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is located on the corner of Ardennes and
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Medicare Benefits are not automatic - You must apply. When to Apply - You have a seven month period to apply for your Medicare benefits to guarantee yourself coverage. This seven-month period consists of: *The three months before the month of your 65th birthday. (this guarantees coverage will be ready and waiting the day you turn 65.) *The month you turn 65, or *the three months after the month of your 65th birthday.

IMPORTANT: If you do not enroll during this seven-month enrollment period, your eligibility will expire. If this happens, you must wait until the "general enrollment period" which is from January 1 through March 31 of each year. If you apply during a general enrollment period, your Medicare coverage will not begin until the following July 1–leaving you at risk of paying high health care costs alone until your benefits begin.

How to Apply - Follow these steps before your 65th birthday to make sure you're enrolled in Medicare when you turn 65:

1. Call or visit your local Social Security Administration office to apply for your Medicare coverage. (Check the phone book for the office nearest you or call 1-800-772-1213.) You must apply in person or over the phone, whichever you prefer.
2. You must provide the following documents when you apply: *An original or certified copy of your birth certificate. *W-2 Forms you have received over the past two years; and *Your Social Security card or number.
3. Medicare is divided into two programs: Part A (Hospital) and Part B (Medical). However, Part B (Medical) is optional coverage that requires you to pay a monthly premium. However, you must be enrolled in part B to be covered by TRICARE for Life.

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RESERVATION FORM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED to participate in the golf tournament and for dinner on Friday, September 17, 2004. Due to preparation costs for the golf tournament and dinner, it is necessary to pay in advance. Payments may be made by Check, Money Order, Credit Card, (or cash if paid in advance **in person**) to the Installation Retirement Services Officer (IRSO). **(NO CANCELLATIONS after September 15, 2004.)

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Cost of meal includes gratuity, dessert, coffee or tea.

❑ I plan to attend the Retiree Dinner Friday, September 17, 2004 at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club.
The number in my party is ____. *Please check choice of menu below and indicate* ***number of each meal (s).***

# 1 "BEEF FILLET"	#2 **"CHICKEN CORDON BLEU"**	#3 **"VEGETABLE LASAGNE"**
cost per person: $15.90	cost per person: $14.95	cost per person: $13.85
number of meals:_____	number of meals:_____	number of meals:_____
Total menu #1: $_____	Total menu #1: $_____	Total menu #1: $_____

❑ Enclosed is my Check / Money Order **payable to the Fort Bragg Officers' Club** for ____ dinner(s).

❑ Charge to my credit card _____/_____ .
(Account Number) (Expiration date)

❑ AMEXCO ❑ VISA ❑ MASTERCARD ❑ MWR

_____
Signature

_____
Rank, Name (Last, First, Mi) (Please Print) Phone Number (include Area Code)

_____
Name of Spouse Name of Guest Name of Guest

BREAKFAST

Breakfast on Saturday, September 18, is Pay-as-you-go. For planning purposes, if you plan to have breakfast please enter the number of meals to be served and return this form.
YES, I plan to have breakfast. The number in my party is _____.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Entry fee is $29.00 per person. Greens Fee, cart, range balls, food, and prizes are included. The first 150 applicants will be accepted. Sign-in time is 8:30 a.m., Tee Time is 9:00 a.m. Sign me up for the Retiree Appreciation Day Golf Tournament at Fort Bragg's Ryder Golf Course, Friday, September 17, 2004. Enclosed is Check / Money Order **payable to Ryder Golf Course.**

❑ Charge to my credit card _____/_____ .
(Account Number) (Expiration date)

❑ AMEXCO ❑ VISA ❑ MASTERCARD ❑ MWR

_____
Rank, Name (Last, First, Mi) (Please Print) Signature

_____
Name of Spouse Phone Number (include Area Code)

My Handicap is: _____ ; I normally shoot a score of _____ after 18 holes.

Guest: _____ Handicap is: _____; I normally shoot a score of _____ after 18 holes.
Guest: _____ Handicap is: _____; I normally shoot a score of _____ after 18 holes.

PLEASE MAIL THIS RESERVATION FORM TO REACH THE RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICE NO LATER THAN 15 SEPTEMBER 2004. MAIL TO: INSTALLATION RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER (ATTN:) MR. JOHN BELL, POST OFFICE BOX 70029, FORT BRAGG, N.C. 28310.

TICKETS / DINNER

Reserved Dinner tickets for the Friday night Welcome Ceremony/Dinner at the Officers' Club will be available at the door (Lafayette Room) after 5:00 p.m. Friday. **REMINDER: you must make reservations NLT 15 September.**

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Should you desire to have breakfast and/or lunch, it will be pay-as-you-go. Breakfast will be prepared and served by soldiers from 19th Replacement Company Dining Facility, Mobile Kitchen Trailer (MKT). You will sample and enjoy typical, freshly prepared rations served to soldiers in the field. The MKT will be set up next to Womack Army Medical Center. The price for breakfast is $1.70 per person.

Lunch will be available in the WAMC Dining Facility or Snack Bar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost varies based on what you order.

NEW ID CARDS

Please bring your old ID card if it is mutilated and needs replacement. If it is lost, you must provide the following documents: Retirement Orders or DD Form 214, marriage certificate and birth certificate. If applicable, death certificate of sponsor, final divorce decree, certified copy of court order for adoption, a certificate of enrollment from a school registrar for family members over age 21. If you have questions concerning any of the requirements listed above or about DEERS, please contact the ID Card Facility at (910) 396-9339 or 396-9624.

POST EXCHANGES

Post Exchanges will have Special Sales/ Incentives to honor you during Retiree Appreciation Days activities.

COMMISSARY

Both, Fort Bragg Commissary North and Commissary South will have several Manager Special's to recognize RAD during September 17-18, 2004.

PARKING

Parking will be available Friday at the Officers' Club. Should the need arise, overflow parking will be available within a short distance. Additional handicapped parking spaces will be designated.

Ample parking will be available on Saturday at Womack Army Medical Center.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, JFK Museum, 82d Airborne Division Museum, and Post Exchanges will be provided to and from WAMC.

On-Post Lodging Information

On-post lodging is limited. Fort Bragg Billeting is unable to set aside a block of rooms and suites. Reservations will be made on a first-come basis. Please use this listing of Hotels/Motels to arrange for lodging accommodations on and near Fort Bragg:

AIRBORNE INN, FORT BRAGG (910) 396-7700
(Press #2 for Reservations)

APPLEWOOD VILLAGE APTS, (910) 864-3200
690 N. REILLY RD

WINGATE INN, (910) 826-9200
4182 SYCAMORE DAIRY RD

HAMPTON INN, (910) 487-4006
1700 SKIBO RD

EXTENDED STAY AMERICA, (910) 485-3284
408 OWEN DR

STUDIO PLUS, (910) 868-5662
4105 SYCAMORE DAIRY RD

ECONO LODGE, (910) 433-2100
HWY 301, 1-95

SLEEP INN OF SPRING LAKE, (910) 436-6700
102 SLEEPLY DR. SPRING LAKE

LANDMARK INN, (910) 495-1215
FORT BRAGG

FAIRFIELD INN, (910) 487-1400
563 CROSS CREEK MALL

INNKEEPER, (910) 867-7659
1720 SKIBO RD / 401 BY PASS

GATEWAY INN, (910) 436-1111
115 LAKE AVE. SPRING LAKE

KNIGHTS INN, (910) 485-4165
2848 BRAGG BLVD

HOWARD JOHNSON, (910) 483-1113
220 SE BLVD. EXIT 49 OFF 1-95

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, (910) 867-6777
1706 SKIBO RD

CLARION HOTEL, (910) 323-8282
1965 CEDAR CREEK RD

SUPER 8 MOTEL, (910) 436-8588
256 S. MAIN ST., SPRING LAKE

KING CROSS APTS., (910) 487-4444
5725 IVANHOE COURT
(Off Morganton Rd)

HOLIDAY INN, (910) 323-1600
1944 CEDAR CREEK RD /1-95, EXT. 49

RADISSON PRINCE CHARLES, (910) 433-4444
450 HAY ST

BEST WESTERN, (910) 485-0520
2910 Sigma St.
BRAGG BLVD (Eutaw Shopping Area)

RAMADA INN I-95 BUSINESS LOOP, (910) 484-8101

FAMILY LODGE
(910) 868-1106
306 N. REILLY RD

SUBURBAN LODGE, 1-800-951-7829
(910) 487-9000
3719 BRAGG BLVD

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, (910) 436-1900
103 BROOK LANE SPRING LAKE

HOLIDAY INN BORDEAUX, (910) 323-0111
1707 OWEN DR

COTTONADE GUEST INN, (910) 864-6655
264 YADKIN RD

DAYS INN, (910)-323-1255
I-95, EXT 58 OFF INTERSTATE

QUALITY INN AMBASSADOR FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 485-8135
2035 SE BLVD.

BEST WESTERN OF FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 438-0746
1902 CEDAR CREEK RD

COMFORT INN FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 323-8333
1957 CEDAR CREEK RD

QUALITY INN EAST FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 323-9850
2111 CEDAR CREEK RD

RED ROOF INN FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 323-1460
1569 JIM JOHNSON RD

SUPER 8 MOTEL FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 323-3826
1875 CEDAR CREEK ROAD / EXT. 49

RAMADA LIMITED FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 485-6866
1725 JIM JOHNSON RD

FAYETTEVILLE INN & SUITES, (910) 486-8300
3136 BORDEAUX PARK DR

FAIRFIELD 1-95 FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 433-2666
1925 CEDAR CREEK RD

COURTYARD MARRIOTT FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 487-5557
4192 SYCAMORE DAIRY RD

HAMPTON INN - I- 95 FAYETTEVILLE, (910) 323-0011
1922 CEDAR CREEK RD

KING CROSS APTS., (910) 487-4444
5725 IVANHOE COURT (off Morganton)

PINE GUEST LODGE, (910) 864-2126
1003 ABERDALE DR

US ARMY DENTAL ACTIVITY

The USA Dental Activity (DENTAC) will provide Dental health screenings for you and your eligible family members.

A representative from the TRICARE Delta Dental Plan for retirees will be available to provide information and answer questions about the program.

Children (age 12 years and under) of retired military service members will be screened for treatment needs compatible with treatment by an Advanced Education in General Dentistry 2-Year (AEGD2) comprehensive dentistry resident under the direction of WAMC's board certified pediatric dentist, Dr. John A. Gawlik. Each of Fort Bragg's dental residents is a graduate of one of the Canadian or US dental schools and holds an active dental license from one of the Provinces, States, or the District of Columbia.

Children's tooth prints dental Ids will be provided to retirees who bring their children to the dental clinic.

Tooth prints provide a dental imprint and salivary sample effective for Scent-Dog tracing and DNA analysis in the event of a missing child.

Legal Assistance Office

Macomb & Armistead Streets, Bldg. 2-1133

Lawyers and legal personnel from the Fort Bragg SJA offices will be available during Retiree Appreciation Days to provide various legal services including drafting wills, preparing powers of attorney, and notarizing documents.

Will preparation takes approximately 30 minutes per person, and each spouse needs to have their own will prepared.

SJA personnel can draft your will as long as you are a US citizen (except for residents of Puerto Rico or Louisiana) and your assets are less than $1,000,000. Estates over that amount could face tax consequences, so you should consult with an attorney specializing in estate planning.

A will work-sheet outlining your desires must be completed prior to meeting with an attorney. It is available online at dragonnet.bragg.army.mil/sja/LAO.htm, or it can be picked up at the Fort Bragg Legal Asistance Office located at the corner of Armistead St. and Macomb St. on Fort Bragg in building 2-1133. Additional copies will be available at the Retiree Appreciation Days site at Womack Army Medical Center.

LIVING WILLS

Living wills and health care powers of attorney are offered along with the basic will. Living wills are statements declaring that your life not be prolonged by extraordinary means should you have a condition determined to be terminal and incurable or if you are diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state.

They can also state a preference to pass away at home rather than in a hospital, and can authorize the donation of organs after death.

Health care powers of attorney list who you would like to make health care decisions for you should you become incapacitated. Both living wills and health care powers of attorney help prevent family discord during difficult decision making events.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

General and various special powers of attorney forms will be available. General power of attorney forms grant the complete authority to act in your name to another person. They can create problems if they are not given to trustworthy people, and not all institutions accept them due to their abuse in the past.

Special powers of attorney authorize another to act in your name for a limited purpose such as acting as a child's guardian or selling a vehicle. They are much more widely accepted, but we still recommend you check with the institution you want to accept the power of attorney to see if it is sufficient or if they have their own required forms. The person granting the power must be present at the Retiree Appreciation Days activities in order to complete the forms.

NOTARY SERVICE

North Carolina notaries will be available to notarize any documents or copies. Please do not sign the document before you speak with the notary, and bring in the original document in order to make a notarized copy.

If you have any questions about legal services during the Retiree Appreciation Days activities please call the Legal Assistance Office at (910) 396-6113.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

This year we will again offer the **full range** of vehicle and weapons registration services.

A shuttle will operate to transport retirees back and forth between Womack Army Medical Center and the main Vehicle Registration Center at Randolph Street and Bragg Boulevard (Building 8-1078). If you utilize this shuttle, please ensure you have all required documents with you (driver's license, current state vehicle registration, ID card, proof of insurance, proof of social security number if not on your ID card, etc.).

If you're replacing a decal, write the decal number on a sheet of paper, scrape the decal off your windshield, affix the residue to the sheet of paper, and bring that along with you too. If you prefer, you may personally drive to the Vehicle Registration Center, rather than taking the shuttle.

If you're registering a weapon, please bring the following information: serial number, make, model, caliber, finish, and firing action (i.e., bolt action, semi-automatic, etc.). Please do not bring the weapon with you to the facility.

Be aware that all processing must be completed, with all customers completely clear of the facility, by 5:00 p.m. ... so based on length of lines, doors may close slightly, or even substantially, prior to 5:00 p.m. We therefore recommend you be in line as early as possible. The last shuttle will depart WAMC at 2:30 p.m.

Our web site at www.bragg.army.mil can help you speed up your visit. Click on the soldier to enter, on the right-side go to the bottom entry under "Quick Info," which will be vehicle registration. Here you will find registration center locations, hours, applicable regulations, and required forms - including versions of the forms in "Adobe Fillible" format. This format lets you completely fill in the form and print them out from your computer (you do not need special software to do this), and prepare your paperwork in advance. Please phone ahead (910) 432-8193 if you have any questions.