



IDAHO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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RETIREE INFORMATION BULLETIN #5

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS (RAD's): The 2015 Retiree Appreciation Day events for all IDARNG retirees or former IDARNG members who have retired from any military service are as follows:

- Post Falls & Lewiston – Saturday, September 19, 2015
- Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Falls – Saturday, September 26, 2015
- Gowen Field – Saturday, October 3 or October 17, 2015 (TBD)

Please put these dates on your calendars and spread the word to your fellow retirees. Additional details will be disseminated once they have been finalized.

IDAHO STATE 2014 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION – The State of Idaho allows military retirees age 65 or older (age 62 if disabled) to exempt a maximum of \$47,556 (joint filers) and \$31,704 (single filers) of military or civil service income in 2014 for income tax purposes. The exemption must be offset by social security benefits. Idaho allows tax amendments for the past 3 years for those who have missed taking advantage of this exemption. Additional information is on the retiree webpage (www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees).

RETIREE OUTREACH TEAM CHANGES:

- CSM (ret) Leroy Lewis has replaced CSM (ret) Boyd Pedersen as the Retiree Coordinator for the northern Idaho (Region 1) area.
- MSG (ret) Ken Collins has replaced MSG (ret) Mike Webster as the Retiree Coordinator for the Idaho Falls (Region 4) area.
- SGT Jessica Walker has replaced Maggie Anderson, as the G1's Retiree Services Assistant. Jessica is located with the Family Support Center in Bldg 270 on Gowen Field.

Our special thanks and appreciation go to these fine folks who have served everyone so well!

PHOTO ASSISTANCE: The Visual Information Office at state headquarters is looking for old historical photos and assistance for scanning historical photos. A short training session will be provided to volunteers and the scanning can be done anytime during the scheduled work week. Volunteers can also bring in their military photos and scan them at the same time. Anyone interested in participating or bringing in photos should contact the Visual Information department at 208-272-3707.

VA WELCOME HOME EVENT: All Veterans are invited to attend the VA “Welcome Home” event on Saturday, June 27th from 11am-2pm at the Boise VA Center which is located at 500 W. Front Street in Boise. The event will include a free BBQ, raffle prizes, music entertainment, and veteran’s service organization representatives.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES (NGAUS): Most of us have heard of NGAUS but many of us are not aware of the organization’s outstanding support for both the fulltime and retired soldiers. NGAUS is very important today with the budget cuts looming and the potential impact on our retired pay and benefits. A reduced LIFETIME membership fee of \$125 is available for all retirees and can be purchased utilizing PayPal at <http://ngaid.org/page/ingoa-membership-dues>.

WARRIOR 2 WARRIOR PEER MENTOR PROGRAM: This program helps Soldiers who are recovering or adjusting to life after being deployed in a combat theater. Peer mentors receive training and are certified. Retirees desiring to be a peer mentor or obtain information on the Peer Mentor program should call 208-272-4260.

RETIREE REFERENCE GUIDE: The reference guide lists the support organizations, phone numbers, and website addresses. Recommend you save it on your computer and/or print a copy for future use. You can find it at www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees.

RETIREE PROGRAM RECRUITMENT: We currently have 646 retirees on the Registered mailing list but know there are many retirees who have still not heard of our program. We have extended membership to former Idaho Army Guard members who have retired from any military service. We urgently need your assistance in helping connect with the retirees so please forward this email bulletin to your fellow retirees and/or encourage them to sign up if they haven’t done so already. Retirees can register for our mailing list on the retiree webpage: www.nationalguard.idaho.gov/retirees.

“TAPS” DECEASED RETIREE LISTING: Unfortunately there is no way to maintain an accurate history of the “passing” of our retirees, however, the Retiree Outreach Team felt we should attempt to increase the awareness of retiree deaths. The team agreed to do a test to determine the feasibility of including the input with future Information Bulletins. Attached is an “unofficial” listing of the retirees who are known to be deceased. In order for the program to succeed, we need your assistance. Please provide the name and rank for IDARNG retirees who are not on the list and for future deceased members to COL (ret) Charlie Chambers ([Email:cacivid@q.com](mailto:cacivid@q.com)).

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