday, 19 September 2026 at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center. This fair will provide a combination of screenings and educational programs to be held at various times throughout the day. The Zostavax (Shingles) vaccine, Flu and Pneumonia shots and tetanus booster will be available for those needing these vaccines. Please bring shot records for verification and update.



51st Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

Friday, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

0900 – TBD	Retiree Golf Tournament	The Courses of Clear Creek
0900 – 1600	Legal Assistance	Bldg. 13, 52d Street
1100 – 1200	Retirement Ceremony	Bldg. 5764, 24 th Street Lone Star Conference Center
1730 – TBD	*Friday Night Bingo Social *Must RSVP by 4 Sep 26	Bldg 194, 37th Street Phantom Warrior Center

Saturday, 19 SEPTEMBER 2026

0700 – 0845	Coffee & Light Pastries	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC)
0900 – 1000	Opening Ceremony	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. CRDAMC
1000 – 1400	County Fair/Health Fair	Bldg. 36065, Santa Fe Ave. CRDAMC
1000 – 1400	ID Cards/DEERS	Bldg. 130, Legends Way
1000 – 1400	Legal Assistance	Bldg. 13, 52d St. & 761st Tank Destroyer
1130 – 1400	Lunch (\$8.60)	Bldg. 21020, Legends Way, Operation Iraqi Freedom Restaurant
1400 – 1500	1CD Horse Detachment Demonstration	1CD Horse Stables (Near Main Gate Visitors Welcome Center)

When your life changes, it's important to share the news with DFAS

By DFAS Corporate Communications



As a retiree, the sooner you alert the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to any life change that might affect your pay, the timelier and more accurate your pay will be. Keeping your account updated includes making sure your mailing address, email address, banking information, allotments, tax

withholding status, and beneficiary choices are current.

Be sure to report any change of life events as soon as they happen. These life-changing events might include:

- Moving
- Marriage or Remarriage
- Divorce
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Death of a spouse or child
- Direct Deposit account changes

Some changes, especially those regarding Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage, have a one-year time limit, so it is very important that you notify DFAS of life-changing events when they happen. And when you notify us, be sure to include photocopies of supporting documents, such as birth or marriage certificates.

Now it's easier than ever to keep your SBP account up to date. If you are making a change to your SBP coverage because of a life event, you can use our new Form Wizard to assist you in completing the DD Form 2656-6, SBP

Election Change Certificate, found at: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/forms/dd/dd2656-6.pdf>.

We also have a Form Wizard to assist you with the DD Form 2894, found at: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/forms/dd/dd2894.pdf> to update your Arrears of Pay (AOP) (last paycheck) beneficiary.

When using DD Form 2894 Form Wizard to complete your form, you can take advantage of a fully online experience with electronic signature, and a convenient one-click upload to AskDFAS.

In addition, if you have a question about your account, you can now submit your question via our new AskDFAS online "Ask a Question" tool instead of needing to call our Customer Care Center during business hours. You'll get a response via AskDFAS that you can check when it's convenient for you.

You can also update your mailing address using our convenient AskDFAS online tool.

Keeping your contact information updated is key to staying informed. DFAS occasionally sends out correspondence regarding changes in the law that affect your pay.

DFAS continues to develop helpful tools and information to make managing your account easier. Find out more on our Quick Tools webpage at <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/Quick-Tools-for-Retirees-SBP-Annuity-Survivors/>.

ARMY ECHOES, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

A new chapter for Army Echoes

As *Army Echoes* continues to modernize and expand digital accessibility, this edition marks the final broad distribution of the printed and mailed newsletter.

In order to ensure continued access to *Army Echoes*, we ask for you to verify/update your email address in your myPay account at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) by logging into myPay at: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/> or by calling DFAS directly at (800) 321-1080. **NOTE: This is something ONLY YOU can do. We do not have access to your personal myPay account.**

We highly encourage you to have an email address on file with your myPay account as this is where your *Army Echoes* notification will be going.

Army Echoes can also be downloaded and printed from: <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Army-Retirement/Post-Retirement/Army-Echoes-Newsletter>.

Step by step instructions:

1. Log in: Go to myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/> and log in to your account.
2. Find Settings: On the main page, find and click on Personal Settings in the top menu bar.
3. Select Email Address: In the left-hand menu, select the Email Address link.
4. Enter New Email: Enter your new personal email address in the fields provided, re-entering it for confirmation.
5. Set as Primary (Optional): If this will be your main email, check the box to set it as primary.
6. Submit: Click Accept/Submit or Next to save your changes.
7. Verify: You'll receive a verification link; click it to confirm your new email.
8. Add to Safe Senders: Add dfas-smartdocs@mail.mil to your safe senders/contacts to ensure you get important notifications.

RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

0900, FRIDAY, 19 September 2026

**** DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 4 SEPTEMBER 2026 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES ****

MAIL ENTRY TO: DFMWR - Business Operations Division
The Courses of Clear Creek
Bldg. 194, 37th Street Fort
Fort Hood, TX 76544

Or EMAIL ENTRY TO: charles.e.mcphilomy.naf@army.mil

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek

I have my own cart, circle: YES or NO Handicap _____ my age is _____

The **entry fee will be \$60.00**; cost includes green fees, cart, purchase of prizes, and lunch.

FORT HOOD LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Initial Screening Questionnaire page 1 of 2

The purpose of this questionnaire is for the Fort Hood Consolidated Client Services office to gather information about you, *the prospective client*, and the reason you are wanting help. Return the completed questionnaire to:

Please fill out this questionnaire completely and honestly. Completing this questionnaire DOES NOT establish an attorney/client relationship. **Your answers are confidential.**

Some matters are outside the scope of services provided by our office. The Fort Hood Legal Assistance Office reserves the right to limit or deny assistance IAW AR 27-3.

Legal services are subject to confirmation of eligibility. If an appointment is scheduled, final confirmation of eligibility is made at the time of appointment.

You MUST bring your Military Issued ID card to ALL appointments.

Your FULL Name: _____

All previous last names used: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____ DoD ID #: _____ Branch: _____

Gender: _____ Marital Status: _____ Bde/Div assigned to: _____

Military Status: _____ Pay Grade: _____

Best contact method? _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Do you own a business? _____ Do you have an attorney? _____

(Enter name of current spouse, or if divorced/widowed, former spouse)

Spouse's FULL Name: _____

All previous last names used: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____ DoD ID #: _____ Gender: _____

Military Status: _____ Branch: _____

Bde/Div assigned to: _____ Pay grade: _____

Does your spouse own a business? _____ Does spouse have an attorney? _____

For Office Use Only:

Form intake para: _____ **Date/Time Rec'd:** _____ **Date entered/checked in CIS:** _____
by _____

Contact Time/Date: _____ **Initials:** _____

Notes: _____

Check your Legal Issue

Opposing Party Information – (Anyone involved in the legal issue. Examples of Opposing Parties include, landlords, significant other, roommate, debt collector, other people held liable in a FLIPL)

Status: _____ Pay grade: _____ Branch: _____ Installation: _____