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## **FAIRCHILD AFB RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE**

The FAIRCHILD AFB Retiree Activities Office (RAO) located at 7 W Arnold, Building 2014, Suite 109, is open TUESDAY through FRIDAY from 1000 to 1400 except holidays and when Base personnel are otherwise occupied. The office can be reached via telephone at (509) 247-5359 or by email, [92mss.rao@us.af.mil](mailto:92mss.rao@us.af.mil).

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A semi-annual newsletter is mailed to approximately 13,000 addresses. If you have a friend who should be receiving the newsletter call 509-247-5359 or send an e-mail to discuss how to get then on the list. To read past Newsletters please go to <http://www.fairchild.af.mil/library/retireeactivitiesoffice/index.asp> and in the Retiree Newsletters section click on the "Still Serving" icon. Newsletters from all the services are also there.

New information that is considered to be of interest to the retired military community is sent out by e-mail. The information is sent in a manner which

hides each individual's e-mail address. To get your name added or deleted from the e-mail list send an e-mail request. When requesting e-mail service include your first and last name, e-mail address, phone number, retired rank and branch of service. If our e-mail system is down we can still contact you with important information.

Both the Fairchild and satellite RAO offices are looking for volunteers. Military retiree volunteers, their spouses and survivors staff the RAO desk. Our hours of operation are 1000 to 1400 hours Tuesday through Friday. Volunteers assist retirees with several actions including serving as an information center for space-available travel, TriCare and base services, offering referrals for financial assistance, pay matters, and providing literature on retirement issues. You can volunteer for one day a month or as many days as you like. Working with your fellow retirees can be an enjoyable experience. It is a satisfying feeling knowing that you have helped a fellow retiree or survivor with their needs and problems. It is also great to get together and rub elbows with fellow retirees and their spouses all working together to help the local retired military community. Feel free to stop by and check us out or call and volunteer at (509) 247-5359 or e-mail us at [92fss.rao@us.af.mil](mailto:92fss.rao@us.af.mil).

## FAIRCHILD'S SATELLITE RAO & NUCLEAR SUBMARINES?



There are approximately 5000 military retirees (and their families) living in and around Richland, WA, about 150 miles south of Spokane. The Military Retiree Activities Office and Veterans' Service Center located in Richland is a satellite of the Fairchild AFB Retiree Activities Office and serves many of the needs of those retirees.

Richland was the home of the US Army's Camp Hanford in the 1940's and was located at the southern border of what is now the Department of Energy's Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The Hanford Nuclear Reservation had nine production reactors, two test reactors, plus nuclear processing and maintenance facilities. The Nuclear Reservation brought many military retirees, reservists, and National Guard personnel who had military experience in nuclear operations, maintenance, and security. Today, the work at Hanford is devoted to clean-up and restoration of the area previously devoted to nuclear production. Additionally, the Hanford Reservation is the final resting place for the reactor compartments of the United States' decommissioned nuclear submarines and nuclear surface ships.

The above photograph is the sail and conning tower of the USS Triton, SSRN 586, commissioned November 10, 1959. Her sail, the 66 foot long, 23 foot high, pictured above, was required to house her large radar antenna. She is the only US submarine having two reactors, and was only nuclear submarine with a conning tower.

On her maiden voyage in 1960, under the command of Captain Edward L. Beach, the Triton was the first submarine to circumnavigate the world completely submerged (for 60 days) following the same route Magellan took some 440 years earlier.

The Triton was decommissioned in 1969. In 2009 Triton two reactors, conning tower, and massive sail were removed at Bremerton, WA. The reactors were barged up the Columbia River to their final resting place on the Hanford Reservation. The sail along with the conning tower were all transported by truck from Bremerton to the Port of Benton in Richland. The sail sections with some of the masts installed were welded back together over the conning tower at the attractive memorial Kiosk shown above.

## AMC COMMANDER VISITS FAIRCHILD

by Tech. Sgt. Henry Hoegen  
92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

5/23/2012 - **FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASH.** -- Gen. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., Air Mobility Command commander, visited here May 18 to speak with members of Team Fairchild and participate in the Spokane Lilac Festival Torchlight Parade.

"I couldn't be more proud of the way you continue to meet the war fighter's needs." Johns said as he spoke about Fairchild's mission impact over the last year.

The general highlighted how Fairchild's air refueling mission has supported AMC's influence around the world including Operation Tomodachi in Japan to supporting operations in Libya saying, "We answer the calls of others and we say yes!"

He also took time during the all call to recognize Airmen for their outstanding performance and innovation during the runway closure and working to save \$1.2

million by flying deployment rotators over the North Pole.

"Innovation isn't just having a great idea ... it's getting it done," Johns said. "I count on you to come up with the solutions and you never disappoint me."

During his visit Johns also participated in the Spokane Lilac Festival Torchlight Parade. Prior to the start he spoke personally with members of Team Fairchild and thanked them for their service.



AMC commander visits Fairchild

Gen. Raymond Johns, Jr., Air Mobility Command commander, speaks to Eastern Washington Air Force retirees in the Deel Community Center at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., during the 92nd Air Refueling Wing's Annual Retiree Day event May 17, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Zeski/Released)

Afterward, he served as the honorary Grand Marshal of the parade.

Throughout his time here, his biggest message to Airmen was "Thank you."

"You are a magnificent group of Airmen in a great location," he said. "Thank you for what you have done over the last year - my promise is we will believe and trust in you. I know you will answer the call."

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## **NAVIGATING MYPAY: DFAS OFFERS TIPS AND TRICKS**

*From the Defense Finance and Accounting Service*

The most convenient and quickest way to update your retired pay account with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) is with myPay - <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Here are some tips and tricks that might help you use myPay more effectively.

1. You don't need a new Login ID and password when you transition from active duty to retirement.

You can continue to use the myPay login ID and password you used on active or reserve duty. Your new retirement pay account will be available by the second of the month after your first payment. It will show up as a new menu, similar to the menu you had while on active duty.

2. You only need to request a temporary password when you first create your account or forget your password.

If you created a permanent password but you haven't logged in for a while, you can continue to use that password.

If you don't remember your permanent password, or you received a temporary password and never logged in to your myPay account, you will have to request a new temporary password. Try our troubleshooting instructions on how to request a new temporary password if you've never logged in to myPay -

[http://www.dfas.mil/dms/dfas/rapay/pdf/mypay\\_newaccount.pdf](http://www.dfas.mil/dms/dfas/rapay/pdf/mypay_newaccount.pdf).

3. Not all changes are made in real time.

Your account will be updated within three to seven business days when you use myPay. Upon completion and acceptance of a change, myPay will display a "No later than" date. Your change will be effective on or before the date myPay displays. You can verify the change to your account by logging in three to seven business days after you make the change.

Additionally, after making a change to allotments or federal tax withholding, retirees will receive a Retiree Account Statement (RAS) in the mail reflecting the change in their net pay unless they have elected to receive their RAS electronically. Annuitants will receive a pay statement in the mail each time they make a change to their accounts.

Your email address, password and login ID are updated in real time.

4. Not all allotments can be started, stopped or changed using myPay.

You can make and update Electronic Funds Transfer allotments to financial institutions in myPay. You cannot make changes to insurance, charity, loan, home loan, and treasury (debt) allotments.

For more information about updating your allotment, visit the Allotments page - <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/allotments.html>.

For more information, visit the DFAS website at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil) or call (800) 321-1080.

## **RETIREE CHECKLIST: WHAT SURVIVORS SHOULD KNOW**

This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future.

- Create a military file that includes a copy of retirement orders, separation papers, DD Form 214, medical records and any other pertinent military paperwork. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.
- Create a military retired pay file that includes the following contact information for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) :

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
U S Military Retirement Pay  
Post Office Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
(800) 321-1080 press or say "1" (for deceased members)

(This file should also include the number of any pending VA claim as well as the address of the local VA office; a list of deductions currently being made from retired pay or VA benefits. Also include the name, relationship

and address of the person you have designated to receive any unpaid retired pay at the time of death. This designation is located on the back of your Retiree Account Statement)

- Create an annuities file. This file should contain information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), or any applicable Civil Service annuity elected by the member, etc. Additional information regarding SBP, RCSBP and RSFPP annuity claims can be obtained from DFAS office at (800) 321-1080.
- Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.
- Create an income tax file. Include copies of both of you state and federal income tax returns. p Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related documents/information.
- Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.
- Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.
- Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and telephone number.
- Discuss your plans/desires with respect to the type and location of your funeral service. You should decide about cremation, which cemetery,

ground burial, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.

- Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.
- Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions.
- Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes and store it in a secure location with your other paperwork.
- When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

#### **Who should be notified in the event of my death?**

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (800) 321-1080
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) - (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) – (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel and Management (if applicable) - (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with
6. Any previous employer that provides pension or benefits.

The above information is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools to lessen trauma to your loved ones.

## RETIRED AIRMAN EXCELS AS TV WEATHERMAN

by Scott King

92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

5/22/2012 - **FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash.** --

Washington state-based meteorologist Dave Law, a retired Air Force master sergeant, said he owes a great deal of his success as a television weatherman to his 23 years of military service.

Law can be seen delivering live weather forecasts most weekends and periodically throughout the week on NBC affiliate KHQ 6 News in Spokane.

"My four years as the chief of weather operations at Fairchild [Air Force Base] was the grand finale of my

extraordinary Air Force career," Law said. "It's simply been an amazing journey, especially when I look back to basic training where it all began."

Law said he joined the Air Force in 1982 without a guaranteed military occupational specialty. Just days before basic training graduation, Law was told by his training instructor that he was going to become a weatherman.

Law said his passion and respect for weather grew quickly.

"I started in an era when weather practices were pretty much akin to those of the 40's and 50's, consisting of teletypes, manual plotting and free-hand analysis," Law said. "But, technology changed all that, and it was really exciting to be on the cutting edge of it all with computers, satellites and radar all coming into play."

Law retired from the Air Force here in 2005, and turned his sights toward KHQ 6 News after meeting with George Maupin, another KHQ 6 on-air personality. Maupin suggested Law apply based on his lengthy Air Force service, his outgoing personality and the fact that he did a lot of public speaking.

"When he [Maupin] suggested I apply, I thought, 'Why not?' With a ton of forecasting experience and after years spent briefing weather to aircrews and command staff, I figured I might have the stuff it takes to be on TV," Law said. "The technical training, college and public speaking experience the Air Force provided me was the foundation that boosted my confidence in this endeavor. I honestly believe the Air Force was a major force-shaping tool in the profession I am in today."



Washington state-based television meteorologist Dave Law, a retired Air Force master sergeant, credits much of his success at KHQ 6 News in Spokane to his military training. He retired from the Air Force in 2005 while stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Earlandez Young)

As expected, being on live TV could prove to be nerve-wracking for anyone, and Law was no different.

"I'll never forget my first demo taping with anchor Shelly Monahan," he said. "We were at the news desk reading the news and doing a weather forecast, when she leaned over and said, 'You need some makeup,' grabbed a paper towel and proceeded to wipe the sweat off my face. You betcha' I was nervous, but I was hired."

Law recalled some of his Air Force memories, such as "issuing a tornado watch during an air show, playing beach volleyball with the Navy SEALs in Kuwait, and flying back to base in a 'Kiowa' helicopter to shower after days in a concealed foxhole."

"I do miss those days," he said.

Law said there's another benefit to his civilian weather-forecasting job.

"When I'm not doing weather, I'm probably out fishing -- and most folks know I love to go fishing," he said. "Now, KHQ has also tapped into that passion by allowing me to do weekly fishing reports from our local lakes and rivers throughout the fishing season. How cool is that? Getting paid to fish -- life is good."

Thirty years after entering the Air Force and the world of weather, Law is still pursuing his passion.

"And I owe a great deal of my success to the Air Force -- it paved the way for me," he said

## **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POWERS OF ATTORNEY, GUARDIANSHIPS FOR DFAS**

*From the Defense Finance and Accounting Service*

As they become older, many retirees and annuitants choose to have a loved one handle their account. The two ways to do this are to appoint a Power of Attorney (POA), or in severe cases, have a court appoint a guardian or trustee.

### **Power of Attorney**

A POA can be useful for retirees and annuitants who are having trouble managing their accounts. However, it's important to know what a POA can and can't do.

Many states allow a POA to handle another person's finances regardless of that person's competency. These state laws often conflict with federal laws. Military retirement and annuities fall under federal law, which takes priority over state law.

A POA cannot make pay-related changes for a retiree or annuitant. They can help with non-pay related issues.

These include:

- Mailing address changes
- Requesting account statements
- Requesting 1099R forms
- Completing reports of existence
- Completing and signing annuity applications
- Requesting copies of documents

## **WRITING A WILL**

It's unfortunate how many people believe that estate planning is only for wealthy people. People at all economic levels benefit from an estate plan. Upon death, an estate plan legally protects and distributes property based on your wishes and the needs of your family and/or survivors with as little tax as possible.

### **Advance Medical Directives**

Everyone faces the possibility that sometime during our lifetime, we may become incapacitated. This often happens when nearing death, but it can also be the result of a temporary condition. Many people assume their spouses or children will automatically

- Requesting information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974

DFAS can't legally help POA with any of the above requests without a copy of the POA document.

### **Guardian or Trustee**

If you need a loved one to make all of the above changes as well as pay-related changes to your account, you will need to have a court-appointed guardian or trustee established. The courts will appoint a guardian or trustee if you are deemed incompetent and unable to manage your own finances.

Before DFAS can legally make changes requested by a guardian or trustee, they need a certified copy of your court order that must include the seal of the court and the name of the appointed trustee.

If you are an annuitant receiving Survivor Benefit Plan payments, and you don't want to go through the courts, you can complete a Representative Payee Application. In addition to the application, you must include a signed physician statement.

As with a POA, you or your guardian should send DFAS a copy of the court order or your Representative Payee Application as soon as possible. This will ensure that DFAS is able to help your guardian or trustee without any delay.

be allowed to make financial and/or medical decisions for them, but this is not necessarily true. Advance directives are written documents that tell your doctors what kind of treatment you'll want if you become unable to make medical decisions (for example, if you're in a coma). Forms and laws vary from state to state, so it's a good idea to understand the laws of the state where you live as you write advance directives. It's also a good idea to make them before you are very ill. Federal law requires hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions that receive Medicare or Medicaid funds to provide written information regarding advanced care directives to all patients upon admission.

A living will is one type of advance directive that comes into effect when a person is terminally ill. A living will does not give you the opportunity to select someone to make decisions for you, but allows you to specify the kind of treatment you want in specific situations. For example, you might choose to specify that you do not want to be treated with antibiotics if death is imminent. You can, if you choose, include an advance directive that you do not wish to be resuscitated if your heart stops or if you stop breathing. In this case, a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order would be entered on your medical chart.

## Wills

A will is the most practical first step in estate planning; it makes clear how you want your property to be distributed after you die.

Writing a will can be as simple as typing out how you want your assets to be transferred to loved ones or charitable organizations after your death. If you don't have a will when you die, your estate will be handled in probate, and your property could be distributed differently than what you would like.

It may help to get [legal advice](#) when writing a will, particularly when it comes to understanding all the rules of the estate disposition process in your state. Some states, for instance, have community-property laws that entitle your surviving spouse to keep half of your wealth after you die no matter what percentage you leave him or her. Fees for the execution of a will vary according to its complexity.

## Rules To Remember When Writing A Will

- In most states, you must be 18 years of age or older.
- A will must be written in sound judgment and mental capacity to be valid.
- The document must clearly state that it is your will.
- An executor of your will, who ensures your estate is distributed according to your wishes, must be named.
- It is not necessary to notarize or record your will but these can safeguard against any claims that your will is invalid. To be valid, you must sign a will in the presence of at least two witnesses.

## Choose an Executor

An executor is the person who is responsible for settling the estate after death. Duties of an executor include:

- Taking inventory of property and belongings
- Appraising and distributing assets
- Paying taxes
- Settling debts owed by the deceased

Most important, the executor is legally obligated to act in the interests of the deceased, following the wishes provided by the will. Here again, it could be helpful to consult an attorney to help with the probate process or offer legal guidance. Any person over the age of 18, who hasn't been convicted of a felony, can be named executor of a will. Some people choose a lawyer, accountant or financial consultant based on their experience. Others choose a spouse, adult child, relative or friend. Since the role of executor can be demanding, it's often a good idea to ask the person being named in a will if he or she is willing to serve.

If you've been named executor in someone's will but are not able or do not want to serve, you need to file a declination, which is a legal document that declines your designation as an executor. The contingent executor named in the will then assumes responsibility. If no contingent executor is named, the court will appoint one.

## Write a Social Media Will

Social media is a part of daily life, so what happens to the online content that you created once you die? If you are active online you should consider creating a statement of how you would like your online identity to be handled, like a social media will. You should appoint someone you trust as an online executor. This person will be responsible for the closure of your email addresses, social media profiles, and blogs after you are deceased. Take these steps to help you write a social media will:

- Review the privacy policies and the terms and conditions of each website where you have a presence.
- State how you would like your profiles to be handled. You may want to completely cancel your profile or keep it up for friends and family to visit. Some sites allow users to create a memorial profile where other users can still see your profile but can't post anything new.



- Give the social media executor a document that lists all the websites where you have a profile, along with your usernames and passwords.
- Stipulate in your will that the online executor should have a copy of your death certificate. The online executor may need this as proof in order for websites to take any actions on your behalf.
- The value of your assets change
- You marry, divorce or remarry
- You have a child
- You move to a different state
- The executor of your will dies or becomes incapacitated or your relationship changes
- One of your heirs dies
- The laws affecting your estate change

### **Review Your Estate Plan**

Once you've completed a will, it's a good idea to review it from time to time, and consider changes if:

## **ARMY EXTENDS SMARTCARD PILOT FOR SPOUSES AND RETIREES**

The Army recently extended its smartcard pilot for Army spouses and retirees through September after what officials called a very positive response to the pilot program, which began in October 2011.

The Army is evaluating smartcard identity authentication as an alternative to username/password login to websites, such as Army OneSource, Army Family Readiness Group, milConnect, TRICARE Online and Army Knowledge Online.

Army spouses and retirees living near Fort Belvoir, Va.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Fort Jackson, S.C., are being asked to register for a smartcard, or renew their card by visiting the Smartcard Pilot page on AKO.

Non-FOUO users link to <https://ako.us.army.mil/suite/page/650680>. FOUO users link to <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/650680>.

The pilot is part of a larger initiative to secure sensitive data on Army private web servers, Army G-6 officials said. The smartcard's public-key-infrastructure, or PKI-based authentication, provides a more secure and convenient way to access Army and DOD online resources that contain personally identifiable information, they said, adding that the Army is also considering other solutions for family and retiree logon.

From October 2011 to March 2012, more than 700 smartcards were issued to Army spouses and active-duty, Reserve and National Guard retirees across five pilot installations. Surveys showed that 93 percent of respondents preferred using the smartcard over username/password and 64 percent used the smartcard at least once a day to access Army and DOD websites.

## **TRICARE PHARMACY HOME DELIVERY USE CONTINUES TO SOAR, SAVE**

8/14/2012 - **FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFRNS)** - TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery program growth continued to soar in 2012 by offering a safe, affordable and convenient way to get prescriptions delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

A record 1.38 million prescriptions were filled in May through home delivery. For the year to date, use increased by 30 percent compared to the same time period in 2011. Beneficiaries making the switch to home delivery contributed to a decrease in retail pharmacy use by 10 percent - putting more money in beneficiaries' pockets and slowing growth in

pharmacy costs for the Department of Defense, according to TRICARE officials.

Overall satisfaction with the mail-order program continues to grow as more beneficiaries get most of their regular medications delivered to their homes. Of 10,000 users offering feedback online, 91 percent indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied. Other national surveys of retail and mail-order users show very similar satisfaction results for home delivery.

Officials said one of the most popular features is the automatic prescription refill option, which ensures

patients do not run out of their medications. Home delivery is also safe because the system automatically checks medical and prescription history to help prevent harmful drug interactions.

TRICARE beneficiaries have three options to fill their covered prescriptions. Using military pharmacies is the most cost effective for the DOD and beneficiaries pay nothing for prescriptions. Home delivery offers generic medications at no cost. Beneficiaries using

retail have nearly 56,000 TRICARE retail network pharmacies nationwide from which to choose.

Beneficiaries can find links to sign up for TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or enroll their existing home delivery prescriptions in the automatic prescription refill program at [www.tricare.mil/homedelivery](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery) or call toll free at 877-363-1303 (Option 2). (Courtesy of TRICARE Communications)

## **MARILYN MONROE AND THE GENERALI**

by Col. Michael J. Underkofler  
514th Air Mobility Wing commander

8/14/2012 - JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J.  
(AFRNS)

Plastered across the pages of many magazines, blogs and newspapers last week were photos and stories about the untimely death of actress Marilyn Monroe 50 years ago. Some authors went beyond just simply discussing her beauty or sexual exploits and opined she was actually quite brilliant. Sources said Monroe worked incredibly long hours, almost singlehandedly, to strategically manage her image to keep the public fascinated. These recent stories and photos have exposed the starlet to a new generation of Americans, many of whom will become similarly captivated.

Besides her beauty, Monroe was famous for her quips and sexual innuendos. When asked what three men she'd like to be trapped on a deserted island with, she responded Joe DiMaggio, Albert Einstein and Hoyt Vandenberg - her husband, the scientist and the Air Force general respectively.

Like Monroe, Vandenberg was incredibly good looking and was featured, albeit not often, on the cover of popular magazines. A West Point graduate and pilot, Vandenberg quickly advanced through the ranks, serving in key positions like the 9th Air Force commander, where he helped to plan the Normandy invasion. He also served as the director of Central Intelligence, the forerunner of the CIA.

Well-known in Washington's social and political circles, Vandenberg was a gentleman and professional. Despite the daunting task, as the deputy commander of the air staff, along with the Army deputy, he helped carve the manpower,



General Hoyt S. Vandenberg was the second chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. The general was born at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1899. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy June 12, 1923, and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Service. (U.S. Air Force photo)

equipment and bases to subdivide the United States Air Force from the Army.

It could be characterized as the most amicable divorce ever, the model of cooperation and agreement. He was an easy pick to later become the vice chief and later the Air Force's second chief of staff in 1948.

Vandenberg had style too.

He took a major role in designing a new uniform for the Air Force. President Harry Truman liked the idea but told Vandenberg he had to win over Congress.

To do so, Vandenberg and a colonel went to Capitol Hill in the suggested garb. Instead of Vandenberg making the pitch before the Senate Armed Forces Committee, the colonel did. This was calculated as Vandenberg secretly dressed as a sergeant and kept quiet. When the colonel finished speaking he introduced the "sergeant." Once the congressmen

realized the ruse, they roared with approval and gave Vandenberg the go ahead for the new uniform.

As chief of staff, Vandenberg labored on weightier issues too, such as doctrine, force strength and basing - every day a laundry list of tasks to be accomplished to make the Air Force a stronger service. This took a heavy toll on him, but he kept pushing forward.

Vandenberg also decided we needed an air-centric way to address Air Force enlisted personnel. No longer would the first five enlisted grades be referred to by the Army ranks of private, private first class, corporal, sergeant and sergeant first class.

On February, 20, 1950, Vandenberg directed that all Air Force enlisted personnel be called airmen with the first five grades shortly thereafter being addressed as basic airman, airman, airman third class, airman second class and airmen first class.

He wrote, "The habitual use of the term 'airman' should aid in distinguishing the enlisted personnel of the Air Force from those of the other services and in identifying them more closely with their chosen service in the structure for national defense.

Like most military members, Vandenberg spent much time away from his family. He sought ways to make his time with them precious and memorable. When his son graduated from West Point, the two of them

went to Detroit and purchased a new car off the factory floor and drove it back to Washington. His son, who later became a general himself, said he cherished the time his father was able to carve out of his busy schedule to make that trip.

In 1952 President Truman nominated Vandenberg for a second term as chief of staff, but he only served until June 1953. The general with boyish good looks was ill and retired after serving 30 years in the military.

Sadly, he died of prostate cancer the following spring at age 55. The funeral procession from the National Cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery was one of the biggest in Washington with thousands lining the road to honor him.

Just like Marilyn Monroe, we lost a talent too early. Vandenberg's life and service to the nation are incredibly instructive: hardworking, dedicated, visionary, professional, courteous and a family man are some of the things I think best describe him. Fortunately for us our military has had many great leaders - officers, enlisted and civilian alike - to learn from and to emulate.

The challenge for us is to make sure we tell their stories often so future generations are as captivated by them as they are of former blonde bombshells. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

## **TURNING AGE 65 SOON**

A beneficiary age 64 needs to be aware of the necessity of signing up for Medicare Parts A and B before his/her 65th birthday to avoid interruption of their TRICARE benefits. **TRICARE eligibility for all benefits (including pharmacy) ends when one becomes eligible for Medicare Part A, regardless of age.** It can be continued with the purchase of Part B. A beneficiary should contact Medicare three months before the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and request

enrollment in both Part A and B. However, TRICARE benefits will terminate when eligible for Part A regardless of any other health insurance. Beneficiaries turning age 65 receives a letter from the Defense Manpower and Data Center (DMDC) reminding them about the requirement to sign up for Part B in order to retain TRICARE benefits. For information on signing up for Medicare call 1-800-633-4227 or go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

## **MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT**

A Treasury Department mandate will soon require DFAS to pay military, civilian and retired customers by electronic funds transfer. Beginning March 1, 2013, most of you who receive paper checks will receive your pay directly to your savings or checking accounts. If you do not have direct

deposit now you can get ahead of the rush by setting it up now. It's easy, it's safe and it gives you more control with less stress.

With direct deposit, DFAS will send your payment straight to your bank account. It gives you

immediate access to your money the day your payment is due. It also eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, forged signatures and identity theft.

There are three ways to start direct deposit:

- Use your **myPay** account to set up a direct deposit to your checking or saving account.

## **20 YEARS IN THE MAKING**

by Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton  
92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash.** -- Twenty years ago marked the end of an era for the Air Force and the beginning to a new age in air superiority.

Fairchild, along with Grand Forks and McConnell AFBs, became the three tanker bases assigned to Air Mobility Command in the years following when the Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command were inactivated at the end of the Cold War.

This deactivation on June 1, 1992, marked the birth to AMC and a two year shift for Team Fairchild from flying heavy bomber missions with the B-52H Stratofortress under Air Combat Command to fulfilling its current role as AMC's premier refueling wing in the nation's Northwest. It was on July 1, 1994, when the then 92nd Bomb Wing, fulfilling a dual bombing and refueling role, was re-designated as the 92nd Air Refueling Wing. The wing is capable of maintaining an air bridge across the nation and the world in support of U.S. and allied forces.

AMC is headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Elements of the two deactivated organizations, MAC's worldwide airlift system and SAC's KC-10 and KC-135 tanker force, combined to form AMC.

The command provides worldwide cargo and passenger delivery, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation. The command also transports humanitarian supplies to hurricane, flood and earthquake victims both at home and around the world.

- If you do not use *myPay*, complete a Fast Start Direct Deposit form, sign it and mail it to DFAS. Keep a copy for your records.
- Or call the DFAS Customer Care Center at 888-332-7411.



Twenty years ago marked the end of an era for the Air Force and the beginning to a new age in air superiority as Air Mobility Command, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., celebrates its birth. AMC was created following the deactivation of the Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command at the end of the Cold War. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton/Released)

Currently, there are more than 134,000 active-duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and DOD civilians who make the command's rapid global mobility operations possible. Officials said these operations would not be possible without the continued support and efforts of Fairchild Airmen and their families.

## **92 MEDICAL GROUP**

### **Tabacco-Free 92 MDG Treatment Facility Campus**

Effective 1 Oct 2012, the 92 MDG will become a tobacco free campus. The MDG campus includes all outdoor area (e.g. parking lots, grass areas) with the prohibition including the use of both smoking and non-smoking forms of tobacco. This action is in response to the new AFI 40-102, *Tobacco use in the Air Force*, and DODI 1010.15, *Smoke-Free DOD Facilities*. Aligned with this policy is our support of the additional restrictions that must be implemented at Fairchild AFB.

### **Yellow Cards**

The clinic is going away with yellow cards but the Pharmacy will still use the yellow "signature cards" authorizing other people to pick up their medications.

### **Faxes**

We have changed our process. Faxes can be picked up next day, but we only start processing once the patient is at the pharmacy and checks-in. We were getting too many faxed in prescriptions that patients were not picking up, so we had to change our policy.

### **Flu and Shingles Shots**

This year's FLU vaccine is now available at the Fairchild 92d Medical Group Immunization Section located in the Medical Clinic. Also available is the shingles vaccine for those 50 years of age and older. The shingles vaccine is a onetime only vaccine.

It is recommended that anyone who wants to have the shingles vaccine check with their provider to be sure they haven't received it already. With approval of their provider, come in and the tech will administer it.

## **ACCESS TO VETERANS MILITARY RECORDS MADE EASIER**

In the past, delays often occurred when the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) needed additional information to process requests for veteran's military records. NPRC has created a new expedited system that is now available for veterans or the next of kin such as surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister or brother to request veteran's military records.

By using the internet and entering <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/everrecs/index.html> the computer system creates a customized order form and prompts the user to provide all required information in advance. After completion, the user is asked to print, sign and date their customized form

and mail it to the NPRC. (For those who don't have a printer, have a pen and paper handy and they will guide you through the process). This is important because the Privacy Act of 1974 (5U.S.C. 552a) requires that all requests for records and information be submitted in writing. You can fax your signature verification form to the NPRC and speed up the process somewhat. NPRC Fax number is (314)801-9195. If you are not the veteran, or next of kin, you must complete SF Form 180. You may order the SF Form 180 through the mail: National Personnel Record Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St Louis Missouri 63132 or you may call 1-866-272-6272 for additional information.

## **DFAS WARNS OF EMAIL SCAM**

CLEVELAND – There are emails being sent to individuals, including military members, military retirees, and civilian employees, which appear to be sent by a DFAS employee. Although the email appears to come from a DFAS employee and displays a dot mil address it is actually from a non-

governmental email account. This is an example of what's called "spoofing."

The emails indicate that individuals who are receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may be able to obtain additional funds from the Internal Revenue Service

(IRS). These emails are not issued by DFAS and will likely result in a financial loss if you comply with the suggestions in the email.

The email states that such funds can be obtained by sending copies of your VA award letter, your income tax returns, your 1099-Rs, your Retired Account Statements, and a copy of your DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, to a so-called retired Colonel at an address in Florida. Do NOT follow the suggestions in the email because you will be providing a significant amount of your personal information to a complete stranger, which could result in a financial loss to you.

DFAS officials point to the agency's email policy that has been developed to protect customer privacy. DFAS will never send you unsolicited email messages requesting your myPay login ID and password or any other personal or financial information. DFAS also will not send you unsolicited email messages with attachments. Never reveal your myPay login credentials in response to an email, no matter who appears to have sent it. And if you receive an e-mail message that appears suspicious, do not click on any links or open attachments.

The best way to protect yourself online is knowledge. Equip yourself and protect your family by visiting the [Internet Fraud page on USA.gov](#).

## **JB CHARLESTON HONORS FAMOUS "CANDY BOMBER"**

by Airman 1st Class Tom Brading  
Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

6/20/2012 -- Retired Col. Gail Halvorsen's legendary Air Force legacy is built on chocolate, bubble gum and hope.

Leaders here renamed the C-17 Aircrew Training Building after Halvorsen on June 15 with a dedication ceremony in honor of the legendary "Berlin Candy Bomber."

In 1948, World War II was over and its aftermath had left Berlin in ruins. Allied bombings had reduced the city's once historical buildings to demolished shells. The streets, once filled with busy urban life, were left littered with debris. Its people, many of whom were children, were scared, homeless and hungry.

A boy cries for help and the sound echoes faintly into silence. It seems nobody can hear his plea.

Suddenly, through the darkness of clouds and smoke, a tiny parachute attached to a candy bar falls to the ground. The candy bar symbolizes hope. It softly lands at the boy's feet. To him, it wasn't about the chocolate. It was the subtle reminder that somebody knew he was in trouble and that somebody cared.

That somebody was then-Lt. Gail Halvorsen, forever referred to as the "Candy Bomber" in Germany for his actions during the 1948 Berlin Airlift, known as "Operation Vittles."



Retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed "Candy Bomber," stands in front of the C-17 Aircrew Training Center moments after the center was dedicated in honor of him at Joint Base Charleston, S.C., to recognize him as one of the finest mobility legends. Halvorsen was a command pilot in the Air Force, and is best known for piloting C-47s and C-54s during the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949. Halvorsen dropped candy attached to parachutes to children below. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Ashlee Galloway)

His simple act of kindness gave hope back to the children of a war-torn Germany.

"When I first flew over Berlin, I could look through the buildings," said Halvorsen. "I didn't understand how 2 million people could have lived there."

Halvorsen dropped candy from his C-54 Skymaster for the German children below. His kindness inspired other crews to do the same. Halvorsen, along with more than 20 other candy bombers, dropped more than 3 million pounds of chocolate, gum and other candies for the German children.

"Colonel Halvorsen is, in large part, a symbol of hope and kindness for an entire nation," said Col. Erik Hansen, the 437th Airlift Wing commander, during the Halvorsen C-17 Aircrew Training building dedication ceremony. "His greatest accomplishment was found not only from his extraordinary aviation skill, but also from his compassion."

It was Halvorsen's compassion that sparked a flame of inspiration throughout the city of Berlin. The inspiration eventually caught on with American school children. They made their own parachutes and donated candy for the German children.

"Halvorsen's kindness provides the 'why' to what we do day in and day out as an airlift wing," Hansen said. "His inspiration played a major role in saving Berlin and proved the concept of airlift as a strategic tool during the Cold War years and beyond."

Although Halvorsen is an Air Force legend, he remains humble and wishes for the training building to be a reminder of those who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom.

"There are 31 American heroes and 39 British heroes of the Berlin Airlift," Halvorsen said, during the building dedication ceremony. "And, I'm not one of them. Today's dedication is not mine; the dedication is for those who gave their all for the cause of freedom. So, I'm not here for myself, I'm here to represent them."

In addition to remembering the heroes of yesterday, Halvorsen spoke about the importance of our country's future generations.

"It's important young people know their heritage and why they have freedoms and blessings that others are denied," said Halvorsen. "The United States is

dedicated to freedom today, like our forefathers were yesterday."

According to Halvorsen, those freedoms are provided, in large part, by the mobility mission of yesterday and today.

"It is easy to measure the military and diplomatic success through the vital supplies flown into Berlin," Hansen said. "The statistics are clearly impressive and directly responsible for the eventual collapse of the Soviet blockade in Berlin. What can't be measured is the hope, delivered symbolically by Colonel Halvorsen and his impact on the global struggle for freedom."

The single hope of freedom and giving back to others, a hope engrained so deeply in Halvorsen's heart during his years as a lieutenant is more alive than ever. Today, at age 92, Halvorsen remains as optimistic about the idea of freedom as he was more than 60 years ago.

"In man's search for happiness, sometimes he'll chase for riches," said Halvorsen. "But money doesn't buy happiness. The only real reward you get in life is getting out of yourself and helping others and that's worth more than anything money can buy."

"As time goes by, we look in the rear view mirror of the past to learn," said Halvorsen. "But you can't look in the rear view for too long and wonder 'what if' or else you'll miss a turn on what you might become. We need to look into the windshield of the future and give hope to the young people of what their life can be."

It is Halvorsen's hope that tomorrow's Airmen carry the military torch brightly into the future while emphasizing the importance of helping others and remembering their heritage.

"I was looking for ways to link our mission today with the airlift heritage and heroes of the past," said Hansen, in regards to naming the C-17 Aircrew Training building. "The Halvorsen C-17 Aircrew Training Center will be an unbreakable link of the hope Colonel Halvorsen and his fellow Airmen gave to the people of Berlin and the hope Team Charleston provides to people everywhere around the world today." (Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

## **ENHANCED TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM**

SACRAMENTO—Two routine trips per year to the dentist for basic diagnostic and preventative care could cost you \$424 –or \$0 if you are enrolled in the Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program and receive care from a participating network dentist in one of 150,000 nationwide locations.

The Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees, even if they are 65 or older, Gray Area retirees, and their eligible family members, unremarried surviving spouses and their eligible children, as well as Medal of Honor recipients and their eligible immediate family members. The program covers cleanings, exams, fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day that coverage becomes effective. After 12 months of being in the program, it then covers crowns, bridges, partials, braces and dental implants. New retirees who enroll within four months after retirement from the Uniformed Services or transfer to Retired Reserve status are eligible to waive the 12-month waiting period for major services.

The Enhanced TRDP provides every enrollee an annual maximum benefit of \$1,200 per person (Basic Program enrollees have a annual maximum

benefit of \$1,000 per person), a \$1,000 annual maximum for dental accidents and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum for orthodontics. Preventive and diagnostic services don't count against the annual maximum – those benefits are in addition to the \$1,200.

The Enhanced TRDP service area includes the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada. Enhanced-Overseas TRDP coverage is available to enrollees who reside outside the Enhanced TRDP service area.

TRDP enrollees realize the maximum program savings (an average of 22%) when seeing a network provider. To find a network provider, use the Consumer Toolkit to print ID cards, view annual maximum information, see if claims have been paid and sign up for e-mail updates, TRDP enrollees should visit [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org).

Retirees can find more information and enroll in the program at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) or by calling TRDP's Customer Service at (888) 838-8737, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. PST.

## **TRANSITIONING FROM TRICARE TO MEDICARE AT 65**

FALLS CHURCH—Retirees approaching their 65th birthday face an important decision in order to keep their TRICARE benefits as they become eligible for Medicare. Beneficiaries must apply for Medicare and TRICARE For Life (TFL) within 90 days of turning 65 to use both programs for their health care needs after turning 65.

Medicare is health insurance for people age 65 or older, and those under 65 who are qualified for Social Security disability insurance. Medicare provides coverage only in the United States and U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Beneficiaries must sign up for Medicare when they become eligible. They are entitled to Medicare Part A based on age or disability, but must purchase Medicare Part B at a cost of \$99.90 per month or more depending on income. Medicare Parts A and B are designed to pay 80 percent of most medical care.

TFL is available to Medicare-eligible TRICARE beneficiaries who have Medicare Part A and purchase Part B. TRICARE acts as the secondary insurance to Medicare, minimizing out-of-pocket expenses. There are a few exceptions to that rule, which can be found at [www.tricare.mil/factsheets/medicare](http://www.tricare.mil/factsheets/medicare). There is no paperwork associated with TFL. After Medicare pays its part of the claim, TRICARE pays the remaining amount for TRICARE covered services.

TFL is an important benefit for retirees living overseas outside of U.S. territories because Medicare is not available to them. When using TFL in these overseas locations, TRICARE is the primary payer and provides the same coverage and has the same cost-shares and deductibles as TRICARE Standard. TRICARE beneficiaries who live overseas and who are eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A must have Part B to remain eligible for TRICARE even though Medicare does not provide coverage overseas.



Beneficiaries receive letters from the Defense Manpower Data Center 90 days before their 65th birthday informing them of upcoming medical benefit changes. Consequently, beneficiaries need to keep their information current in the Defense Enrollment

Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to ensure their TRICARE benefits are continuous. To update and verify DEERS records, retirees can visit their local ID card office, call (800) 538-9552 or log in at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect)

## **92d FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON ACTIVITIES FOR RETIREES**

By Kristen Milkan  
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The 92d Force Support Squadron has many activities for Fairchild's retirees to enjoy. If you are looking for activities on base, the Wood Craft Center and the Indoor Aquatics Center are good places to start. If you are looking to take a vacation or enjoy activities in Spokane and the Inland Northwest, Outdoor Recreation and the ITT (Information, Tickets and Travel) office are where you should go.

The Wood Craft Center offers woodworking classes for woodworkers of all abilities. Woodworking classes are held at various times during the year for eight consecutive weeks. With a staff boasting over 50 years of combined wood skill experience, they are ready to help you with all of your woodworking projects. Additionally, you are free to use the equipment in the Wood Craft Center upon successful completion of Woodworking I and passing of the qualification test. For more information on the Wood Craft Center or to register for woodworking classes, call them at 247-5189 or stop by their 610 North Depot Ave. location.

Another great 92d Force Support Squadron activity is water aerobics class offered by the Indoor Aquatics Center. The Indoor Aquatics Center is co-located with the new Fitness Center facility at 300 Castle Street. Water aerobics is an excellent method of low impact exercise which improves the fitness of your heart and lungs, reduces body fat and tones the body. This class offers something for all abilities and is typically held twice a week for only \$2.50 per class. If you plan on attending multiple classes, water aerobics punch cards are a

great option as well. Class times and fees may vary based on time of year, so be sure to call the Indoor Aquatics Center at 247-2242 for details.

If you are looking for adventure off base, Outdoor Recreation is a great place to start. They offer equipment rentals for all seasons as well as boat, trailer and camp trailer rentals. Outdoor Recreation is located at 610 North Depot Ave, in the same complex as the Wood Craft Center. Call them at 247-5920 before you set off for your next adventure or stop in to see how they can help you today.

Finally, if you want to take a vacation and avoid all of the hassle of planning, the ITT office is waiting for you. Located in the BX complex at 101 West Spaatz, ITT offers planned trips in the local area, to Seattle, Leavenworth and virtually anywhere in the country or beyond you can think of. They also have discounted tickets to sporting events and the theater. Let them help you plan your dream vacation today, give them a call at 244-4797 or visit ITT at their office.

These are just some of the activities offered by the 92d Force Support Squadron. There is also a bowling center, the Funspot, Arts & Crafts Center, Auto Hobby Shop, Library and much more. Whether you want to stay on base, explore the community or get away from it all, the 92d Force Support Squadron has what you need. The next time you are on base, be sure to pick up a copy of the monthly *Link* magazine and bi-annual Outdoor Recreation brochure, found at Force Support activity locations, the BX, Commissary, Class 6 and many other locations on base. You can also visit [www.fairchildfun.com](http://www.fairchildfun.com) for the most up-to-date information and to read an electronic copy of the publications

## **REQUESTING MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS**

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) and other military and medical records several ways.

The National Archives' online eVetRecs system creates a customized order form to request information from veterans' military personnel records. Users must be military veterans or next of kin of a deceased, former member of the military.

Military records are accessioned into the National Archives, and become archival, 62 years after the service member's separation from the military. If the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) is a federal (non-archival) record, the military veteran, or the next-of-kin of the deceased veteran, can request copies of the OMPF online. If the OMPF is an archival record, it can be ordered online for a

copying fee. Archival records are open to the public.

All requests must contain specific information and be signed and dated by the veteran or next-of-kin. The next of kin of a deceased veteran must provide proof of death of the veteran. Requestors who are not the veteran or next of kin, must complete a Standard Form 180 (SF 180).

The 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center damaged or destroyed 16-18 million Army and Air Force records that documented the service history of former military personnel discharged from 1912-1964. Though many records were either badly damaged or completely destroyed, alternate record sources can often be used to reconstruct these records.

For more information, visit <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

## **RETIREE ACTIVITY OFFICE CANNOT CHANGE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS**

We receive our official mailing list from DFAS. The RAO is unable to change your mailing address. Retired members and Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants should call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at 800-321-1080 to change their correspondence address. Those people with a MyPay account can make the change online. The fax number is 800-469-6559 for retirees and 800-982-8459 for annuitants. The address for retired members is

DFAS

US Military Retirement Pay  
PO Box 7130  
London KY 40742-7130

and for annuitants it is

DFAS  
US Military Annuitant Pay  
PO Box 7131  
London KY 40742-7131.

ONLY survivors who are non-SBP annuitants may change their address by writing to

HQ AFPC/DPSIAR  
550 C Street West Ste 8  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4713