



84th Division Alumni Bugler

Newsletter of the 84th Division Alumni Association

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Upcoming Special Events

Feb 2012 Valentine's Day Social (12 Feb?)

May 2012 Dining In/Dining Out

Jun 2012 Annual Alumni Meeting

Sep 2012 Annual Steak Fry

2012 Retiree COLA Released

Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a **3.6 percent** cost-of-living adjustment in January, their first since 2009. The **3.6% COLA** will be effective Dec 1 and will be reflected in January retired pay, SBP, Social Security, and VA disability compensation checks.

2011 Annual Steak Fry

On Saturday, 10 September 2011, the association held its annual Steak Fry was held at the Stenz-Griesell-Smith American Legion Post 449. It proved to be another gastronomical success. The date may be moved back another week or two in 2012 to avoid scheduling conflicts.

www.84thdivalumni.com

The 84th 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:

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Peter (Skip) Pochowski



Tricare-Walgreens impasse compels customers to move prescriptions

(From the Army Times)

A dispute between Tricare's prescription drug management contractor and retail pharmacy giant Walgreens is forcing more than half a million Tricare customers to move their long-term prescriptions to other drug dispensaries.

Express Scripts and **Walgreens** have offered to help people move prescriptions. Express Scripts has said it will complete the paperwork for beneficiaries who want to change from Walgreens to mail order, and Walgreens has pledged to help customers "make any transition" after Dec. 31 as "seamless as possible," according to its website.

Tricare Young Adult offers Prime option

Young adults whose parents are Tricare beneficiaries now can buy Tricare Prime coverage if they live in an area served by Tricare's managed care network. The creation of Tricare Young Adult Prime gives unmarried adult children of service members and retirees without their own employee-backed health care plans the option of being seen at a military treatment facility or a Tricare network primary care provider. TYA Prime coverage, which began Jan. 1, will cost \$201 a month, down from an anticipated \$213 a month when the program was first conceived.

Tricare officials also announced that monthly premiums for TYA Standard and Extra will drop in 2012, to \$176 from \$186. *Tricare covers dependents up to age 21 or age 23 if they are enrolled in college fulltime.*

84th Sunshine

Jan Berzowski chairs 84th Sunshine, and sends 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.

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From the President's Desk:

As a guy who spends a lot of time with veterans, especially the 84th Division Alumni Association veterans, I am proud of the work of all our members, but this month, I have to admit I am especially proud of two members who recently were in the national spotlight. One made news because her career is ending, while the other made news because her career has just taken an historic leap forward. In November, 2011, Brigadier General Patricia Heritsch retired from the Army after completing her tour as the Commanding General of the 100th Training Division. Her roots, of course, lead back to the 84th Division where she served with distinction as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DSCOPS), among other assignments. To those of us who served with her back then, her promotion to BG came as no surprise. She had all the right tools, was a hard worker, and she was married to a pretty good soldier, her husband P. J. At the time of her promotion, BG Heritsch said that she would only stay one term and that she wanted to retire then, and that is what she has done. She has had a remarkable career and we are very proud of her. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank BG Heritsch for her service to America, and to the 84th Division. We all wish her and P.J. a safe, healthy and very long retirement. Our other news making Alumni member is Marcia Anderson, who recently became the highest ranking minority female officer in the United States Army with her promotion to Major General on September 29. With her promotion comes a new job: Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve. Also a veteran of the 84th Division, she served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER) among other assignments. MG Anderson made a lot of friends in the years she served with us at HQ 84th Division. Now that she has shattered records and glass ceilings, I expect she will continue to do us proud. Congratulation General Anderson and we wish you continued success in your distinguished career.

As leaders, through our normal course of action, we will enhance the careers of some subordinates

while unfortunately, extinguishing the careers of others. When you look at the records of these two ladies, and the people they influenced, it is clear that they lit many more candles than they put out.

Finally, there is a special effort underway to raise funds for a monument to be placed at the entrance of the new Veteran's Cemetery in Union Grove. The other Veteran's Cemeteries are at capacity and this location has been designated as the final resting place for our heroes of all branches in Southeastern Wisconsin. If you are interested in making a donation, small or large, please contact me at: ppochowski@wi.rr.com. Led by former 84th Division Commanding General Michael Berzowski and assisted by Board Advisor COL (Ret) John Horter, we are making great process to place an appropriate monument at this new location. Every dollar helps so please make a donation. One day, many of us will be buried there. Thank you.

From all of us here - to all of you there, Happy Holidays. See you at the Valentine's Dinner In February!
Skip Pochowski

TRICARE covers skilled nursing facility (SNF) care.

For TRICARE to cover SNF admission, beneficiaries must: (1) be treated in a hospital for at least three consecutive days, not including the day of discharge; and (2) be admitted within 30 days of your hospital discharge (with some exceptions) to a skilled nursing facility. You are responsible for TRICARE beneficiary cost shares. The amount you pay varies, depending on your eligibility status and TRICARE option. For more information, please see the chart at www.tricare.mil/costs.

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.).

Florida Snow Birds / Residents

It is time to plan a date for the second annual winter alumni gathering at Shades of Green. If you have a specific day that would be great for you, please let Bill Vanasse know at LTCWLV@execpc.com. We may be able to set up a mini golf outing in conjunction with the lunch at Shades of Green is on a 36 hole golf course. Shades of Green is a great Military Recreation Facility at Disney and cost per night stays are based on grade. Any ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

Bill Vanasse 321-253-1822

Zoo Sleepovers

"It was a quarter past 3 a.m., and eerily quiet. Then a coyote cut loose. He was a local in a community of foreigners — zebras, rhinos, cheetahs, dingoes and bongos.

The coyote's noisy ruckus was joined by an African crown crane, speaking Bantu, I presume. Still too dark to see the bird, I imagined he was flashing his plumed head and flamboyant tail feathers.

The grandkids and I camped near the lions and a herd of elephants. Other animals, huge and small, were scattered about the 1,800 acres of hills and valleys."

This is an excerpt from a story in Military Times about sleepovers in the San Diego Zoo.

All Zoo sleepovers begin at 4 p.m. and conclude at 9 a.m. the following day. Sleepovers includes a Zoo tent to sleep in, free take-home gift, dinner, evening snack, and hot breakfast. To register, call 619-718-3000.

Availability is limited.

IF YOU GO

Overnighters near you

- Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens Zoo Overnights
- Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, Overnight Adventures
- Houston Zoo Wild Winks
- Phoenix Zoo Night Camps
- Brevard Zoo Zoopendous Overnights, Melbourne, Fla.
- Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Fla., After Dark Adventures
- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colo., Wild Nights
- National Zoo Snore & Roar, Washington, D.C.



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Army: www.armygl.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp

Air Force: www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/

Coast Guard: www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/ras/

Marine Corps:

www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/SR/RET_ACT/Semper_Fidelis

Navy: [www.public.navy.mil/bupers-](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/publications/shiftcolors/Pages/default.aspx)

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The Scott Inn, Scott AFB, IL
Address: Belleville, IL 62225-5000

Phone: (618) 256-1844



In October, I used a trip to see my brother in Nashville, TN, as an excuse to visit the SpaceA facilities and temporary lodging facilities (TLF) at Scott AFB, IL. The passenger terminal is temporarily relocated while the main terminal is under renovation (May 2012). Scott SpaceA flies regularly to and from the east and west coasts, with flights to other destinations. It is also the headquarters of the joint Transportation Command. Although the TLF buildings are not new, they have been upgraded with very nice accommodations. Amenities: WiFi Available, Exercise Room, Rental car agency on base through Enterprise. Location: BX court area, Pet Friendly TLFs available. Along the way, I hit Ft. Campbell, KY. They have a new headquarters building and PX.



On my swing back home, I drove through Ft. Knox, KY. Coming off of the Dixie Highway on Bullion Blvd., the 84th Tng. Command building is on the right, located 1 block south of the "round-about" at the intersection of Dixie & Knox streets. The photos were provided by another board member.



Ft. Knox is approximately 28 miles south of Churchill Downs Racetrack, for you sightseers.

World Traveler Jerry

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