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Upcoming WV Army National Guard Retirement Services Events

Army Retirement Brief and Ceremony Dates

November 17, 2023—Retirement Brief*

November 18, 2023—Retirement Ceremony*

March 1, 2024—Retirement Brief*

March 2, 2024—Retirement Ceremony*

May 3, 2024—Retirement Brief*

May 4, 2024—Retirement Ceremony*

August 2, 2024—Retirement Brief*

August 3, 2024—Retirement Ceremony*

*Located at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV 26537

Understanding the WHY

The **retirement brief** educates you on the 15/20 year letter packet and how to read your retirement points statement, understand the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, and how to apply for retirement when you reach age 60 (or your retirement pay eligibility date “RPED” if earlier than age 60)! This event is open to current and retired ARNG personnel.

There are resources ranging from Family Programs to TRICARE personnel to help aid and guide you and your family.

A VA Team will be on site to assist individuals with submitting VA claims!

The **retirement ceremony** not only recognizes the Soldier for their duty and sacrifices but also recognizes their families for their support and sacrifices. Public Affairs provide photography and videography support and those items are mailed to you!



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Notes From Your Retirement Services Office

1. Delays in Retired Pay

Due to a backlog of Retirement Pay Applications at HRC, we have begun to notice another delay in the processing and receipt of retired pay.

2. Delays in Survivor Annuitant Pay

There have been some delays in the receipt of survivor annuity payments due to no fault of the Survivor or the submission process. The issue lies in the creation of pay accounts and issuing of payments from DFAS.

3. Requesting DD 214 Corrections

If you have retired and are age 60 and/or collecting retired pay, you will go through HRC to request your DD 214 corrections:

(1) Officers currently RA or USAR (TPU, IMA, IRR, or Retired Reserve): Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC–OPL–P), Department 290, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122–5209

(2) Enlisted Soldiers currently RA or USAR (TPU, IMA, IRR, or Retired Reserve): Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC–EPR–J), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122–5102

(3) Enlisted Soldiers currently USAR AGR: Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC–EPR–P), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122–5102

The phone number to contact someone at the HRC Army Service Center is: 1-888-276-9472

4. Survivors

Stay tuned for next quarter's issue where we plan to publish a new Survivor's Checklist to help you prepare for the unexpected.



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Did You Know?

1. Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season

The FY 2023 NDAA enacted a Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season that ends 1 January 2024. The DoD Guidance for the 2023 SBP Open Season was signed 9 March 2023 and is embedded here. For more information on procedures and forms, please refer to the DFAS Focus Page, <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/provide/sbp/SBP-Open-Season-NDAA2023/>, the Army SBP page, <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/survivor-benefit-plan>.

2. 2023 U.S. Army Retirement Planning Guide

The 2023 Retirement Planning Guide is live on the Soldier for Life website at https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/Retirement/2023_USArmy_RetirementPlanningGde_Mar2023.pdf. The guide has undergone extensive revisions since 2022 and is designed to be more digitally accessible, including an interactive Table of Contents and clickable Retirement Planning Timeline.

3. Soldier for Life (SFL) Clothing Line

Army RSO is preparing to launch the SFL clothing line this spring that will be available through AAFES. The Army bought the trademark for the words “Soldier for Life” on apparel last fall. Legal and trademark hurdles are behind us. Companies are being licensed to produce and sell these clothing items – anything from polos to sweats, jackets, hats, etc. Look for an announcement in late May or early June. This will include both SFL logos, including the retired logo! More to follow!

4. Soldier for Life Network (SFLN)

Work continues to develop a replacement for AKO to be called the Soldier for Life Network (SFLN). The SFLN will be a closed online Veterans community that requires Veterans (both retired and not) to be verified before being given access. Verification will likely be provided by a third-party provider, such as ID.me, which performs this function for the VA, AAFES, and other government organizations already. The SFLN will be a place for Veterans to gather, receive official updates, connect with other Veterans, and feel like a valued part of the Army community. There will be no cost to Veterans, and they will use their own existing email address to receive communications. They can choose to share their contact information with others or not. Look for more information on this in the late summer or fall.

5. Army Echoes App

The Army Echoes App has been updated! Please download the Army Echoes app (iOS or Android) and give it a try!



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Services and Events

Over 40 Military Friendly Vendors

Retirement Services How to Apply for Retired Pay & Resources Overview

Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony & Group Photo

Women's Veterans Group Photo

Legal Services

Military & VA ID Cards

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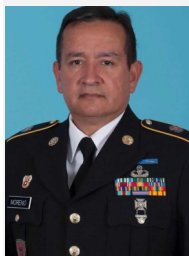
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MSG Sean R. Sullivan entered military service in 2003 and is retiring after 20 years of service. MSG Sullivan deployed twice to Iraq, first in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and then again in 2007, also in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed once to Afghanistan in 2018 in support of Operation's Freedom Sentinel. He has been awarded The Bronze Star Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal (x4) in addition to other awards. MSG Sullivan is being presented the Meritorious Service Medal, a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After his retirement on 31 December 2023, MSG Sullivan plans to spend more time with his family and seek employment in the private or government sector.



SFC Christopher W. Edmonds entered military service in 2001 and is retiring after over 22 years of service. SFC Edmonds started his career in the 3664th Maintenance Company as a Small Arms Repair Specialist before transitioning to the West Virginia Medical Detachment as a State Dental Technician. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal among several others. SFC Edmonds has been recommended for the Presidential Letter of Appreciation and is being presented a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After his retirement on 30 September 2023, SFC Edmonds plans to continue working as a Stroke and Trauma Vascular Interventional Radiology Tech, travel and spend time with family.



SFC Diego M. Moreno entered military service in 1982 and is retiring after over 28 years of total service. SFC Moreno deployed to Africa in 2007 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and to Kuwait and Iraq in 2020 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and three Army Commendation Medals in addition to others. SFC Moreno has been recommended for the Presidential Letter of Appreciation and is being presented with a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After retirement on 1 October 2023, he plans to spend more time with his family as he is already retired from



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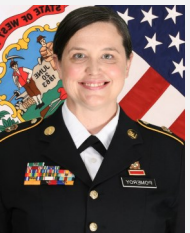
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SFC Christopher O. Nottingham entered military service in 2000 and is retiring after 23 years of service. SFC Nottingham started his career in the 1257th Transportation Company before moving on and serving at other locations to include the 35th Civil Support Det (WMD) and the 771st Troop Command Battalion and was an integral member of the CERFP Team. He was mobilized to West Point, NY in 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal in addition to several others. SFC Nottingham is being presented the Meritorious Service Medal, a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After retirement on 31 January 2024, SFC Nottingham will spend more time with family and seek employment in the private or government sector.



SFC Whitney J. Pomeroy entered military service in 2003 and will retire after 20 years of service. SFC Pomeroy began her career with the 3664th Maintenance company and deployed with them to Kuwait in 2019 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She is currently assigned to the 863rd Military Police Company as the Motor Sergeant. She has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal among others. SFC Pomeroy is being presented with the Meritorious Service Medal, a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After she retires on 31 August 2023, SFC Pomeroy will spend more time with family and continue her career as a registered nurse.

SSG Jonathan S. Jordan entered military service in 2001 and is retiring after 20 years of service. SSG Jordan started his career in the United States Air Force. He joined the West Virginia Army National Guard in 2005. SSG Jordan deployed in 2003 to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch, to Iraq in 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and in 2019 to Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal with "C" device among others. SSG Jordan is being presented the Meritorious Service Medal, a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After his retirement on 11 September 2023, SSG Jordan will spend more time with his family and continue his civilian career with TC Energy.



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SSG Jason W. McGraw entered military service in 2000 and has retired after 23 years of service. SSG McGraw has had a continuous career serving as a Military Policeman with the 157th Military Police Company and the 154th Military Police Company. He mobilized to Fort Benning, GA in 2001. SSG McGraw has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal among others. SSG McGraw is being presented the Meritorious Service Medal, a Retirement Flag, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commander-in-Chief, a Certificate of Retirement from the Chief of Staff of the Army, a coin, and a Soldier for Life Pin for Meritorious Service. After retirement on 11 July 2023, he plans to spend time with family and retire from his civilian career as a Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations and pursue a post retirement career as a private contractor with the Department of State.



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A Message from the West Virginia Retired Military Council

The West Virginia Retired Military Council is entering its third year as the newest and most unique Retiree Council in the Army. This council is the first Army sanctioned and recognized charter that is organized under a state National Guard Command. All others are organized within an Active Army installation. Since West Virginia has no Active Army installations, we feel it is our mission to bring to our retirees the support that would normally be received by those who live near a major installation while adding value to the state of West Virginia. By taking this long-established Army program into a National Guard centric state, we have redesigned how a council can work utilizing a Joint Forces concept.

Communication, support, and advocacy are key to our mission and vision of how we fill that vacuum. In doing so, we have submitted four issues to the Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council. The Chief of Staff Retiree Council works for the Chief of Staff, Army to elevate actionable Retiree issues for resolution within the Army. So far, we have submitted issues each of the last three years. One to recognize spouses of retiring Soldiers with their own lapel pin. Another was to increase awareness of the need and support of Retiree Councils within the states. This year we submitted two. The first to bring about a resolution to gray area retiree issues with initial pay startup lag time and secondly to do a position analysis of reserve component Retired Service Office staffing with the intent of determining a standard staffing for that office. Each of these issues have been screened and accepted into the case load for the Chief of Staff Retiree Council. This has proven to be a most efficient way of addressing issues in that it goes straight to the top of Army rather than going through multiple bottoms up reviews of multiple components and staffs of Army, often getting diluted along the way. It should be noted that of the 14 members of the Chief of Staff Army Council, two of them are from the West Virginia Council. These are LTC (ret) Jerry Wood of Morgantown, an Active Army Retiree, and CSM (ret) Keith Hammack a well-known West Virginia Army National Guard engineer. With over 30 councils in the Army, that is a significant accomplishment for a two-year-old council. As a council, we are not only proud of our accomplishments, but of the support we have experienced from the West Virginia National Guard, both Army and Air as we brought the Retiree Appreciation Day concept into the state. In keeping with the communication aspect of this council, we use the West Virginia Military Retiree Group, Facebook to gain insights into issues and needs of our retirees. We can also be contacted through the Retired Service Office at Coonskin Drive. We look forward to seeing many of you again at our next Retiree Appreciation Day.



Join the WV Military Retiree Council

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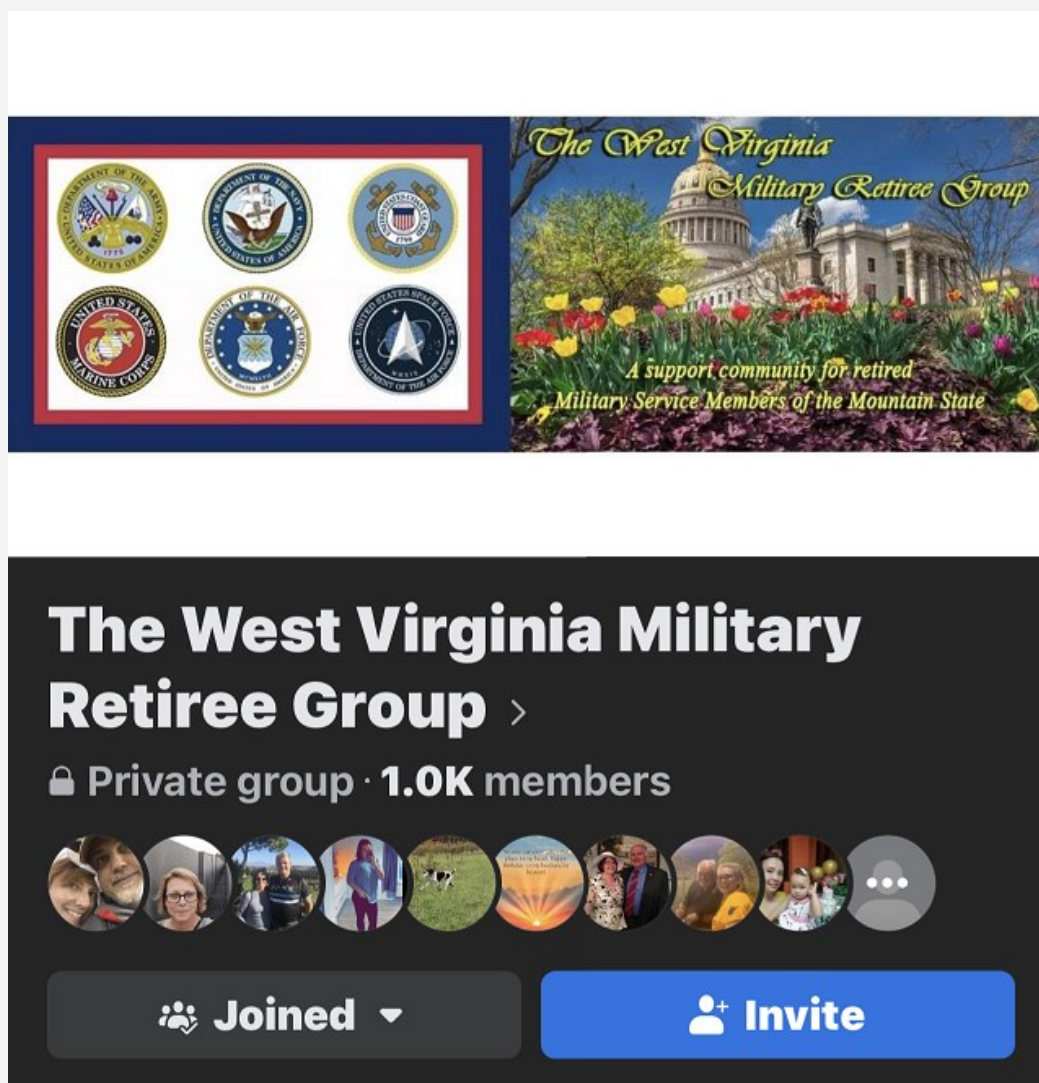


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The West Virginia Military Retiree Group

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<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>

Don't forget to sign up for (or validate your information if you already have one) your retired MyPay account!!!

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/#/>



WVNG FAMILY PROGRAMS

WEBSITE: <https://www.wv.ng.mil/familyprograms/>

WV Child and Youth Programs, Airman and Family Readiness, Soldier and Family Readiness, Family Assistance Centers, Survivor Outreach, Transition Assistance Advisor, Personal Financial Consultant, TriCare, Chaplain, Child Development Center, Exceptional Family Member Program, National Guard Employment Network, & Military and Family Life Network



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Upcoming WVNG Family Programs Events

December 2, 2023—130th AW Annual Christmas Dance

Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center

6pm, Retirees Welcome

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://130aw.ticketleap.com/130th-airlift-wing-christmasparty/>

December 5, 2023—Evening with Santa

130th AW

6pm, Retirees and Families Welcome

December 8, 2023—130th AW Retiree Luncheon

Golden Corral, Cross Lanes, WV 11am-1:30pm

Details can be found on the WV Air National Guard Facebook Page:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/284367113671/permalink/10160684939983672/?mibextid=IURqYx>



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Did You Know?

- Members approaching 20 years of satisfactory service need to ensure that they make their Survivor's Benefit Plan Election via MyPers. **This must be done within 90 days of reaching 20 years of service.**
- The Survivor Benefit Plan Election will affect retirement pay in the future.
- If a Reserve Retiree is within one year of their 60th birthday, or their reduced retirement age, they must submit their application to receive their retired pay. If assistance is needed, please reach out to the WVANG Retirement Services POCs!
- The WV National Guard has a Military Retiree Council and a Retiree Facebook Group to address Retiree concerns and maintain open communication throughout your transition, keeping you as involved as you would like to be!

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