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RETIREE INFORMATION BULLETIN #1

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Greetings to all IDARNG retirees. You are receiving the first Information Bulletin as a result of your registration for the retiree mailing list. The purpose of the bulletin is to provide you updates on the IDARNG retiree outreach program and pass along other useful information. The bulletins will be published when required and will be numbered sequentially, dated, and posted on the retiree webpage.

RETIREE WEBPAGE ENHANCEMENTS: There have been significant improvements made to the retiree website (<http://nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees>). This site includes discounts offered to retirees, state income tax exemption information, a casualty assistance checklist, and links to other support organizations to name a few. Recommend you check out the website improvements at your convenience and save the site as a "favorite" link for future use.

RETIREE REGISTRATIONS: One of the challenges in implementing the Retiree Outreach Program has been establishing contact with the retirees. There are 409 IDARNG retirees registered as of June 21, 2013. Please pass the word to other fellow retirees that registrations can be made on the retiree website.

IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD MAGAZINE: The Gem State Guardian magazine is published on a quarterly basis and includes current Idaho National Guard events of interest. The web-link to see both the current and previous published Guardian magazines is located on the organizational (left) side of the retiree website.

STATE OF IDAHO INCOME TAX EXEMPTION: The State of Idaho allows military retirees age 65 or older (age 62 if disabled) to exempt a set pre-determined amount (maximum of \$45,234 for 2012) of income for tax purposes. The exemption is offset by social security payments received. Idaho allows tax return amendments for the past 3 years which allows you to go back to 2010 if you missed taking advantage of the exemption. Additional information on the military tax exemption is located on the retiree website.

ID CARD REPLACEMENTS: There are 2 instances when your ID card may need to be updated. The card requires replacement if the expiration date has been exceeded. The card can also be replaced if you desire to have your Social Security number removed. ID cards can be replaced at the Lewiston (208-272-7011/7052), Pocatello (208-272-7143/7148), or Twin Falls (208-272-7011/7052) armories or at the Personnel Readiness Center (208-272-3802/3795) on Gowen Field. Two forms of ID (one with a photo) and a copy of your retiree retirement order are required for the replacement. The ID section on Gowen Field will be open on a first-come, first-served basis during the Retiree Appreciation Day.

PIG GIG BLAST: The 3rd annual Pig Gig barbeque contest sponsored by the Gowen Club will be held on Saturday, August 24th. The event starts at 1pm at the Gowen Field Pavilion with music, Brats, beans and coleslaw served followed by BBQ'd pulled pork, brisket and ribs after the BBQ judging is completed. Complimentary bottled water/gatorade will be provided and a no-host bar will be available. Cost for the event is \$5.00 per person.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD): The 1st annual Retiree Appreciation Day for all IDARNG retirees will be held at Gowen Field on Wednesday, July 17th from 10-4pm. The event will begin with a briefing in the Bldg 440 auditorium followed by a no-host luncheon at the Gowen Field Activities Center (Former Officers Club), shuttle bus tours to aviation and combat vehicle displays, the simulator center and the military museum; and the availability of support organization representatives to provide information and answer questions. The event will conclude with a no-host social. Lunch options will include hot/cold sandwiches, sides, and a salad/taco bar. The contracted government cost for the lunch is \$7 per person which includes a drink and a desert. ID, registration, and proof of insurance are required for entry to Gowen Field. Information on billeting on Gowen Field and local motels is attached for retirees requiring overnight lodging. Due to the number of attendees, it is recommended that you arrive early. Attached is a map showing parking areas, Bldg 440 (briefing), and the GFAC (lunch, tours, support organizations). IDARNG retirees desiring to attend the RAD are required to RSVP via the retiree webpage no later than June 30th.