

Buckley Space Force Base
Retiree Activities Office (RAO)
August Newsletter
Serving military retirees from all Services

Note: We are considering some significant changes to our monthly newsletter and would like your input before making any permanent changes. First, we have updated the format to change the content (more links, less text) and look of the newsletter. Second, we would include the entire text of the newsletter in the e-mail we send you each month (like we have done here) versus posting the newsletter on our website and having a link to the newsletter in our e-mail to you. Please provide your input on these proposed changes using the following link: [Click here](#)

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Normal Hours

Mon 0900-1500
Tue 0900-1500
Wed 0900-1300
Thu 0900-1200
Fri 0900-1200

Hours depend on volunteer availability.

Find Us on Buckley SFB

We are in Room 104 of Building 606, close to the main building entrance. Enter through the main entrance, turn left, take the first hallway on your right, and Room 104 is the first room on your left. We assist military retirees from all Services.

Casualty Assistance Support from the Retiree Activities Office (RAO)

The RAO is dedicated to supporting the families of deceased military personnel. As part of this commitment, our team actively monitors online obituaries for military retirees in Colorado so we can proactively reach out to offer our condolences and assistance.

[Click here to see how we can help.](#)

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

18 Aug Monthly TRICARE Briefing 1100-1230

Monthly TRICARE Briefing at the Bldg 606 Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC); call 720-847-6681 to register.

19 Aug Denver Vet Center Dedication & Open House 0900-1200

4100 East Mississippi Ave, Suite 310, Glendale, CO. There will be a dedication and open house for the new vet center located at 4100 East Mississippi Ave, Suite 310, Glendale, CO (in the Denver metro area). This event is open to the community and local veterans. Denver Vet Center Dedication and Open House | VA Eastern Colorado Health Care | Veterans Affairs

19 Aug Denver Veterans Job Fair 1100-1500

Empower Field at Mile High. The event is sponsored by RecruitMilitary and DAV to connect veterans and spouses with local employers. [myRecruitMilitary](#)

19 Aug Quarterly Medical Group Town Hall 1600-1700

Buckley SFB Chapel. The Town Hall dial in is always the same number and code: +1 410-874-6757 Phone Conference ID: 241 738 417# These Town Halls are your opportunity to engage with pharmacy personnel face-to-face to express your concerns and ask questions, so we strongly encourage retirees with any pharmacy concerns to attend.

20 Aug Walk-in VA Disability Benefits Claims Assistance with VSOs 1300-1600

Building 606, Room 140. Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are available to help you file a VA disability benefit claim. You can just show up and walk in, no registration is required. If you are discharged from the military within 90-180 days, bring a copy of your medical records, your marriage certificate and your children's birth certificates and they can do the rest. You should understand up front that an average Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) claim can take 2 hours or more for a records review and submission and there is almost always "homework" a veteran needs to do before they are completely prepared for an

appointment. That being said, there are three things the VSOs at these meetings can do to prepare you for filing: answer any questions you may have about claims and claim processes; process simple requests such as input an Intent to File, for a retiree for instance, to save a date or update address information; prepare you for, and schedule, longer appointments in a VSO office to complete and submit claim documents. This event is scheduled for the third Thursday of every month, so you can expect another one on 17 Sep. For more info, you can contact Ms. Stephanie Rozmarich at 460MSS.DPF@us.af.mil or call 720-847-6681.

22 Aug 37th Annual Salute to Seniors at the Greek Events Center in Denver 0930-1500

Greek Events Center (4610 E. Alameda Ave., Denver). More than 75 vendors will be available with information on home repair, primary health care, home-delivered meals, Medicare, care in your home, etc. More info at - [Colorado Gerontological Society](#)

26 Aug Estate Planning Workshop 1130-1230

Wills & Wellness Estate Planning in Denver 8959 E 40th Ave, Suite 160, Denver. For more info, and to RSVP, go to Free Educational Talks - [Wills & Wellness Estate Planning](#)

19 Sep Buckley SFB Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) 0800-1230

Leadership Development Center (Bldg 1032), featuring vendors, free food, door prizes, and musical entertainment by the band She Bop. **More info below**

19 Sep Castle Rock Oktoberfest at Wilcox Square 1300 – 2100

Castle Rock Oktoberfest at Wilcox Square (300 Second Street). There will be entertainment, vendors, food trucks, etc. Since this event doesn't start until 1300 you have plenty of time to attend the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Buckley SFB and then visit the Oktoberfest. For more info see [Calendar • Oktoberfest](#)

17 Oct Ft Carson Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) 0800-1300

Elkhorn Conference Center (Bldg 7300, 1725 Woodfill Rd on Ft. Carson). There will be a complimentary breakfast, health and wellness checks, information and support. For additional information you can contact the Ft. Carson RSO, Carolyn Hill, at carolyn.d.hill9.civ@army.mil

Recurring Events

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM & WINGS OF EXPLORATION

For the latest information on museum events, visit the museum events page.

[Wings Museum Events](#)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HONOR FLIGHT

Flight #56 (3–5 September) Flight #57 (8–10 October) are in the pre-planning stages. For information on signing up for a flight or serving as a volunteer:

[Rocky Mountain Honor Flight](#)

Recurring Items

August Observances

There are no Federal holidays in August. However, the month features several observances, including Coast Guard B-Day (Aug 4), Purple Heart Day (Aug 7), VJ Day (Aug 8), Agent Orange Awareness Day (Aug 10), Navajo Code Talkers Day (Aug 14), National Airborne Day (Aug 16), and Marine Corps Reserve B-Day (Aug 29).

Service and DFAS Retiree Newsletters (use the links below);

Air Force Afterburner: [2026 Issue 1 AFTERBURNER \(26 Jan 2026\).pdf](#) (Issue 1, 2026)

Army Echoes: [202605 Army Echoes.pdf](#) (May - Jul 2026) New!

Navy Sailor for Life (previously Shift Colors) - [Sailor for Life](#) (Spring-Summer 2026)

Marine Corps - [Semper Fi Magazine – Marine Corps League](#) (Spring 2026)

Coast Guard Long Blue Line - [LONG BLUE LINE](#) (Spring 2026)

DFAS -[Retiree Newsletter](#) (Mar 2026)

BASE SERVICES

Retiree & Dependent ID Cards (Appts Only) - Buckley SFB Military Personnel Flight (MPF)

Building 606 ID Card Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The office is closed on federal holidays and family days.

Questions? – Appointments, renew online, etc. Go to [ID FAQs](#)

Pharmacy Operations

Contact Information and Resources

Refill Line: 720-615-2857. For patients interested in text notifications of when their prescriptions are ready, please speak to a pharmacy team member to enroll - have your cell phone number and carrier/company available. You can call 720-847-7450 if you need to speak to someone in the pharmacy.

- o 5 Duty Day turnaround after 1400
- o Call 21 days prior for 90-day supply
- o Call 7 Days prior for 30-day supply

Pharmacy Staff: 720-847-7450

Patient Advocate Phone: 720-847-6603

Patient Advocate Email: usaf.buckley.460sw-mdg.mbx.pharmacy-patient-advocate@mail.mil

Text Notifications: Speak to a pharmacy team member with your cell phone number and carrier available to enroll.

Pharmacy Website: [460th Medical Group - Buckley Space Force Base > Health Services > Pharmacy \(tricare.mil\)](#)

New Prescriptions

- Electronic prescriptions will automatically be activated
- Hardcopy prescription activation is via the Pharmacy DROP BOX
- Urgent prescriptions will be ready the same day
- Routine prescriptions ready after 1400 on the 2nd duty day

Hours of Operation

Service	Days	Hours
Lobby	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	0730 - 1630
Lobby	Wednesday	0930 - 1630
Drive-Thru	Monday – Friday	1300 – 1600

Closures

- 28 Aug Closes at 1500
- 4 Sep Pass Day
- 7 Sep Down Day/Holiday

More Questions - [Pharmacy](#)

Reminder: the pharmacy is closed every Wednesday from 0730 to 0930 for Training & closes at 1500 on the last Friday.

Further information on prescription and refills, GENESIS Portal, after-hour care, transferring prescriptions, etc Goto [Pharmacy Questions](#)

Legal Office

The Legal Office provides limited legal assistance services for military retirees and their dependents. Retirees may choose to conduct their legal assistance appointments either in person or by telephone (720-847-6444).

Walk-In Services

Services Provided: Notary services and Powers of Attorney.

Availability: Monday through Thursday, from 0800 to 1200.

Appointment-Only Services (Wills)

Availability: Thursdays only, from 1300 to 1500.

Scheduling Note: Will appointments are expected to fill up very quickly, and the office does not maintain a waitlist. If appointments are booked out for several weeks, you may be asked to call back in two to three weeks to check for new openings.

For further information and details go to [Legal Office Questions](#)

Buckley Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)

Mark your calendars for the annual Buckley SFB Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Saturday, September 19! This fun and highly informative event is free to attend, and no prior registration is required.

- **Event Details:** Saturday, 19 Sep, from 0800 to 1230
- **Location:** Leadership Development Center (LDC - Bldg. 1032)
- **Special Hours:** The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) ID card section will be open from 0800 to 1200 in Bldg 606 (Mission Support Bldg) to support attendees.

Participating Organizations & Vendors We expect a wide variety of helpful organizations to be on-site, including:

- TRICARE, Delta Dental, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and GEHA
- Fort Logan National Cemetery
- HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC)
- Base Pharmacy, Legal, Commissary, and BX representatives
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- VA Eastern CO Health Care System & Denver VA Regional Office
- Local Funeral Homes and Hospice Facilities

- ...and many others!

Food, Prizes, & Entertainment. As in years past, we will provide complimentary food and beverages, including donuts, pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, and snacks. We will also be giving away excellent door prizes, featuring gift cards to popular local restaurants and breweries such as J. Alexander's, Olive Garden, Lazy Dog, Waldo's Chicken and Beer, Alpha Charlies, and Launch Pad Brewery. Live musical entertainment is expected to be provided by the band *She Bop*.

Stay Updated For additional details as we get closer to the date, please visit the [RAO Website](#). We encourage you to check the site regularly or call the RAO directly if you have any questions!

HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) Reserve Retirement Counseling Cell (RRCC)

Navigating the retirement process can be challenging, particularly for "Gray Area" retirees from all Services who are approaching age 60 and beginning to assemble their retirement packages.

To provide targeted support and answer your questions, the ARPC established the Reserve Retirement Counseling Cell (RRCC). This dedicated team is specifically designed to assist Air Force Reservists and Guard members in successfully navigating their retirement paperwork and resolving any issues that arise along the way.

RRCC Contact Information:

- Phone: 800-682-1929
- Website: [Reserve Retirement Counseling Cell \(RRCC\)](#)
- Email: arpc.dpt.rrcc@us.af.mil

Reporting the Death of a Retiree

To ensure accurate pay processing and prevent administrative complications, loved ones must report a military retiree's death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) immediately.

For local, hands-on assistance, please contact the Buckley SFB Casualty Assistance Office (Loretta Lopez) at 720-847-6946.

Alternatively, you may report the passing directly by calling the dedicated service branch or agency lines listed below:

Service Branch & Agency Contact Numbers

- Retired Air Force: 1-877-353-6807

- Retired Army: 1-800-626-3317
- Retired Coast Guard: 1-800-772-8724
- Retired Marines: 1-800-847-1597
- Retired Navy: 1-800-368-3202
- Retired Civil Service: 1-888-767-6738
- Receiving VA Compensation: 1-800-827-1000
- Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213

Life Changing Event

Keep DFAS Informed: Report Life-Changing Events

Ensuring your retired pay is distributed accurately and on time is the primary goal at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). To achieve this, they need your help keeping your account up to date. This includes maintaining your current mailing address, banking information, allotments, tax withholding status, and beneficiary choices.

Be sure to report any life-changing events as soon as they happen, including:

Marriage

Divorce

Death of a spouse or child

Birth or adoption of a child

Important Time Limits & Documentation Some changes, especially those regarding the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), have a strict one-year time limit. When you notify DFAS of a life-changing event, you must include supporting documents, such as a birth or marriage certificate.

The Importance of an Accurate Address

Keeping your contact information updated is key to staying informed. DFAS occasionally sends correspondence regarding legal changes that affect your pay, and they issue a new Retiree Account Statement (RAS) whenever your net pay changes. If your mailing address is incorrect and you do not use myPay, DFAS has no way of notifying you about these updates.

Manage Your Account with myPay

The easiest and most efficient way to keep your account current is to use myPay. Through the portal, you can update your mailing address, direct deposit information, SBP coverage, certain allotments, and tax withholding status.

You can create or access your myPay account at: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>.

Update Your DEERS Information After a Life Event

Whenever your life circumstances change, it is critical to update your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Incorrect information in DEERS can prevent you from properly accessing and using your TRICARE benefits.

Four Ways to Update DEERS:

- Online: Via the milConnect portal
- By Phone: 800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD: 866-363-2883)
- By Fax: 831-655-8317
- By Mail:

DMDC Support Office

Attn: COA

[400 Gigling Road](#)

[Seaside, CA 93955-6771](#)

Additional Updates Required

Please note that updating DEERS does not automatically update all of your healthcare providers. You must also update your contact information directly with:

- Your regional contractor
- The pharmacy contractor
- Your dental contractor (if you have dental coverage)
- Your doctors

General Topics and FAQs

Just click on the links below

[Overseas Travel & Tricare for Life](#)

[Online ID Card Switches from DS Login to MyAuth](#)

[GLP-Medications & Tricare for Life](#)

[Disabled Vets & Free TSP Precheck](#)

[New DFAS Smart Wizard for Arrears of Pay](#)

[VA Preneed Eligibility for Burial in Veteran's Cemetery](#)

[Free TSA Precheck for Certain Disabled Veterans](#)

[ID Cards](#)

[Pharmacy](#)

[Legal Office](#)

[Tricare](#)

[DFAS/MyPay](#)

[Income Taxes](#)

We encourage everyone who has contacted the RAO for support to provide some feedback, and constructive criticism, by filling out a customer survey at: [RAO Survey](#). We want to hear from you, and we welcome your suggestions on how we can improve our support! If your survey requires a response from the RAO, you need to include your name/contact info in Question 10.

If you know military retirees who are not receiving our newsletter e-mail please feel free to forward it to them. If they are not getting RAO e-mails, but would like to, they can contact us at raobuckley@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

The RAO could still use some volunteers. Volunteers work one shift/week, typically 2-4 hours. If you think you might be interested, or have questions about being an RAO volunteer, you can contact me at raobuckley@gmail.com We'd love to have you join the team!

Appreciate you reading the entire Newsletter! Do you have any input for us? [Click here](#)

Disclaimer: This newsletter is a RAO publication for retirees, annuitants, and surviving spouses. Content is not to be construed as the official view of, or endorsement by, the RAO, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the Space Force, or the Air Force.