



84th Division Alumni Bugler



Special points of interest:

- 48 New members have joined the Association so far in 2005
- Not receiving *Army Echoes*?
- Retired Receiving Pay contact: DFAS @ (800) 321-1080
- Gray Area Retired Contact: USAHRC @ (800) 325-2660

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Association Membership We Want You!

Our fourth mission tenet states, *"To promote fellowship among former and present members of the 84th Division"*

With the current news about BRAC recommendations for military base realignment and closures, the 84th US ARRTC was scheduled to move to Fort Knox. While this decision has not been approved, we need to emphasize the urgent need to recruit and retain members of the former 84th Division (IT) units and the new 84th US ARRTC. Only paid members receive newsletters, mailings about our membership meetings and other functions. We urge you to renew your efforts to bring in new membership to our organization.

Your board has successfully adopted a change effective this past



Our Door is always Open to New Members

June to renew your membership for three (3) years. We hope this will allow you to continue your membership without the risk of falling off our mailing list.

Please contact any board member for more information and additional membership forms.

Health and Welfare

New TriCare for Life (TFL) claims: Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) is being phased in as the new centralized processor for all TriCare regions and the TriCare for Life (TFL) beneficiaries. You may contact them at



WPS TFL (866) 773-0404 or their can be reached at there internet web site at <http://www.tricare4you.com>.

In a related story see page 3 for an article on Medicare Part B

The Presidents Corner

By COL Glen "Rusty" Armstrong, (Ret)

Your Alumni Association has just completed another great year of activities.

On April 9th we had a great turnout of almost 80 at the Annual Dine-In Affair at the Brookfield Racquet Club. This year we were fortunate to have COL Jill Morgenthaler, Director, Interagency Multinational Training Directorate for the 84th US ARRTC, as our featured speaker. She provided us a hopeful and challenging picture of our campaign in Iraq, from her perspective as a Task Force PAO, while she was deployed there in 2004. We also received an update on the transformation of the 84th Division (IT) to the 84th US ARRTC. BG Alan Grice, Deputy CG of the US ARRTC, also spoke briefly to us and pledged continued loyalty to the heritage of the 84th Division and the Alumni Association. CPT Julia Wold did a great job this

year as Miss Vice.

Joining us in this evening of fun and camaraderie were two veterans of the "Greatest Generation" SSG Fillmore Bott and MSG Norm Neitzke. Other distinguished guests were former division commander MG Joe Scheinkoenig, former Chief of Staff COL Bill McKeown, former CSMs Jim Bunce and Don Rosenbauer. The 84th US ARRTC was well represented by a number of personnel including the new Chief of Staff, COL Phil Tullar.

Our June Membership Meeting was well attended with a very timely briefing on Fort McCoy by Linda M. Fournier, Installation Public Affairs Officer. She provided an update on the future of Fort McCoy along with the current BRAC round position. The future of Fort McCoy

New Board Members

At our June Membership Meeting there was an election of Board Members.

Re-elected for another three year term were:

CSM Ray Franecki, (Ret)

SGM Larry Kritz, (Ret)

CSM Donald Rosenbauer, (Ret)

Appointed to fill an open board position for a two year term was:

CSM David Gramins, (Ret)

LTC Steve Darrah, our newsletter editor, will be mobilized by the time this newsletter has been published. He was a valued addition to the board filling our need for publishing the last several newsletters. This will be his second deployment like so many others serving our country. We will continue to stay in touch and keep you informed.

We wish him Godspeed and Good Luck.

1SG Ed Marynik, (Ret) will take over the task of publishing the newsletter. He has volunteered to take over that task along with Board Secretary.

Upcoming Events: Place these future events on your calendar:

Friday; 2 September 2005 - Fort McCoy Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) Information Call (800) 4 5 2 - 0 9 2 3 o r william.walters@emh2.mccoys.army.mil

Saturday; 10 September 2005 - Annual 84th Alumni Association Cook-Out at the American Legion Post # 449, 3245 North 124th Street, Brookfield. (See the enclosed flyer)

You made need Medicare Part B to get TriCare for Life

(Reprinted from an article in Army Echoes May-August 2005)

Reminder:

TriCare beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A must purchase Medicare Part B to remain eligible for TriCare.

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 provides a special opportunity for these beneficiaries to purchase Medicare Part B to keep TriCare eligibility without paying a penalty for late enrollment. Ordinarily, there is a lifetime 10% penalty surcharge for each year enrollment is delayed after initial eligibility.

In March, the Social Security Administration (SSA) sent a reminder letter to TriCare

beneficiaries who have Medicare Part A, but not Medicare Part B, giving them 60 days to enroll. If you did not receive this letter, have Medicare Part A, but are not enrolled on Medicare Part B, you should contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at (800) 772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office. TriCare beneficiaries who paid late Medicare enrollment surcharges in 2004 and 2005 and who are enrolled in Medicare Part B in 2001 or later can request reimbursement from the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Their internet web site is <http://www.ssa.gov>

Fort Snelling is Home to Wall of Heroes

A new memorial at Fort Snelling, MN, pays homage to the 17 Army Reserve Soldiers who have died in Iraq since 2003, including those from Wisconsin.

The Wall of Heroes was officially unveiled at a memorial ceremony held on 9 July 2005 for friends and relatives of soldiers who have died in that war.

A permanent monument will be placed at



the 88th Army Reserve Readiness Command (RSC) Blue Devil Museum. The monument contains plaques with etched faces of each soldier and patriotic inscriptions about them.

Fort Snelling is a restored army post from the 1820's. Fort Snelling commanded a strategic position at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers. Now it is in the middle of Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN.

Milwaukee Brewers Salutes The Military

Milwaukee Brewers have announced a way to pay tribute to the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, they have created Stars and Stripes Sundays.

Each Sunday at Miller Park during the 2005 season, the Brewers are offering two **FREE** tickets to active and retired military personnel. The offer applies to all branches of the military service. Active and retired

military personnel must present valid military identification, which entitles them to two Terrace Level tickets redeemable at windows 7-12 at Miller Park on the day of game only. The Brewers have ensured us that no one will be turned away. The Milwaukee Brewers are honored to pay tribute to the fine men and women who serve to defend our freedom each and every day. Stars and Stripes Sundays are an expression of their appreciation for the dedication and service to our

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