



## IDAHO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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### RETIREE INFORMATION BULLETIN #2

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**ARNG RETIREE OUTREACH (AROP) EMAIL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:** We now have the capability to send out group emails to all registered retirees utilizing an assigned State of Idaho email address ([AROP@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:AROP@imd.idaho.gov)) courtesy of the Idaho Military Department Information Technology folks. This program will enable us to pass along more information in a timely manner plus we will have immediate verification if a retiree's email address is not valid. Our goal is to provide you with information of interest but not barrage you with insignificant information.

**IDARNG RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD):** Approximately 150 retirees and wives attended the 1<sup>st</sup> annual RAD at Gowen Field on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The event kicked off with a briefing which included a welcome by Maj Gen Gary Saylor, a Command Brief by BG John Goodale, Retiree Outreach Program update by COL(Ret) Mike Smith, and short program briefings from 10 support organizations. The briefing was followed by lunch at the Gowen Field Activities Center, bus tours of selected facilities (AASF, RTI, Museum, & the EST Simulator), personal interaction with 15 support organizations, and a social gathering. Planning for the 2014 RAD will begin once results from a forthcoming survey are received and the 2014 training calendar is finalized.

**RETIREE WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS:** A new event calendar software program has been installed which allows a faster download of the schedule for the retiree gatherings. A support organization quick-reference guide listing the website and toll free customer assistance numbers of important support organizations along with the Information Bulletins are both available on the retiree webpage. Questions or recommendations for the Retiree Outreach Program can be submitted by clicking on the comment link on the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees)).

**WILLS AND MEDICAL DIRECTIVES:** Preparation of wills and/or advance medical directives are available at the nearby USAF legal offices for all IDARNG retirees at no cost. Retirees desiring to take advantage of this service should complete a “create will and advance medical directive worksheet” on the USAF Legal website (<https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>) to schedule an appointment to complete the process with one of the following USAF Legal Offices: Fairchild AFB in Spokane, WA (509-247-2838); Hill AFB in Ogden, UT (801-777-6756); or Mountain Home AFB (208-828-2238)..

**RETIREE REGISTRATIONS:** There are 505 IDARNG retirees who have currently registered in the Retiree Outreach Program. The Retiree Area Coordinators will continue to attempt to connect with retirees who have not registered, however, it would be greatly appreciated if you would ask your fellow retiree friends to register on the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees)) if they have not done so already.