
 RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE



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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Call 801.777.5735 to register

Bowling for Fun Group

June 3, 10, 17, 14 - every Tuesday, 1330, Base Bowling Center

419th Anniversary Diamond Back Golf Tournament

June 5, Thursday, 1400, Hubbard Golf Course, Hill AFB
Teams/individuals, RSVP to shadstromberg1@us.af.mil or matthew.elliott.18.us.af.mil

Sunday, June 8 - open to 419thFW alumni, current members/families:

5K Fun Run, 0900 - across from Hill AFB Warrior Fitness Center

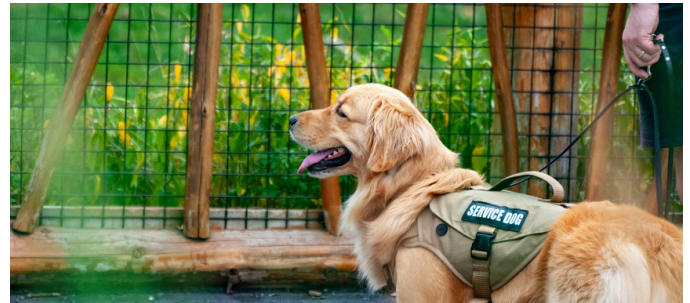
Family Day/Anniversary Celebration, 1100 - 1400, Centennial Park, Hill AFB

New! Unsung Heroes Book Discussion Group - June 12
Every month, 2nd Tuesday, 1300, Bldg. 430, Room 134
Book: "The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagones. *Please join us!*

Build Your Binder - Friday, June 13, 1030

Make it easy for your spouse/executor to know who to contact & steps to take by organizing all your important documents & information in one place.

BENEFITS BRIEFING



Canine Companions for Veterans

by Dan Rutledge

You may have noticed someone going about their day with the assistance of a certified service dog. Such dogs assist folks with a disability that may not be readily apparent to an observer. However, without such a dog, life is more difficult for people with hearing loss, PTSD, or mobility impairment.

One such organization provides certified service dogs at no charge. Canine Companions is a national organization that leads the service dog industry in providing such dogs to enable their clients to live with greater independence.

They provide service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings. Since their founding in 1975, they have provided dogs and all follow-up services at no cost to their qualified clients.

If a certified service dog can enhance your independence or benefit a family member, contact Canine Companions at canine.org or call 1-800-572-BARK (2275).

Antelope Island Utah State Park

Utah has 46 parks and miles and miles of BLM land. How many times have you said to yourself, 'I am going to see more of the Utah state parks this year'?

Well, that time is now! Antelope Island State Park, the biggest island in the Great Salt Lake and a beautiful little state park surrounded by white



beaches and wetlands, is only 17 miles from Hill AFB and just minutes from your home.

Antelope Island hosts a user-friendly [website](#) that includes information, maps, and event calendars. The historical information is a great read and helps you understand more about Utah and the local area.

On Antelope Island you can hike several trails, go boating, camp in two well-appointed campgrounds, horseback ride on designated trails, and learn from interactive exhibits in the museum at the Visitor's Center, as well as the Fielding Garr Ranch Museum/Exhibit.

Be sure to check out the annual Bison Round-up dates, Black Sky events, and educational classes that Antelope Island offers. It is a short trip well worth your time!

Department of Workforce Services

How can the DWS help veterans and, in some cases, spouses?

Are you ready to get back into the job market or build your own small business? The Department of Workforce Services can help you with both of those scenarios.

If you own a business the DWS has programs to help you find employees, provide trainings and can lead you to grants, incentives and tax credits. There are 30 employment centers across Utah - here is a [link](#) for more information.

Historical Corner

by Sam Stubbs



The AMC M422/M422A1 Mighty Mite, weighing in at 1700 pounds, was 750 pounds lighter than the World War II Willy's Jeep!

After World War II, the Marines wanted an air droppable jeep, or one that could

be carried by a CH-37 helicopter. In 1959, AMC designed the M422 with an aluminum body and air-cooled 55HP V4 engine that, to-date, is still the lightest U.S. military truck ever made.

It boasted fully independent suspension, inboard brakes and could carry up to six troops or 850 pounds. At \$5,000 a pop they were not cheap, and the advent of turbine powered helicopters led to the early demise of the scrappy M422 and less than 4,000 were produced by 1962.

Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan

Understanding RCSBP: Protecting Your Loved Ones

The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) provides monthly income to survivors of retired military members when retired pay ends. For reservists, the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) offers similar protection, with differences in eligibility, cost, and coverage to reflect reserve service.

When to Enroll:

Once you receive your 20-year letter (Notification of Eligibility/NOE), you have 90 days to elect RCSBP coverage—regardless of age, health, or current military status. Even if you don't plan to retire yet, you must act within this window.

Spousal Consent Required if you:

- Decline coverage
- Choose children-only coverage
- Elect less than full (55%) coverage

Your Election Is Final

Your RCSBP choice is irrevocable unless you have a qualifying life event. If you don't submit a valid election, the law will assign one:

- No Dependents: Option A
- With Beneficiaries: Option C (Spouse Only cost applies)

RCSBP Options at a Glance:

- **Option A – Defer**
- Decide at age 60. No premiums now. No coverage if you die before 60.
- **Option B – Deferred Annuity**
- Coverage starts now, but benefits begin only at age 60.
- **Option C – Immediate Annuity**
- Coverage and payments begin immediately after death.

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On *Saturday, September 20*, we are excited to be hosting the **Retiree Appreciation Day**. **Save the date!**

Call us! We have lots of information & can help you locate service providers in several arenas. Consider joining our team!

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