

RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE



ON THE RADAR



7437 6th St., Bldg. 430, Room 134, Hill AFB, UT 84056 | 801.777.5735 | hillrao@gmail.com

JUNE AND JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please call 801.777.5735 to register for classes and activities. Space is limited:

VA Face to Face Benefits Briefing - June 3 & July 8, Wednesday, 1100

Offered by Veterans Service Officer, Audie Valdez

Build a Binder Class - June 8 & July 6, Wednesday, 1100

Make things easier for your loved ones by keeping your important info in one place. Join us at the Retiree Activities Office, Bldg. 430, room 134.

Social Security 101 - June 17 & July 15, Wednesday, 1100

Join with this link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2157433743374497560?p=Otg1IETFj7cO8FhltJ>, Meeting ID: 215 743 374 497 560, passcode: 3zz95k5n

Medicare 101 - June 24 & July 22, Wednesday, 1100

Learn how Medicare works with Tricare for Life (for veterans & spouses). Join with this link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24984244434191?p=kl17ehchDUjD3jg5e4>, Meeting ID: 249 842 444 341 91, Passcode: qA6QY3wu



Follow 75th Marketing on Facebook for more base events: <https://www.facebook.com/HillFSS>



Did You Serve in Korea?

A new job platform for all veterans who served a tour of duty in Korea is now online with thousands of job opening throughout the U.S. If you served in Korea, whether retired or still on active duty, either PCS or TDY, you can receive hiring priority for jobs with Korean companies operating in the U.S. For more information visit <https://www.usfkjobs.com/US/Main/app/L/Main.asp>



www.usfkjobs.com
Scan the QR code ▶

Volunteer Spotlight

Retiree Activities Offices around the world are staffed entirely by volunteers, and Hill Air Force Base is fortunate to have some truly exceptional individuals serving our military retiree community. We would like to spotlight *Sharon Dominguez* and *Marliss Scott* for their outstanding contributions.

Sharon Dominguez, the surviving spouse of a retired military member, has been an office volunteer for five years. She provides exceptional customer service, whether answering questions in person or on the phone, assisting visitors at the KIOSK, or conducting outreach at the Medical Clinic Pharmacy and Base Exchange. Sharon takes time to educate retirees about their benefits and connect them with additional resources and services. Her dedication, compassion, and willingness to help continue to make a lasting impact throughout the military community. Many retirees fondly refer to her as “that nice lady.”

Marliss Scott works tirelessly behind-the-scenes and has played a major role in improving communication with retirees across Utah. She took the initiative to completely revamp the *Retiree Activities Office* newsletter, including creating its name, On the Radar, and redesigning the layout and format into the polished, professional monthly publication it is today. Her creativity and commitment have greatly enhanced the office’s ability to share important information and stay connected with the retiree community. Marliss is the wife of MSgt David B. Scott, U.S. Marine (ret.)



Newsorthy

- Celebrate **America 250** Utah style! Visit <https://america250.utah.gov> for more info on the semiquincentennial events throughout Utah.
- The June Hill AFB Air Show, Warriors Over the Wasatch, has been cancelled due to current events.

BENEFITS

Think Medicare and Tricare for Life Cover Long Term Assisted Living? Think Again!

What is long-term care? According to the Department of Aging, long-term care involves a variety of services to meet a persons health or personal care needs when they can no longer perform everyday activities on their own.

Here's an overview from the National Institute on Aging of long-term care planning, services and costs, as well as other resources: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/long-term-care/what-long-term-care>

Consider what you may need, and organize your research so you'll be ready when open season arrives.

Below are two notes from Medicare and TFL websites regarding long-term care coverage:

- Medicare *“does not provide long-term care coverage or custodial care unless medical care is needed.”*
- Assisted Living Facility Care: *“Tricare doesn't cover assisted living facility care or routine personal care associated with assisted living.”*
- If you are a 70% VA disabled veteran you and your spouse are eligible to live in Veterans Homes for free.



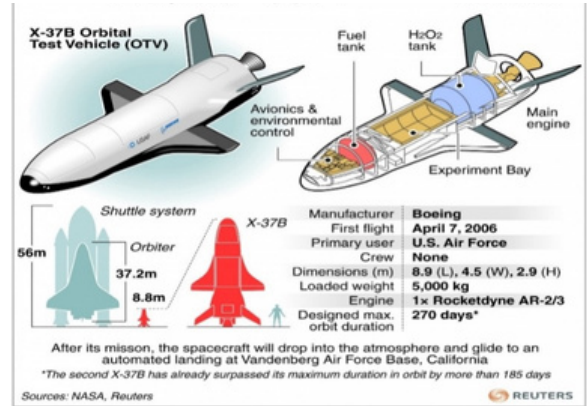
Overlooked & Underutilized Veterans Benefits

You may be unaware of the full range of benefits veterans have access to. The following resources can significantly improve quality of life and financial stability:

- **VA Caregiver Support Program** - free training, mental health counseling, dedicated support line for family caregivers. For more info visit: <https://www.caregiver.va.gov>
- **VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)** - low cost dental coverage, partnering with insurers like Delta Dental and Metlife. Save hundreds annually on cleanings, fillings, dentures, etc.
- **Free Legal Assistance** - free or low cost help at VA Medical Centers or nonprofit legal clinics.
- **Burial and Memorial Benefits** - eligible vets can be buried in a VA national cemetery at no cost.
- **VA Home Financing & Discounted Properties** - VA home loan program offers zero down , no PMI and lower interest rates.

We'll share more benefits in the August newsletter!

HISTORICAL CORNER



The Mysterious Space Force X-37B (OTV-7)

by Sam Stubbs

The U.S. Space Force, established December 2019, is still babe-in-the-woods compared to sister services - but it's got cool toys: weather, recon and comms satellites, rockets, and the almost-cute X-37B. This 1/4-scale, unmanned spaceplane quietly orbits for years on classified missions - testing propulsion technologies, materials; and perhaps actively spying on other nations' space programs?

Mission USA-299 launched May 2020, lasted 908 days, and landed 2.5 years later in November 2022. Solar power sustains its ultra-long flights.

When it returns to terra firma it's to Vandenberg AFB, Edwards AFB (both in California), or Kennedy Space Center, Florida. California landings see the spacecraft canistered and flown by C-17 back to Kennedy Space Center for inspection and prepping for the next mission. *Semper Supra Space Force!*

Year/# Built: 2010, two built (Boeing Phantom Works)

Length: 29'3"; **Wingspan:** 14'11"

Top Speed: Orbit 17,426 mph, initial re-entry Mach 24 - 18,414 mph

Weapons: none that we know of

Crew: none (preposed X-37C could carry six personnel)

Payload Bay: 7' x 4', 500 lb. capacity

FROM RAO HQ

Retirement Activities Director/Newsletter editor:

Christine Monroe

RAO volunteers: Dan Rutledge, Sam Stubbs, Jennifer Stubbs, Marliss Scott, Anne Hunsinger, Sandra Hubbard, Ron Hubbard, Barbara Godsey, Sharon Dominguez, Ebbie Russett, Ron Russett, Matthew Monroe-Jimenez, Ed Anderson, Debra Harlan, Kendell Hoyer, Stacy Lacey

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 1000 - 1400

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT, IMPLIED OR OTHERWISE, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENTS.