

**2026**

## **Oklahoma National Guard Retiree/Military/Veteran Appreciation Retreat**

### **Invitation and Newsletter**

#### **Retirees, Military Members, Veterans, Families, and Friends:**

The 2026 Oklahoma National Guard Retiree/Military/Veteran Retreat will be held September 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp Gruber, 6000 S. Hwy. 10, Braggs, OK 74423. The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) Retiree Committee with support from the State Command Sergeant Major John Hernandez and the Camp Gruber Support Personnel have planned, organized, and resourced this three-day event to provide connection, support, and networking for veterans, retirees, and military members, and their families. To ensure you are well informed of the events scheduled, we have provided a schedule of events with this newsletter. A final and detailed Agenda will be provided at the Registration Table upon arrival at the Retreat.

**REGISTRATION.** The Registration form provides a HEAD COUNT. This allows us to track food requirements and other logistics. **Registration Table will be in Building 334.** The cost to register is \$30.00 before September 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$35.00 after September 1<sup>st</sup> so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible. You can pay by check or cash before the event or at the door when you arrive. These are flat rate fees that cover the food costs. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF YOUR BILLETING.**

- **BILLETING**-Please contact SFC Leroy Scott to make room reservations for Billeting, DO NOT CONTACT THE BILLETING OFFICE DIRECTLY, THEY WILL REFER TO SFC SCOTT. Telephone Number for SFC Scott is 405-833-3023, [loscott@okcps.org](mailto:loscott@okcps.org). Billeting rates and availability are listed in the attached Memorandum.

Retreat activities kick off Friday evening with a **“Meet, Greet, Eat, Cornhole, Card Games”** at the Dining Facility located in Building 334, pizza and beverages will be served. Dress is casual so you can reconnect, mingle, or come and go as you please. All meals will be served in the DFAC under the supervision of Curtis Lee, Lee Maples, and their team.

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, will open with Posting of the Colors, and POW/MIA Ceremony provided by JROTC group coordinated by SFC Leroy Scott. A tribute to our Fallen Comrades

follows the opening ceremony. The table will be closed, and colors will be retired after the tribute. Briefings from SGM Hernandez, Tricare-Pharmacy, ODVA, and other agencies will continue until the noon break. An official Group Picture will be taken immediately after you are released for the noon break by the DFAC. Attendees will have a chance to visit the vendor booths that will provide a variety of resources and information for retirees, veterans, military members, and their families. Retired service members are authorized legal support and pending confirmation, a Legal Team can discuss wills, advance directives, and answer legal questions.

After the noon break on Saturday, attendees will have three options for afternoon activities. **1. Range Firing: Pending availability of outdoor range. If outdoor range is not available due to Elk Hunts, range simulator will be utilized.** The Camp Gruber personnel will draw a range for weapons firing. Vans will depart Building 334 at 1330 hours. Bring your own weapons, ammunition, eye protection, and water. Rifles: NO LARGER THAN .300 Win Mag will be allowed. No black powder rifles. Pistols: .22, .45, .9, .357, .38, .380 mm are the only pistols allowed. During the open shoot, there will be a separate firing line for pistols, another for rifles, and another for shotguns. Remember to bring your own safety equipment. Also, NO POV's on the range. You must be transported on and off the range in a GSA, military vehicle. No loaded clips in weapons on vehicles. **2. Military History Museum: WE MAY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLES FOR THIS EVENT; WE WILL HAVE ONE RENTAL VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT.** POC will be **LTC James (Jim) Pahdoco**, [pahdocoj@gmail.com](mailto:pahdocoj@gmail.com). The Military History Museum is in Broken Arrow, OK under the direction of Brigadier General (Ret) Thomas Mancino. Museum Docents will conduct the tours and refreshments will be provided. **3. Tour of renovated Camp Gruber.** Camp Gruber has had many changes since COVID, such as new DFAC, new billets, fire station, and RTI Headquarters. Camp Gruber personnel will provide the tour and transportation. We will gather for dinner at the DFAC following the Saturday afternoon activities for food, beverage, camaraderie, and some fun activities. Our Retreat will conclude Sunday morning with a hearty breakfast and AAR in Building 334.

One of our new committee members will be conducting Veteran History Project Interviews during the retreat. These interviews will be submitted to the Library of Congress as a permanent record of your service. If you would like to schedule an interview during the retreat or after the retreat, please contact Garrett Blomquist, [bloomer79@gmail.com](mailto:bloomer79@gmail.com), 405-824-8766.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the Retreat, or have any suggestions or questions, please contact Rebecca McGary, [rebecca.mcgary@redcross.org](mailto:rebecca.mcgary@redcross.org).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD RETIREE/VETERAN APPRECIATION DAY-RETREAT

| EVENT                                                                                   | PLACE             | TIME             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026</u></b>                                    |                   |                  |
| Check-In Billeting                                                                      | Bldg. 117         | 1300-1700        |
| (If arriving after 5 p.m. or Saturday, Keys will be picked up from gate guard)          |                   |                  |
| Retreat Registration                                                                    | Bldg. 33          | 1300-As Required |
| Dinner, Meet and Greet, Corn Hole                                                       | Bldg. 334         | 1700             |
| <b><u>Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026</u></b>                                  |                   |                  |
| <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                        | <b>Bldg. 334</b>  | <b>0630-0730</b> |
| Legal Counseling/ID Section                                                             | Bldg. 334         | 0800-1600        |
| Retreat Registration                                                                    | Bldg. 334         | 0730-0800        |
| Visit Resource Tables                                                                   | Bldg. 334         | 0730-1700        |
| Welcome, Opening Ceremonies                                                             | Bldg. 334         | 0800-0900        |
| Briefings                                                                               | Bldg. 334         | 0900-1150        |
| Group picture                                                                           | TBA               | 1150-1200        |
| <b>Lunch</b>                                                                            | <b>Bldg. 334</b>  | <b>1200-1300</b> |
| <b>Transport to all afternoon activities will be provided by GSA or Rental Vehicle.</b> |                   |                  |
| Pistol and Rifle Firing                                                                 | Camp Gruber Range | 1330-1600        |
| Military Museum Trip                                                                    | Broken Arrow      | 1300-1600        |
| Camp Gruber Facility Tour                                                               | TBA               | 1300-1600        |
| <b>Dinner</b>                                                                           | <b>Bldg. 334</b>  | <b>1700</b>      |
| <b><u>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026</u></b>                                    |                   |                  |
| <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                        | <b>Bldg. 334</b>  | <b>0700-0800</b> |
| Billeting Checkout                                                                      | Bldg. 117         | 0730-As Req.     |
| AAR                                                                                     | Bldg. 334         | 0830-1100        |

## Military/Veteran Retreat Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (Print Legibly): \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: (Spouse, Family, Friends): \_\_\_\_\_

Year Retired/ETS: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: Year retired: 1901 Unit: B Co 179 IN Service: Army)

Attending Friday night Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Non-chargeable billeting Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Chargeable billeting -- What Bldg. # \_\_\_\_\_ (attached Lodging rates sheet)

Name of person sharing with if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

If you are registering for another Retiree/Veteran, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Dollar fee (per Person including additional guest) (non-reimbursable). This fee covers meals, and support material if registering prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, \$35 after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make Checks payable to **OKNG Retiree Association**

Please mail completed registration and check to: Lee Maples, 3509 Black Mountain Way, Norman, OK 73069. (Cash or check accepted at registration)

Camp Gruber Military and Dependent ID Section will be available on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Location will be the Camp Gruber Headquarters Building. We will have personnel to escort attendees to the Headquarters Building at the DFAC Building upon arrival.

If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Lee Maples, [lee.maples@gmail.com](mailto:lee.maples@gmail.com), 1-707-631-5686, Maxine Townsend, [ioemax2@yahoo.com](mailto:ioemax2@yahoo.com), 405-600-4082, or Cynthia Scarbrough, [cgscarbrough@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cgscarbrough@sbcglobal.net), 405-613-5274.

All Billeting requests **MUST** be made by contacting SFC Leroy Scott at 405-833-3023, [loscott@okcps.org](mailto:loscott@okcps.org). Please do not contact Camp Gruber Billeting.



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CAMP GRUBER TRAINING CENTER  
6000 HWY 10  
BRAGGS, OK 74423

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18 September 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR USPFO, COL Glenn E. Miller, 3501 MILITARY CIRCLE,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111-4398

SUBJECT: FY26 Camp Gruber Training Center (CGTC) Unaccompanied  
Housing Rates and Surcharges.

1. Request that the following surcharge rates be approved for unaccompanied housing effective 01 October 2025 for CGTC. Official and unofficial rate variations are due to the different amenities and accommodations provided by each of lodging quarters.

2. The rates for unaccompanied housing at CGTC are listed below:

a. Cottages:

- (1) Official-User: \$40.00
- (2) Unofficial-User: \$45.00

b. SBOQ/SBEQ Building 232:

- (1) Official-User: \$30.00
- (2) Unofficial-User: \$35.00

c. BOQ/SBEQ Building 226, 227, and 228:

- (1) Official-User: \$25.00
- (2) Unofficial-User: \$30.00

d. JBEQ Building 128:

- (1) Official-User: \$25.00
- (2) Unofficial-User: \$30.00

e. Distinguished Visitor Quarters (DVQ) Building 900:

- (1) Official-User: \$40.00
- (2) Unofficial-User: \$45.00

f. ORTC Building 333

- (1) Official -User: \$30.00
- (2) Unofficial- User: \$35.00

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g. ORTC Building 333 rooms 133, 134, 144, 145 Handicap rooms/Single

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| (1) Official Military User:   | \$35.00 |
| (2) Unofficial Military user: | \$40.00 |
| (3) Official-handicap user:   | \$25.00 |
| (4) Unofficial-handicap user: | \$30.00 |

h. Black Hawk Recreational Vehicle Park (Twelve Slots):

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|------------------------|----------|
| (1) Daily user rate:   | \$15.00  |
| (2) Weekly user rate:  | \$105.00 |
| (3) Monthly user rate: | \$250.00 |

i. Anvil Recreational Vehicle Park (Six Slots):

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|------------------------|----------|
| (1) Daily user rate:   | \$15.00  |
| (2) Weekly user rate:  | \$105.00 |
| (3) Monthly user rate: | \$250.00 |

3. Point of contact for this matter is SSG Katie Tyree at (572) 247-6065 or email  
katie.j.tyree.mil@army.mil.



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Base Operations Manager

## **OKNG COMMAND STAFF AND CAMP GRUBER COMMAND STAFF**

|                      |                                                            |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| MG Thomas H. Mancino | The Adjutant General-Oklahoma National Guard               |
| BG Christopher Eason | The Assistant Adjutant General-Oklahoma Air National Guard |
| CSM John Hernandez   | State Command Sergeant Major (Army National Guard)         |
| CCM Dennis Dipiazza  | State Command Chief Master Sergeant (Air National Guard)   |
| COL Beck             | Commander, Camp Gruber Training Site                       |
| CSM Barnett          | Command Sergeant Major, Camp Gruber Training Site          |

## **2026 RETIREE/VETERAN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MSG (RET) Rebecca McGary       | Chairman                     |
| LTC (RET) James (Jim) Pahdoco  | Past Chairman                |
| TSgt (RET) Lee Maples          | Treasurer                    |
| CPT (RET) Maxine Townsend      | Co-Treasurer/Registration    |
| SFC (RET) Cynthia Scarbrough   | Registration                 |
| MSG (RET) Curtis Lee           | DFAC                         |
| SFC (RET) Leroy Scott          | JROTC/Billeting Registration |
| CW4 (RET) Rick Bornoff         |                              |
| SMSGT (RET) Robert (Bob) Green |                              |
| CPO (RET) Mike Eaton           |                              |
| PO1 (RET) Garrett Blomquist    |                              |