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### Avoiding a Break in Your TSA PreCheck: What You Can Do After Retirement

By Mark Wojciechowski, Marketing Specialist, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, Transportation Security Administration

Now that you're retired, you're hoping to have more time to travel with your family for some real R&R. You booked your flight and packed your bags but when you go to check-in prior to departure, you notice you don't have a TSA PreCheck Indicator on your boarding pass. You're sure you entered your CAC ID in the Known Traveler Number (KTN) field for all your airline profiles so this very thing wouldn't happen. What gives? When you call the airline, they can't seem to get your DoD ID to take. You note that you have recently retired from duty and discover your DoD ID is no longer valid for TSA PreCheck.

What happened?

TSA PreCheck is a risk based system that allows for expedited screening for trusted travelers. When a civilian enrolls and is approved for the program they receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN). The whole process of application involves a security threat assessment based upon a background check.

So for years as a uniformed service member you received TSA PreCheck by virtue of your continued military service and the background checks conducted by the DoD. Upon separation/ retirement from service the DoD background check ID can no longer be used as your KTN regardless if you have one on your retirement ID.

What should I do?

To avoid any break in your TSA PreCheck benefits, we encourage Military Members to apply for TSA PreCheck (or another DHS Trusted Traveler Program) prior to retiring or transitioning out of service. The process starts with a brief online application with one of our enrollment providers. Next, you visit one of over 650 convenient enrollment locations (found here searchable by zip code) to complete your enrollment by scanning your fingerprints, showing

(See TSA PreCheck, page 3)

With TSA PreCheck® you do not need to remove:













shoes

laptops

**belts** 

light jackets

# VA to Ease Benefits Rules For Vets Exposed to Agent Orange in the US By Leo Shane III, Air Force Times

Thousands of veterans exposed to Agent Orange while serving stateside will for the first time be eligible for fast-track disability benefits under plans unveiled by the Department of Veterans Affairs on 2 February 2024.

The move represents another major expansion of toxic exposure benefits for veterans, this time for individuals suffering from illnesses dating back to the Vietnam War era. The changes follow mandates included in the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act — better known as the PACT Act — passed by Congress in August 2022.

Over the last two years, a combination of administration moves and new legislation opened access to disability benefits for millions of veterans who incurred injuries from burn pit smoke, radiation contamination and other military toxic exposure events.

In a statement, <u>VA Secretary Denis McDonough</u> said the proposed moves "would make it easier for veterans exposed to herbicides who served outside Vietnam to access the benefits they so rightly deserve. "Our goal is to provide every veteran of every era with the VA health care and benefits they deserve, and this is another step in the right direction." McDonough said. Rules outlining the change were filed in the



An Air Force C-123 flies low along a South Vietnamese highway spraying defoliants on dense jungle growth to eliminate ambush sites for the Viet Cong in May 1966. (Department of Defense)

Federal Register on Friday, and will still take several months before going into effect. The new proposal would give presumptive benefits status to veterans who served in "locations where herbicides were tested, used, or stored outside of Vietnam."

That includes military locations in 12 states — Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Utah — where Agent Orange was present in the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. A full list of the specific states and times is available on the VA website.

The rule would also cover troops stationed at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick, Canada, in June 1966 and June 1967; individuals stationed in Kumbla, India, in 1945 and 1946; and expanded timelines for troops who served in Cambodia, the Johnston Atoll, Guam, American Samoa, Korea, Laos, and Thailand during the 1960s and 1970s. A full list of these foreign locations is also available on the VA website.

Troops who served in Vietnam between January 1962 and May 1975 — either on the ground or in waterways around the country — already qualify for presumptive benefits status by the department because of Agent Orange exposure.

The toxic defoliant has been linked to a host of cancers and heart illnesses. Presumptive status means that individuals who develop certain illnesses believed caused by the chemicals do not have to document specific instances where they were exposed, but instead only provide service records showing they were in the area presumed contaminated.

As a result, advocates have pushed for broader use of presumptive status for troops who served around toxic chemicals while in the military but may not have been able to document every instance of exposure because of records lost over the years.

"This is long overdue justice for many veterans," said AMVETS National Commander Bill Clark. "I hope these affected heroes and their families see the news today and feel relief. This is more than a policy change; it is an acknowledgment of the sacrifices many veterans and their families made."

More information on Agent Orange presumptive benefits is available on the VA website.

## TSA PreCheck

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proof of citizenship and photo capture. Most applicants are approved within 3-5 business days and once enrolled, you will receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN) that is good for 5 years. Plus, the TSA PreCheck program partners with many credit cards and loyalty programs, to offer application fee reimbursement.

### What about my family?

Just as when you were in service, your spouse, travel companions, and family members over 18 will need to individually enroll. Children 12 and under can always accompany you in the TSA PreCheck line for free as well as children 13-17, when on the same reservation and the TSA PreCheck Indicator appears on their boarding pass.

I have more questions, who can I contact? Contact information is on chart to the right.

### 3 Step Process to enroll in TSA PreCheck and get a known traveler number (KTN)



- Pre-enroll online
   Visit the chosen provider's location to complete the
- 600+ enrollment locations nationwide

enrollment





- Required documents scanned
- Fingerprints collectedPhotograph taken
- Application fee collected

# Get Approved: Receive Known Traveler Number (KTN)



- Most applicants approved in 3-5 days
- Add KTN to airline reservations and frequent flyer accounts
- Applicants will receive approval notification via e-mail or text.
- · KTN is valid for 5 years
- · Check KTN status online

No passport required — enjoy expedited screening when departing from U.S. airports.

### TSA Cares

855-787-2227

Assistance for travelers with disabilities or medical conditions, injured service members, veterans and wounded warriors.

### Passenger Support Specialist

Assistance
On-site to identify and resolve
traveler-related screening
concerns at checkpoints

### TSA Contact Center

866-289-9673

The agency's helpline to answer questions

# 1 Million Military Family Members, Retirees Now Eligible For Online ID Card Renewal

By Rose L. Thayer, Stars and Stripes

Military family members and retirees living in the United States can now renew their identification cards online and receive the new cards in the mail through an expansion of a pilot program that began nearly one year ago, the Defense Department announced.

The change impacts about 1 million people carrying the department's Uniformed Services Identification Card, which is issued to family members and retirees so they can access service benefits and privileges. The cards are different from the Common Access Cards issued to military personnel and civilian employees.

Each year, the Defense Department issues 4.5 million ID cards, according to the Defense Manpower Data Center. About 2.5 million of those are US ID cards.

A pilot program for online renewal began in February 2023, and remains limited to those living within the U.S. An expansion to non-U.S. addresses is in the works, according to the department.

"We think modern capabilities like renewing a driver's license online make it easier for people to get what they need when they need it without burdening them with having to take a trip somewhere," Mike Zarlenga with the Defense Manpower Data Center said in a statement. "We're excited about this, and it sounds like people see online renewal as making their lives easier, based on the feedback we're getting."

The change also will free up appointments for military and civilian personnel who must continue to renew in person or for those people getting a military ID card for the first time.

"We want to make sure that people visiting that office can get an appointment when they need one, and they can get their CAC and resume their mission or duties with minimal impact to them or to the department," Zarlenga said. More information about the online US ID card renewal pilot program, including restrictions and requirements, is available on the <a href="cac.mil">cac.mil</a> website.

## Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign is Underway

By Bill D'Avanzo, CMSgt (Retired) Department of the Air Force Fundraising Chief

The 2024 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign is still going and we can say with confidence that without your help, the success of the campaign would have been greatly hindered.

Year after year, our faithful retiree force comes through with donations given from the heart. Some give \$1,000, \$3,000 or even \$10,000 as a one-time gift because at some point, one of our four charities helped you or someone you know. Some give \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 per month, making a huge impact over time, for which we are equally grateful. No matter how you give or how much, we want to thank you once again for your faithful support of the AFAF Charities and our fellow Airmen, Guardians and their families.

The General & Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation (The LeMay Foundation) remains passionate in continuing to provide our surviving spouses of AF & USSF retirees with financial help. Your lovalty in giving has made it possible to continue assisting our current spouses by receiving the Foundation's supplemental income to aid with their daily needs. In 2023, over \$345K in grants were given directly to our spouses. We continue the legacy of General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay, and The LeMay Foundation stands strong on "Taking Care of Our Own." Without your devoted commitment, we could not continue making a difference.



Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) provides a wide array of assistance to Airmen, Guardians, Retirees, and their families. Last year, AFAS provided \$12.5 million in direct assistance to more than 11,000 recipients. For more than 80 years, Department of the Air Force personnel have counted on AFAS for emergency financial assistance, disaster relief, education programs for dependent children and spouses, and a variety of vital community programs.

The Air Force Villages
Charitable Foundation (AFVCF) has
served over 600 surviving spouses
of retired Department of the Air
Force officers, with over \$23 million
since 1970. These residents of Blue
Skies of Texas retirement
community know they will always
have a home, regardless of their
ability to pay. And 100% of your
donations to AFVCF go directly to
the residents' living expenses and
continuing care, to allow them the
peace of mind to live comfortably in
their homes with a secure future.

The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) continues its mission of providing a safe, secure home for surviving spouses of retired enlisted U.S. Airmen and Guardians. During the last year AFEV Benevolence Program provided \$534,352 in financial support to eligible Department of the Air Force widows. The care and support services through this program for our 600+residents at Bob Hope Village and Hawthorn House would not be possible without the Air Force Assistance Fund.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give this year, but so desire, you can give anytime online now at <a href="https://www.afassistancefund.org">https://www.afassistancefund.org</a>. Just click the "DONATE NOW!!" button near the top right of the page.

You'll be taken to our donation page where you can choose to use a downloadable donation form to authorize payroll deduction donations, or document where you'd like your check or money order donation to go. Then there's our "E-Giving" option where you can help your favorite base and squadron by giving directly to their campaign via multiple online methods.

Join the AFAF Wingman Squadron today by signing up for monthly giving and your monthly donation won't automatically stop after just one year—unless you pause or stop it yourself. You're in full control with your giving account. If you need help setting up your account, please contact Department of the Air Force Fundraising at usaf.fundraising@us.af.mil.

If e-Giving isn't your thing, that's okay. You can still give by check, money order, cashier's check, or through the annual payroll deduction plan from your retired pay. You can obtain a PDF version of the contribution form online at https:// www.afassistancefund.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/12/ DAF 2561-20221026.pdf. Please be aware that payroll deduction allotment authorizations mailed to AFPC will not begin coming from retired pay until 1 July 2024.

## Mail check and payroll deduction plan donations to:

Air Force Assistance Fund AFPC/DP3SA 550 C Street West JBSA Randolph, TX 78150

## **Common Financial Scams and How to Avoid Them**

By Anastasia Lewandoski Legal Assistance Attorney, 502 ABW, Joint Base San Antonio

Fraud and identity theft continue to be a serious concern for the general public. Department of the Air Force retirees and their family members must remain vigilant, as some scammers specifically target more senior adults. Fortunately, there are actions you can take to help protect yourself from scams – to include learning more about the common schemes used to trick innocent victims.

One situation where you should have skepticism include receipt of a request 1) for a large payment of money; 2) from a phone number or email address you do not recognize; 3) from someone purporting to be a person you trust (such as a family member), an employee of a governmental organization (such as the IRS or a local police department), or a charity, and 4) there is a heightened sense of urgency (such as a consequence if you do not act quickly). If you experience such a request, it is advisable to validate the requestor's contact information through independent means. For example, if you receive a call from someone stating they work for your bank, end the conversation immediately and contact your bank directly by using contact information on their website. Alternatively, if you are contacted by a number or email address you don't recognize and the person claims a family member of yours is in trouble and needs money, verify the information through another family member who should have knowledge of the situation.

Additionally, some other common scams include:

<u>Customer Service Scams</u> - If someone contacts you and says they are from "your utility company" or "your cell phone company" without actually stating the name of the company you use, immediately end contact. Under normal circumstances, employees of companies identify company names when they contact you.

Additionally, if they identify themselves as being from a company you identify and offering you something such as a refund that you did not ask for, terminate the conversation and then contact the company directly through communication you can verify (such as a phone number from the company's website).

<u>Technical Support and Computer Virus</u>
<u>Scams</u> - A scammer may initiate pop-up messages on your device (phone, tablet, computer) stating you need to call a phone number for assistance in fixing the device or to act against some suspicious activity. Once you call the phone number, they ask for your payment information in order to repair the device or remediate the supposed problem.

Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams - Some scammers contact individuals claiming they have won a prize, but that payment is required to process the award. They then charge a sum of money without ever intending to provide a prize. Code Requests - If you ever get a phone call, text message, or email asking for a verification code or pin that has been sent to you, even if it appears legitimate, do not provide it. Scammers can sometimes use this code to login to your accounts and withdraw your money or obtain private information about you. Romance Scams - Sometimes scammers will develop contact with a target and initiate an emotional connection. After communicating for some time, they then communicate an elaborate, sympathetic fiction and ask for financial assistance (such as needing help with an urgent bill). To be clear – be wary of sending money to someone you have not met in-person, even if they claim to have feelings for you and assert they are desperate for

Additional steps you may want to consider taking to reduce your vulnerability to scammers include:

- \* Establishing privacy settings on your social media accounts to limit who can contact you.
- \* Updating phone settings so that unknown numbers go direct to voicemail.

Depending on your phone provider, you may also have the capability to detect and block phone calls that are identified as potential spam.

\* Ensuring your software programs (including apps) have the latest updates installed.

\* Ensuring email settings divert suspicious emails and suspected spam to a separate folder.

Finally, if you are a victim of a scam, the following non-exhaustive list of actions may help limit the severity of your financial injury:

\* Contact your local legal assistance office for advice in addressing the crime.

- \* Report the crime immediately to your financial institutions (e.g. credit card company).
- \* Report it to your local police and/or the Federal Trade Commission. Initiate a fraud alert on your credit report.
- \* If your social security number is stolen, visit <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">https://www.identitytheft.gov</a> for guidance.

\* Change your username and password for your frequented websites.

Ultimately, identity theft and scams can happen to anyone. However, learning to identify a potential scam can help prevent you from becoming such a victim. For more information about trends in fraud and identity theft visit <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/data-visualizations/explore-data">https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/data-visualizations/explore-data</a>
Sources:

Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/stop-elder-fraud Internal Revenue Service https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scamsconsumer-alerts

Federal Trade Commission <a href="https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam">https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam</a>

The information provided is not legal advice. If you are eligible for legal assistance and want to speak to an attorney, you may contact your nearest legal assistance office. Contact information for many legal assistance programs is available at <a href="https://legalassistance.law.af.mil">https://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>

# **Employment Compensation from a Foreign Government Can Impact Your Retired Pay**

DFAS, CLEVELAND - Did You Know: Your military retired pay can be impacted if you receive compensation from a foreign government without advance permission?

The U.S. Constitution prohibits federal government employees from accepting compensation, gifts, or titles from foreign governments without the prior consent of Congress. This prohibition also applies to prior military members and retirees.

Congress granted its consent to prior members seeking foreign government employment so long as the member obtains the advance approvals required by 37 U.S.C.§ 908. Prior members who are considering accepting foreign government employment for compensation must receive approval in advance of receiving the compensation. In general, the Secretary of State and the Service Secretary from which you retired

must both approve the employment/compensation.

If the foreign government payment or award is limited to speeches, travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, or non-cash awards, you only need approval by the Service Secretary from which you retired.

The purpose of this restriction is to prevent the exercise of undue influence by foreign governments on retired members of the United States military.

If a prior member accepts compensation from a foreign government or foreign government controlled entity for employment or for speeches, travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, or non-cash awards without prior approval, the member's retired pay becomes subject to a withholding and/or debt, generally in an amount equal to the total amounts received from the foreign government.

To request approval of compensation from a foreign

government for employment, speeches, travel, meals, lodging registration fees or a non-cash award, retirees should contact their Branch of Service at the appropriate address listed below.

Prior members may also review the Service Instructions listed below that are publicly available on the web or by contacting the appropriate POC listed below.

There are other laws that restrict some retirees from representing a foreign government entity before U.S. government agency or officials, or that may require additional approvals, such as the Foreign Agents Registration Act and the International Traffic in Arms regulations. Prior members should consult with their employer's human resources or general counsel offices for guidance on whether these other requirements apply.

### Helpful links in this issue

Military Crisis Line
www.VeteransCrisisLine.net
MyPay
https://www.mypay.dfas.mil
TSA Precheck
https://www.tsa.gov/precheck
Air Force Legal Assistance
https://legalassistance.law.af.mil
TRICARE
https://www.tricare.mil

Service	Service POC Address	Service Instruction
U.S. Air Force/U.S. Space Force	Retirees (Regular and Retired Reserve): Contact the AFPC Airman and Family Sustainment Branch (AFPC/DPFFF) Website: <a href="https://www.retirees.af.mil/Foreign-Government-Employment">https://www.retirees.af.mil/Foreign-Government-Employment</a> Email: <a href="https://www.af.mil">Afpc.retiree@us.af.mil</a> Comm: 210-565-4725	Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2913 of 1 July 2020 IC 24 August 2023
	Retired Reserve members awaiting pay and members assigned to the Inactive Status List Reserve Section: Contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center Reserve Service Programs Branch (ARPC/DPAMR) 1840 E. Silver Creek Ave, Bldg 390 Buckley SFB CO 80011	

## Retiree and Annuitant Pay Dates-2024 Pay Schedule

To help you plan for 2024, below is a list of the days you should expect to receive your pay. Retired and annuitant pay is due on the first of the month. However, if the first falls on a weekend or holiday, retirees are paid on the last business day of the month and annuitants are paid on the first business day of month. Please see the chart for each month.

<b>Entitlement Month</b>	Retired Pay Date	Annuitant Pay Date
April 2024	May 1, 2024	May 1, 2024
May 2024	May 31, 2024	June 3, 2024
June 2024	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2024
July 2024	August 1, 2024	August 1, 2024
August 2024	August 30, 2024	September 3, 2024
September 2024	October 1, 2024	October 1, 2024
October 2024	November 1, 2024	November 1, 2024
November 2024	November 29, 2024	December 2, 2024
December 2024	December 31, 2024	January 2, 2025

## **2024 Retiree Appreciation Day Events**

2-3 May 2024 RAF Lakenheath/Mildenhall, UK Liberty Club

Contact: +44 (0) 1638522039 48fw.rao.uk@us.af.mil

13-17 May 2024 Kirtland AFB, New Mexico Contact: 505-845-1536 377ABW.CVR.RetireeActivities @us.army.mil

25 May & 15 November 2024 Osan AB, South Korea Enlisted Club

Contact: 011-82-31-663-0319 Amberine.rice@us.af.mil 21 September 2024 Selfridge AB, Michigan Joint Dining Facility, Bldg164 Contact: 586-239-5580 selfrao@yahoo.com

21 September 2024 Buckley SFB, Colorado Leadership Development Center (Bldg 1032) Contact: 720-847-6693 raobuckley@gmail.com

21 September 2024 Little Rock AFB, Arkansas Walters Community Supt Ctr Contact: 501-987-6095 Retiree.2@us.af.mil 28 September 2024
Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
Tinker AFB Base Event Ctr
Contact: 405-739-2795
Lorraine.caddy@us.af.mil

2 November 2024 JBSA Randolph AFB, Texas Kendrick Club Contact: 210-652-6880 Rao.randolph@us.af.mil



### **CONTACTS & RESOURCES**

Casualty Assistance - Call toll free 877-353-6807. Overseas callers should contact the nearest U.S. Embassy.

**Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Telephone Center** - Call DEERS at 800-538-9552, Monday through Friday, excluding U.S. federal holidays.

**Defense Finance and Accounting Service** - The agency that pays military retirees and annuitants can be reached at 800-321-1080, or through AskDFAS online. Visit the <u>retired military and annuitants webpage</u> for more information about pay matters such as tax forms, pay verification, Direct Deposit, myPay and more.

**Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program** - The program provides long-term care insurance to help pay for the costs of care you need if you can no longer perform everyday tasks (activities of daily living) by yourself because of chronic illness, injury, disability or the aging process. For assistance, call 800-LTC-FEDS (800-582-3337) or TTY 800-843-3557 to speak with a program consultant. You can also visit <a href="https://www.ltcfeds.com">https://www.ltcfeds.com</a>

Identification Cards - Call 800-525-0102 for location of the nearest issuing facility, or visit the site locator.

**Legal Offices** - Assists members with preparing wills and powers of attorney, and answers certain legal questions. Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <a href="https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil">https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil</a>.

Medicare - 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov.

**Social Security Office** - Call toll free 800-772-1213; commercial 410-965- 8019; or write to Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Visit the website for more information.

**TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy Program (Express Scripts, Inc.)** - In United States, call toll free 800-282-2881; or overseas, call 866-275-4732. Visit <a href="https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml">https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/index.shtml</a> for more information.

**Veterans Affairs** - For benefit inquiries call 800-827-1000; life insurance 800-669-8477; status of headstones and markers, 800-697-6947; special issues such as Gulf War/radiation/Agent Orange/Project Shad call 800-749-8387; GI Bill and education matters call 888-442-4551. Visit the website at <a href="https://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>.

## Afterburner office does not maintain addresses

Please <u>DO NOT</u> send your U.S. Postal Service changeof-address announcements to the *Afterburner* office as the editor does not have the ability to make official address, phone, or email changes.

Mailing labels used to send out the *Afterburner* are based on addresses already on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Any change announcements sent to the *Afterburner* cannot be processed or forwarded, and are shredded.

Retirees must change their address, phone, or email by calling 800-321-1080. (Do not mention the *Afterburner* or you may be referred elsewhere.) If you have a myPay



account you can make the change online. You can fax your change to 800-469-6559, or send it to: DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200. Keeping your information current in DFAS will ensure you receive the Afterburner.

Air Force Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants must call DFAS at the number above, or use their online myPay account. The fax number for annuitants is 800-982-8459 or mail the change to: DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1300.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**



### Foreign Government Employment (FGE)

Q: I am employed by a U.S. company as an advisor. The company receives funds from a foreign entity for services, but I am paid by the U.S. company. Am I exempt from obtaining approval under the umbrella of the company?

**A:** No. All prior armed services members must obtain individual approval. Former service, rank, or duty position may impact individual eligibility for certain foreign government employment.

Q: I plan on working as an instructor pilot for a U.S. company providing training services to the government of Qatar. While I have a DD 214, I do *not* receive any retirement benefits from my time in the Service. Do I need to apply for approval to accept this position?

**A:** Yes. According to the National Defense Authorization Act of FY2024, FGE requirements are applicable to all prior members regardless of rank or type of discharge (retirement or separation). Before executing any FGE, prior members must obtain approval.



To access the new Veterans Crisis Line from OCONUS

Europe: Enter country code + 844-702-5495

Pacific: Enter country code + 844-702-5493

Southwest Asia: Enter country code + 855-422-7719

## Opportunity to Return to Active Duty Via VRRAD Program

The Voluntary Retired Return to Active Duty (VRRAD) Program provides select retired Air Force Line Officers and Enlisted Airmen the opportunity to return to active duty under Title 10, United States Code § 688, in order to alleviate manning shortages within the Air Force. Detailed program parameters, eligibility criteria and application procedures can be found on the Air Force Retiree Services Page <a href="https://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Return-to-Active-Duty">https://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Return-to-Active-Duty</a>

## Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices (DAF RAO) are made up of retired volunteers from all services, including surviving spouses. Their charter is to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, Reserve or Guard base through command channels that help retirees and surviving spouses with a myriad of

These actions include: serving as an information center for TRICARE, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial assistance and pay matters; counseling active-duty Airmen nearing retirement; and providing

Phone: 334-953-6725

DAVIS-MONTHAN Phone: 520-228-5100

Email: charles.schable@us.af.mil

Phone: 623-856-3923 Email: 56fw.rao@us.af.mil

LITTLE ROCK Phone: 501-987-6095 Email: retiree.2@us.af.mil

**BEALE** 

Phone: 530-634-2157 Email: bealerao@gmail.com

**FDWARDS** 

Phone: 661-277-4931 Email: 412TW.rao@us.af.mil

LOS ANGELES Phone: 310-633-5144

james.edgerton.1@spaceforce.mil

Phone: 951-655-4077 Email: march.afrc@us.af.mil

Phone: 916-640-8445/8446 Email: raomcclellan@yahoo.com

Phone: 707-424-3904 Email: raotravis@yahoo.com

VANDENBERG Phone: 805-606-5474

Email: Vandenberg.rao@us.af.mil

**BUCKLEY** 

Phone: 720-847-6693 Email: raobuckley@gmail.com

Phone: 719-556-7153 Email: psfbrao@gmail.com

**USAF ACADEMY** Phone: 719-333-7877 Email: usafarao@gmail.com DOVER

Phone: 302-677-4612 Email: dover.rao@us.af.mil

**District of Columbia**BOLLING

Phone: 202-284-3295 Email: rao.jbab@us.af.mil

CENTRAL FLORIDA Phone: 352-430-1679

centralfloridaRAO2@thevillages.net

**EGLIN** 

Phone: 850-882-5916 Email: eglin.rao@us.af.mil

**HOMESTEAD** Phone: 786-415-7580

**HURLBURT FIELD** Phone: 850-884-5443 Email: 1sofss.rao@us.af.mil

Email: rao.homestead@us.af.mil

MACDILL

Phone: 813-828-4555 Email: Roldan.milian@us.af.mil

**PATRICK** 

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Email: PSFBVolunteers@gmail.com

MOODY

Phone: 229-257-3209 Email: moodyrao@us.af.mil

ROBINS

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