

Retiree Bulletin

Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Days OCT 22-23, 2026



Welcome to the 55th Annual Redstone Arsenal Retiree Appreciation Day events Oct. 22-23, 2026. We sincerely appreciate the dedication of our Retirees. This year's events offer information on benefits and changes that help you navigate military retiree services. ID cards and legal services will be available Oct. 22, while a full day of events is planned for Oct. 23. Retiree Appreciation Day is open to Retirees and Family Members from all branches of services.

Main Event
Oct 23
Heiser Hall
Theater
Building 3712
0900-1430



FROM THE GARRISON COMMANDER

Dear Retirees,

Team Redstone takes tremendous pride in presenting the **“55th Annual Retiree Appreciation Days.”**

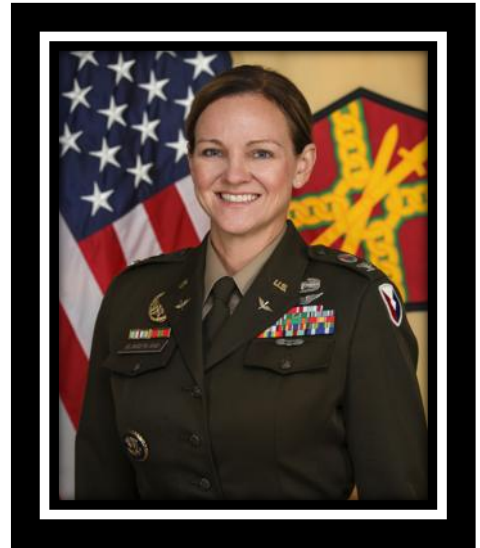
Redstone Arsenal continues to raise the bar on the standards of excellence; it thrives because of the Soldiers, Civilians, Retirees and Families that make up this great community.

For our 2026 Soldier for Life Retiree Appreciation Days, we have dedicated two days to focus on our vast Retiree population. Here you will find Subject Matter Experts who will provide you with updated information, address concerns and speak on the increasing challenges you face as a military retiree.

As a team, we grow and move forward into the future, not only at Redstone Arsenal, but throughout the surrounding area. Your enduring support plays a major part in that effort. As such, it's vital that we give back to those who contribute so much to making our installation a great place to live, work and play. You are the foundation we build our future upon, and as Soldiers for Life, we are growing and always moving forward. Military Retiree Appreciation Days is one such means of accomplishing that goal.

America has the greatest Armed Forces in the history of the world. We continually send our gratitude to millions of Service Members, Veterans, Military Families, caregivers, and survivors who have served and continue to serve our nation. To those who serve and those that serve alongside them - their families and caregivers - we owe a debt we can never fully repay.

We hope you enjoy the activities we have planned for you and your Families and appreciate your participation and feedback. A special thank you to those who continue to serve. Finally, I want to thank all of YOU for what you have done and continue to do for our nation!



COL KATHERINE J. SLINGERLAND
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison
Redstone Arsenal

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Installation information:

(256) 876-2151

<https://www.army.mil/redstone>

Hotel reservations

(256) 924-7701

<https://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/redstone-arsenal/zyrea/hoteldetail>

Walk-in ID Card services Oct. 22, first-come, first served



The One-Stop ID card section will prioritize retirees on Oct. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The One-Stop is in Building 3494 on Honest John Road.

Walk-in legal services Oct. 22, first-come, first-served



Legal services will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Staff Judge Advocate in Building 3439, which is also located on Honest John Road.



In support of the RAD, the Redstone legal office will provide the following services on a limited first come, first served walk-in basis: wills, power of attorneys, notary services. Please bring ID card and completed will worksheet (separate worksheet for each person). Download the will worksheet at <https://www.amcom.army.mil/Organization/Office-of-the-Staff-Judge-Advocate/> or stop by the legal office at 3439 Honest John Road to pick up the form. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A follow-up appointment may be required for complex wills.

Agenda - Oct. 23 - Heiser Hall Theater Briefing and stick around for Lunch, Information booths, and flu shots.

0900-0905 - **Welcome / Remarks / Mr. Edward Adams**
0905-0915 - **National Anthem / Color Guard / Mr. Gregory Knight**
0915-0920 - **Opening Ceremony / Senior Commander**
0920-0935 - **Garrison Commander / Colonel Slingerland**
0935-0950 - **Fox Army Health Center Commander / Lieutenant Colonel Mack**
0950-1015 - **Huntsville Hospice Caring of Life / Sarah Lazenby**
1015-1030 - **Break**
1030-1115 - **MOAA- TBD**
1115-1130 - **OSJA / Legal / Chief of Client Services / Mrs. Christine West**
1130-1145 - **Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs / Mr. Peoples**
1145-1200 - **Alabama National Cemetery / Mr. Herman Watkins**
1200-1210 - **Retirement Services Officer / Ms. Betty Anderson**
1210-1230 - **Closing Remarks**
1230-1430 - **CAC Bldg. 3711, Lunch, Information booths / Flu Shots**

Redstone Retirement Services Office (RSO)

Betty Anderson
Retirement Services Officer
3494 Honest John Road (Inside One Stop Bldg. 3494)
Redstone Arsenal AL 35898 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The RSO acts as the liaison between the retirees and the state and federal agencies that provide retiree services.

The RSO provides a myriad of services for both active-duty Soldiers, retirees and family members: Survivor Benefit Plan, Age 60 retirements (USAR/ ARNG), Pre-Retirement Counseling, Blended Retirement System, Assistance with Retired Pay accounts, VA benefits, Retiree Benefits and Entitlements, Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC), Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP) and the annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) bulletin.

It is our desire to provide exceptional and professional service to all our customers. Unfortunately, due to the reduction in overall manpower, in order to guarantee you will be seen within a reasonable allotted time - you are encouraged to make an appointment for all retirement visits. Every effort will be made to see walk-ins; however, it may be necessary to reschedule for a later time and/or date. For appointments contact the RSO at: 256-842-2719 or via email at usarmy.rsa.rso@army.mil.

The RSO would like to especially thank the volunteer membership of the Redstone Installation Retiree Council (IRC) for its tireless efforts throughout the entire year.

As IMCOM and USAG Redstone continue to refine the Garrison website, we encourage you to visit the USAG Team Redstone Website and Facebook page for the most up to date information not only pertaining to retirees and their families, but the installation and community as well. The site can be found at <https://home.army.mil/redstone/> and <https://www.facebook.com/teamredstone>.

Seeking military retirement information by service online?

Army: My Army Benefits: <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>

Marines: Separation & Retirement Branch: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil>

Navy: Retirements & Separations: <https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/retirement/Pages/default.aspx>

Air Force: Air Force Retiree Services <https://www.retirees.af.mil>

Coast Guard: PPC Retiree & Annuitant Svc Branch <https://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras>



Soldiers for Life



What is the Redstone Arsenal Installation Retiree Council?

Did you know every Army Installation has its own Retiree Council? It is one of the only volunteer organizations chartered by HQDA and outlined Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-7. Our Redstone and Southeast Region council is called the Redstone Installation Retiree Council or IRC.

The IRC has specific requirements which include the following:

- ✓ Assist the RSO in planning and execution of the Retiree Appreciation Day Events.
- ✓ Provide Garrison Commander and Chief of Staff, Army insight into Army vital issues, programs, and initiatives.
- ✓ Provide retired community an opportunity to provide input to decisions, policies, and laws affecting the retired community.
- ✓ Institute programs to create a strong communication link between the Active Army and retired community.

Current Installation Retiree Council Officers

- ✓ LTC (Ret) Russell B. Brownfield, USA, Co-chairman, Installation Retiree Council
- ✓ SGM (Ret) Donell Pelt, USA, Co-chairman, Installation Retiree Council

Seeking new members

We are always looking for new members willing to help bridge our Garrison and Retired Community! Become an 'Army Strong' advocate in promoting a positive influence. Please send your name, retired rank/grade, branch of service and phone number to Donell Pelt at don123pelt@bellsouth.net.



Redstone Arsenal One-Stop ID Card Section

The United States Army Garrison Redstone Arsenal, Directorate of Human Resources, Military Personal Division, Military ID Card Section is responsible for the processing of identification cards for Soldiers, dependents, retirees, and applicable civilian personnel at Redstone and the surrounding areas. There are three agencies on the installation that have standalone systems if customers are associated with those organizations, the agency is the provider for their patrons.



During identity proofing, the applicant must provide two (2) forms of identity source documents in their original form. The identity source documents must belong to the applicant and shall neither be expired nor cancelled. If the two identity source documents bear different names, evidence of a formal name change must be provided.

The primary identity source document must be one of the following forms of identification, a U.S. Passport or a U.S. Passport Card, a Permanent Resident Card or an Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-S51); a U.S. Military dependent's ID card; Driver's license or an ID card issued by a state or possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph.

For more documentation needed to receive an Identification card please visit:

<https://www.cac.mil/common-access-card/>. To make an appointment online please visit <https://rsappts.cxmflow.com/> for the location nearest you.



Regional ID Card Locations

Redstone Arsenal

3494 Honest John Rd, Huntsville, AL 35898
(256)-842-2413
Hours: M-F 0730-1500; Walk-ins on Fridays

ARNG Center Ft. McClellan

541 Galloway Rd., Anniston, AL 36205
(256) 847-4159
Hours: T-F 0830-1500; M-F 1300-1600

ATC Mobile Costal Guard

8501 Tanner Williams Rd., Mobile, AL 36608
(251) 441-6717
M-W-F 0800-1430; Appt Only

87th MAC

1400 Gloden Acorn Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244
Hours: M-TH 0730-1500; Walk-In Only

42 FSS Maxwell AFB

50 Lemay Plaza S., Montgomery, AL 36112
(334) 953-6489
M-F 0800-1500; Walk In: 0800-1100

Anniston Army Depot

334 Victory Dr. Bldg. 220, Byrum, AL 36253
(256) 235-7633
Hours: M-TH 0800-1600 Appt: Only

AG HQ State

1720 William Dickerson Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109
(334) 274-4316
Hours: T-F 0700-1500 Walk-In Only

Soldier Service Center ID Card Section

Bldg. 5700 Room 160, Fort Novosel, AL 36362
(334) 255-2182 Hours: T-F 0900-1600 Walk-In Only

Closed all Federal Holidays.

To obtain a Retiree ID Card you must bring a hard copy of your DD-214 and retirement orders. These documents will be scanned into DEERS, and you must be in civilian attire. Walk-in service for ID card and CAC services is offered on Fridays only, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on a first come first serve basis or when mission capability is reached. Friday's Walk-in will be provided with a slot/time the same day to return to obtain their CAC/ID card.

Redstone Arsenal's One Stop is

**To make an ID card
appointment online
please visit: ID Card
Office Online**
<https://rsappts.cxmflow.com>



Redstone Arsenal Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV)



Redstone Arsenal Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) is in building **3494, Honest John Road**, hours of operation 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Tuesday - Thursday) Appointments are recommended.

STATE EXAMINER		MADISON COUNTY CLERKS	
Check in w/Examiner DMV RM 111		Check In at Kiosk	
Tues, Wed, Thurs only. Walk-in Only. 0800-1530PM Lunch Break 1200-1300 Testing must be in before 12		Tues, Wed, Thurs only. Walk-In Only. 0800-1600	
Issue OR Add Star to ID		New Vehicle Registration	
Testing- Learners (Written)/Permits/Vessel/CDL/ motorcycle/hazmat		In-State Alabama Driver's License Renewal ONLY *IF the Star is already on the license.	
Name Change w/STAR		Title Change	
Out of State License		Renewals: Vessel	
Foreign License		Renewals: AUTO-TAG – In & Out of State	
Suspended License,		Handicap Placard	
Downgrades to Non-Driver's License		Hunting/Fishing License	
Add motorcycles			
Motor Vehicle Record (MVR)			

DFAS Information for retirees, annuitants, beneficiaries, and survivors

Need help? There are several ways to contact DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay: online, via mail or fax, or by calling Our Customer Care Center. Please note: DFAS does not have in-person service centers at any of our locations. Retirees and annuitants are encouraged to contact your branch of service retiree service organization for in-person assistance.

Retirees: Did you know you can update your mailing address online using myPay or using our AskDFAS online tool without waiting on hold? Find out more on <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

DFAS remains committed to timely payments

We know how important your pay is to you. We are committed to ensuring scheduled payments are made timely. We encourage you to use our online tools such as myPay, AskDFAS and our phone self-service tools. Our Customer Care Center representatives remain available during normal business hours to assist you with any additional questions you might have.

Retirees and Annuitants 1099-Rs

Current Retiree and Annuitant 1099-Rs are available in myPay. Tax statements for retirees and annuitants who elected delivery by mail were mailed via U.S. Postal Service no later than January 31, annually.

Your 1099-R is available much earlier and more securely in myPay than those sent to customers electing delivery by mail. If you're not using myPay, now is the time to get started! See how easy it is to get started: download our step-by-step [Get Started Guide](#) or see the how-to video on the DFAS YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAMr8mVoWTg>

Processing Time Frames - How Long Does It Take?

Please see our webpage on the Retired & Annuitant Pay website for current typical processing time frames:

New Retirements – 30 to 45 days

Retired Pay account changes - 30 to 60 days

CRSC- First monthly payment - 30-45 days

CRSC or CRDP - Retroactive computation – 60 to 90 days

Condolence letter with SF1174 and SBP startup forms - 0 days

Arrears of Pay – Payment – 30 to 45 days

Survivor Benefit Plan - First annuity payment – 30 to 45 days

AskDFAS - Helpful questions and answers about your retired or annuitant pay DFAS
YouTube Channel - How-to videos Facebook - News and reminders.

www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary



Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Providing payment services for the U.S. Department of Defense

Contact Us: Toll-free: 800-321-1080 **Local:** 216-522-5955 **DSN:** 580-5955

Retired Pay Fax: 800-469-6559 **Annuitant/Survivor Pay Fax:** 800-982-8459

Fox Army Health Center (FAHC)

4100 Goss Road Redstone Arsenal, AL 35809-7000

Fox is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday – Friday and closed weekends and all federal holidays.

Appointment and Information line: (256) 955-8888

Toll Free: (800) 223-9531

Medication refill phone number: (256) 842-7337



HEALTHY

**Family Advocacy Program
Healthy Relationship Skills Group**

Relationships

Participants learn healthy communication skills and effective ways to resolve conflict.

- Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- No registration necessary.
- Held in the Mental Health conference room.
- Open to TRICARE enrolled beneficiaries.



It's okay to ask for help or reach out!

AVAILABLE RESOURCES:

- Chaplain
- Military OneSource
- Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC)
- Mental Health Department, FAHC

Website: <https://redstone.tricare.mil/>

Fox user services: <https://www.redstone.amedd.army.mil/>

Follow Fox on the web! Be the first to find out about unscheduled closures, open appointments, and what's new at Fox:

Facebook: Fox Army Health Center Instagram: [fahc_official](#)

DON'T BE A NO-SHOW

CALL TO CANCEL!

256-955-8888 option 2



Investing in Our Future: Supporting Quality Healthcare for All

DO YOU HAVE OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE (OHI)?



- ✓ Avoid billing delays and denied claims.
- ✓ Ensure you're not overpaying for services.
- ✓ Protect your benefits—don't risk gaps in coverage.
- ✓ Helps us serve you better and faster.
- ✓ See improvements in facilities, expanded services, and enhanced care.

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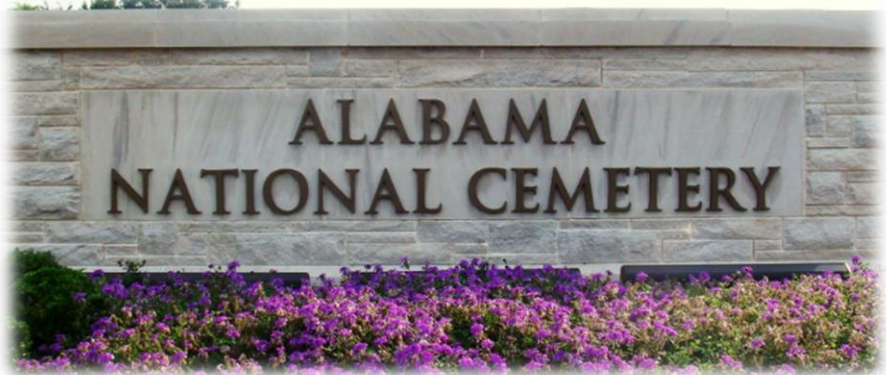
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YOU.

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PCMH FRONT DESK OR MEDICAL RECORDS.

Alabama National Cemetery

Welcome to Alabama National Cemetery. We hope you find peace amid these quiet and beautiful grounds and visit us again.

Families often contact us during a difficult time- after the loss of a loved one.



We're here to make the burial process as comfortable as possible. We encourage veterans and their families to talk with us in advance for information or about questions or concerns.

When the time comes, we will ensure the committal service, and any other requests are handled respectfully. We pledge to honor the dignity and memory of each person and to provide excellent service to family and friends during this difficult time.

Our Mission

The National Cemetery Administration Honor Veterans with final resting places in national shrines and lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation.

Overview:

- Alabama National Cemetery opened for burials June 25, 2009
- The cemetery serves an estimated 200,000 Veterans in Alabama
- Situated on 479 acres, the cemetery will accommodate casketed and cremated remains
- Cremated remains can be buried in or above the ground (Columbarium) in specially designated areas.

The Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC) is the final resting place for thousands of our nation's heroes and a lasting tribute to the military service and sacrifice of those willing to lay down their lives for our freedom. A visit to this hallowed ground is a moving reminder of the debt of gratitude that we owe, not only to those resting within,

Alabama National Cemetery (continuation)

but to their families for their sacrifice. ALNC occupies 479 acres of beautiful rolling wooded land which will serve more than 225,000 eligible patriots over the next 50 years. It is located at 3133 Highway 110, Montevallo, AL next to the American Village near historic University of Montevallo, approximately six miles west of Interstate 65.

The cemetery currently has 54 developed acres and includes all the facilities necessary to provide dignified and honorable burials. Burial options include in-ground casketed burials, above-ground columbarium niches for cremains and in-ground burials for cremains. Cemetery facilities include a public information center complex with an electronic gravesite locator, water fountains and public restrooms. Alabama National Cemetery also provides a maintenance facility, a cemetery entrance area, a flag assembly area, a memorial walkway and two committal shelters.

Alabama National Burials

Burials in a national cemetery are open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active-duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, as well as certain family members.



For information visit the Department of Veterans Affairs eligibility web page: https://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/eligible.asp

Please contact the following branches directly:

Army – Call 334-255-9081. If possible, the Army requests 48-hour notice. The Army will fax you a request form and request a copy of your discharged paperwork.

Operation hours: Monday-Friday) 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Closed on weekends and Federal Holidays).

Marines - Call 703-432-9524, Quantico National Military Funeral Honors Request Center.

Navy - Call 904-542-1536, 1539, or 9807. If possible, the Navy requests a 48-hour notice. The Navy will fax you a request form and request your discharge paperwork.

Air Force - Call 334-953-4545. If possible, the Air Force requests a 48-hour notice. The Air Force will fax you a request form and request a copy of your DD form 214.

Coast Guard - Call 504-628-5177. If possible, the Coast Guard requests a 48-hour notice. The Coast Guard will fax you a request form and request a copy of your discharge paperwork.



Hot Topics

DoD Uniformed Services ID Card Re-issuance

In July 2020, DoD began the transition from the paper-based Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card to a more secure, Next Generation USID card. Features of the Next Generation USID card include an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud and are printed on plastic cardstock.

Replacement of all paper based USID cards with 4 or 5-year expiration dates will occur soon.

Replacement of paper based USID cards with extended or INDEFINITE expiration dates, e.g., retirees, permanently incapacitated dependents, must be completed at the customer's convenience prior to the paper-based card forms termination in 2026.

Fox Army Health Center (FAHC)

Hypertension classes offered: 4th Thursday of each month 12:30-2 p.m. Location: the Burrow at FAHC. Register with Heather Hough: 256-955-8888 x 1294

Managing Diabetes offered: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Location: the Burrow at FAHC. Register with Heather Hough: 256-955-8888 x 1294.

New ID Card Kiosk System and instructions:

To Schedule an Appointment, please visit:

<https://rsappts.cxmflow.com/>



1. Select “agree” to privacy statement
2. Select “Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)- DEERS
3. Select the desired appointment type: CAC, DAV, USID
4. Select the available Date & Time (Morning or Afternoon appointments)
 - a. If you do not see the date and time you desire, you can select “see more dates” for other available times.
5. Once you select a date and time, fill out personal information
 - a. If you do not input DOD ID number, you will not be able to use your CAC/USID to check-in to the appointment
6. After filling out your information in the customer section, you will be directed to a page to confirm your appointment details.
 - a. Please confirm that the appointment details are correct
7. Once it has been fully processed you will have the options to reschedule, cancel, make another appointment at the bottom of the screen
8. You will receive a confirmation email with your appointment details within 30 minutes.

*Please make appointments for each person in need of an ID CARD.

*You may check-in within 30min of your scheduled appointment time

*Please read the confirmation email for information on site and appointment details.

*Please have confirmation email present at time of appointment.

*There are no appointments for the DMV. This schedule does not apply to STAR IDS. No appts made for the DMV will be honored

Redstone One-Stop ID Card Section is appointment only
Monday – Thursday
Walk in Days are Fridays only for DEERS
Military Personnel in Uniform will Maintain priority Monday-Friday

Installation information

Post Info: Redstone Arsenal Operator (256) 876-2151

For Hotel Reservations please call

(256) 924-7707 or online www.ihg.com

Madison County Veterans Service Office

Service Officer: Terrence Peoples

Email: Terrence.peoples@va.alabama.gov

819 Cook Avenue NW, Suite 137

Huntsville, AL 35801

Phone: (256) 532-1662

Fax: (256) 532-1562

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

*****Don't forget to Visit Army Echoes and MyPay for changes and updates to Retiree issues. *****

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Documents/echoes/lastest.pdf>



**Main Exchange and Commissary is located in Building 3220
Action Drive
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama**



Commissary: (256) 876-3517
Library: 256 876-4741

Exchange: (256) 883-6100
Auto Skills Center: (256) 955-7727

