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Special Points of Interest

- **Remember:** You are responsible for updating your retire pay file information at DFSA-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. See the latest Army Echoes newsletter for current address locations.
- **Not receiving Army Echoes?**
- **Retired Receiving Pay** contact: DFAS @ (800) 321-1080
- **Gray Area Retired Contact:** USAHRC @ (800) 325-2660

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The Best Kept Secret “FamCamp”

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Every year, Lee and Peggy Smith stock their modest travel trailer and make there winter voyage from Canal Winchester, Ohio, to Patrick Air Force Base’s FamCamp.

The Smiths, like a good portion of the facility’s other campers, are members of Outdoor Recreation’s Frequent Camper program.

The lifelong, incentive-based program encourages travelers to stay at different Air Force FamCamps, rating them on number of places they visit, rather than the number of nights they reserve spaces. In turn, members earn special rewards and cash incentives for every 10 different Air Force Campgrounds they stay at.

Once new members pay the initial \$25 membership fee, they

automatically receive \$77 worth of goods: a special edition military camping and RV guidebook, two patches, two enameled pins, an RV decal, and five “camper cash” certificates good for a free day of camping.

Patrick’s FamCamp is the largest campgrounds in Air Force Space Command, sporting more than 130 full-service, partial, overflow and primitive sites along the Banana River. At peak, from November to March, times they boasts nearly 100% occupancy.

Overall there are over 225 military RV and camping locations worldwide, with 14 in Florida.

For more information on the Frequent Camper program Patrick Air Force FamCamp at (321) 494-4787

Note: this program is open to all branches

Combat Action Badge Introduced

The Combat Action Badge was introduced in May 2005 and was awarded to soldiers, regardless of MOS or unit of assignment, that were personally present and actively engaged by the enemy, and performed satisfactory in accordance with prescribed Rules of Engagement by the enemy. This

award is for service in combat after 18 September 2001.

Seventeen solders assigned to the 84th USARRTC have recently been awarded the Combat Action Badge or the Combat Infantryman Badge for service in support of either Operation Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The Presidents Corner

COL Glen "Rusty" Armstrong, AUS-Retired

Greetings from your Alumni Association. It's that time of year to start looking forward to another full year of fun in the sun. Golfing, camping, going to ballgames or just working around the house and garden. That is what's great about the land that we live in.

However, it is also a time to reflect on the real facts of life. It takes all of us, the Soldiers, the Airmen, the Marines and the Sailors to fight for and protect that freedom that we and everyone else in these great United States take for granted.

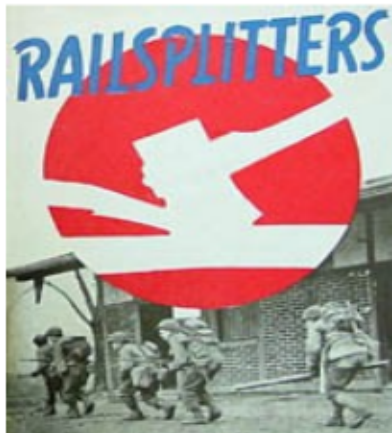
We are fast approaching, Saturday, 22 April 2006, our Annual Dining In/Out. This has always been a great get together to meet and renew old friendships and to carry on our military traditions. Also, we are looking forward to our Annual Meeting and the picnic in September.

We are making plans for future events that may include a road trip to one of the fine casinos in the area, or possibly a sporting event in the near future.

Timeline... 84th Division

"1995 Senate Bill 271" What was it? Does 1995 Wisconsin Act 297 mean anything?

It is Section 1. 84-1039 of the statutes is created to read: 84th Division "Railsplitters" Memorial Highway. The department shall designate and mark State Highway 33 commencing at La Crosse and proceeding easterly to Port Washington as the "84th Division 'Railsplitters' Memorial



Highway" as a living memorial to and in honor of the men and women of the 84th Division who by their bravery and sacrifice in World War I and II brought great credit to this state and their division, which traces its lineage to the service of Abraham Lincoln in this state during the Blackhawk War of 1832.

See attached insert for a map.

Golf Near Germany's Highest Mountain

Have you ever golfed in the shadow of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze? Even if your not a golfer, you can sit out a game of golf at Garmisch's U.S. military golf course and enjoy a hamburger or snack and the beautiful scenery.

The nine-hole Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) golf course is managed by Dave Chaffin who said, "Regardless of how your round of golf may or may not be going, that makes it all worthwhile."

If you're a guest at the new AFRC hotel, the Edelweiss, special Golf Weeks are available for all from beginner through advanced student. To book a Golf Week or receive information on any of the other AFRC programs or facilities, visit <http://www.afrc europe.com>.

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Do You Need Medicare Drug Coverage?

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Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to beneficiaries with Medicare Part A and/or Part B who choose to enroll in Medicare Part D. Enrollment in Medicare prescription drug coverage plan began 15 November 2005, and continues through 15 May 2006. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries who do not enroll by 16 May 2006, will be able to enroll annually between 15 November and 15 December.

If TRICARE-Medicare beneficiaries decide not to enroll in a Medicare drug program during the open enrollment periods, but change their mind later, they may do so without paying the late enrollment penalty. TRICARE-Medicare beneficiaries considering Medicare Part D should use the table below to begin comparing the two options. Medicare prescription drug

coverage plan options will vary by location. TRICARE pays on average as much or more than a standard Medicare Prescription drug plan.

For nearly all TRICARE-Medicare beneficiaries, there is no added value in purchasing Medicare prescription drug coverage. The exception is for beneficiaries with limited incomes and assets who qualify for Medicare's low-income subsidy. These beneficiaries may benefit by enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

For more information, go to (1) <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/medicarepartd>; (2) <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicareform/tricare.pdf>; (3) <http://medicare.gov>; or by calling 1-800-

TRICARE Pharmacy	Medicare Part D
Beneficiaries must be registered in DEERS. Must have Medicare Part B if age 65 after 1 April 2001	All Medicare Part A or Part B enrollees are eligible
No enrollment necessary	Voluntary annual enrollment period
Uniform national formulary. Nationwide network of pharmacies and mail-order pharmacy benefits	Covered drugs and network pharmacies vary by drug plan
No monthly pharmacy premiums	Monthly premium about \$32 (varies by plan, adjusted annually); minimum coverage plan to cost about \$20
No deductible for retail network pharmacies or mail-order	\$250 deductible
Standardized cost shares; \$3 for generic, \$9 for brand name and \$22 for non-formulary; no cost shares at military treatment facilities	25% co-pay for prescription drugs for the first \$2,250 in prescription drugs
Deductible and higher cost shares when using non-network retail pharmacies	100% beneficiary responsibility for prescription drugs from \$2,250 until out-of-pocket costs reach \$3,600
\$3,000 maximum fiscal year cap for medical and pharmacy allowable charges	After \$3,600, they pay the greater of a small co-payment or 5% for the rest of the calendar year



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