



IDNG J9 - SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT

MILITARY RETIREE OUTREACH



Social Recap

What a beautiful night it was! Our Sweetheart Soirée was filled with laughter, delicious food, and unforgettable moments. It was the perfect evening to reconnect with old friends and enjoy some dancing. A big thank you to everyone who joined in making it such a special celebration for our retiree community. Here's to more nights like this filled with love, joy, and great memories!

[Click here](#) for full photo album.



Resources & Programs

The Idaho Veterans Guide helps Idaho veterans and their families identify support resources by providing access to a comprehensive and current list of service providers through an easy-to-use, web-based platform. Resources at low or no cost such as food, housing, transportation, legal, education, community and camaraderie, and more please visit the Idaho Veterans Guide.

Veteran Service Officers

Did you know you may be eligible for services through the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Guard and Reserve can make claims for service-connected injuries, under some circumstances. Contact a VSO who can help identify what benefits may be available to you, and your family.

VA accredited Veteran Services Officers (VSO) assist veterans and their families with connecting benefits, submitting claims, and filing appeals for denied claims for **FREE**.



Connecting Veterans to low or no cost resources.

www.IdahoVeteransGuide.org,
(208)780-1380 or scan the QR
code to search your zip code
and contact your nearest VSO.

Gowen Military Retiree Social

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
RALLY POINT 4:30-6:30 PM



GOWEN MILITARY RETIREE SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST
4:30-6:30 PM RALLY POINT

*Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
Free Snacks | Dinner for Purchase*





IDAHO MILITARY MUSEUM

PRESENTS

GOWEN FIELD MILITARY HISTORY DAYS

LIVING HISTORY HIGHLIGHTING
IDAHO'S ROLE IN MILITARY CONFLICTS AND
COMBAT FROM PAST TO PRESENT

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 10 AM – 4 PM

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH, 10 AM – 4 PM

4692 W. HARVARD ST.
BOISE IDAHO
NEXT TO GOWEN FIELD

FEATURING

MILITARY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT EXHIBITS
INDOORS AND OUTDOORS

BLANK FIRING OF CANNON AND SMALL ARMS
KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOOD TRUCK AND MORE

Month in Review

From the Idaho Military Division's Public Affairs Office

Highlights include: The appointment of the Idaho Air National Guard's first warrant officer candidates in generations; the Idaho Air National Guard's newest building; the Idaho Army National Guard's recent aviation hoist training with the Boise Fire Department; a look back at the Month of the Military Child; and more.

If you would like to submit ideas for future stories, please contact Lt Col Chris Borders at cborders@imd.idaho.gov or (208) 801-4292; or MAJ Robert Taylor robert.j.taylor102.mil@army.mil or (208) 272-4146.

2025
IDAHO MILITARY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



APRIL



**A New Era in Expertise:
Idaho Air National
Guard Prepares**

Three warrant officer candidates assigned to the 124th Fighter Wing's 224th Cyber Operations Squadron participated in a Warrant Officer Candidate Pinning Ceremony at Gowen Field, Idaho, March 21, 2025.

Gowen Field is home to both Army and Air National Guard units. As the Air Force develops its own heritage surrounding the warrant officer program, the Idaho Air National Guard looks to the Army and its decades of tradition, including a ceremonial pinning.

[Click here to read more](#)

STORIES

**Honoring Military Children:
The Resilience of Military
Families**

April marks the Department of Defense's annual observance of the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize the unique challenges and enduring resilience of the children of military members. With over 1.6 million military children in the United States, these young individuals often navigate frequent relocations, parental deployments, and the complexities of military life.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

JOIN US

MONDAY, MAY 26TH, 2025

10:00AM - 11:00AM

10100 N. HORSESHOE BEND RD BOISE, ID 83714

PUBLIC PARKING & BUS SERVICES WILL BE AT
OPTIMIST PARK 8:30AM-11:45AM

IDAHO STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

TRICARE UPDATES

TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Select, and TRICARE Retired Reserve, are now managed by TriWest Healthcare Alliance, not Federal Health Net Services. With this change there is a new contact number and a website where you can review your health care information.

For questions you can call 1-888-874-9378 or visit the TriWest website <https://tricare-bene.triwest.com/signin>. You will be asked to either: Continue with DS Log In or register with DEERS email. By creating an account, you will be able to access your current health care coverage, approved referrals, recent claims, submit a claim, explanation of benefits, view or make a payment (for TRICARE coverage, not medical bills).

TRICARE: What coverage are you eligible for, and when?

Face it, when we step away from the service a lot of information gets lost over time. For a quick refresher on what is out there, let's go through two scenarios.

Scenario One: A M-Day or Traditional service member who after leaving the service is now a Grey Area Retiree.

From separation until the age of 60 they are eligible for TRICARE Retired Reserve. It could be beneficial to compare health insurance premiums from other employment. At the age of 60, you have 90 days to enroll into TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select. If you don't enroll in time you will have to wait until the next 'Open Enrollment' period – usually mid-November to mid-December. Spouses are also eligible based on the service members' eligibility. At 65 years of age TRICARE will stop TRICARE coverage (and collecting premiums) with the expectation that the service member will be enrolled into MEDICARE Part A and Part B. The individual (service member or spouse) will need to come into DEERS and have their MEDICARE cards scanned into the system. Once this is done, they will receive TRICARE for Life as a free 'wrap around' health insurance. Once an individual has MEDICARE Parts A & B and TRICARE for Life, most procedures should be covered. This does not mean there won't be an out-of-pocket cost. There will be individual circumstances where a person will have a medical bill.

NOTE: Individuals will have to pay for MEDICARE Part B. For more information on MEDICARE please contact Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors – Idaho Department of Insurance at 1-800-247-4422. Their services are free to use.

NOTE: With TRICARE coverage you do not need to enroll into MEDICARE Part D.

Scenario Two: An Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) leaves (retires) the service. This is treated just like active-duty retirement.

From the final date on active status you have 90 days to enroll into either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select. This coverage will be extended to all family members in DEERS (spouses, and children under the age of 21, children under 23 in full-time school). If you don't enroll in time you will have to wait until the next 'Open Enrollment' period – usually mid-November to mid-December. At 65 years of age, TRICARE halts coverage for the individual who reaches that age, and they will need to come in and have their MEDICARE coverage cards scanned into DEERS to receive TRICARE for Life. Family members under the age of 65 will still have to pay family premiums until they age out at 65 (spouses) or 21 (children).

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Let me add that each case is unique and may have circumstances that do not 'fit inside the box'. If you have questions, you should contact the provider and TriWest for further information.

NOTE: If you use TRICARE for Life everything remains the same.

Glen Fuchs is a retiree from the US Army with 31 years combined Active and Reserve service. He currently serves as a Military and Family Readiness Specialist and Alternate Retirement Services Officer with the Idaho National Guard. You can reach him at 208-608-8230 or at glen.w.fuchs2.nfg@army.mil.

REMINDER: READY TO FLY?

EFFECTIVE AS OF MAY 7TH 2025

The DEERS ARNG Project Office confirms the following:

- Effective May 07, 2025 Uniformed Service Identification (USID) will NOT be accepted by TSA.
- This will affect Dependents, 100% Disabled American Vet (DAV), Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), Reserve Retired, and Retired.
- USID card holders will need to get a Star Card if they plan to fly.
- Acceptance of the Common Access Card (CAC) will remain the same.

As a Reminder:

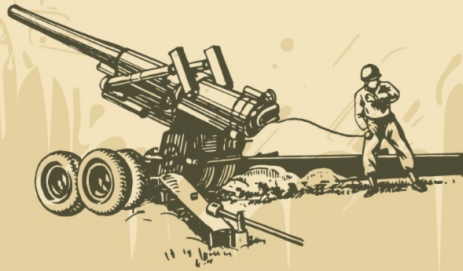
- Old style Teslin cards (ie Blue, Red, Green, etc laminated paper style) will still need to be replaced by the USID by December 31, 2025 including those that say INDEF.
- Effective January 01, 2026 all Teslin/pre-USID cards will be terminated.
- Only the old-style cards are being terminated, not their status, eligibility, or medical coverage.

USID card holders will need to
get a **Star Card** to be able to fly
<https://itd.idaho.gov/starcard/>

REMINDER: COMING ON BASE? EFFECTIVE MAY 7TH, 2025

TO ACCESS MILITARY BASES, A DOD ID IS REQUIRED. IF YOUR DOD ID (CAC CARD) IS EXPIRED, ALL VISITORS MUST HAVE PROOF OF IDENTITY WITH A STAR CARD OR PASSPORT (SIMILAR TO TSA REGULATIONS).

IF YOU ARE COMING ON BASE FOR AN ENLISTMENT/PROMOTION/RETIREMENT CEREMONY WITHOUT A VALID DOD CREDENTIAL OR FOR THOSE NON-DOD CREDENTIALLED PERSONNEL, THE VISITOR CONTROL CENTER ACCESS REQUEST FORM OR AN INSTALLATION ACCESS REQUEST FORM SUBMITTED TO THE VCC PRIOR TO ENTRY.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.IMD.IDAHO.GOV/VISITOR-CONTROL-CENTER/](https://www.imd.idaho.gov/visitor-control-center/) OR CALL THE VCC AT (208)422-5367.

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CARE BOOKLET



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