



---

## Uploaded to the VFC Website

▶▶▶▶ 2015 ◀◀◀◀

---

This Document has been provided to you courtesy of Veterans-For-Change!

Feel free to pass to any veteran who might be able to use this information!

For thousands more files like this and hundreds of links to useful information, and hundreds of "Frequently Asked Questions, please go to:

[Veterans-For-Change](http://Veterans-For-Change)

---

---

***If Veterans don't help Veterans, who will?***

---

**Note:**

VFC is not liable for source information in this document, it is merely provided as a courtesy to our members & subscribers.





# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE **Alumni Report**

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,  
MCGUIRE AFB RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

**Winter 2010-2011**

**McGuire AFB**  
Mon thru Fri  
0900-1500  
609 754-2459

**DSC Philadelphia**  
Tue, Wed, Thu  
0900-1500  
215 737-7300

**Stewart ANG Base**  
Mon thru Fri 0900-1200  
1300-1600  
845 563-2226

**Willow Grove AFRES**  
Mon thru Fri  
0900-1500  
215 443-1072

**Wyoming, PA**  
Mon 0900-1500  
570 288-1947 x220

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE READ.

- Retiree Appreciation day scheduled for April 30, 2011.
- FLU SHOTS are available for retirees and their dependents at the McGuire Medical Clinic. All you need is a current ID card.
- DBIDS REGISTRATION details are on page 2 of this newsletter.



## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD (DD FORM 2 RETIRED)

If you need to replace or renew your military ID card, you will be required to provide two forms of identification: a valid photo ID and a secondary form of ID. Acceptable photo identification includes a driver's license, military ID card, passport or permanent resident alien card. All photo IDs must be current; expired photo IDs are not accepted. A secondary form of ID may include one of the photo IDs listed above or a social security Card (not a Medicare card), a voter registration card, birth certificate, or student ID if you are a college student. **MILITARY ID CARDS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS:** Indefinite military ID cards are now issued to eligible family members who are 75 or older. Indefinite ID cards are authorized for incapacitated dependent children over 21. To qualify for an indefinite ID card, a determination of permanent incapacitation must be made by the responsible medical facility and a current financial dependency determination is required. A financial redetermination will also be required every four years. Full-time students over 21 may be eligible for military ID card benefits until age 23, provided they are enrolled full time in a college or university and are dependent on the member for over 50% of their financial support. It is the service member's responsibility to ensure eligible family members are updated in DEERS and to notify DEERS of any changes in eligibility. There are provisions for certain eligible persons to apply for ID card renewal by mail. Call your nearest ID card issuing facility for details. The telephone number for the McGuire AFB Personnel Customer Service office is 609 754-1541. **NOTE:** The Retiree Activities Office (RAO) at McGuire has a listing of nearby ID card issuing facilities located in New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania and Southeastern New York State. Our telephone number is 609 754-2459

## VA IMPROVES WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

The increased number of women in the armed services and also now as veterans needing health care, has prompted the VA to upgrade and increase the types of care women require. Women now make up 14% of active duty, 17.6% of the guard and reserve and 5.9% of VA health care users. There are currently 1.8 million women veterans with more than 450,000 enrolled for VA care. There are many differences between the men and women veterans. The average age for women is 48, compared to 61 for men. The majority of newly enrolled women veterans are under age 40. Over the past few years, the VA has instituted specific changes aimed at making it easier for female veterans to access care and improving the care they receive. They include: a. ensuring every woman who comes to the VA health care system has a woman's health primary care provider; b. installing a woman veterans' program manager (WVPM) at every VA medical center; c. installing a woman veterans' benefits coordinator at every VA medical center; d. installing a military sexual trauma (MST) coordinator at all VA medical centers. For more information, visit [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet) or visit your nearest VA medical facility.



## SPECIAL VA BENEFITS FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR (POW).

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced expanded policies to cover increasing numbers of former POWs. These benefits include enrollment in medical care for treatment at VA hospitals and clinics without copayments, as well as disability compensation for injuries and diseases that are associated with internment. Former POWs are also generally entitled to presumption of service-connection for certain diseases, based on length of captivity and the severity of their conditions. Free dental treatment for a dental condition is also available to former POWs. These benefits are in addition to regular VA benefits and services to which they are already entitled. A major benefit for survivors of former POWs include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), which is a monthly benefit which may be payable to the surviving spouse, children and, in certain cases, parents. Currently, more than 15,000 POWs are receiving VA benefits for service-connected diseases, injuries or illnesses. The VA is asking former POWs not currently utilizing VA benefits to contact the agency at 800 827-1000. Veterans can also apply online at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

# IDENTIFICATION

## JOINT BASE McGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST DEFENSE BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (DBIDS) REGISTRATION.

**What is DBIDS?** The Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) is a Department of Defense (DoD) identity authentication and force protection tool for physical access control at DoD installations using bar codes and biometrics to identify cardholders. DBIDS uses data from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to verify the identity of military (including dependents and retirees) and civilian personnel. For DBIDS card holders it relies on information obtained from a background check.

**Why DBIDS?** Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) establishes uniform standards for issuing government identity credentials. It applies to all government employees and contractors and governs physical (facility and logical systems) access. DBIDS complies with HSPD-12, DoD directives, and is the AF system of choice to comply with these directives for access control.

**Is DBIDS mandatory?** Access to the installation will be denied starting 1 Jan 2011 if you have not registered.

### OBJECTIVES:

Use positive identification to ensure a safer more secure environment at DoD installations.

**What are the benefits?** System uses a reliable data base to verify a person's ID card information against a registered DoD data base. DBIDS makes it very difficult to use fake, forged, or stolen ID cards to gain access to the base. Compares ID card information with database to validate your identity. Guard sees current photo, and can view descriptive information as well as fingerprint if required. Can produce ID documents: bar-coded paper pass for short-term visits; DBIDS ID card for long-term visits.

**Other benefits.** Passport to DBIDS sites. Once registered at one base, you can enter any base within the region without re-registering.

**Archived information.** Allows sponsor/visitor information to be archived for future use.

**No need for a new card.** DBIDS uses all current (bar-coded) DoD ID cards for access. However, retirees with an ID card issued prior to October 1993 must go to Military Personnel Flight (MPF) to be issued the current type of DD Form 2AF (Retired) ID card.

**Increases base security.** Data base receives frequent updates on changes to: personnel/credential status; law enforcement warrants; lost/stolen cards.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**How do military ID card holders register?** All active duty, civilian employees, DoD contractors, retirees and dependents can be registered at any registration station. The entire registration process takes about five minutes.

**Why do you take fingerprints? Will I have to give my fingerprint to get on base?** During increased threat conditions, commanders may require enhanced security measures. Fingerprint identification can be used as an antiterrorism measure to improve base entry procedures.

**If I show up without being registered, will I be denied entry?** Initially, no. DBIDS will be integrated into day-to-day operations and 1 Jan 2011 it will become mandatory for base access. Once mandatory, you will be redirected to one of the Welcome Centers for registration.

**How will DBIDS affect traffic at the gates?** DBIDS is quick and

efficient and should not slow down base entry. The handheld scanner provides the guard feedback in seconds.

**Who can I contact for more information on DBIDS?**

**DBIDS Program Managers:** Primary: John Rohn, 609 754-3003, or Alternate: Sgt Gary Gassert 609 562-5859. Alternate: Courtney Mendenhall 732-323-5008.

**DBIDS Registration Offices:** Bldg 3021, McGuire Welcome Center; Bldg 2270, Dix Welcome Center, 609 754-3428-3938.

**DBIDS registration locations, dates, hours are listed below:**

>McGuire Welcome Center, 7 days a week, 0600-2200

>Fort Dix Welcome Center, Monday thru Friday, 0700-1600

>Lakehurst Welcome Center, Monday thru Friday, 0700-1600

>McGuire Military Personnel Flight, Bldg 2903, Room 6, Monday thru Friday, 0730-1530

>McGuire Pass & ID, Bldg 1738, Monday thru Friday, 0900-noon

>Fort Dix Timmerman Center, Room 104, 30 Nov, 15-16 Dec, 0800-1500

**SPECIAL NOTE:** In preparation for the mandatory DBIDS registration DEADLINE OF 31 December, Joint Base Security Forces will begin random DBIDS scanning of Department of Defense Identification Cards on 1 Nov 2010 when proceeding through base gates. Personnel with appropriate Identification Cards who are NOT REGISTERED will be reminded of the fast-approaching deadline, but will be allowed to enter.

### PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEFENSE BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (DBIDS).

The decision to use DBIDS is at the discretion of the Commander. Within a geographic area, some bases will use DBIDS and some will not. The DoD will not release any kind of list; that's part of the security structure. Different implementation dates will be used in different regions and bases. After implementation, those not registered in DBIDS at that facility will be denied access. Registration will not cross bases; if you are registered at one base you will not be registered at another. FOR THE JOINT BASE McGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST (M-D-L) YOUR REGISTRATION AT ONE OF THE JOINT BASES WILL ALSO REGISTER YOU WITH THE OTHER TWO. ANOTHER REMINDER: THE MANDATORY REGISTRATION DATE FOR JOINT BASE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON 1 JAN 2011. THE JOINT BASE McGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO IMPLEMENT DBIDS.



### REPORTING A MILITARY RETIREE'S DEATH.

Eligibility for military retired pay ends with the death of the member. Prompt reporting of a deceased retiree's death can help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving annuitant beneficiaries, family members or executors who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's military retired pay. Please follow the follow-

ing steps in reporting the death of a military retiree:

**STEP 1** – Notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 800-321-1080. Please have the decedent's social security number and the date of death when you call. (The SSN is required to identify same name persons.)

**STEP 2** – Send one photocopy of a death certificate which indicates the cause of death. The death certificate may be faxed to DFAS. Please send to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay, P. O. Box 7130,

London, KY 40742-7130;

the fax number is 800 469-6559.



Upon notification, DFAS will begin to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments. If the decedent was a military retiree enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (DBP) and/or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), DFAS will initiate pay accounts for eligible survivors.

**STEP 3** – Within 5-7 days after reporting the death, you will receive a condolence letter with the necessary forms required to obtain the decedents arrears of pay or final pay check.

**STEP 4** – Complete the forms you received with your condolence letter and return them to DFAS.

**STEP 5** – If you have not received the condolence package within 10 days, please call DFAS at 800-321-1080. Designated beneficiaries of military retirees will be mailed a Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Services and, if applicable, SBP/RSFPP related forms within seven to ten business days of reporting the death. If you need assistance call DFAS at the number listed above. In addition, you should also notify the following agencies as soon as possible:

Social Security Administration (SSA) at 800-772-1213; Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800 538-9552; Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 800-827-1000 for military retirees receiving disability compensation or annuitants receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC).



#### **KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS UP TO DATE WITH THE DEFENSE FINANCE & ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS).**

We frequently get calls at the McGuire RAO from retirees who haven't been receiving our newsletter or other retiree correspondence. The primary cause, we find, is that they have moved and haven't

notified DFAS of their changed address. If you have moved recently or have a new P.O. Box, make sure that you notify DFAS to ensure that you receive your Retiree Account Statements, tax forms, and other important documents will reach you in a timely manner (this includes the McGuire Retiree Newsletter "ALUMNI REPORT"). If you are a retiree, please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay  
P.O. Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130

Fax to DFAS Retired Pay at 800-469-6559.

If you are an annuitant (receiving a Survivor Benefit) please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Annuitant Pay  
P.O. Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131

Fax DFAS Annuitant Pay at 800-982-8459

Or both retirees and annuitants may call DFAS direct at 800-321-1080 to change your address. If you are submitting your request in writing, please include your full name, social security number and signature with the date of your request. If you have any questions about address change, please call us at 609 754-2459.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) BEGINS PAYING BENEFITS FOR NEW AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS.**

The VA has begun distributing disability benefits to Vietnam veterans who qualify for compensation under recently liberalized rules for Agent Orange exposure. In announcing the start, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has stated

that this is the result of joint efforts of Congress and the VA to their commitment to provide Vietnam veterans with treatment and compensation for the long-term health effects of herbicide exposure. Up to 200,000 Vietnam veterans are potentially eligible to receive VA disability compensation for medical conditions associated with Agent Orange. The expansion of coverage involves "B-CELL (OR HAIRY-CELL) LEUKEMIA, PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE". These initiatives demonstrate VA's ongoing resolve to modernize its processes for handling claims through automation and improvements providing veterans with faster and more accurate decisions on their applications for benefits. Providing the initial payments, or increases to existing payments to the 200,000 veterans who now qualify for disability compensation for these three conditions is expected to take several months, but VA officials encourage all Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and suffer from one of the three diseases to make sure their applications have been submitted. Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a "presumed" illness do not have to prove an association between their illness and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits. Other recognized illnesses under VA's "presumption" rule for Agent Orange are as follows: Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral neuropathy; Chloracne; Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2); Hodgkin's Disease; Multiple Myeloma; Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Porphyria Cutanea Tarda; Prostate Cancer; Respiratory Cancers; Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's Sarcoma, or Mesothelioma); AL Amyloidosis. For further information, contact the VA at 800 827-1000 or go to [www.fasttrack.va.gov](http://www.fasttrack.va.gov).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

We have a continuing need for volunteers in all of our RAO operations. We have volunteers helping at our main RAO in the Military Personnel section, the McGuire Clinic and the McGuire Passenger Terminal. You can help yourself and your retired community by volunteering your time with as little as three hours a week. You choose the hours (morning or afternoon) and the day. It's a good way to stay up to date on what is going on at McGuire and retiree related issues. Contact the Retiree Activities Office (RAO) at 609 754-2459 or email to [mcgrao@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:mcgrao@mcguire.af.mil).

## **QUALITY of LIFE**

#### **MORGAN'S STEAKHOUSE:**

Enjoy the newest food service at JB MDL. Located at the former Club Dix, Morgan's is open on Wednesday from 11am to 2pm, and Friday evenings from 5 to 9pm. See the entire menu at [www.gomdl.com](http://www.gomdl.com) or call 609-754-2396.

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE AT JB MDL:**

Join the fun at the new Morgan's Steakhouse on December 31st! Call for reservations, ask about their lodging package. 609-754-2396

#### **DEADLIEST CRAB FEAST:**

Meet Russell Newberry, star of "The Deadliest Catch" and enjoy fresh Alaskan King Crab all at an affordable price on January 14th. Call 609-754-2396 for complete details.

#### **SENIOR FITNESS ORIENTATION PROGRAM:**

A great fitness program for ages 55+ at the Fitness Center, Dix, February 16th. Call 609-562-2707 or 609-562-4888.

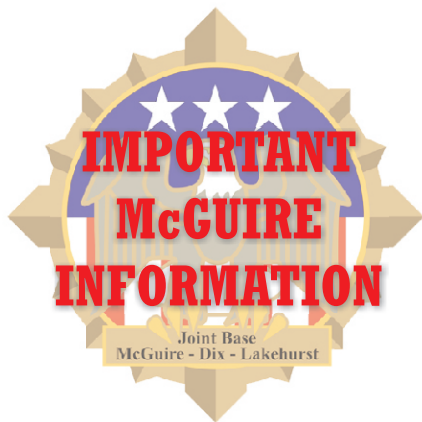


## RETIREE HATS, JACKETS AND T-SHIRTS.

Please note the additional costs for shipping that Ron has had to apply because of rising cost of goods and mailing. All products carry the embroidered retiree logo. Note the new design and material of the jacket and that a very nice pima cotton golf shirt is now available for \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. T-shirts are dark blue. Sizes are L, XL and XXL. Prices are \$13.50 and \$14.50 for the XXL; material is 50% cotton and 50% nylon. Add \$3.00 for shipping. Hats are dark blue adjustable. Summer and winter weights are available. Summer hats are \$14.00, winter hats are \$15.00. Add \$2.00 for shipping if ordering two or more. The design and material of the jacket have changed. The material is now a microfiber with a suede-like finish. Color is still dark blue. The entire jacket, including collar, cuffs and waistband, is the same microfiber material with a zipper closing. Jackets are \$43.50; XXL is \$44.50; add \$3.95 for shipping. Allow six weeks for delivery. Make checks payable to Ron Koenig and mail your order to him at 320 Red Point Drive, Smithfield, VA 23430, or call Ron at 609 466-1008 (cell phone). See Ron's web site at [www.retiredairforcehats.com](http://www.retiredairforcehats.com).

## AIR FORCE RETIRED DECAL.

Increasing costs over the past few years have necessitated a minimal increase in price to \$2.00 each. This is a quality product and we will continue to keep the price as low as possible. We have decals available in any number you may need. The size is 3"x5". And it's red, white and blue. The design is similar to the insignia seen on Army Air Force aircraft at the beginning of WWII, with "Air Force Retired" printed across the top. Cost of the decal is \$2.00 each. Send your order to the Retiree Activities Office, 87 FSS/CVR 2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB NJ 08641-5004.



## USAF RETIRED AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE- NEW JERSEY.

This special license plate is now available in your own personalized choice. Members of the NJ retired community may still apply for our basic organizational design with the USAF coat of arms and words USAF RETIRED. In addition, our organizational plate can be issued in combination with a PERSONALIZED set from three to five letters and/or numbers, or as a COURTESY plate with a State Senator-approved letter/number sequence. The fees for these plates vary depending on your selected combination! To get instructions and application forms, send a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS-SIZE ENVELOPE to Retiree Activities Office, 87 FSS/CVR, 2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB NJ 08641-5004. And PLEASE tell us which plate or combination you will be requesting! The instructions will include the plate cost and any limitations.

## DISCLAIMER:

Opinions expressed by the writers of this newsletter are their own and should not be construed to be the official position or policy of DOD, USAF, or McGuire Air Force Base. Editorial efforts have been made to assure the accuracy of the information presented; however, no absolute guarantee can be given or assumed. The Editor.

Get information about your quality of life programs,  
events & services  
for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst at

**[www.gomdl.com](http://www.gomdl.com)**