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RETIREE INFORMATION BULLETIN #8
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RETIREE OUTREACH TEAM CHANGE: SGT(ret) Trisha Leonard-Walker has replaced SSG (ret) Jerry Morrison as the new Retiree Coordinator for the Post Falls/Coeurd'alene area. We extend a hearty thank you to Jerry for his efforts and welcome Trisha to the retiree program team.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS (RAD's): The 2017 Retiree Appreciation Day events for all IDARNG retirees or former IDARNG members who have retired from any military service are as follows:

- Gowen Field Club - May 24, 2017 / 10:00am - 2:00pm (Tour-10:00am ; Lunch-12:30pm)
- Idaho Falls Armory - September 9, 2017 / 9am-12pm
- Pocatello Armory - September 9, 2017 /12:30-3:30pm
- Twin Falls Armory - October 7, 2017 / 3-5pm
- Lewiston Armory - TBA
- Post Falls Armory - TBA

The Gowen Field RAD will include an optional bus tour of the Orchard Combat Training Area (OCTA), a no-host lunch at the Gowen Field Club, and a brief update briefing by BG John Goodale.

The RAD's are an excellent opportunity for you and your spouse/significant other to come out, enjoy some food & refreshments and spend a little time with your fellow retirees so please put the event on your calendar. For those of you who have email access, we'd appreciate it if you would RSVP for your respective RAD on the retiree webpage (www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees).

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT: There are currently 704 retirees on the Registered Mailing list but we know there are many retirees who have not heard of our program. We certainly appreciate any assistance you can offer by contacting your fellow retirees and encourage them to register on the retiree website (www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees).

“TAPS” DECEASED RETIREE LIST: Attached is an updated listing of the 268 fellow deceased retirees. We are still missing many names so please review the list and provide the name and rank of any missing deceased IDARNG retiree(s) to the IDARNG retiree services representative, Bill Fackler (Phone 208-272-3815 or email william.e.fackler.nfg@mail.mil)

IDAHO STATE TAX EXEMPTION: The State of Idaho allows military and civil service retirees age 65 or older (age 62 if disabled) to exempt a maximum of \$ 47,502 (joint filers) and \$ 31,668 (single filers) of military or civil service income in 2016 for income tax purposes. The exemption must be offset by social security benefits. Idaho also allows tax amendments for the past 3 year period for those of you who have missed taking advantage of this situation. Additional information on this topic is on the retiree webpage (www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees).

TEAM RUBICON - One of our area coordinators suggested we share information about Team Rubicon with our retirees. He participated in a couple of missions and loved the experience. Here is a little info on the program:

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping and empowering those afflicted by disasters, and also themselves. Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit the Team Rubicon website (www.teamrubiconusa.org).

GOWEN THUNDER - The Idaho National Guard is hosting the Gowen Thunder airshow on October 14-15, 2017. The USAF Thunderbirds and the Canadian Snow Birds will perform their aerial jet demonstration airshows. Additional information is available on the event website (www.gowenthunder.org).