

# **JBSA Fort Sam Houston Retired Military Newsletter**

## **April-May-June 2025**



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#### **Mission:**

•Using AR600-8-7 as our guide, the Council is endeavoring to guide retired members of the military as to the services that they have available to them in retirement. The need for the Council then, is one of addressing Retiree issues on a local basis with active command elements, communications through media sources and direct mail. The Council will identify any issues that need to go forward to RSO Pentagon and submit to IMCOM G1, elements, communications through media sources and direct mail. Interested in Joining Contact Ben Linduff SFC (R) at—ben.linduff@gmail.com

**Joint Base San Antonio**

presents

# **THE Great Texas Freedom Fest**

**UNITED IN SERVICE**



**FREE  
ADMISSION!**

**APR. 12 | 3 PM TO 9:30 PM**

**JBSA - Fort Sam Houston**

Static vehicle displays, live bands, shopping vendors, food trucks, interactive inflatables, an axe throwing trailer, fitness contests, petting zoo, youth STEM tent and more!

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - BASE PASS NOT NEEDED**

For the latest information on the 2025 Great Texas Freedom Fest go to our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/JointBaseSanAntonio>

or <https://www.jbsa.mil/information/Great-Texas-Freedom-Fest/>.

# Retired Military Council Co-Chairs' Message



Greetings to all the Retired Military and their Families in the JBSA Fort Sam Houston, Texas and surrounding communities! We have been working diligently to expand our outreach to address all retiree concerns. If you have comments, questions or issues please contact the Retirement Services Officer at 210-221-9004 or email us at Ben.linduff@gmail.com.

## *Upcoming Retiree Appreciation Days.*

Please stay tuned for more details. Updates will be posted on the JBSA Fort Sam Houston Facebook page and retiree council Facebook page.

JBSA-Lackland, Tx -	Date: TBD	Phone: (210)-671-9204
JBSA-Randolph, Tx.	Date: 13 September 2025	Phone; (210)-652-6880
JB Ellington, Tx	Date: 11 October 2025	Phone: (210) 221-9004/9793
JBSA FSH-BAMC	Date: 1 November 2025	Phone: (210) 221-9004/9793

It is our privilege to serve you and your Families.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Retiree Appreciation Days 2025!

COL (Ret) Felix Santiago &  
SFC (Ret) Benjamin F. Linduff,  
JBSA Fort Sam Houston Retired Soldiers Council Co-Chairs

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**My HealtheVet :** If you're already enrolled in VA health care and have questions about what the PACT Act might mean for you, VA can help. [Sign-in](#) to your [Premium](#) account and send a [Secure Message](#) to ask who you can talk to about the PACT Act. With My HealtheVet, you can also [view and organize](#) your health information, like your providers and closest [VA facility](#).





# Free Dental Cleanings

Retired Military,  
Family Members,  
Active, Guard & Reserve

## Contact Us:

☎ Front Desk: 210-221-8982/8748  
Scheduling Instructor: 210-221-7743

✉ [usarmy.jbsa.medical-coe.mbx.  
preventive-dentistry-specialty-  
crse@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbsa.medical-coe.mbx.preventive-dentistry-specialty-crse@army.mil)

📍 Willis Hall/ BLDG. 2841  
Room: 3401 on the 3rd Floor  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

Children 12 years and up.  
DOD ID Card holders are welcome.  
Everyone MUST meet program eligibility requirements for treatment.



**Transitioning to Tri-Care for Life at age 65**

**Retired Military Forum**

**7 June 2025**

**10:00 to 12:00**

**Location Military & Family Readiness Center**

**3060 Stanley Rd Bldg. 2797, San Antonio, TX 78234**

**More detailed information coming soon.**





# Welcome to Fort Sam Houston

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO



## 502d Force Support Squadron



### Military Retiree & Dependent Services (RSO)

2400 Jessup Road, Building 4026, Room 109 Ft Sam Houston, TX

**Customer Service Hours Monday - Friday 0730-1500**

**Thursday 0730-1100, Closed Thursday Afternoon**

Phone numbers (210) 221-9004 or (210) 221-9793 Fax (210)-221-0953

Website: <http://www.jbsa.mil/RetireeActivitiesOffice/>

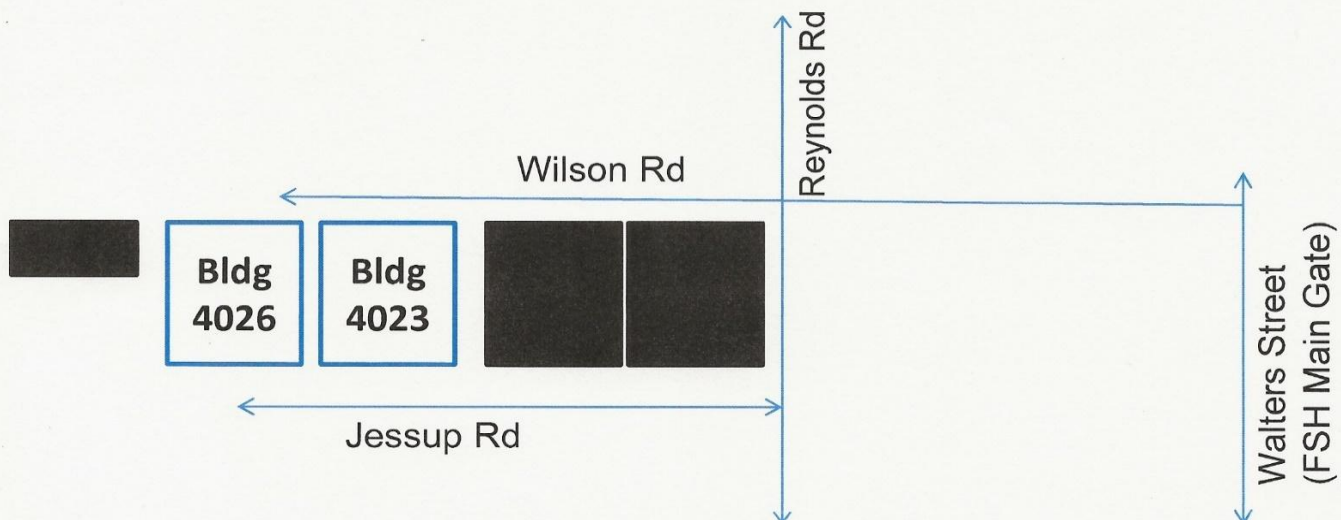
JBSA Retiree Council Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FSHRetireeCouncil/>

RSO Mr. Joe Silvas, Email: [joe.silvas3.civ@army.mil](mailto:joe.silvas3.civ@army.mil) or [joe.silvas@us.af.mil](mailto:joe.silvas@us.af.mil)

ARSO Ms. Nadia Bebris-Pressley, Email: [nadia.bebris-pressley@us.af.mil](mailto:nadia.bebris-pressley@us.af.mil)

### Post-Retirement Support

- Assistance with Retired Pay issues, Allotments, Direct Deposit, ID cards, Tricare, Retiree Dental Program, change of address, SBP elections, Medical Retirement questions
  - Career Status Bonus/REDUX
  - Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Applications
  - Gray Area Retiree-retirement application (Reserve & National Guard)
- Need an ID Card? Schedule an appointment at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>



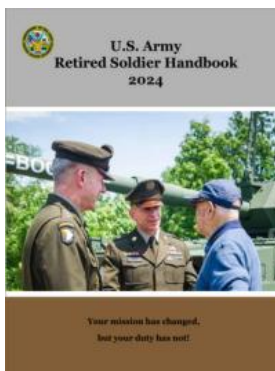


## ***Would you consider serving on the Retired Council?***

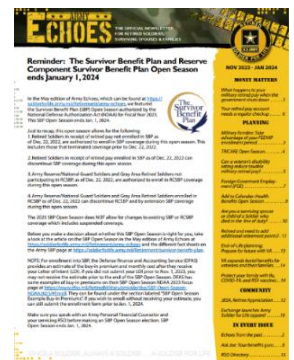
There are 15 dedicated members on the JBSA Fort Sam Houston Retired Council. If you are interested in serving, please let us know with an email to our Officer Co-Chair, COL (Ret) Felix Santiago, ([felix.santiago01@gmail.com](mailto:felix.santiago01@gmail.com)); or, Enlisted Co-Chair SFC (Ret) Ben F. Linduff, ([ben.linduff@gmail.com](mailto:ben.linduff@gmail.com)), or Retirement Services Officer, Joe Silvas ([joe.silvas3.civ@army.mil](mailto:joe.silvas3.civ@army.mil)) and Ms. Nadia Bebris-Pressley RSO Asst. ([nadia.bebris-ressley@us.af.mil](mailto:nadia.bebris-ressley@us.af.mil)). You may also call them at 210-221-9004. The Retired Military Council is composed of retired Officers and retired NCO's from all service branches. Our primary purpose is to gather information, research recommendations and advocate for military retiree issues. The Council meets each month – and sponsors the annual Retiree Appreciation Day in November and a Town Hall in August. We have vacancies on the Council so if you are interested in continuing your service to America, please let us know.



**Visit us on Facebook.**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/FSHRetireeCouncil>**  
**We also Publish a Newsletter every quarter.**  
**Email me at [Linduff@aol.com](mailto:Linduff@aol.com)**



The Retired Soldier Handbook has been updated for 2025! It is full of valuable information for both retired Soldiers and their families in the event of their passing. Update yourself on the information that you need to know as a retired Soldier.



[US Army | Soldier For Life](#)

Keep up to date by checking out [#RetiredSoldier](#)



## Retiree Activities Office

### JBSA-Randolph Retired Activities Office (RAO)

Provides information and assistance to military retired members and their dependents from all service branches. Staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers. The office is located in Building 399 on JBSA Randolph AFB (Pitsenbarger Hall) and is open from 0900-1500 duty days.

JBSA-Randolph Retiree Activities Office, Phone: 210-652-6880/5778 Bldg. 399, Rm 104.

Email: [rao.randolph@us.af.mil](mailto:rao.randolph@us.af.mil)

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### QR Code for USAF Afterburner Newsletter for Retired Air Force Personnel. Link

[https://www.retirees.af.mil/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0sgN8OQqA\\_8%3d&portalid=53&timestamp=1700242507829](https://www.retirees.af.mil/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0sgN8OQqA_8%3d&portalid=53&timestamp=1700242507829)



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### JBSA-Lackland Retired Activities Office (RAO)

Provides information and assistance to military retired members and their dependents from all service branches. Staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers. The office is located at Building (5616) on JBSA Lackland AFB (JBSA-Lackland ID Card Section) and is open from 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday on duty days. JBSA-Lackland Retiree Activities Office, Phone: 210-671-9204 Bldg. 5616, Rm 127

Intro:

*We are thrilled to announce the establishment of a dedicated Retiree Office at Lackland, a significant milestone in our commitment to supporting those who have devoted their lives in service to our nation and connecting our retirees with the resources they deserve. This location will be a great addition to our other offices at JBSA Fort Sam and JBSA Randolph.*

*The strategic placement of the retiree office on Lackland is not just a matter of convenience; it is a testament of our commitment to ensuring that our retirees have easy access to the resources and assistance they may need. By establishing a presence on this side of town, we aim to bridge the gap and create a hub where our retirees can connect and access support services – all within the familiar surroundings of Lackland.*