

Retiree Bulletin

FORT HAMILTON MILITARY COMMUNITY

JULY 2010

Message from Colonel Michael J. Gould, Garrison Commander



Dear Retirees,

On June 29, 2010, I assumed command as the Garrison Commander at Fort Hamilton. In the short time I have been here, I have been impressed with the dedication and professionalism of my staff and the community we support. I am honored to

welcome you to Retiree Appreciation Day and I look forward to meeting each of you during my tenure here. Your service to our country has woven the fabric that continues to make this country the greatest on Earth, and I want to personally thank each of you for your dedicated service.

I am committed to continuing in the strong tradition of unparalleled support Fort Hamilton provides to our retired community with top rated facilities and services you have earned by virtue of your service. From the commissary to identification card processing, your contact with Fort Hamilton should always be a positive experience.

Retiree Appreciation Day is lining up to be another home run. Slated for October 2, 2010 at the post theater, the gymnasium and the club, we are coordinating a new and informative program that will provide you with a lot of valuable information while giving you the opportunity to reconnect with old comrades and make new acquaintances alike. Ms. Wanda Mills, Fort Hamilton's Retirement Services Officer, and 1stLt Bill Palisay, president of the Retiree Council are coordinating the event and look forward to hearing your input and suggestions to make it even better.

Our retired community, families and veterans have played a pivotal role here. Fort Hamilton support approximately 50-thousand retirees and family members, and as a result, we have made many decisions with you and your welfare in mind. As the only active duty installation in New York City, we look forward to your presence and support of the installation.

You continue to help us care for the installation and continuously share your time and talents with us as

volunteers in the museum, chapel, ACS, Community Club, PX and commissary on a regular basis.

I look forward to developing a long and rewarding relationship with you as we move forward together over the next two years.

Michael J. Gould
COL, FA
Commanding

Retiree Appreciation Days

Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs) are designed with you in mind. They're a great source of the latest information for Retirees and Family members in your area. RADs vary from installation to installation, but, in general, they provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances, listen to guest speakers, renew ID Cards, get medical checkups and access various other services. Some RADs include special events such as dinners or golf tournaments. For more information, contact the Retirement Services Officer (RSO) sponsoring the RAD.

UPCOMING RADs

FORT DRUM NY	SEP 11	(800) 556-9790
FORT MEADE MD	OCT 1	(301) 677-9603
FORT HAMILTON NY	OCT 2	(718) 630-4552
CARLISLE BARRACKS PA	OCT 16	(717) 245-4501
FORT MONMOUTH NJ	OCT 16	(732) 532-4673
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND MD	OCT 16	(410) 306-2320

Find the Latest Retirement News on AKO

Army Knowledge Online (AKO) now has a site just for you-AKO for Army Retirees at:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/559734>.

AKO for Army Retirees is your gateway to a wealth of information including retiree resources on the Web and sites covering medical benefits, pay, and state and regional resources. Be sure to add it to your favorites!

Retiree Council Chairman



The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council is currently recruiting new members to join its ranks. If you would like to have a voice, the retiree council is a good place to start. The Fort Hamilton Retiree Council Members consists of Retirees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The Council meets in the

Fort Hamilton Command Conference Room (Bldg 113) at 1530 HRS on the first Thursday of March, June, September, and December. For additional information on membership, summiting issues, or attending meetings, contact the Fort Hamilton Retirement Services Office at (718) 630-4552 or email hamilton.rso@conus.army.mil.

Wanda E. Mills

Retirement Service Officer, USAG, Fort Hamilton



Greetings Retirees and Family Members: For us, this is the best time of the year. It's our opportunity at Fort Hamilton to show our appreciation to our retired military personnel and their families for their tremendous sacrifices and outstanding service. As the only military base in the New York City

Metropolitan area, we are proud to invite you to attend Fort Hamilton's Retiree Appreciation Day on 2 October 2010. This year we are very fortunate to have Ms Laura Paul as our guest speaker. Ms Paul serves as the Army Retirement Services' Acting Deputy, Resources Policy Directorate, Army G-1. Her presentation is sure to be very informative and we look forward to having her as our guest speaker. The Post theater doors will open for the Retiree Appreciation Day registration at 8:00 a.m. Please feel free to arrive a little early as we will offer light refreshments to get your motors running. The official program starts at 9:00 am, concluding with local military entertainment. After the program, we will have an Information and Health Fair at the post gymnasium. The fair will have representatives from more than 40 local, state, and federal organizations. The fair will be a great opportunity to have your questions answered by subject matter experts concerning their programs and your benefits. I strongly encourage you and your family to attend this event. This will give you a chance to renew

old acquaintances and make new ones. As always, it is our pleasure to recognize you for your outstanding service, dedication, contributions, and continued support. If you need assistance with submitting your retirement packets, Survivor Benefit Plan, Report a Death, or records updates please feel free to stop by the Fort Hamilton Retirement Services Office. My office is located on the first floor of building 114N White Avenue room 101B. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:30. I look forward to assisting you in any way I can and seeing you on Saturday, 2 October 2010 at our Retiree Appreciation Day event. For additional information you can call me at (718) 630-4552, email hamilton.rso@conus.army.mil, or check out the Fort Hamilton website at www.hamilton.army.mil.

Fort Hamilton's Retiree Council Members

The below listing of the Fort Hamilton Retiree Council Members consists of Retirees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The Retiree Council meets on the first Thursday of March, June, September, and December. For additional information on membership, please contact the Fort Hamilton Retirement Service Officer at (718) 630-4552.

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TRICARE Retiree Dental Program:

NEW CONTRACT FOR NATION'S LARGEST VOLUNTARY DENTAL PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

On October 1, 2008, Delta Dental of California began a new five-year term as administrator of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). Delta Dental has administered the program since it began in 1998, and in the fall of 2007, the Department of Defense (DoD) awarded Delta Dental the contract to continue to administer the TRDP through September 2013.

The TRDP, authorized by Congress as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, offers affordable dental benefits as a voluntary option to the nation's five million-plus Uniformed Services retirees and their eligible family members. With a current enrollment of over 1.2 million covered lives, the TRDP is the nation's largest voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program.

With the new contract that began October 1, the Enhanced TRDP featured some additions to an already comprehensive scope of benefits, such as coverage of some dental implant services at 50 percent of allowable charges, an increase in the orthodontic lifetime maximum from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and 80 percent coverage for posterior composite restorations.

Also starting October 1, TRDP benefits under the new Enhanced-Overseas Program were made available to retirees and their eligible family members who reside overseas. Until then, enrollees had to return to the Enhanced TRDP service area to receive dental care.

The TRDP is a national, combined fee-for-service/preferred provider program that offers enrollees access to any licensed dentist in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada. While enrollees may seek care from any licensed dentist in this service area, optimal benefits will be available to those enrolled retirees and their family members who choose a participating network dentist.

After a mandatory 12-month enrollment obligation is satisfied, enrollees can remain in the program on a month-to-month basis. The Basic Program remains closed to new enrollees but continues with no change in benefits for those already enrolled and who wish to remain enrolled.

The TRDP carries a \$50-per-person-per-year deductible with a family cap of \$150 and an annual maximum of \$1,200 per person (\$1,000 for Basic Program enrollees) against which preventive and diagnostic services are not counted. Coverage for these services as well as for basic restorative services, periodontal services, endodontic services, oral surgery and dental emergencies

is available immediately upon the effective date of coverage.

Crowns, bridges, full and partial dentures, many implant services and orthodontics will be available after only 12 months of continuous enrollment, payable at 50 percent.

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll by visiting the TRDP online at www.trdp.org or by calling the toll-free number at (888) 838-8737.

Gray Area Retirees are eligible for the TRDP. They do not need to wait until they reach age 60.

To learn more, visit the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program booth at Fort Hamilton's Retiree Appreciation Day on October 2, 2010.

No TRICARE Hike in 2011 Budget Request

WASHINGTON (AFPS) – TRICARE recipients will see no increase in their premiums next year, if Congress approves that provision of the fiscal 2011 defense budget request, as expected. However, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said he wants to work with Congress to find ways to help control escalating military health care costs that are consuming an ever-increasing chunk of the budget.

Noting the skyrocketing costs of the military healthcare system – from \$19 billion in 2001 to \$50.7 billion in the fiscal 2011 budget request — Gates questioned how sustainable the program can remain without cost controls or higher premiums. "It's only going to go up," he said, with Military Health System officials estimating 5 to 7 percent annual cost increases through fiscal 2015. "And it is absorbing an increasing percentage of our budget." Officials predict that the program will grow from 6 percent of the defense budget to more than 10 percent by fiscal 2015.

"We absolutely want to take care of our men and women in uniform and our Retirees," Gates said, "But at some point, there has to be some reasonable tradeoff between reasonable cost increases or premium increases or co-pays or something and the cost of the program."

There's been no TRICARE premium increase since the program was founded in 1995, Gates said, noting that Congress rejected recent Pentagon proposals for increases. Expecting the same action, the Defense Department recommended no increase this year, he said.

"I ask anybody to point me to a health insurance program that has not had a premium increase in 15 years," Gates said. TRICARE benefits, he said, are "generous, as they should be for our men and women in uniform."

But Gates compared the \$1,200 average out-of-pocket costs for a Family of three under TRICARE to about

\$3,300 for the same Family under a health maintenance organization plan in the Federal Employees Health Care Program.

The Military Health System has 9.5 million eligible beneficiaries, including active-duty military members and their Families, military Retirees and their Families, dependent survivors and certain reserve-component members and their Families.

TRICARE Program for

'Gray Area' Reserve Retirees on Its Way

FALLS CHURCH, VA - A new program will offer "gray area" Reservists the opportunity to purchase TRICARE health care coverage. While qualified members of the Selected Reserve may purchase premium-based coverage under TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), Retired National Guard and Reserve personnel did not have TRICARE health coverage options until they reached age 60. Under a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010, that will change.

The new provision will allow certain members of the Retired Reserve who are not yet age 60 (gray area Retirees), to purchase TRICARE Standard and Extra coverage. TRICARE Extra simply means beneficiaries have lower out of pocket costs if they use a network provider.

"We're working hard to coordinate all the details of eligibility, coverage and costs, and expedite implementation of this important program," said RADM Christine Hunter, Deputy Director of the TRICARE Management Activity. "This is a major benefit program with implementation on the same magnitude as TRS. It will require detailed design, development and testing, but qualified Retired Reservists should be able to purchase coverage by late summer or early fall of 2010."

While the health care benefit provided for gray area Retirees will be TRICARE Standard and Extra – similar to TRS – the new program will differ from TRS in its qualifications, premiums, copayment rates and catastrophic cap requirements. The program is tentatively called TRICARE Retired Reserve.

The new statute requires premium rates to equal the full cost of the coverage. That is the major difference contrasted with TRS, where the statute provides that Selected Reserve members pay only 28 percent of the cost of the coverage. Premiums for the new gray area Retiree program will be announced after program rules are published in the Federal Register.

This new program offers an important health coverage option for Reserve and National Guard members who served their country honorably before hanging up their uniforms at retirement, said Hunter. For more information about TRICARE benefits go to www.tricare.mil.

Space Available Air-Travel: The Basics



In recognition of a career of rigorous duty, retired military members are given the privilege for Space-Available (Space-A) travel. Eligible Family members may travel Space-A, but must be

accompanied by their sponsor. Space-A eligible passengers travel only after all duty cargo and passengers have been accommodated. It may not be used for personal gain or in connection with business enterprises or employment.

While the precise procedures for making flight arrangements may vary from one air terminal to another, the first step is to find out what travel destinations are available from an air terminal near you. The simplest way to get a list of destinations is to call the terminal in your area. Terminals typically provide either a voice or recorded listing of upcoming flights. On request, some terminals will also fax you a copy of their flight schedules.

Once you have made your travel plans, you can sign up for flights in several ways. You always have the option of going to a terminal in person; however, in many cases you do not even have to leave your home. Flight requests can be made by mail, telephone, via the internet or by fax. Upon sign up, travelers are assigned a travel category (Retirees are category 6) and compete for seats in that category, based on the date and time of sign up. Passengers remain on the flight register for either 60 days or until they are given a seat.

Once registered, passengers can review their reservation status any time. Official duty passengers and priority cargo have priority over Space-A passengers so if your flight has more than one leg you can get bumped off at the end of any leg. Each passenger may check two pieces of checked baggage. Hand carried baggage must fit under the seat or in the overhead compartment, if available. Please note that baggage weight may be limited due to type of aircraft or other restrictions. Check with your terminal Passenger Service Center for more information.

Below are a few frequently asked questions when traveling Space-A:

Q1. IS SPACE-A TRAVEL A REASONABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR TRAVEL ON A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE?

A. This all depends on you. If your plans are flexible and your finances permit for a stay while waiting for a seat, Space-A is a good choice. Remember, Space-A success depends on flexibility and good timing.

Q2. WHAT IS REMOTE SIGN UP?

A. Remote sign up allows passengers to enter the backlog by faxing copies of proper documentation along with desired destinations and Family members' information. The fax header sheet will establish date/time of sign up. Terminals are not responsible for faxes not received. Mail entries are also permitted and some terminals may accept e-mail sign up.

Q3. WHAT IS SELF SIGN UP?

A. Self sign up is a program that allows passengers to sign up at a terminal without waiting in line. Most locations now provide self sign up counters with easy to follow instructions. If your travel will take you to a foreign country, ensure border clearance documentation is valid. If you are unsure, check with the duty passenger service representative.

Q4. HOW CAN I FIND WHERE MY NAME IS ON THE REGISTER?

A. Each terminal maintains a Space-A register that is updated daily. The register is conveniently located in the terminal and directly accessible to you. Travelers may call the terminal directly to determine their status.

Q5. AS A RETIREE, WHERE CAN I FLY?

A. Retired members with a DD Form 2 (Blue) identification card may fly anywhere DoD has flights operating, including CONUS.

Q6. WHERE CAN MY ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS FLY?

A. Eligible Family Members must be accompanied by the sponsor and can fly anywhere DoD has flights operating, including CONUS.

Q7. HOW MUCH WILL SPACE-A TRAVEL COST?

A. It may vary but not much. Some terminals must collect a head tax or a federal inspection fee from Space-A travelers on commercial contract missions. Meals may be purchased at a nominal fee out of most air terminals.

Additional Space-information is available at www.baseops.net/spaceatravel. There are also a few excellent Space-A travel guides/handbooks available for purchase at most PX/BX and NEXs. Most reference guides include flight destination, registration and facility information, telephone numbers, etc.

DFAS to Resume VSI/SSB Recoupment

CLEVELAND – Recoupment of military Retirees' Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI), Special Separation Benefit (SSB) and other separation payments by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will resume in August 2010.

VSI, SSB and certain other separation payments, such as severance pay, were offered to active duty military members in an effort to reduce manpower in certain career fields, primarily during the 1990s. Because federal law prohibits military members from receiving

both separation and retirement payments for the same period of service, provisions of these programs included repayment should an individual join the Ready Reserve or return to active duty and earn status as a military Retiree.

On June 1, 2009, in response to Retirees' concerns, DFAS temporarily stopped deducting these repayments from retirement pay while DoD conducted a formal review of the recoupment program. Prior to the review, the federal statutes governing these programs did not allow DoD or DFAS to alter repayment rates or provide alternative repayment plans regardless of the financial hardships a Retiree may have been experiencing.

The DoD review is complete, and Congress has amended Sections 1174(h) and 1175(e) of Title 10, United States Code, to help limit the financial strain on military Retirees as they repay their outstanding balances. The new statutes allow DFAS more flexibility to accommodate for financial hardship and modify repayment plans. As a result, DFAS has reduced the maximum recoupment rate from 90 percent to 40 percent. DFAS also will consider more lenient repayment plans for Retirees who are experiencing financial hardships

Affected Retirees will receive notification letters at least 90 days before recoupment's resume. If they feel the rates of recoupment will create financial hardships, they may request more lenient repayment plans by providing financial information on the Financial Statement of Debtor forms enclosed with the notification letters.

This monthly recoupment may also affect former spouses who receive Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act payments from such Retirees. Former spouses affected by this recoupment also will receive a notification letter prior to the resumption of recoupment.

Not Updating Retired Pay Records Can Cost Benefits

Too often, we hear about survivors who were denied benefits because the Retired Soldier did not update retired pay records after getting married, divorced, remarried, being widowed or gaining a child.

We hear from Surviving Spouses who did not receive the retired pay for the days of the last month the Retired Soldier was alive because this money went to the person the Soldier had chosen at retirement.

We hear from former spouses who lost Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) benefits because neither the former spouse nor the Retired Soldier notified DFAS within a year of the court order that awarded former spouse SBP.

We also hear from spouses of Retirees, married after retirement, who assumed they had SBP coverage. However, if the Retiree did not take the required action within one year of marriage, the spouse may have no SBP coverage.

To make sure your spouse (or former spouse) is prepared, keep a file with information that will be needed when you die. Make sure your spouse (or former spouse) knows what benefits to expect or not to expect.

Remember: You are responsible for updating your retired pay file information at DFAS-CL within one year of the event if you marry, remarry, have a child, are widowed or divorced and need to make or update a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) election.

IF IN RECEIPT OF OR ENTITLED TO RETIRED PAY, CONTACT:

*Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
Phone: 1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955*

IF IN RECEIPT OF OR ENTITLED TO SBP/RSFPP ANNUITY, CONTACT:

*Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuity Pay
Phone: 1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955*

IF A RETIRED RESERVIST NOT YET 60, CONTACT:

*U.S. Army Human Resources Command
St. Louis
Phone: 1-800-318-5298 or (314) 592-0554*

VA Increasing Prescription Costs

An increase in Veterans out-of-pocket payments for VA pharmaceuticals is scheduled for July 1, 2010, after being delayed in January.

The \$1 increase will bring to \$9 the copayments facing Veterans for each 30-day supply of medicine for the treatment of conditions not related to military service. The yearly maximum out-of-pocket payment for pharmaceuticals for non-service-related conditions is scheduled to increase to \$1,080.

There are no copayments associated with the treatment of conditions related to military service. The cap will not apply to Veterans in priority groups seven and eight.

***Defense, VA Secretaries Promise Health Reform Won't Affect Their Health Care Programs
Secretary Gates' Statement***

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — TRICARE meets the standards set by the health care reform bill the House of Representatives passed, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said in a statement issued Mar 22. Calling their health and well-being his highest priority, Gates reassured service members and their Families that the legislation won't have a negative effect on TRICARE, which —already meets the bill's quality and minimum benefit standards. —This was clarified by a vote in the

U.S. House of Representatives [March 20], and is expected to be reaffirmed by the Senate, Gates said in the statement. —The president and I are committed to seeing that our troops, retirees and their families will continue to receive the best quality health care, the Secretary said.

Secretary Shinseki's Statement

WASHINGTON - In a Mar 21 statement, Secretary Shinseki states, As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, I accepted the solemn responsibility to uphold our sacred trust with our nation's Veterans. Fears that Veterans health care and TRICARE will be undermined by the health reform legislation are unfounded. I am confident that the legislation being voted on today will provide the protections afforded our nation's Veterans and the health care they have earned through their service. The President and I stand firm in our commitment to those who serve and have served in our armed forces. We pledge to continue to provide the men and women in uniform and our Veterans the high quality health care they have earned. President Obama has strongly supported Veterans and their needs, specifically health care needs, on every major issue for these past 14 months – advance appropriations, new GI Bill implementation, new Agent Orange presumptions for three additional diseases, new Gulf War Illness presumptions for nine additional diseases, and a 16% budget increase in 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, that is the largest in over 30 years, and which has been followed by a 2011 VA budget request that increases that record budget by an additional 7.6%. To give our Veterans further assurance that health reform legislation will not affect their health care systems, the Chairmen of five House committees, including Veterans Affairs Chairman Bob Filner and Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton, have just issued a joint letter reaffirming that the health reform legislation as written would protect those receiving care through all TRICARE and Department of Veterans Affairs programs.

TRICARE Qs and As on Health Care Reform

WILL THE NEW LEGISLATION TRANSFER TRICARE INTO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM?

No. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act leaves TRICARE under sole authority of the Defense Department and the Secretary of Defense, which means it is governed by an independent set of statutes.

WHAT DOES DEEMING TRICARE AS "QUALIFYING COVERAGE" MEAN?

It ensures that TRICARE beneficiaries will not be impacted by the new legislation's requirement that people without qualifying coverage will have to pay a financial penalty.

IS TRICARE FOR LIFE CONSIDERED "QUALIFYING COVERAGE" UNDER THE NEW LAW?

Yes, TFL is deemed qualifying coverage under the legislation already passed by both the House and Senate.

CAN I EXPECT MY TRICARE ENROLLMENT FEE, PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES OR CO-PAYS TO GO UP BECAUSE OF THIS LEGISLATION?

There is nothing in the legislation that would change any TRICARE fees.

THE NEW HEALTH CARE BILL ALLOWS ADULT CHILDREN TO STAY ON THEIR PARENT'S HEALTH CARE PLAN UNTIL AGE 26 IF THEIR EMPLOYERS DON'T OFFER INSURANCE. WILL TRICARE ADOPT THIS POLICY?

Many beneficiaries with dependent children are very interested on how the Act will impact their children age 26 and younger. Current age limits – 21, or age 23, if the dependent is in a full-time school program – are set by statute, so separate legislation would be required to change them

How to Receive a Post Vehicle Decal

Stop in at the Fort Hamilton Visitor Control Center (VCC), located at the 101st Street entrance gate and fill out a DA Form 3626 (Vehicle Registration Card). You'll need to have a valid driver's license, insurance card, registration, and military I.D. For additional information call (718) 630-4377.

Military Personnel/DEERS ID

The Fort Hamilton's DEERS ID Card Section is located in Building 114N, White Ave, Brooklyn, NY and they now accept on-line appointments. Under the new web based system you can see what's available, schedule an appointment, check status, and cancel or change your appointment date and time. You can access the Fort Hamilton appointment scheduler by going on the Fort Hamilton web page at <https://www.hamilton.army.mil> and click on the DEERS/ID link. You can also go directly to the *COMMON ACCESS CARD APPOINTMENT SCHEDULER* at <https://es.cac.navy.mil/signup.pl>.

For information/appointments, call (718) 630-4557.

DEERS/ID Section Walk-In/Appointment Hours:

Monday –Thursday:

8:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Fridays:

10:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

First Saturday of Each Month:

9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

If the first Saturday of the month is a holiday weekend, it's open on the second Saturday.

Closed on Federal Holidays

Replacing DD Form 214s

For a military discharge (DD Form 214), you can request it:

- On-line: www.retrecs.archives.gov.
- By Fax:(314) 801-9195
- Or By Mail: National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

All requests must be signed and dated by the veteran or next-of-kin.

***Fort Hamilton Frequently Used Phone Numbers
(718-630-xxxx)***

Fort Hamilton Operator	4101
Ainsworth Army Medical Clinic	4129
Army Community Services	4754 or 4332
Army Emergency Relief	4471
Army Lodging	4564 or 4052
Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator	4467
Benefit Advisor-TriCare	(877) 874-2273
Benefit Advisor-TriCare for Life	4602
Benefit Advisor-US Family Health Plan	(646) 341-2551
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC)	4734 or 4031
Commissary	4960 x 415
Community Activity Center/Bowling Center	4440
DEERS/ID Section	4557
Department of Veterans Affairs Credit Union	4810
Fort Hamilton Community Club Administration Office/Membership	4361
Retirement Service Office	4552
Shoppette/Service Station	2723
Sports and Fitness Division	4793
Visitor Control Center	4848



**MILITARY RETIREE
APPRECIATION DAY**



SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2010
FORT HAMILTON THEATER, BUILDING 403
9:00 am (Registration: 8:00 am - 9:00 am)

**RETIRES AND FAMILY MEMBERS FROM ALL BRANCHES
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

For more info, call Fort Hamilton's RSO at:

(718) 630-4552 or 4930



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