

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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### May is “National Military Appreciation” month

WASHINGTON -- Both chambers of the U.S. Congress have adopted a resolution calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. service members during May's National Military Appreciation month.

Virginia Rep. Tom Davis, along with 16 co-sponsors, introduced Concurrent Resolution No. 328 in the House in November. The Senate agreed to it without amendment and by unanimous consent November 18, 2003.

The resolution states that the House, with the Senate concurring, "supports the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month." It also "urges the president to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, localities, organizations and media to annually observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities." Finally, the resolution urges the White House Commission on Remembrance to "work to support the goals and objectives" of the month.

The Senate first passed a resolution in 1999 designating National Military Appreciation Month. That declaration summoned U.S. citizens to observe the month "in a symbol of unity, ... to honor the current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace."

Traditionally, May has focused on the military in many ways. For example, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW),

celebrated the first full Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, recognizes the roles of public servants, including the military, at local, state, regional and federal levels. As a part of PSRW, communities across America showcase military equipment and service members from U.S. installations. The largest PSRW event takes place on Washington's National Mall, where more than 100 federal agencies, including the military services, put their activities, people and equipment on public display. This year's mall event is May 6-9.

Armed Forces Day, created in 1949, is an annual event held on the third Saturday in May, with activities at U.S. military bases around the world. This year's celebration occurs May 15.

The month culminates with Memorial Day, a federal holiday on the last Monday in May. The day, dating from the Civil War era, traditionally has marked recognition of those who have died in service to the nation. Each year on Memorial Day, the White House Commission on Remembrance promotes one minute of silence at 3 p.m. local time to honor the military's fallen comrades and to pay tribute to the sacrifices by the nation's service members and veterans.



*Thanks to All Who Served or  
have Served!*

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Editor's Note

Thank you for the helpful suggestions on how you want this newsletter to look.

After all, it is your newsletter and should have the look and feel you want.

## 2-174 ADA BN

Retired  
Members  
Golf Outing

A four person "best ball" golf scramble will be held Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Fuller Fairways, Zanesville, Ohio.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Registration fee is \$50.00 per person.

Please contact MAJ Bob Lytton at (614) 336-6727.

**TRICARE retired reserve sign-up options expanded**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Gray-area retirees from the National Guard and Reserves who want to purchase TRICARE health care coverage now have a new way to get a DoD Self-service Logon (DS Log-on). Most will need a DS Log-on to qualify for and purchase TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) health coverage.

Since Sept. 1, 2010, members of the Retired Reserve who aren't 60, the so-called "gray-area" retirees, have been able to purchase TRR to provide health coverage for themselves and their eligible family members.

To make purchasing TRR easier, gray area retirees can now get a DS Log-on by contacting the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System/Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) and remotely verify their identity.

Gray-area retirees can use the DS Log-on to access the Web-based Reserve Component Purchased TRICARE Application (RCPTA) to qualify for and purchase TRR. If a gray-area retiree doesn't have a DS Log-on, but has a retired military ID card, he or she can call the DSO at 1-800-538-9552 (1-866-363-2883 for the hearing impaired) to request remote proofing documentation. DSO will provide step-by-step instructions and the appropriate documentation to get a DS Log-on via remote proofing.

The DSO's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. until 5 p.m., Pacific Time. The DSO is closed on all federal holidays.

To use the remote proofing process, the

gray-area retiree will identify his or herself with a Social Security number to the DSO. The DSO will then fax, e-mail or send by regular mail a document the retiree can take with their ID card to a notary public to remotely verify his or her identity. The retiree will return this document to the DSO and, if the notarized photocopy of the ID card matches the ID card on file in DEERS, a DS Log-on can be issued.

Gray-area retirees who do not have a retired ID card and a DS Log-on can get both and complete the in-person proofing process at a RAPIDS ID card issuing site. To locate the nearest RAPIDS site, go to [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl). Alternatively, they may still go to designated Veterans Administration (VA) regional offices to complete in-person proofing and get a DS Log-on. To locate a VA regional office, visit [www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp](http://www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp).

Retired Reservists may qualify to purchase TRR coverage if they are under the age of 60 and are not eligible for or enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. They must be members of the retired Reserve and qualified for non-regular retirement. For instructions on how to qualify for and purchase TRR go to [www.tricare.mil/trr](http://www.tricare.mil/trr).



## Deployment activity

Current deployed Army units are:

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Teams 1.5 and 1.6.

The 112th Engineer Battalion

The 1-174th ADA Regiment

The 292nd Engineer Detachment

The 295th Engineer Detachment

The 1937th SPT Detachment

There are 552 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed. The above information comes from the Chief of Staff Briefing.

Current deployed Air units, per wing, are:

The 121st Air Refueling Wing has 75 Airmen deployed.

The 179th Fighter Wing has 45 Airmen deployed.

The 180th Fighter Wing has 29 Airmen deployed.

The 178th Fighter Wing has 87 Airmen deployed.

This information was gathered from the monthly Wing Status Reports.

## DoD to drop social security numbers from ID cards

WASHINGTON, Beginning June 1, 2011 Social Security numbers on military identification cards will begin to disappear, said Pentagon spokeswoman, Air Force Maj. Monica M. Matoush.

The effort is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DoD identification card holders from identity theft, officials said.

Criminals use Social Security numbers to steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

Currently, the Social Security number is printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DoD identification number replacing the Social Security number, officials said. The DoD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-digit DoD benefits number also will appear on

the cards of those people eligible for DoD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor, the official said, and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012. The department will replace identification cards as they expire.

"Because cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DoD ID number," Matoush said.

The identity protection program began in 2008, when DoD started removing Social Security numbers from family member identification cards.



## One of the ten major battles that shaped America

### Bunker Hill

On the night of June 16 -17, 1775, some 1,200 American militiamen moved onto Charlestown Peninsula, across the Charles River from Boston. In several hours of digging, they built a fort on a portion of Bunker Hill known as Breed's Hill. At first glance this action looked like reckless bravado, given that Boston then held some 6,000 seasoned British regulars led by battle-tested generals and supported by a fleet of Royal Navy warships in the harbor.



But the Americans, led by Maj. Gen. Israel Putnam and Col. William Prescott, knew what they were doing. Spies had revealed a British plan for a massive assault on the rebel army that had besieged Boston for the previous two months.

Putnam and Prescott, veterans of the French and Indian war, seized the initiative, forcing the British to fight on ground the Americans had chosen.

The next afternoon, British Maj. Gen. William Howe crossed the river with 2,500 men planning to assault the Breed's Hill defenses from the rear. A veteran American officer, Col. John Stark, arrived on the battlefield just

prior to the British attack, leading reinforcements that brought American strength to about 2,400 men. He anticipated Howe's flanking maneuver and flung back the British light-infantry column, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing Howe to launch a frontal assault on the redoubt.

After an hour of ferocious fighting, the Americans ran out of ammunition, and the British overran the fort. The U.S. retreat sparked acrimony among American commanders—until they learned the British had incurred 1,054 casualties to the Rebels' 450.

"I wish we could sell them another hill at the same price," wrote young Rhode Island Brig. Gen. Nathanael Greene.

Bunker Hill made both sides realize they were in for a real war. Most Americans had doubted their green soldiers could stand up to the vaunted British army, and the British had believed they were facing undisciplined mobs. If Howe's strategy had worked, and he had routed or captured the men in the fort, he and his fellow generals planned to go on and destroy the entire Continental Army. If that had happened, the dream of an independent America would have evaporated.

Posted by David Lauterborn, Nov. 3, 2010 in *HistoryNet*, [www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm](http://www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm)

## The National Guard news has an app for that

Apr. 11, 2011 - (Apr. 6, 2011) — ARLINGTON, Va. - The National Guard Bureau has unveiled a new application which enables iPhone and iPad users to stay in touch with National Guard news anytime via their mobile devices.

The National Guard News Mobile Application available for free download at [www.ng.mil](http://www.ng.mil) that keeps readers connected with up-to-the-minute updates and enables the National Guard's 22,000 Facebook fans and 12,000 Twitter followers to share their favorite stories with their friends on popular social media platforms.

Mobile device users can also now view "Minuteman Report" video packages showcasing National Guard operations around the world.

This was the next logical step for news, National Guard Bureau officials said today.

"With so many people getting their news from their mobile devices, an app made perfect sense," said Rick Breitenfeldt, chief of social media for the National Guard Bureau's Office of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications.

National Guard Bureau officials said that they are looking at developing similar applications for the Android and Blackberry operating systems later this year.

## Upcoming Events

The 2011 Central Ohio Armed Forces Day Observance, "Honoring All Who Serve"

Dedicated To: U.S. Marine Corps

Friday, May 20th, 2011, at the Villa Milano Restaurant

1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio

Doors Open At 11:00 am

Luncheon and Program Begins At 11:45 am

The featured speaker will be Brig. Gen. Francis L. Kelley, Jr., Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command

Awards:

- \* 2011 Service Persons of the Year
- \* Jake Brewer Leadership Award
- \* Heritage Award
- \* MILVETS Trustee

Registration Information:

Tickets: \$20 Prepaid, \$25 at the Door

Table of 10 \$200.00 Prepaid

Corporate Tables are \$350.00! All corporate tables receive special recognition

Please R.S.V.P no later than May 17, 2011 by calling:

Rick Isbell, AFDO Chair, at (614) 645-6504

90 W. Broad St. 2nd Fl., Columbus, OH 43215

Music Provided by the Greater Columbus Concert Band.

Sponsored By: The Military / Veterans Educational Foundation (MILVETS).



**Veteran's****Benefits****Resource Fair**

Friday, May 6, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TRI-C Eastern  
campusEast Liberal Arts Bldg.  
in the theater lobby

4250 Richmond Road

Highland Hills, OH  
44122Get registered for  
your benefits!

For more information  
please call the 11th  
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<http://www.dfas.mil/>**Military Personnel Records** go to:<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>**Ohio National Guard Association** go to:<http://www.ohionga.org/>**Retirement Services Office**go to: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>**Ohio Department of Veterans****Services** go to: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/>**Military Insider: Retiree Benefits &****resources** go to: <http://www.military.com/NewContent/1,13190,Retired,00.html>**TRICARE Retiree Dental Program** go to:**Name the Air National Guard unit**

The unit was organized on June 20, 1948, as the 164th Fighter Squadron, with 41 officers and 177 airmen. Predecessor units can be traced back to the 363rd Fighter Squadron of World War II, which was originally activated on Dec. 1, 1942 and saw combat in the European Theater of Operations. The 164th received F-51D Mustang fighters, a B-26 Invader attack bomber, and a C-47 transport. In 1953, the unit entered the jet age with the arrival of the F-80 Shooting Star, which was subsequently replaced by the F-84E Thunderjet and F-84F Thunderstreak.

On Nov. 10, 1958, the unit was re-designated the 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron. It was called to active duty on Oct. 1, 1961 during the Berlin Crisis, and contributed

personnel and equipment to the 7121st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed at Etain Air Base, France. In August 1962, the unit was released from active duty and reverted to the control of the State of Ohio. Shortly thereafter, on Oct. 16, 1962, the unit was re-designated, with the Fighter Squadron retaining the original 164th designation. This unit ended its tactical fighter mission on January 5, 1976 and converted to the C-130B Hercules aircraft.

So, who knows what unit this is today?



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**April 2011 RISFAC Meetings:**

*Region 1 - July 21*

*Region 2 - July 20*

*Region 3 - July 26*

*Region 4 - July 26*

*Region 5 - July 26*

*Region 6 - July 20*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Mr. James Moore at (614)336-7336.



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“When called, we respond with ready units to execute federal, state and community missions.”

## Help service members find jobs

There is no better way to say thank you to Ohio's service members than to help them find a job. Employing service members helps them and brings value to employers.

As most employers know, hiring a member of the National Guard or Reserves brings many benefits. Men and women in uniform are reliable, responsible, team players, professional and face projects head-on with a positive can-do attitude.

The National Guard partners with two specific organizations to help service members improve their employment opportunities.

“Ohio Means Jobs,” sponsored by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, can be accessed at [www.jfs.ohio.gov/veterans](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/veterans).

Jobs are posted on hundreds of job boards. Em-

ployers can expect to:

- Post jobs fast and free
- Easily identify and prioritize qualified veteran candidates
- Often receive responses the same day

The second tool, “Ohio Vets CAN,” was developed by the AMVETS Career Center. Please visit [www.ohiovetscan.com](http://www.ohiovetscan.com). Employers can:

- Target job postings to service members for free
  - Quickly find and review veteran’s resumes
- Ohio National Guard alumni who own businesses or have the ability to make or influence hiring decisions may benefit from knowing about these services. Please spread the word.