

# SEPARATION/RETIREMENT

Air National Guard members serving in accordance with **Title 32**, U.S.C. who achieve retirement or separation eligibility **without serving 180 days or more of continuous active duty** (Title 10, U.S.C.) may voluntarily attend TAP but are not required nor will a DD eForm 2648 be completed. TAP services may be made available to members as resources and capacity allow and are subject to the discretion of the responsible commander at the nearest active duty installation. Service member may avail themselves of the “virtual” curriculum at any time.

\*NOTE: If a service member wants to attend TAP in-person after unit approval, they need to contact Robyn Leeper, 174<sup>th</sup> ATKW - MFRPM at (315) 233-2577 or [robyn.leeper.4@us.af.mil](mailto:robyn.leeper.4@us.af.mil) for coordination and class scheduling.

**TAP Online** Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides information, tools and training to ensure Service members, their spouses and/or caregivers are prepared for the next step in civilian life. <https://www.tapevents.mil/courses>

## **Roadmap/Timeline**

<https://www.afpc.af.mil/Portals/70/documents/TRANSITION%20ASSISTANCE/Transition%20Assistance%20Program%20Roadmap%20Rvsd%202-28.pdf>

## **BENEFITS**

**How to register for** [https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/EBN\\_Brochure.pdf](https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/EBN_Brochure.pdf)

**NYS Division of Veterans’ Services** – to learn more about the benefits and services you may be eligible for.

<https://veterans.ny.gov>

<https://nyassembly.gov/write/upload/req/veterans.pdf>

## **Military Service & Social Security**

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf>

## **New York Military and Veterans Benefits**

<https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil/>

## **Air National Guard & Air Force Reserve, United States (U.S.) Flag, Retirement Certificates and Award Elements -**

Upon retirement, Airmen are entitled to receive a United States (U.S.) Flag, Retirement Certificate, Spouse Certificate of Appreciation (if applicable), Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, Presidential Letter (if eligible), and Retirement Lapel Pin.

<https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1266876/air-national-guard-air-force-reserve-united-states-us-flag-retirement-certifica/>

## **VA Summary of VA Benefits**

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/benefits-summary/SummaryofVANationalGuardandReserve.pdf>

START <https://www.va.gov/>

HEALTH CARE <https://www.va.gov/syracuse-health-care/>

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/Applying.asp>

RESOURCES <https://news.va.gov/vetresources/>

**VA Benefits Advisors** are available to provide One-On-One assistance to help you understand how to navigate VA and the benefits and services you’ve earned through your military career.

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Veterans Benefits Administration 315-772-3172 (office) 571-461-8642 (cell) <a href="mailto:Joseph.reinsburrow@vatap.calibresys.com">Joseph.reinsburrow@vatap.calibresys.com</a>	Veterans Benefits Administration 571-461-8719 (cell) <a href="mailto:Tanya.quintanilla@vatap.calibresys.com">Tanya.quintanilla@vatap.calibresys.com</a>
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**VSO Veteran Service Agency** - provides entitlement information and advocacy assistance to military personnel, military veterans, and to their dependents in matters relating to veteran's law.

State VSO NY locator <https://veterans.ny.gov/office-locations>

County VSO locator [Office Locations | New York State Department of Veterans' Services \(ny.gov\)](#)

Nation wide locator

<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits>

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vso-search>

<https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>

<https://veterans.ny.gov/claims-assistance>

### **New York State Department of Veterans' Services - VSO:**

Corliss Dennis (315) 428-4046 <a href="mailto:corliss.dennis2@veterans.ny.gov">corliss.dennis2@veterans.ny.gov</a> 333 East Washington Ave, Suite 430 Syracuse, NY 13202 fax: (315) 428-4047	Darius Talandis (315) 728-4210 <a href="mailto:Darius.talandix@veterans.ny.gov">Darius.talandix@veterans.ny.gov</a> 333 E Washington St. Rm 430, Syracuse NY 13202
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### **County Veterans' Services - VSO:**

Onondaga County (315) 435-3219 421 Montgomery St., 10 <sup>th</sup> flr Syracuse, NY 13202	Wayne County (315) 946-5993 7376 Rte 31, Ste 1300 Lyons, NY 14489
Southern Oneida County	Northern Oneida

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(315) 798-5624 <a href="mailto:veterans@ocgov.net">veterans@ocgov.net</a> Oneida County Office Building 800 Park Avenue Utica, New York 13501	Joe Perrone (315) 336-4270 (315) 798-5831 125 Brookley Rd. Rome, NY 13440
Cayuga County (315) 253-1281 95 Genesee St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> flr Auburn, NY 13021	

### **MOS**

**Relocations - Plan my Move** creates a custom checklist for your move, filled with information about the tasks you need to complete and how to complete them. Your checklist is tailored to the unique needs that you or your family have. You can save, download and print your list to update during your moving process and use for future moves. <https://planmymove.militaryonesource.mil/>

### **Transition Assistance Programs & Resources**

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/transition-retirement/separation/transition-assistance-programs-and-resources/>

### **About the Reserve Component Transition Assistance Advisor Program**

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/transition-retirement/national-guard-reserves/about-the-reserve-component-transition-assistance-program/>

### **Benefits Guide for National Guard and Family Members**

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/national-guard/national-guard-family-program/benefits-guide/>

### **Veterans Affairs Benefits for National Guard and Reserve Members**

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/transition-retirement/national-guard-reserves/veterans-affairs-benefits-for-national-guard-and-reserve-members/>

**Financial Readiness** – discover helpful tips, know your benefits, manage your money, investing, planning for the future, consumer protections, and tools. <https://finred.usalearning.gov/>

**TSP Options at Separation** <https://finred.usalearning.gov/Saving/TSPOptions>

**Financial Retirement Checklist** <https://finred.usalearning.gov/Planning/GetRetirementReadyChecklist>

**Estate Planning** <https://finred.usalearning.gov/Planning#Estate-Planning>

**Blended Retirement System** <https://militarypay.defense.gov/BlendedRetirement/>

**Legal** 174<sup>th</sup> Staff Judge Advocate can provide legal assistance, advise, and referral for most of your legal needs. A Power of Attorney (POA) or wills lets another person sign documents, or act on your behalf for legal agreements. <https://www.military.com/benefits/military-legal-matters/power-of-attorney.html>



**Air Force Legal Assistance Website**

**174 ATKW Legal Office** (Guard Weekends ONLY)

JAG – Maj Rachel Clark, [rachel.clark.8@us.af.mil](mailto:rachel.clark.8@us.af.mil)

Send request for Legal Appoint via [kathryn.erhardt.1@us.af.mil](mailto:kathryn.erhardt.1@us.af.mil)

O: (315) 233-2644

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**224 ADG Legal Office - Rome (Guard Weekends ONLY)**

JAG – Lt Col Kyung Auh, (315) 334-6290 or kyung.auh.1@us.af.mil

JAG – Maj John Fuentes, (315) 334-6164 or john.fuentes.8@us.af.mil

**Fort Drum** (0900-1600 M-F), (315) 772-5261

**Veterans Transition Support** to help transitioning veterans land jobs by transferring military experience into civilian job skills through No Cost civilian certification training, one-on-one career management coaching, and networking to veterans in businesses and veteran friendly employers. We can't do this without you. We need Donations and volunteers to serve.

<https://veteranstransitionsupport.org/>

### **Retirement Application Process**

<https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/>

### **AF Retirees** <https://www.retirees.af.mil/>

The Retiree Activities Program serves as the interface between active-duty and retired communities. Each installation has a Retiree Activities Office (RAO) that is available to provide retirees (all ranks) and surviving spouses with information on matters related to TRICARE, Military ID Cards. For Survivor Benefits and Death Reporting information, please go to the Casualty Matters webpage.

**Survivor Benefits Program** is a DoD sponsored and subsidized program that provides up to 55% of a service member's retired pay to an eligible beneficiary upon the death of the member. Members can purchase coverage upon retirement and reserve component members can elect coverage when they have 20 years of qualifying service for reserve retired pay. <https://militarypay.defense.gov/benefits/survivor-benefit-program/>

**Air Force Retiree Services cannot assist Guard and Reserve members who are not yet receiving retirement pay, or retired Civil Service personnel.** Guard and Reserve Airmen awaiting retirement pay should call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 and select Option 3 or 4 to be connected with the Air Reserve Personnel Center, or visit <https://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/retirement/>. Retired Civil Service personnel can visit <https://www.servicesonline.opm.gov/>.

**Syracuse Serves** Syracuse Serves is here to assist military-connected families. They can assist with assistance, resources, benefits, network providers, news & events, and Contacts.

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/community-services/americanaserves/locations/syracuseserves/>

**Skill Bridge** The DOD SkillBridge program gives service members the chance to gain valuable civilian work experience. It offers specific industry training, apprenticeships or internships during the last 180 days of military service. The program connects service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.

<https://skillbridge.osd.mil/>

### **Insurance**

TRICARE – Retire <https://www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Retiring/GuardReserve>

TRICARE for Life [https://tricare.mil/Publications/Handbooks/tricare\\_for\\_life](https://tricare.mil/Publications/Handbooks/tricare_for_life)

VGLI <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/281>

**Military Medical Records Archive** <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/medical-records.html>