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Our RAD is coming 2026!

Our JBER Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Saturday, 2 May 2026. Guest Speaker is Mr. Verdie Bowen, Director, Office of Veteran's Affairs. We will also have Mirta Guerrero-Rohde, the TRIWEST representative to answer questions concerning changes brought about by the new contract. We hope that many of our Retired Soldiers who have civilian jobs in the Garrison can attend this RAD. We currently have over 40 vendors participating!

Come out and join us! It will be worth your time. More details to come over Facebook.

Army Echoes App

There are currently over 320,000 Retired Soldiers who do not have their emails listed in MyPay. Army Echoes has been mailing out hard copies to those individuals.

This year, those who do not have an email address on file will no longer receive Army Echoes via hard copy. Please update your email address in MyPay so you can receive a digital copy of Army Echoes. Another option is to view or download the newsletter from the following website below.

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Army-Retirement/Post-Retirement/Army-Echoes-Newsletter>

You may also download the app from the Apple or Google Play store.

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Army Echoes is published quarterly offering valuable information, publishing not only what is currently happening; but what is proposed for the future.

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Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency relief provides funds (loans and grants), not only for Active-Duty Members, but also for Retirees and their widows. Many Retirees are unaware that they are authorized loans and grants for life. The money can be used for emergency services. For more in-depth answers to your questions, please contact Mrs. Marion Walker, the local AER Officer located in building 600 room A120. Her phone number is 907-384-7478

Would YOU like to Join the RSC!

Have you considered joining our Retired Soldiers Council? We are always looking for some “new blood”. We would like to have some younger Retired Soldiers, with new ideas, on the council.

The Retiree Council on JBER is an important part of the Military Retirement Community. They perform many functions. They provide a voice in the community; they bring issues that affect the entire JBER community and serve as a liaison between retirees and the JBER Military leadership. They are directly responsible for the Annual Retiree Appreciation Day which honors our military Retirees for all they have sacrificed to our Nation. This is an

excellent opportunity to continue to serve the JBER community.

We meet monthly from Sep-Apr, culminating with the RAD in May. The meetings seldom last over an hour

If you think you might be interested, please contact the president, Roland

Cabiad. His contact info is listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

For any questions or assistance, please contact one of the POCs below:

- Council President Roland Cabiad at eaglemedic@me.com.

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I can't say this enough to all Retirees, please setup your MyPay Account now. Don't wait until tax season to do this.

Casualty Manager – Retirees please inform your love ones of where to locate your important documents in case of emergency. Such as your DD Form 214, Marriage License, VA Compensation Letter, and Latest Copy of your Retiree Pay Statement.

Contact me at 907-384-3500 Mon-Fri 0730-1600 or

Darryl.w.morgan.civ@army.mil. I am located on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Building 600, Rm A113.

Darryl Morgan
Retirement Services Officer

How can we improve our service?

Do you have suggestions on what would make this newsletter more informative, more effective, or more interesting for you? Are there issues that you feel need to be addressed? If you think there is something that we should be doing and we are not, please let us know.