

Retiree Identification and Privilege ID Card

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Summary

ID cards are issued to retirees and eligible Family members as a means of identification and authorization of various benefits and privileges. All military retirees and eligible dependents must have a valid ID card. There are two types of ID cards issued to retirees. A DD Form 2A (Ret-Red) ID card is issued to "Gray Area" retirees (Prior to Retired Pay eligibility) and DD Form 2 (Ret-Blue) is issued to a Retiree in receipt of retired pay. Reduced Retirement Eligible individuals will receive their DD Form 2 (Ret) card without medical benefits until they reach the age of 60 where they will receive one with full benefits. Eligible Family members of living and deceased retired Soldiers are also issued ID cards. A DD Form 1172-1 (Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card) is issued to eligible Family members of "Gray Area" retirees. A DD Form 1173 (Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card) is issued to eligible Family members of a Retiree. The same rules apply for the DD Form 1173 for Reduced Retirement Eligible Retiree Family members; their ID Cards will not have full medical benefits until the Sponsor is age 60.

NOTE: You must have a new ID card issued within 30 days after the effective date of retirement ("Gray Area" retiree), Reduced Retirement Eligibility age and then when reaching the Age of 60 (once placed on Retired List for last two categories).

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Quick Guide: How to update my and/or my Family's information in DEERS

1. Identify changes in home address or family status (marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, or death)
2. Update DEERS database by:
 - a. Visiting the nearest military personnel office
 - b. Calling the military personnel office at 1-800-538-9552
 - c. Emailing changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil
 - d. Faxing changes to 831-655-8317
 - e. Mailing changes to DEERS Support Office, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-5771.
3. This [Rapids Site Locator](#) can be utilized to locate the nearest site to the Soldier's home of record.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Am I eligible for an ID?

- A. The following individuals are eligible for military ID Cards. However, the final decision is based on Department of the Army and Air Force regulations and policies. Always call the issuing ID card office prior to going in for an ID Card.
- Retirees (to include those in receipt of VA compensation or a Civil Service retirement annuity)
 - Spouses of retirees (sponsor) as stated above
 - Certain former spouses of retirees (See Chapter 12 for former spouse benefits)
 - Children, step-children, adopted children, under age 21 or under 23 that are attending school full time or any age if incapacitated before the age of 21 (23 if in school at the onset of the incapacity) and dependent upon the retired sponsor
 - Parents, parents-in-law and adopted parents, if dependent on the retiree for more than one-half of their support
- NOTE: Paperwork for incapacitated children over 21 and dependent parents must be approved for medical benefits entitlements by the Defense Finance & Accounting Service - Cleveland (DFAS-CL)

Q. Do I need to do anything if there is a change in my family (new addition, death, etc.)?

- A. Retirees who acquire new Family members after retirement or if a retiree dies, contact the nearest ID Card Issuing Facility for information on ID Card issue and Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) enrollment. DEERS is a computerized database containing information on military sponsors and their beneficiaries who may be eligible for medical card and other military privileges. The database is automatically updated when a new ID card is obtained.

When retirees and eligible Family members are issued ID cards, they must present supporting documents such as retirement orders, marriage certificates, birth certificates, final death certificates etc. to become enrolled. Family members may apply for an ID card without the retired sponsor; however, the sponsor's signature must be notarized before the completed application is presented to the ID Card Issuing Facility.

Q. What benefits do I receive with my retirement ID?

- A. As Soldiers reach their eligibility ages for retired pay, and after their applications for retired pay are approved and processed by HRC-STL, they will receive orders that discharge them from the State and transfer them to the USAR for placement on the Retired List. Soldiers who were previously assigned to the Retired Reserve will receive an order placing them on the Retired List. These orders are the source documents needed to receive their DD Form 2 (RETIRED) ID cards. Issuance of the

DD Form 2 (RETIRED) ID card means that the previous RC retiree now has the same benefits and entitlements as an AD retiree provided they are at least 60 years old. See below for a list of retiree benefits:

Benefits	Gray Area Retiree (Retired reserve eligible for but not receiving pay)	Retiree (Receiving retired pay)
ID Cards		
<p>Obtain a DD Form 2(RES RET) and DD Form 1173-1 at any Reserve Component ID card-issuing facility with a copy of your 15 or 20-year NOE and transfer or separation orders.</p> <p>Obtain a DD Form 2(Ret) (Blue) and DD Form 1173 (Uniformed Services identification and privilege card) for your Family members at any ID card-issuing facility with a copy of your retirement orders.</p>	<p>Member - DD Form 2 (RES RET)</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents - DD Form 1173-1</p>	<p>Member - DD Form 2 (RET)</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents - DD Form 1173</p>
<p>Military Installations, Facilities and Activities Local post policies and in-country directives govern the use of facilities.</p>		
Exchanges	Yes	Yes
Commissary	Yes	Yes
Shopettes	Yes	Yes
Service Station (Gasoline coupons are not available in OCONUS for retirees)	Yes	Yes
Physical Fitness Center	Yes	Yes
<p>Lodging</p> <p>Military lodging is available on a limited basis. Space A is "first come-first served" based on daily availability.</p> <p>Armed Forces Recreation Centers (AFRC) lodging is available to all ID card holders. Toll-Free number: 1-800-GO-ARMY-1 or 1-800-462-7691.</p> <p>Guest House is normally available on a limited basis.</p>	Yes	Yes
<p>Other Facilities</p> <p>Theater Recreation Center</p>	Yes	Yes

<p>Officer/NCO/Enl Clubs Laundry/dry cleaning Bowling Alleys Beverage Stores Libraries Four Seasons MWR facilities Flower Shops Optical Shop Beauty/barber shop Check cashing/currency exchange</p>		
<p>Medical Facilities</p>	<p>Member – No, except on ADT or AD (Eligible if returned to an active duty status)</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents - No</p>	<p>Member – Yes (at age 60)</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents – Yes (at age 60)</p>
<p>TRICARE</p> <p>(All TRICARE programs require payment of premiums based on dependent status except TRICARE for Life which is free)</p>	<p>Member – No</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents - No</p>	<p>Member - Yes (age 60 to 65)</p> <p>Spouse/ Dependents - Yes (age 60 to 65)</p> <p>(The member, spouse and any eligible dependent each of whom reaches their 65th birthday must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to qualify for TRICARE for Life and continued medical treatment. At age 65, TRICARE for Life is second payer to Medicare, and third payer to any other civilian medical insurance)</p>
<p>TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP)</p>	<p>Member - Yes</p>	<p>Member - Yes</p>

(All TRDP plans require payment of premiums for each enrolled member and dependent) 1-888-838-8737 or the TRDP Website	Spouse/ Dependents - Yes	Spouse/ Dependents – Yes
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Space-A Travel	Member – Yes, limited to CONUS Spouse/Dependents - No	Member – Yes Spouse/Dependents – Yes, limited to CONUS
SATO/Carlson Wagonlit Travel	Yes	Yes
Legal Assistance	Limited (AR 27-3)	Yes
Survivor Assistance	Yes	Yes
Casualty Assistance	Yes	Yes
VA Benefits	Yes, if Vet	Yes
Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (There are exceptions based on Reserve status. Please visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for further information.)	Yes, if eligible and requested	Yes, if eligible and requested
Veterans Group Life Insurance (There are exceptions based on Reserve status. Please visit the Veterans Group Life Insurance Website for further information)	Yes, if eligible and requested	Yes, if eligible and requested
State Benefits	See your State Representative	See your State Representative

NOTE: The above information may be obtained at the [Benefits for Gray Area and Recipients of Retired Pay Website](#).

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- [Military Benefits: Identification Card](#)
Provides information surrounding ID card regulations, eligibility, and benefits
- [Rapids Site Locator](#)
Locate nearest ID card facility to the Soldier's home of record

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References

Regulations

- [AR 640-30, Photographs for Military Human Resources Records](#)

Documents and Forms

- ARNG Information Guide on Non-Regular Retirement
- [DD Form 1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card](#)
- DD Form 2A (Ret-Red), ID Card Issued to "Gray Area" Retirees
- DD Form 2 (Ret-Blue), ID Card Issued to a Retiree
- DD Form 1172-1, ID Card Issued to Eligible Family Members of "Gray Area" Retirees
- DD Form 1173, ID Card Issued to Eligible Family Members of Retirees

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Point of Contacts

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