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### **DFAS Retiree Newsletter March 2023**

The newsletter includes a detailed overview of the SBP Open Season, which began in late December of 2022 and ends January 1, 2024. It also features tips for the end of tax season, important information to share with your beneficiaries, reminders for what student annuitants need to do for School Cert season, and a special spotlight article for Gray Area Retirees. Plus, helpful information from our partners.

To access the newsletter, please copy and paste the link below to your internet browser. You will find a list of topics in the newsletter with a brief description of each article. After copying and pasting the link to your internet browser, click on the link for the article you want to read, and the full text will appear.

We also have a downloadable PDF of the newsletter you can share with others in the military retiree community.

<https://www.dfas.mil/retireenews>

Sincerely,  
DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay

**DD214: What You Need to Know** Your military discharge papers are officially known as DD Form 214, or just DD214. All veterans receive this Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty once they are out of the military.....

**Massachusetts National Guard attends 386th Anniversary of the First Muster in Salem Common** “Soldiers and Airmen of the Massachusetts National Guard attended the 386th Anniversary of the First Muster in Salem Common, Apr 22, 2023....

**Portugal Travel Guide** *(Excerpted from the current “Stephanie at Poppin’ Smoke” newsletter)*

Before we took up residence in Spain, we visited Portugal to see if it was our next home. Long story short, we planned to spend a week or two and ended up staying more than 2 months! Although we chose to live in Spain, we still love Portugal. [Click here to find out what we loved about it](#) and get the highlights of our visit, plus valuable tips to help you plan your own trip to Portugal!

**US Military Recreation Facilities** *(Excerpted from the “Stephanie at Poppin’ Smoke” newsletter)* If you want a fun vacation that won't break the bank, don't forget that you can use your benefits to stay in military recreational lodging. [Here are 17 ideas to get you started with your planning.](#)

[Air National Guard Suspends 2 Commanders After Classified Leak - Military.com](#)

Military.com

Two leaders of the Massachusetts Air **National Guard** unit that is home to a 21-year-old airman charged with leaking classified documents online ...

### 2023 Calendar of Events

**Thu, 11 May – Sat 13 May – Vietnam War Commemoration**, National Mall, Washington, DC  
<https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/> (Flyer with Bulletin 23-03)

**Sat, 13 May 23 – Memorial Service for CW5 (Ret) Glen E Crowell**, 1400 at St John's Episcopal Church in Vernon CT. With full Military Honors.

**Fri, 19 May 23 – Armed Forces Day Luncheon**: 1100 at Aqua Turf Club, Southington.

More Information at: <https://ct.ng.mil/About/Events/Armed-Forces-Day-Luncheon/> or

<https://www.facebook.com/CTArmedForcesDay> (SFC Blake 17 Jan email) **(Flyers @ 23-06)**

The Connecticut Armed Forces Day committee is pleased to announce our guest speaker for the 2023 luncheon is the Director of the Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Michael A. Loh.

**Thu, 25 May 23 - Retiree Breakfast**: 0900 at Pop's Family Restaurant, 134 Old Gate Lane, Milford.

**Thu, 29 Jun 23 - Retiree Breakfast**: 0900 at the Hangry Goose, 11 Halls Rd, Old Lyme.

**Sat, 8 Jul 23 – 192 Engineer Bn Formal Military Ball**, Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa. Flyer @ 23-05

**Mon, 17 Jul 23 – CT National Guard Foundation 2023 Charity Golf Outing**, Chippanee Country Club, Bristol. (Save the Date flyer @ 23-04)

**Thu, 27 Jul 23 – Retiree Breakfast**: 0900 at Athenian Diner, 864 Washington St, Middletown.

**Thu, 24 Aug 23 – Retiree Picnic** at Camp Nett at Niantic. Retiree briefings 1030, meal 1200. Flyer to follow.

**Thu, 24 Aug 23 – 242d Engr Bn Association summer meeting**. 1130 at Camp Nett at Niantic

**Thu, 31 Aug 23 - Retiree Breakfast**: 0900 at Pop's Family Restaurant, 134 Old Gate Lane, Milford.

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