

RAO Newsletter

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Retiree Activities Office

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Nellis AFB, NV

RETIREE AFFAIRS BULLETIN

Your Retiree Affairs Office is located to the rear of the Satellite Pharmacy in building 625, with operating hours of 0900-1500 Monday through Friday. There will be a time when you might find the door closed, but that will be due to the fact that one of our volunteers has a medical appointment, and could not find another volunteer to cover. We do close for lunch, however.

Volunteers of all military services staff the Retiree Affairs Office. At the present time, we have Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine volunteers. We are a clearinghouse for information on retirees and spouses. We receive information from a multitude of official/unofficial sources, such as the Air Force "AFTER BURNER", The Army "ECHOES", The Army Retiree Services Officer for Nevada "HONORS", Marine "LEAGUE, & SEMPER FIDELLIS", and Navy/Coast Guard Bulletins. We also receive newsletters from other Retiree Affairs Offices, from military bases worldwide.

We have direct access to DFAS (for pay purposes), Headquarters Air Force, and all other Military Headquarters to solve problems for our military Retirees. We counsel retirees on benefits, pay problems, ensure they are enrolled in DEERS, and their I.D. card is current. Retiree requests are many, and varied, but we will find the answer or we will point you in the right direction.

FUTURE PLANS FOR YOUR RETIREE AFFAIRS OFFICE (RAO) NELLIS AFB, NEVADA

In the near future, your RAO will be moving to a newer and larger home. We will be able to accommodate more retirees and be able to assist you with more than information/phone numbers and congressional news.

We are planning to use this new space to hold computer classes, at least once a week, and don't worry, it's free, as is the coffee. The instructor is a fellow retiree, who has volunteered his time to help. You will not be advised to buy a computer, but if you do, we will assist you in that endeavor.

A TV/Computer room will be added for training, use, and relaxation. We hope to have the equipment to transfer VHS to DVD. We hope to be able to supply the VHS tapes from our library (Donations), but you will be asked to supply your own DVD disks.

And last, we are in dire needs of a few volunteers. We don't ask for a lot of time, only three (3) hours a week, or less if needed. We know that you have commitments, medical appointments, and vacations, but the service has been good to us for many years, and with all of the benefits, we should be able to give back a few hours to help our fellow retirees.

I, as Director of the Retiree Affairs Office, hope that you will visit your acquainted with your fellow retirees, shoot the breeze, have a cup of coffee, tell war stories, and maybe, just maybe, find that you

could offer a little help. You will find that after you help a retiree and/or widow, solve their problems, you feel like you're still serving, which you are.

Thank You
Robert (Bob) Dahlgren
Director

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The American Red Cross of Southern Nevada is Currently seeking Volunteers for the Nellis Station Red Cross. Applicants must have Military or Retired Military identification and have access to Nellis AFB. Duties will include receiving/making phone calls, data entry and communicating with Military personnel. Nellis office hours are Monday through Friday 0800-1600 hours. Please call Brian Garcia at the Southern Nevada Chapter at (702) 791-3311. Volunteer Orientation is held the last Thursday of each month at 3672 N. Rancho Drive at Gowan.

----- OFFICIALS STRESS NEED TO UPDATE DEERS

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) officials emphasized the importance of updating records when personal eligibility information changes, and noted several ways changes may be made. Eligibility changes include changes in military career status and family status such as marriage, divorce, birth and adoption. Beneficiaries may update their DEERS address, telephone number, and e-mail address through several methods:

*DEERS Web site at

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp>. It's quick and easy and the best time to update is during non-peak hours.

*Visit a local personnel office that has a uniformed service ID card facility. To locate the nearest ID card facility, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi/ Call ahead for hours of operation and for instructions to update a record for someone who is housebound.

*Fax address changes to 1 (831) 655-8317.

*Call the Defense Manpower Data Center

Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1(800) 538-9552 or for the Deaf (TTY/TDD): 1-866-363-2883. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Pacific time), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Mail the changed information to the DSO, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, California 93955-6771.

Updating Information other than addresses: Beneficiaries need to provide important pieces of documentation, such as marriage, birth, or death certificates; DD 214s; DD 1172s; etc. Beneficiaries should contact the nearest military ID card facility to find out what documents are needed. Once beneficiaries have the necessary documents, they can present them at the ID card facility or send a letter or fax to the DSO at the address and number noted above. Unremarried former spouses should note that they are now listed in DEERS under their own Social Security number and not that of the sponsor. (AF Retiree News)

OFFICIALS EXTEND STATESIDE SPACE-A TRAVEL TEST

The one-year test to expand space-available travel privileges to family members of active-duty and retired service members traveling within the continental United States has been extended until further notice, according to Air Mobility Command's Air Transportation Division officials. The extension will allow the test to continue while office of the secretary of defense officials complete their evaluation of the test, wrote Lt. Col. Darcy Lilley, Chief of the division's Passenger Policy Branch, in a recent message.

Under the space-A test phase, the family members of active-duty and retired service members are able to travel space-A aboard military flights when accompanied by their sponsors, said John Lundeby, of the passenger policy branch. He said the test does not apply to "gray-area retirees" (Guard and Reserve Airmen who are retired but are not yet eligible for retired pay and benefits.) Mr. Lundeby explained that in December 2000, the commander of U.S. Transportation Command outlined the proposed test as a way to improve quality-of-life privileges for service members and their families. After reviewing the proposal, defense officials approved the one-year test period.

"Prior to the test, regulations prohibited family members from flying space-available within the CONUS," said Mr. Lundeby. "This privilege was available only to active-duty and retired military people. During the test period, dependents can accompany them."

Additional Space-A travel and signup information is available through the passenger policy branch Web site at <http://public.amc.af.mii/SPACEA/spacea.htm>. A list of passenger terminals and phone numbers can be found there. (Courtesy of AMC News.)

2004 RETIRED MILITARY ALMANAC NOW AVAILABLE

Now in its 27th year, the Retired Military Almanac is a 256-page guide designed to keep members of the military retiree community up to date on key topics of interest. It contains detailed information on recently passed legislation, including the newly enacted Concurrent Disability Payment Program (formerly known as Concurrent Receipt), enhancements to the Combat Related Special Compensation Program, and changes to the Survivor Benefit Program. Also included are lengthy sections on military health care, including TRICARE and TRICARE for Life; as well as information on veterans benefits (including a completely updated list of VA facilities); space available lodging and travel; and many other topics directly affecting retirees and their families.

Order directly from the publisher for \$12.00 (includes postage) by sending a check or money order to Uniformed Services Almanac, Inc., PO Box 4144, Falls Church, VA 22044, or if ordering by credit card, call toll-free (888) 872-9698. You can also order secure online: www.militaryalmanac.com. Make sure you specify the Retired Military Almanac as the same company publishes several other publications including the 2004 Uniformed Services, Reserve Forces and National Guard Almanacs.

TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL): Most problems that arose with the implementation of TFL have largely disappeared except for those who have decided to retain their other health insurance (OHI). It should be noted that by law, TRICARE cannot pay until all other insurance including Medicare has paid. For those on Medicare who have retained a supplemental policy, there is little or nothing for TFL to pay. When asked why they keep the OHI, the response is often based on misinformation. The most common reason given is that they want to have a choice of providers, mistakenly believing that to use TFL, one must go to a provider that accepts TRICARE. **Not So – since Medicare is primary, one can use any of the providers that participate in Medicare.**

Congress Authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM)

The new medal is America's way of recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of service members who served in Korea from 28 July 1954 to a future undetermined day.

To qualify for the medal, service members must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

Service members must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- a. Have been engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.
- b. Was wounded or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; and
- c. Participated as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties were flown in accordance with these criteria counts as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who served in operations or exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for medal eligibility, the non-consecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.

The military may award the medal posthumously. Only one award of the medal is authorized for any individual.

Retired members and veterans who meet the eligibility (or the next of kin in the case of those now deceased) must request the award from the National Personnel Records Center in St Louis. The address is: NPRC, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. The web address is:

<http://www.archives.gov>

Request should include documents clearly proving service and dates in Korea, such as TDY/PCS orders, performance reports, letter of evaluations, flight records, decoration citation, record review RIP, medical documents, or DD Form 214 (discharge form). Questions should be addressed to, and only to, the NPRC Customer Service Center at (314) 801-0800.

Once entitlement has been verified, NPRC will update the KDSM to the DD Form 214, certificate of release or discharge from active duty, and then authorize HQ AFPC, Randolph AFB TX, to issue a medal. Because of the expected large number of individuals applying, this may take quite awhile.

The KDSM should also be available for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchange Service clothing Sales facilities in three to six months. (AF Retiree News – Mar 04)

BENEFITS RESTORED FOR SOME SURVIVING SPOUSES

CHAMPVA

Surviving spouses who lost access to CHAMPVA health benefits because they remarried after their 55th birthdays and before February 4, 2003 can apply for reinstatement. A deadline extension gives these surviving spouses until December 16, 2004, to apply for reinstatement. To be eligible for CHAMPVA, people must be family members of veterans who have permanent and total service-connected disability, and who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death. Those who want an application for this benefit or more information can contact VA's Health Administration Center at 800-73-8387. Surviving spouses who remarry at a younger age and lose their CHAMPVA benefits can have these benefits restored if their later marriage is annulled or ends due to death or divorce.

DIC

Similarly, widows or widowers of any age who lost benefits under VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program due to remarriage are eligible for reinstatement of monthly DIC payments if their subsequent marriage ends. Surviving spouses who were receiving DIC and remarried before December 16, 2003 and after their 57th birthdays have one year from December 16th 2003 in which to apply to have the DIC restored. Call the VBA at 800-827-1000 or go to <http://www.va.gov> for more information. (Army Echoes, Issue 2, May-Aug 2004)

ENLISTED VILLAGE OFFERS HELP TO WIDOWS

Although Air Force Enlisted Village officials take great pride in having had the opportunity to provide a home to more than 1,500 enlisted widows since 1975, the biggest challenge is still ahead. That's according to Ken Hair, marketing director, who noted that efforts now are aimed at making contact with enlisted widows who need help, but who aren't aware of the services they provide. Enlisted widows who are 55 years or older and receive retirement benefits may be eligible for the Air Force Enlisted Village, formerly called the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home. Hair also said that low income Air Force enlisted widows may be eligible for rent subsidy and, in some cases, there is no waiting period. In addition to its two independent living facilities, Bob Hope Village and Teresa Village, an Assisted Living Facility is planned to open on the BHV campus in 2005. The Air Force Enlisted Village is located in the Florida panhandle, one mile south of Eglin AFB in the Fort Walton Beach area. For more information, write to Air Force Enlisted Village, 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, FL 32579-1000; call toll free (800) 258-1413 or in Florida, (850) 651-3766. The E-mail address is afef@afenlistedfoundation.org and there is more information and photographs on the Internet at www.afenlistedwidows.org. (May04 Afterburner)

VA GRANT TO EXPAND SOUTHERN NEVADA VETERANS CEMENTARY:

Washington—Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi approved a \$1.6 million grant to Nevada to expand the state-run Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.

The new expansion for the cemetery, which serves more than 170,000 veterans in southern Nevada, will provide more than 3,300 crypts and approximately 7,500 gravesites. Other improvements will include an extension to the administration building, a parking lot, a maintenance shop, site lighting, and irrigation system and landscaping. Established in 1990, the 79-acre cemetery is located about 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas.

The state also operated the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery 437 miles away in Fernley, Nevada. The nearest open VA-run national cemetery is Riverside National Cemetery, located approximately 254 miles away in Riverside, California. The Southern Nevada Memorial Cemetery provided 1,533 interments to Veterans and Family members last fiscal year.

The State has received four VA grants totaling \$3.6 million to establish and improve the cemetery. As a complement to VA's system of national cemeteries, the State cemetery Grants Program has helped establish, expand or improve 55 operational state veterans cemeteries. States are responsible for operating their veterans' cemeteries after VA assists with construction.

UPDATE ON MEDICARE PART "B" PENALTY RELIEF

Many military beneficiaries who lived near a military base chose not to take Part B when they became Medicare eligible, thinking they would be able to continue using the military health care system. When the base subsequently closed or space was no longer available these retirees were left out in the cold. With the implementation of TRICARE for LIFE in 2001, these retirees were forced to pay a 10% penalty to enroll in the Part B for every year over 65. Some have never enrolled because of the penalty. Most know that this problem was resolved this past year with the passing of Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

While it has taken some time for the program to be implemented, the NAUS is receiving additional information about the relief from PART B penalties implementation by TRICARE and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The new law, passed last year as part of Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 affects uniformed services beneficiaries who are TRICARE and Medicare eligible in one of two ways.

Military medical beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A but are not enrolled in Medicare Part B will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part B without a premium penalty during a special enrollment period that will continue through Dec 31, 2004. The current regular premium is \$66.60 a month. In the fall, these beneficiaries will receive a form in the mail, providing them the option of selecting any month in 2004 as their Medicare Part B entitlements. They may also refuse Part B altogether.

Beneficiaries whose current Medicare Part B entitlement began between January 2001 and December 2004 and who are paying a premium penalty (more than \$66.60 a month) for Medicare Part B, will have their Part B premium reduced to the 2004 rate of \$66.60 beginning January 2004, or if later, their Part B entitlement date. Medicare beneficiaries, who are eligible for TRICARE for LIFE and enrolled late, were forced to pay a premium penalty of 10% per year. In early fall, these beneficiaries will receive a refund for any excess premium surcharges they paid beginning in January 2004. Beneficiaries who enrolled in Medicare Part B between January and March of 2004 (the Medicare general enrollment period) will have the option to retain their July 2004 entitlement date or change their entitlement date to any other month within 2004. (NAUS update 2004)

STEPS TO TAKE WHEN A RETIREE DIES

NOTIFY DFAS OF THE DEATH. Stopping retirement pay immediately is critical to avoid indebtedness. If the retiree was receiving pay from another source due to disability (VA) or civil service retirement (OPM), contact the appropriate agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION. Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retiree elected SBP.

UPDATE YOUR MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD. Doing so will reflect the change in status to a survivor's ID card. Contact your nearest ID card issuing site, or call (702) 652-8712 for help.

BURIAL BENEFITS. The VA provides information on burial benefits. Contact your nearest VA representative at 800-827-1000.

NOTIFY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. Call 800-SSA-1213 and apply for the \$225.00 death benefit.

Required documents to claim death benefits may include: DD-214, birth and death certificates, beneficiary information (marriage license and/or divorce decree), updated will and letter of instructions, financial information with account numbers, adoption or naturalization documents, if applicable and disposition instructions for the body.

STEPS TO TAKE WHEN AN ANNUITANT DIES. Notify DFAS immediately. Include the annuitant's and retired member's SSN on any written correspondence to DFAS. If death notification is by telephone, have readily available the SSN of the deceased annuitant and retired member, the annuitant's date of death and the name, address and telephone number of the next of kin or other contact; also specify who will send a copy of the death certificate. (Source-Semper Fidelis, Vol.48, Nr 2-Apr-Jun 2004)

Subject: Bananas

Little did you know...After Reading THIS, you'll NEVER look at the Banana in the same way again!!

Bananas contain three natural sugars- sucrose, fructose and glucose- combined with fiber; a banana gives an instant, sustained and substantial boost of energy. Research has proved that just two bananas provide enough energy for a strenuous 90-minute workout. No wonder the banana is the number one fruit with the world's leading athletes.

But energy isn't the only way a banana can help us keep fit. It can also overcome or prevent a substantial number of illnesses and conditions, making it a must to add to our daily diet.

Depression: According to a recent survey undertaken by MIND amongst people suffering from depression, many felt much better after eating a banana. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood and generally make you feel happier.

PMS: Forget the pills- eat a banana. The vitamin B6 it contains regulates blood glucose levels, which can affect your mood.

Anemia: High iron: bananas can stimulate the production of hemoglobin in the blood and so helps in cases of anemia.

Blood Pressure: This unique tropical fruit is extremely high in potassium yet low in salt, making it the perfect to beat blood pressure. So much, the US Food and Drug Administration has just allowed the banana industry to make official claims for the fruit's ability to reduce the risk of blood pressure and stroke.

Brain Power: 200 students at a Twickenham (Middlesex) school were helped through their exams this year by eating bananas at breakfast, break, and lunch in a bid to boost their brainpower. Research has shown that the potassium-packed fruit can assist learning by making pupils more alert.

Constipation: High in fiber, including bananas in the diet can help restore normal bowel action, helping to overcome the problem without resorting to laxatives.

Hangovers: One of the quickest ways of curing a hangover is to make a banana milkshake, sweetened with honey. The banana calms the stomach and, with the help of the honey, builds up depleted blood sugar levels, while the milk soothes and rehydrates your system.

Heartburn: Bananas have a natural antacid effect in the body; so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.

Morning Sickness: Snacking on bananas between meals helps to keep blood sugar levels up and avoid morning sickness.

ONLINE PERSONNEL LOCATOR/REGISTRY APPLICATIONS:

<http://members.aol.com/veterans/registry.htm>

REGISTERING A VETERAN, ACTIVE DUTY, OR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBER (Past/Present):

<http://members.aol.com/veterans/registry.htm> (alternate URL:

<http://www.amervets.com/register.htm>)

LISTING YOURSELF AS A CONTACT PERSON FOR A SHIP, UNIT OR INSTALLATION:

<http://members.aol.com/warlibrary/share.htm>.

ACTIVE DUTY/VETERAN INFO-SHARING FORUMS:

<http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib3.htm>

AFTER ACTION/ LESSONS LEARNED REPORTS:

<http://www.ntis.gov>

MILITARY ERA PHOTO REGISTRY:

<http://members.aol.com/veterans/warlib3.htm>

DD214 SPN/SPD/RE Code Information:

<http://members.aol.com/warlibrary/policy.htm>

CONTACTING VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS TO ASSIST IN RECORD RETRIEVAL OR OBTAINING BENEFITS (Honorably Discharged)

<http://www.va.gov/sta/guide/home.asp?DIVISION=ALL>

NATIONAL PERSONNEL CENTER (St. Louis, MO (TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

314 538-4218

314 538-4122

314 538-4142

314 538-4144

314 538-4020

NOTE: Peak calling times are weekdays between 10:00 am CTS and 3:00 pm CTS. Staff is available to take your call as early as 7:30 am and as late as 5:00 am CST.

RECORDS (Mailing addresses)

1. Claims files for pensions based on Federal military service, 1775-1916, and bounty land warrant application files based on wartime service, 1775-1855.
2. Regular Army enlisted personnel serving from 1789 through October 31, 1912, and officers serving from 1789 through June 30, 1917.
3. Records relating to persons who served in the Confederate States Army from 1861 through 1865.
4. Volunteer service of persons serving during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the federal interest, during the period 1775-1902.
5. Morning Reports, pre-1917
6. Unit operational records, pre-1939
7. Unit rosters, pre-1917...Contact:

Archives 1 Textual Reference Branch
National Archives and Records Administration
Washington, D.C. 20408
(202) 501-5430

1. Morning reports, 1917-1974 (in 1974 the Army discontinued the use of morning reports and switched to PDC cards. PDC cards are also in the custody of the NPRC.)
2. Unit rosters, 1917-present, Regular Army
3. Officers separated after June 30, 1917, and enlisted personnel separated after October 31, 1912... Contact:

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Unit operational records, 1939-1954, and 1954 to present for units, which served in Southeast Asia...
Contact:

Archives II Textual Reference Branch
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-College Park, MD 20740-6001- (301) 713-7250

Unit operational records, 1954-present for units, which did not serve in Southeast Asia;
Organizational History Files, 1955-1979

Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Office
SAIS-IDP-F/P, Suite 201
Arlington, VA 22202-4102
DSN 327-3377; (703) 607-3377

Organizational History Files, 1980-present
Organizational History Branch
U.S. Army Center of Military History
1099 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3402
DSN 763-5413; (202) 761-5413

Unit rosters, 1917-present, Army Reserve Veterans:
Army Reserve Personnel Center
ATTN: ARPC-SFR-SSD
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Public:
U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center
ATTN: ARPC-IMP-F (FOIA)
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Unit Lineages and Honors
Organizational History Branch
U.S. Army Center of Military History
1099 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3402
DSN 763-5413; (202) 761-5413

Awards for active duty personnel:
Military Awards Branch
Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0400
DSN 221-8699; (703) 25-8699

Awards for veterans:
U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center
Veterans Services Directorate
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Official photographs, 1961-1988

Still Picture Branch
Special Archives Division
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001
(301) 713-6660

Official photographs and videos
Defense Visual Information Center
1363 Z Street Center, March Air Force Base, CA 92518-2727
DSN 348-1505; (909) 413-1505

Motion pictures, 1898 to present:
Motion Picture, Sound & Video Branch
Special Archives Division
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001
(301) 713-7060

Official publications:
US Army Publications Center
2800 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21220-2896
DSN 584-2272; (410) 671-2272

Information concerning flags, colors, streamers, guidons, insignia, & uniforms (AR-840-10)
US Army Institute of Heraldry
9235 Gunston Road, Room S-112, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5579
DSN 656-4968/4969; (703) 806-4968/4969

US Army Air Forces records:
US Air Force Historical research Agency
600 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424
DSN 493-5834; (205) 953-5834

Operations Reports/Lessons Learned (ORLL) and other primary source material about Army units in Vietnam such as radio logs, unit journals, and after action reports, are stored at the Textual Reference Branch, National Archives, MD 20740-6001
(301) 713-7250. Fax (301) 713-7482

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST FOR RETIREES

American Red Cross	652-2106
Boulder City Cemetery	486-5920
Casualty Assistance (Mr. Lewis)	652-05972
Casualty Reporting	1-800-269-5170
Civilian Personnel	652-5212
Commissary	652-4898
DFSA (Retire Pay)	1-800-321-1080
Family Support Center	652-3327
IRS	1-800-829-3676
Legal Assistance	652-5407
Pass and Registration	652-1853
RETIREE OFFICE	652-8712
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Soldier/Airman's Home	1-800-422-9988
Tax Assistance (Vita)	432-1040
Tickets/Tours	652-2192
NELLIS HOSPITAL	
Appointments	653-2778
Pharmacy	653-3200
Retiree Clinic	653-2500
VETERANS ADMIN	1-800-697-6947
Burial & Headstones	652-9428
Boulder Nursing Home	332-6864

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