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# Retiree Activities Office Newsletter

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## Residency Guidelines for Overseas Civilian Citizens

The following are voting residency guidelines for citizens residing outside the U.S. The "legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state in which the citizen last resided immediately prior to his or her departure from the U.S. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain.

Keep in mind that exercising one's right to vote in elections for Federal offices only does not affect the determination of residence or domicile for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, state or local law. Voting in an election for Federal office only may not be used as the sole basis to determine residency for the purposes of imposing state and local taxes. If you claim a par-

ticular state as your residence and have other ties with that state in addition to voting, then you may be liable for state and local taxation, depending upon that particular state law.

Voting Assistance Officers at Embassies/Consulates will assist overseas U.S. citizens in obtaining and completing Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) requests for registration and absentee ballots; witnessing or notarizing FPCA forms (if required); and, providing other absentee voting information as needed.

Embassy/Consulate locations may serve also as postage-free mailing points for FPCA forms and other election materials to be mailed back to your local voting jurisdiction in the U.S. where absentee registration and ballot requests are actually processed. Organizations of American citizens overseas such as De-

mocrats Abroad, Republicans Abroad, etc., and overseas corporations have the voting materials necessary to assist citizens in requesting registration and ballots.

Always, when completing the FPCA, be sure to consult the appropriate state section in Chapter Three of the Guide and complete the residence section of the form by entering the complete street address of your last residence in that state, including your street or rural route and number. If using a rural route number, include specific information on the location of residence. Your right to vote in your state and determination of voting precinct depend on your physical residence while you were within that state.

Additional information on residency is provided in Chapter Two of the Guide (PDF).

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## Voting: Toll-Free Telephone Numbers From Overseas

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) maintains toll-free telephone numbers from 67 countries to the FVAP offices in Washington, D.C. that overseas voters can use to ask questions about overseas voting. Some states also allow the electronic transmission of ballots and voter registration forms through the FVAP toll-free fax numbers (see article below).

Details about the toll-free voice and fax numbers and a list of numbers by country can be found at <http://japan.usembassy.gov/e/acs/tacs-newsletter20080201.html#votl>.



**EDITORS NOTE**

With this new issue you will notice a change in the look of our newsletter. After a few years in the old format I thought it was about time to give it a fresh appearance. The content will not change and hopefully you will find it easier to read. For those of you who have commented favorably before, we hope this new look will produce the same laudable impression.

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## Widow Visits Misawa

This past January, the Wing was privileged to host Ms. Earleen Burdett. Ms. Burdett is the widow of 1Lt. Lloyd Sachs who was an F-100 pilot here at Misawa in July 1960 when he lost his life in an aircraft accident. She had never been to Misawa and wanted to visit the base where she would have lived if not for the tragedy of Lt. Sachs' death. She was treated as a visiting DV by Wing Protocol for the weekend she was here, attending a Wing Mission Brief, touring the base and facilities, and visiting Hachinohe city.

The RAD was instrumental in the initial contact through our webpage and subsequent emails. Col. Malone, Wing/CV and Col. Altobelli, OG/CC and his staff were very generous with their time and attention in ensuring that Ms. Burdett's stay was enjoyable and memorable.

As usual the Wing stepped up and showed why Misawa continues to be the place to visit and live. We are extremely grateful to the senior leadership for their support and efforts in hosting Ms. Burdett.

She was overwhelmed by the attention and very appreciative to everyone who took the time on her behalf.

We are sure that after returning home she had many pleasant memories of Misawa and northern Japan.

Before her departure she was presented with our RAD coins for herself and Lt. Sachs' son Michael. Best wishes to a wonderful lady and her entire family who helped make her trip possible.

## Passport Fees Increase and Parental Permission for Minors

On February 1, 2008, the U.S. Government will increase its fees for certain U.S. citizen passport services. For adult applicants renewing a passport, the total fee will increase to \$75. For first-time applicants age 16 and over, the total fee will increase to \$100. The fee for minors under 16 years of age will be \$85.

Effective February 1, 2008, passport applicants who are U.S. citizen minors under the age of 16 must appear personally with their parents to establish identity, proof of citizenship and proof of relationship. For parental application permission, both parents must appear together and

sign, or one parent may appear to sign and submit the other parent's notarized statement, or one parent may appear, sign, and submit primary evidence of sole authority. Minors age 16 and 17 may apply in person with their own identification, but for security reasons, parental consent may be required. If your child does not have identification of their own, a parent will be required to accompany the child and present identification.

Please refer to the Department of State's website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for complete information on all new requirements,

including downloadable revised forms that must be used as of February 1, and the U.S. Embassy website, for complete U.S. passport application instructions.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy website and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at this site online, which includes valuable security information for those both living

and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Japan are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy via e-mail or by calling 03-3224-5000.

## New Passport Application

The Department of State has created new passport application forms. Starting on Friday, February 1, new versions of the DS-II, DS-82, DS-4085, DS-5504, and DS-3053 will be required for all passport applications. These numbers represent the three passport application forms, the application for additional visa pages, and the notarized consent form. The

Department will replace the old forms online with the new ones on February 1. We will not be able to accept out-of-date forms, so please be sure to use the new form if you plan on applying for a citizenship service.



## Receiving Updated Web Content Via Web

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is a subset of XML designed for sharing and distributing web content, such as headline news and newly posted web content. This technology allows you to receive news and web sites updates directly. More government agencies are using RSS feeds to increase awareness of government agency web sites.

The Department of State's consular information just got even easier to access! Now you can receive travel warnings, alerts, and country specific information in your RSS reader. Go to [http://www.travel.state.gov/news/news\\_3162.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/news/news_3162.html) for instruction on how to set up your feeds today!



## Group Searches for Old-Timers Who Served At Misawa

If you served with the US Air Force Security Service at Misawa Air Base, Japan, chances are your name will turn up on a set of military orders. However, do not fret you are not about to be recalled to active duty. Instead, copies of old military orders are being used in a search to locate old friends who served at Misawa. When contacted, old-timers usually recall fond memories of what many consider their best Air Force assignment. You too can join-in and share those latent memories by contacting Helen Johns Henderson of St. Augustine, FL at [etaya49@hotmail.com](mailto:etaya49@hotmail.com) <<mailto:etaya49@hotmail.com>> or telephone her at 904-829-9235.

A soft drink slogan of some years ago when translated from English into Chinese came out as, "It brings your ancestors back from the grave." Henderson says she never sipped a soft drink in China, but did serve in the Far East where she did translations as a Russian language specialist at Misawa AB from 1973 to 1975.

What made Henderson come alive? It all began in St. Augustine, FL in 1972 when Henderson enlisted in the US Air Force. She attended basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, before moving on to Russian language training at the

Department of Defense Language Institute at Monterey, CA.

Nearly a quarter century passed before Henderson's nostalgic wondering in 1999, "what ever happened to..?" that started her on a search for classmates from Monterey. Armed with copies of military orders, 35 of 38 graduates were located in time for a class reunion held in June 2000 at Greensboro, NC with eight former classmates getting together again.

A visit to Monticello, AR, in September 2000 provided the genesis for the Misawa web-site project. Over the years, Henderson had kept in touch with Tommy Green, a friend from her Misawa assignment. "After listening to my stories about the search for my Russian language classmates," Henderson said, "Tommy, suggested that I look for some of the people who served with us in operations at Misawa." Green and his wife Debby assisted Henderson and came up with a list of 20 names: The Misawa web-site project was born.

Using her mother's computer and a free hotmail.com account, she immediately began searching names on the list. The first person to reconnect with was Chip Ulbert of Kenosha, WI.

"What a thrill that gave me," Henderson said. "It motivated me to press on."

In 1979, Security Service was re-designated as the Electronic Security Command. The web-site project was expanded to include all those who had served on Misawa's "Security Hill," but the focus narrowed on the Security Service years from 1949 to 1979.

The MyFamily.com web site opened November 16, 2000, with 500 members. Today, the membership count stands at 2,895. The group is comprised primarily of former intelligence specialists, but also includes personnel from maintenance, administrative, security police, logistics and others. Surviving spouses and children of deceased members are also eligible.

A second web-site at <http://usafssmisawa.com> <<http://usafssmisawa.com/>> is open to the public. The site was started in 2002 by Dutch Wiest and he maintains it. Henderson said hundreds of internet surfers have used Dutch's site as a "gateway" to join the Misawa web-site.

The fifth national Misawa reunion was held in Baltimore, MD on June 21-24, 2007 with 188 attending compared to the first reunion held in Biloxi, MS on

May 16, 2003, with 39 in attendance.

"The bonds forged in military service are strong and the bonds formed in the USAF Security Service are among the strongest." Henderson said as she ended by echoing the words of Misawa veteran Ed Wagaman of Palestine, WV, "We are a tightly knit group of loosely knit people."

About the writer: Joe Soboul is a veteran of 54 years Federal Service, retiring from the US Air Force in 1971 after 25 years. He saw military service as a Morse supervisor at Peshawar; Pakistan, Karamursel, Turkey, Wheeler AFB HI and Kelly AFB, TX. After military retirement in 1971, he served as a civilian employee for an additional 29 years as Director of Youth Programs at various Air Force bases, from 1973 to 1977 at Misawa AB. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Southern California. He is presently retired and resides in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Tel: 609-893-1649 or [jishtar@comcast.net](mailto:jishtar@comcast.net) <<mailto:jishtar@comcast.net>>

## Veterans Charities Listings

Many people want to donate money and assets to help veterans. To help you make an informed decision, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs has compiled a list of resources provided below:

[www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org) : For information on organizations registered with the Florida Department of State's Division of Corporations, including non-profit organizations.

<http://appl.800helpfla.com/giftgiversguide> : The Florida Depart-

ment of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Gift Givers' Guide provides revenue information, as well as costs, surplus and more on charitable organizations.

[www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) : This national Web site hosts information on large charitable organizations that take in at least \$500,000 per year and have existed for a minimum of five years. Charity Navigator also includes helpful tips for donating.

[www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org) : The American Institute of Philanthropy is a nationally prominent charity watchdog service whose purpose is to help donors make informed giving decisions.

If you want to donate money to help your fellow veterans or current servicemembers, a good rule of thumb to go by is to donate to organizations that you know are legitimate and well-established. The VA has published a Directory of Veterans Service Organi-

zations, which you can access by logging onto [www1.va.gov/vso](http://www1.va.gov/vso) or drop by the RAO. [Source: eFlorida Vet News II Jan 08]





## TRICARE for Life 'Explanation of Benefits' Goes Digital

TRICARE for Life (TFL) beneficiaries can soon print a copy of their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from the convenience of their own homes. Starting in Jan. 2008, the only paper EOBs that beneficiaries will receive are monthly summaries. The exception to this is if a claim includes services that are rejected, and those services have appeal rights; or if the EOB is

mailed with a payment to the beneficiary.

In February, beneficiaries will have the option to receive an electronic notification every time a claim processes. Beneficiaries can then log on to the secure web site at <http://www.TRICARE4U.com>, to view and print their EOB.

TFL beneficiaries will receive letters notifying them of the changes, either with their current EOBs or any other correspondence. If there are any questions about the registration process beneficiaries can call toll-free at 1-866-773-0404. Those requiring a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) can call 1-866-773-0405.

## Importance of Vaccinations for Adults

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an increasing number of adults are not taking advantage of the protection vaccines provide. In its 2007 National Immunization Survey, CDC found that only 69 percent of Americans age 65 and older got an annual flu shot, only 66 percent had the one-time pneumonia vaccine, and only 44

percent received a tetanus shot within the past 10 years. Only 2 percent of individuals aged 60 and older have received the new vaccine against Shingles. (Note: As we previously reported, TRICARE began covering the Shingles vaccine Oct. 19, 2007) The shingles vaccine is not available at Misawa.

We are careful to make sure our children receive their immuniza-

tions but need to remember that immunizations are important for adults, too. Next time you're at the doctor's office, don't leave without making sure your vaccinations are up to date.

Visit the CDC webpage for more information on adult vaccinations: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>.



## Retiree Account Statements DFAS Alert

Military retirees need to check their beneficiary information on the reverse side of their Military Retiree Account Statement. Some retirees have reported an unauthorized beneficiary name change. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service said it has no way of

ascertaining whose identity may have been stolen, resulting in a beneficiary change. If this becomes a widespread issue, they most likely will put out a notice. Those retirees that have the wrong beneficiary on their statement should contact DFAS immedi-

ately to change their beneficiary, and let them know it was changed without their authorization. The DFAS number is: 1-800-321-1080. [Source: VetJobs Veteran Eagle 1 Feb 08]



## SBP Paid-up Provision Takes Effect Soon

For those of you who opted for the Survivor Benefit Plan when you retired, a milestone date is fast approaching. 1 Oct of this year begins the enactment of the paid-up provision. For those who have been paying into your SBP account for what seems like forever the end is in sight. If you are 70 years old or older and have paid into the

Plan for 360 months, or 30 years, payments will stop effective your 1 Nov retirement check. For those who haven't gotten to the 70/30 point yet payments will still be deducted. However, when you reach the magic 70/30 mark your payments will be automatically stopped by DFAS and you will be notified in writing of this action.

You need to do nothing, the system will identify your status automatically and take the necessary action to stop the payments. So if you are at the aforementioned point in your SBP account contributions, be looking at your 1 Nov check you should notice a long sought after increase in your direct deposit bank account.



## Service Still Seeking Special Compensation Claimants

The approval rate of claims for Combat-Related Special Compensation is currently running 66 percent, but one-third of the eligible retirees still have not applied for the program.

Air Force Personnel Center officials expected an increase in claims when the benefit was expanded to include all combat or combat-related disabilities rated as service-connected by the Department of Veterans Affairs at 10 percent or higher, but that increase has just not happened.

"When in doubt - apply," said Mr. Rick Castro, Air Force CRSC program manager. "It may be the key to receiving additional tax-free money to which you're entitled. I encourage all who meet the basic eligibility criteria to apply and let our experienced staff make the decision."

The Air Force has processed about 34,000 Air Force claims since the program's inception in 2003; however, this is just a drop in the bucket compared to the number of retirees still possibly eligible, Mr. Castro said. Data shows there are more than

200,000 members receiving Air Force retired pay who also receive 10 percent or greater VA disability compensation today. Even subtracting the 50,000 already under Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (often called "Concurrent Receipt"), there are still 120,000 retirees who have not applied for CRSC.

Mr. Castro believes the lack of participation could be attributed to two causes; many retired Airmen may not have heard about the program, or perhaps people are confusing the CRSC criteria with that of Concurrent Receipt.

"That said, let our experts make the call," Mr. Castro explained. "That way if you do not qualify and something in the law or Department of Defense CRSC policy changes in the future that could affect the prior decision, we will already have a claim and documentation, and can reassess a claim based on the new eligibility factors."

In determining eligibility, retired members should answer the following

questions:

-- Am I retired with 20 (or more) years of active duty, or retired at age 60 from the Guard or Reserve?

-- Am I receiving retired pay?

-- Do I have a compensable VA disability of 10 percent or higher?

-- Is my pay offset by VA disability payments (VA waiver)?

"If you answered 'yes' to those questions and have not submitted your CRSC claim, you must not need the money," Mr. Castro said. "However, the money is tax-free and could go a long way in funding the education of children, grandchildren, or any number of quality-of-life improvements."

Although CRSC specifically addresses "combat-related" disabilities incurred from armed conflict, retirees who developed disabilities from other than combat may also be eligible. Disabilities caused by exposure to Agent Orange, combat training, aircrew duties, simulated war exercises, parachuting and munitions demolition

potentially qualify for compensation under this program. But slipping and falling in an exercise or even during combat -- if not caused by something related to combat, combat training, or an instrumentality of war -- normally does not qualify for CRSC.

The CRSC team needs a copy of all copies of a retiree's Department of Defense Form 214 or retirement order, copies of any VA rating decisions addressing the disabilities being claimed, and any other available documentation. Retired members who do not have their rating decisions should let the team know; it will work to get the rating decisions from the VA.

Information and claim forms are available on the AFPC "Ask" Web site <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> <<http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>> ; search for "CRSC". You can also get more information through the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

## "Treasury Direct" for Buying and Storing Savings Bonds

Retirees can buy U.S. Savings Bonds in electronic form and hold them directly with the U.S. Treasury over the Internet. They can even convert their paper savings bonds into electronic form and hold them in an account with the government.

Both are possible when people open a TreasuryDirect account, according to Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials.

TreasuryDirect allows people to open an online account and buy savings bonds either through a payroll allotment or with money debited directly from a bank or credit union account. Once the bonds are eligible for redemption, people can go online and schedule payment directly into a bank or credit union account.

Electronic savings bonds carry the same interest rates and maturity periods as paper bonds, but, unlike

paper bonds, people do not have to wait to receive them in the mail. Instead, all people need is access to the Internet.

With a TreasuryDirect account, people can convert any paper bonds they own into electronic securities. If the DFAS is holding the bonds, people can request the bonds and DFAS will mail them. People can then send them, along with any paper bonds they may have at home, to the U.S. Treasury for

addition to a TreasuryDirect account. Because the U.S. Treasury requires people to submit the bonds with a signed manifest, DFAS cannot mail the bonds directly to the treasury.

To learn more about converting bonds into electronic form, visit SmartExchange at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/research/indepth/smartexchangeinfo.htm>.

For more information, visit [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). (Courtesy of DFAS)

## Dining Facility Opens Its Doors To Retirees

Good news for all military retirees and their spouses. A new open door policy has been approved for retirees and one guest at all meals served. This means you can utilize the Grissom Dining Facility for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meals. As in the past, you pay for what you eat instead of a flat rate and you pay a small surcharge for the meal. We hope you will take advantage of this new meal option and frequent the dining facility often. This is another example of the active duty leadership providing outstanding support and showing their gratitude to our retiree community. Pass along your thanks whenever you see them around base.

Normally when the commissary gets new carts, it's no big deal. That's not the case with CARTS, or Commissary Advance Resale Transaction System, which will be activated at your Misawa Commissary this weekend. Designed by IBM, CARTS is designed to replace the Agency's aging system of cash registers, according to Jack Younger, Misawa's Store Director.

"I told our staff that this is the most significant enhancement to this commissary since its total remodel done in 1998-1999," said Younger, adding that the previous system is more than 10 years old.

This new system has more than better and faster bar-code scanners Younger said. Customers can view the list of items they are purchasing on a 15 inch color display next to the register. There is also a price scanning gun, so cashiers don't have to wrestle with bulky items to line up with the bar code with the scanner.

And check processing has been also improved. Younger said, explaining that the cashier only has to scan the customers check into the register, and the information is transferred electronically to the bank. Some customers show surprise, especially when the cashier hands back their check because it's no longer needed.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable improvements with CARTS is self-checkout registers. "They are popular and convenient, especially for smaller orders. Our self-checkout registers feature a quick lookup menu that has pictures of all produce items in the store.

This addition to your Misawa Commissary will be up and running this coming Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Come in and watch our new Technology in action



**New Hours for the Main Store : (Effective 1 May 2008)**

**Monday – Saturday ~ 0900-2100**

**Sundays ~ 0900-1900**

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<p><b>Exclusive WHIRLPOOL &amp; MAYTAG APPLIANCE Promotion!</b></p> <p>11-24 April</p>	<p><b>Exclusive MOTHER'S DAY JEWELRY Promotion!</b></p> <p>25 April - 10 May</p>	<p><b>1 American Red Cross</b></p> <p>Pie On Face Throw 12pm-1pm</p>	<p><b>2 AAFES BookMark</b></p> <p>Coloring Contest K-6th grade 1-12 April</p>	<p><b>3 tiresale</b> March 15 - April 1</p> <p>15% Off On All Tires</p> <p>Free Mounting at Services Auto Center when you purchase from your Main Base Gas Station</p> <p>Misawa Main Base Gas Station</p>	<p><b>4 New Dollar Deals!</b> 4-10 April</p>	<p><b>5 Daily Sweets Out Specials!</b></p>
<p><b>6 AAFES BookMark</b></p> <p>Book Reading 1pm-2pm</p>	<p><b>7 No Sales Tax</b> When You Shop Your Exchange!</p>	<p><b>8 There Will Be Blood</b></p> <p>New Release</p>	<p><b>9 10% Off On Diamond Jewelry</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Shopping these brands... BAM! \$200K+ MILLION napster FRESH TOAST MAYTAG ...and much, much more!</p>	<p><b>11 NEW! MILITARY STAR CARD</b></p> <p>EXCLUSIVE REWARDS</p>	<p><b>12 GODIVA Chocolatier</b></p> <p>Chocolate Tasting 11:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>13 10% OFF On Shredders</b></p>	<p><b>14 AIR FORCE RESERVE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>15 Meet Your Manager!</b> 11am-1pm</p>	<p><b>16 20% OFF FRAGRANCE GIFT SETS</b></p>	<p><b>17 sweetpea*</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Join your Misawa BX Store Manager's Birthday Club! Get the best deals on all the great appliances, sales, and more products and events at your Misawa BX before anyone else!</p> <p>Misawa BX or you can visit <a href="http://aafes.com">aafes.com</a></p>	<p><b>19 Spring/Summer Fashion Show</b> April 19, 2008</p>
<p><b>20 POWER ZONE Vendor Demos</b></p>	<p><b>21 Earth Day</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Bring your own bag &amp; receive \$10 Off Any 1 Item.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Always Active Assistant's Day</p>	<p><b>24 Kool Khaki Thursday 20% OFF</b></p>	<p><b>25 Denim Days</b> Buy 1 Glo/ Raider Jean Get 2nd 50% OFF</p>	<p><b>26 AAFES BookMark</b></p> <p>story time 1pm-2pm</p>
<p><b>27 aafes.com</b> Click, Print, Save. more choices! more selection!</p>	<p><b>28 MISAWA BX</b> Hours Of Operation</p> <p>Monday 08:00 - 04:00 Tuesday 08:00 - 04:00 Wednesday 08:00 - 04:00 Thursday 08:00 - 04:00 Friday 08:00 - 04:00 Saturday 08:00 - 04:00</p> <p>Shop us 24 hours a day at <a href="http://aafes.com">aafes.com</a></p>	<p><b>29 Meet Your Manager!</b> 11am-1pm</p>	<p><b>30 Purchase A Diamond Jewelry &amp; Receive A Free Warranty!</b> Keep It New!</p>	<p>Spring/Summer Fashion Show April 19, 2008 Sign Up: 1-12 April at your Misawa BX Reception Desk For More Information Call 222-6049</p>		



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Command Post: 226-9899  
Law Enforcement: 226-3600  
Emergency Room: Non-Urgent- 226-6647  
Emergency- 911

Medical/Dental Appointments-  
Medical: 226-6111  
Dental: 226-6700  
AAFES General Manager: 222-7410  
Commissary Officer: 226-3482  
Anthony's Pizza: 222-6300  
Pizza Hut: 222-5000  
Clothing Sales: 222-8709  
Fitness Center: 226-3982  
Library: 226-3068  
Misawa Clubs-  
Enlisted: 222-9514  
Officer: 226-2016  
Base Theater: 222-8700  
Taxi-  
Official: 226-3328  
Non-Official: 222-5438  
Weather Forecast: 226-3064

Note: When dialing from off base, local area, dial 63-xxxx instead of 222-xxxx, and 64-xxxx instead of 226-xxxx. Outside local area add 0176.

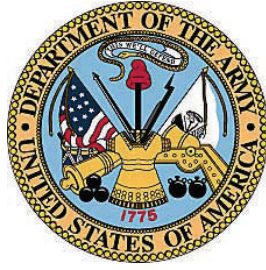
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The Misawa Air Base Retiree Activities Office is an official activity organized in accordance with AFI 36-3106. The office is here to assist retirees from all military services in the Tohoku and Hokkaido regions of Japan. We can provide assistance in pay, taxes, social security, and personal/casualty affairs as well as many other matters the retiree may need help with. We provide a focal point for retirees and/or their survivors with questions/concerns and work closely with the active duty community. Through the office and the activities of the Misawa Military Retirees Association we are able to provide assistance to indigent widows in the area with fuel, food and living expenses. The office is supplied and equipped through organizational funding, while being staffed entirely by volunteers.

The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 0900 through 1500 hours. We are located in room 210, Bldg 653. For immediate needs/emergencies contact the Casualty Assistance Representative in the USAF Military Personnel Flight, 226-3962. For Japanese nationals requiring assistance, who may have limited English language skills, contact MSgt (Ret) Joe Roginski at 222-7090 (off-base dial 0176-63-7090).

**Misawa Military Retirees Association meets bi-monthly on the first Tuesday, of even months, at 1700 hours, in the Tohoku Enlisted Club's Gray Room. All military retirees regardless of service affiliation are welcome as members. We are your voice to the active duty community and help to support the many retiree programs on the base. We also provide assistance in emergencies to retirees and surviving spouses in times of need. Come out and help support our efforts.**





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