



# 84<sup>th</sup> Division Alumni Bugler

*Newsletter of the 84<sup>th</sup> Division Alumni Association*

## August 2010



### Upcoming Special Events

**10 September 2010** RAD Ft. McCoy

**11 September 2010** Steak (and chicken) Fry:  
Saturday (casual with bib)

**February 2011** Valentine's Dinner (dance?)

### 2010 Steak & Chicken Fry Cook Out

For all members and spouses or guests of the 84<sup>th</sup> Division Alumni Association

Saturday, 11 September 2010; 1500 - 1900  
Stenz-Griesell American Legion, Post # 449  
3245 North 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Brookfield, WI 53005  
\$18.00 per person; \$35 per couple  
Includes: snacks, meal, beer, soda – Cash Bar

As in the past, we will be conducting a raffle and auction; donations of prizes are always appreciated. We are going with the same menu again this year at the request of our membership. We need everyone to do his or her part to make this event a success. Please bring someone who has never been to one of our events; better yet bring a new member!

**At the 8 July 2010 Alumni Board Meeting, officers were elected.**

President: Bill McKeown, COL  
Vice President: Pete Pochowski, COL  
Secretary: Bill Krieger, SFC  
Treasurer: Dave Gramins, CSM

CSM Robert (Bob) Staffaroni retired as the Association Treasurer and board member. We would like to thank Bob for keeping a sharp eye on the board and on our treasury, thus keeping us in the black. SGM Michael Chubeck has retired, serving many years as a board member. Mike also served as our historian. SGM Larry Kritz retired, thanks Larry, for your work on the board. LTC William (Bill) Vanasse Jr. retired as the VP, while remaining on the board. Bill (the ref) has recently grown snowbird wings.

We are looking to fill a vacant board seat. If you are interested in serving, please contact COL Bill McKeown, or email [www.84thdivalumni.com](http://www.84thdivalumni.com)



CSM Robert Staffaroni



SGM Michael Chubeck



SGM Larry Kritz



LTC William Vanasse

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## Presidents Comments



Summer greetings!

I hope that those of you who were able to attend the annual meeting on 2 June had an enjoyable and informative evening with your fellow members. Initial feedback on the military travel information indicated that it was well-received. Next year, we will be returning to our practice of providing Tricare/retirement specialists at the meeting for those of you with questions or concerns.

From time to time, information reaches us about former members of the 84<sup>th</sup> Division, qualified to receive retired pay, who have not completed the steps necessary for that benefit, or who have not secured enrollment in Tricare for Life, although eligible to do so. The Board of Directors, ever vigilant for opportunities to be of service, is in the process of developing both an on-line and "human" avenue for information on those subjects. If you, or anyone previously associated with the 84<sup>th</sup> Division or the reserve program in general, is in need of assistance, please contact me at the number provided below, and we'll make it happen. As soon as our research is completed, the goal is to have as many avenues for information posted on the Association's website as possible for self-help. We'll let you know as that initiative develops.

Last, but certainly not least, this edition of The Bugler contains a flyer for the annual Steak Fry. The event will be held on September 11, 2010, commencing at 1500. Once again, we will be at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith Post 449, located at 3245 North 124th Street; Brookfield, Wisconsin. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the issues above, or just to let me know what's on your mind at 414-577-1728, or [mqnpapa@yahoo.com](mailto:mqnpapa@yahoo.com).

Bill McKeown  
Colonel (Retired)  
President

## Retiree Appreciation Days

Your most recent issue of HONORS, the retirement newsletter put out by the Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office, has a registration form (page 23-24), for upcoming RADs. If you would rather email the information, send it to: [bill.g.walters@us.army.mil](mailto:bill.g.walters@us.army.mil)

### 2010 Upcoming RADs

Aug 27	Twin Cities, MN	0930-1530hrs
Sep 10	Ft McCoy, WI	0745-1500hrs
Oct 30	Rock Island, IL	0700-1300hrs

### Fort McCoy Information

**Vehicle Registration:** Located in the Welcome Center, Building 35. Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). For more information call 608-388-4988. (Closed weekends)

**Main Exchange:** Building 1538. Open Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. ATM located inside.

**McCoy's:** Building 1571.

**Primo's Express** - Open Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 4-10 p.m. (buffet Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.). Call 608-388-7673.

**Habañero** - Open Mon.-Thurs 11 a.m.-8p.m.

**Sports bar** - Open Mon.-Sat. 4-Midnight; Sun. 4-11 p.m. ATM located inside.

### ID CARDS

A new base-entry system requires retirees and family members register for access. If you have entered Fort McCoy or other installations recently, you may have had your ID card scanned by the guards. The Defense Biometric Identification System, or DBIDS, is already operational at some bases overseas and in the continental United States.

Spouses of military retirees that are 75 years old can now get permanent dependent ID cards.

### Sunshine Club

Jan Berzowski, the true force behind MG Berzowski, has graciously agreed to institute a Sunshine Club by sending out get well/sympathy cards on behalf of the alumni association. Members knowing of anyone who should receive a card (members or their immediate families) should contact Mrs. Jan Berzowski at 262-468-4928 directly with the information.



## ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL

### **Joint basing is changing signs at gates, but mergers have little impact on retirees**

Unlike normal Base Realignment and Closure actions, joint basing closes no installations meaning retirees living nearby will still have access to the same support they are used to receiving.

Joint basing is being done in two phases. The installation named first is the controlling command.

**Phase 1** Bases that have already stood up and are fully operational. These joint bases include: McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst, Myer-Henderson Hall, Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Little Creek-Fort Story, and Joint Region Marianas, which includes Andersen Air Force Base).

**Phase 2** They should be fully operational by Oct. 1. The joint bases in Phase 2 include: Lewis-McChord, Anacostia-Bolling, Elmendorf-Richardson, Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Charleston, Langley-Eustis, and San Antonio involving Randolph, Lackland and Fort Sam Houston.

### **Shop until you drop at the Mall of America**

Retirees are allowed to use Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLFs) around the world. The Air Force has updated many lodging facilities. One such location is the North Country Lodge at Minneapolis St Paul ARS, MN, located at the south end of the airport between the Mall of America and Fort Snelling. It has 303 VQ guest rooms with one queen size bed (9 Business Suites with one queen size bed and pull-out sofa). Air Force TLFs for 2010 are approximately \$41.50. The Air Force uses a percentage of expected occupancy to determine how far in advance rooms can be reserved.



Building Entrance



Standard Room



Front Gate



Lobby

## Peregrine Pines FamCamp

Peregrine Pines FamCamp is located at the United States Air Force Academy. The camp has 106 wooded sites for camping, all with electrical, water and sewage hookups. There are also 8 tent sites. A shower and laundry facility opened in the summer of 1999. In addition, there are picnic tables, barbeque grills, bear proof dumpsters, level parking spaces and many pull-through sites. The FamCamp is open year-round depending on weather conditions. Peregrine Pines FamCamp is located east of Falcon Stadium across Stadium Blvd. No winter caretaker. Reservations for camping are highly recommended for May 1 through Oct. 4, and can be made only by eligible patrons. Reservations are accepted up to 60 days prior to arrival, by calling Peregrine Pines FamCamp at (719) 333-4980, 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 to Sept. 30. Campers are charged per night per site. There is no discount for weekly or monthly stays. **Rate Change effective 1 April 2010 \$20 per site for military and \$25 for sponsored guests**



### **Travel Alert!**

Stay alert when traveling on toll roads. Some toll roads are using cameras in "construction zones" and are sending tickets to speeders in the mail. Big Brother is watching you!

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The 84<sup>th</sup> Division Alumni Association is pleased to provide its members a place to go for information about the Rail Splitters. If you have an idea for something you want to see on the website, please contact me at: [ppochowski@wi.rr.com](mailto:ppochowski@wi.rr.com).

I hope to see you at one of our many activities which are created to accomplish one simple mission: Help keep old friends and comrades in touch with each other.

Peter (Skip) Pochowski VP

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