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**RETIREE INFORMATION BULLETIN #3**  
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**REGISTERED RETIREES:** There are currently 518 retirees that have registered for the retiree mailing list which is a gain of 343 folks over the past year. Unfortunately there are many retirees who have either not responded to our program's invitation letter last spring or have not heard of the program. We would appreciate it if you would forward this email and/or pass the word to your fellow retirees with a request for them to sign-up on the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho/retirees)).

**STATE OF IDAHO 2013 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION:** The State of Idaho allows military retirees age 65 or older (age 62 if disabled) to exempt a pre-determined amount (maximum of \$45,594 for married returns and \$30,396 for single returns in 2013) of income on your 2013 income tax return. 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 2011(2010 if you file before April 15, 2014) if you previously missed taking advantage of the exemption. Additional information on the military tax exemption is located on the retiree website.

**HISTORIAN AND RETIREE PHOTOS:** CPT Robert Taylor has been selected as the new full-time Historian for the Idaho Army National Guard. His office will be in the Museum once the renovation project is completed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact CPT Taylor (Phone: 272-4146; Email: ([robert.j.taylor102.mil@mail.mil](mailto:robert.j.taylor102.mil@mail.mil))) if you have items (photos, documents, etc) of historical significance after April 1, 2014.

**IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETARY:** Veterans with an honorable discharge and their spouses are authorized to be buried in the Idaho Veterans Cemetery. Authorized individuals can apply for burial in advance without any commitment. The application and other pertinent information is available through the Veterans Cemetery link on the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees)) or by contacting James Earp (Phone: 577-2330; Email: [james.earp@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:james.earp@veterans.idaho.gov)).

**IDAHO VETERANS SERVICES:** A valuable source of assistance to both retirees and other veterans is the Idaho Veterans Services which has representatives located throughout the state. Individuals should initially contact Bill Heyob (Phone: 208-577-2301; Email: [bill.heyob@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:bill.heyob@veterans.idaho.gov)) in the Boise office for assistance and/or referral.

**PERSONNEL AND/OR MEDICAL RECORDS & MEDALS/AWARDS REPLACEMENT:** Instructions on acquiring personnel and/or medical records and having medals & awards replaced can be found by contacting the National Personnel Records Center at (314)801-0800 or going to their website at [www.archives.gov/veterans](http://www.archives.gov/veterans).

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### **RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY (RAD) EVENTS:**

**1. Gowen Field:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual RAD at Gowen Field will be conducted on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-3:30pm. The event will include briefings 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/ M1 simulator /military museum; availability of support organization representatives to provide information and answer questions; and a no-host social gathering. IDARNG retirees desiring to attend the RAD should RSVP via the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees)) no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Regional RAD's:** We have expanded our Retiree Appreciation Day program to cover the major regions in Idaho. The Regional RAD's will include update briefings from the command, family support and other selected support organizations; static displays; and an informal social gathering. No lunch will be served although light snacks will be available.

The schedule for the regional RAD's are:

- a. Lewiston Armory: September 19; 1-5pm.
- b. Twin Falls Armory: September 24, 2014; 1-5pm
- c. Pocatello Armory: September 25, 2014; 1-5pm
- d. Idaho Falls Armory: September 26, 2014; 1-5pm

Beginning June 1, 2014, there will be a RSVP form placed on the retiree webpage to enable Army Guard retirees to sign-up for the regional RAD's. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and spread the word to the other Army Guard retirees in your areas.

**ORCHARD COMAT TRAINING CENTER (OCTC) TOUR:** A guided tour of the OCTC will be conducted on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-4pm. There will be 3 buses used to transport up to 132 retirees/spouses/companions. Attendees are encouraged to either bring their own lunch or purchase one at the Gowen RAD. Bottled water will be furnished. A no host social gathering at the Gowen Field Activities Center will follow the tour. It is mandatory that retirees desiring to go on the OCTC tour RSVP in advance on the retiree webpage ([www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees](http://www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees)) or at the OCTC tour table at the Gowen Field RAD due to limited space and Invitational Travel Orders issuance requirements.