

# Rhode Island National Guard Retirement Updater

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## RINGRA visits the new ANG headquarters building

On March 14<sup>th</sup> the Rhode Island National Guard Retirees Association held our quarterly meeting at the new ANG headquarters building at the Quonset ANG base. We started with coffee in the dining and multifunction room and were invited for a tour of the facility before and after our meeting. COL Charlene Marshall (ANG) welcomed us and BG Thomas Hannon (ATAG ANG) addressed the current state of the Army and Air Guard.

On our tour we visited offices and conference rooms and the new full-service kitchen with the latest equipment to serve about 1,000 meals on weekend drills. The DEFAC has partitions for creating separate areas for meetings and various functions. After the meeting another group was escorted by COL Marshall on the tour.

COL Charline Marshall



BG Thomas Hannon



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# President's Corner



## RED, WHITE and BLUE Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Across our nation, this year, many communities will be celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our independence, our freedom and our rights as provided under our Constitution. You should take an active part, if you can?

We are part of just a few nations in the world that have bragging rights that allow such privileges! Let us not forget, how we got there? It's been 250 years of sacrifices of our forefathers and yes, the battle continues with our current day men and women in our great military.

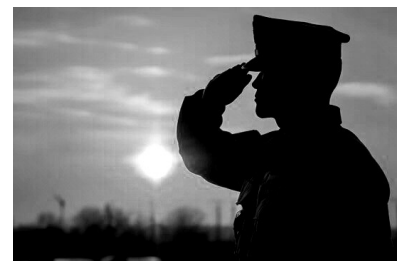
As veterans, short or long term, we should all be very proud in how we served our country and continue to provide these precise ways of day-to-day living. Many have served in foreign countries, far from home and for long durations, many for multiple tours, away from our

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### IN MEMORIAM 2026

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**ID Website**     <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

families and loved ones. Our Retirees Association salute you all, including those who continue to put on the uniform each and every day. We know, as we were once doing the very same job you do. Continue to carry the torch.

Keep up the fine work, continue to make us proud as we will always support you and your families. The R. I. Retirees Association is here to stay.

Happy Birthday, America

# Your ID Card Questions Answered

Here's the latest guidance from the Pentagon

Do you have a Uniformed Services Identification card with an indefinite expiration date? Are you worried you might need to update or replace it?

Recent changes have led to confusion among some cardholders. The following are answers to some frequently asked questions, updated as of December.



[Defense Finance and Accounting Service] newsletter citing a December 31, 2025 deadline, no such cutoff currently exists. Military retirees and beneficiaries are strongly encouraged to update to the Next Generation USID card — a more secure, plastic-based version — at their convenience.”

**Q. How can I be sure I don't miss an updated termination date?**

MOAA will provide updates as we receive them regarding any changes to ID card policy. Officials recommend visiting the ID Card Office Online website and clicking “Continue” under the “My Profile” box, then following the prompts to check (and update, if necessary) your contact information, so you will receive such updates as they are issued.

**Q. What else should I know?**

MOAA received assurance from the Defense Health Agency that legacy cards will remain valid for health care purposes. If you have no intention of going on a military installation or using military ID for anything other than health care, then you may not need a replacement. However, MOAA encourages those with legacy cards to get the updated version. IIII

— By MOAA Staff

**Q. I have an older, paper-based, indefinite (INDEF) identification card. Do I need to renew/replace it?**

No. Per official guidance, these cards “will all remain valid until DoD determines when those legacy paper-based cards will be terminated.”

**Q. Should I renew/replace it anyway?**

Cardholders may replace the legacy card with a plastic-based card “at their convenience,” per official guidance. Doing so in advance of any expiration announcement might be a smoother process, although officials say any termination of the older cards will

be announced “well in advance of the actual termination date.”

**Q. How do I renew/replace it?**

Cardholders have two options:  
• Online: Go to the ID Card Office Online website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil>) and click “Continue” under the “Family ID Cards” box. Follow the prompts. The card recipient must have a photo saved in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System taken in the past 12 years.  
• In Person: Go to the same website and click “Continue” under the “ID Card Office Locator & Appointments” box. Follow the prompts to set up an in-person appointment. You may renew/replace your card at

any of the offices listed; consider widening the search area for more options.

**Q. What if I have questions about the renewal/replacement process?**

Visit [www.cac.mil](http://www.cac.mil) for more information, or call the Defense Manpower Data Center at (800) 538-9552.

**Q. I heard the deadline to get a plastic card was Dec. 31, 2025. Now what?**

As one Army webpage explains, “The Department of Defense (DoD) has not set a termination date for legacy paper-based Uniformed Services ID (USID) cards with ‘INDEF’ (indefinite) expiration dates. Despite earlier reports, including a now-corrected



**LEARN MORE**

When the only constant is change, you can depend on MOAA. Contact our experts for additional information at [www.moaa.org/asktheexperts](http://www.moaa.org/asktheexperts). For details on other types of ID cards, including eligibility and renewal guidelines, visit [www.moaa.org/id-cards](http://www.moaa.org/id-cards).

# Looking Back



Someone needs a haircut!



Major General Leonard Holland, Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard, administers oaths to the first and second black female members of the Rhode Island Army National Guard and the wife of the first husband-wife team in the Rhode Island Army National Guard. Shown with General Holland are, left to right: SP4 Norman Lincoln, Army National Guard recruiter who is credited with the new enlistments, Barbara Juanita Amado of Providence, Joyce Montague of Providence, Ann Bouley of Providence, and First Lieutenant Joanne McCoy, the Guard's first Army WAC Officer.

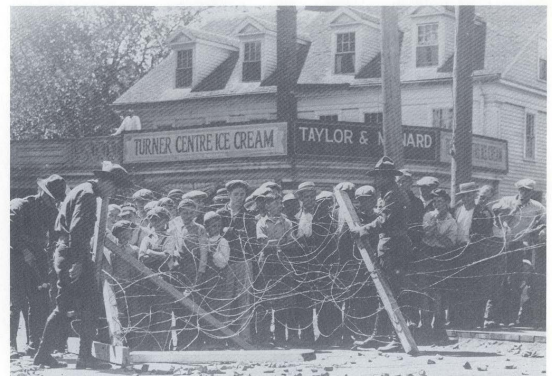


Private First Class Vincent Diapolo of 55 Shore Drive, Johnston, R.I. and Private First Class Dennis Cicchetelli of 54 Robin St., Providence, R.I., are continuing their honeymoons at Camp Drum, N.Y. Both men are married a week before leaving for their annual two weeks active training with the Rhode Island Army National Guard. They and their wives spent a week together in Bermuda before the men joined their military unit, Battery, "A" 2d Battalion, 103d Field Artillery. They return home June 26.



OCS Graduation at Camp Varnum, early 1970s

International Textile Workers strike 1934



National Guardsmen erect barricades at Saylesville in 1934.

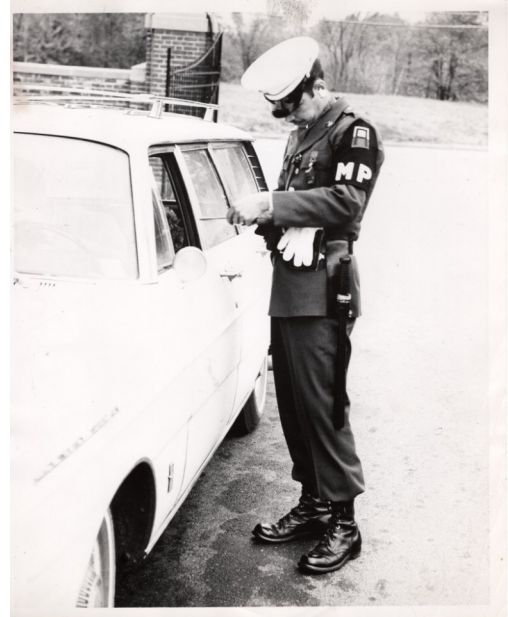


1111th MP company training to use the M113 APC

# Photos courtesy of Jim Loffler



Prior to becoming Troop Command the unit was 6th SF bn 20th Group



169th MP Company on duty at the Seneca Army Depot



LTC Mark Kirkwood and LTC Gerry Tebrow Observing OCS training. Comment by Jim Loffler used in the RTI newsletter

861st Engineers pre-deployment training 2004-2005?



115th MP Company, Fallujah, Iraq 2003-2004




Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, of every month, Veteran’s Eat FREE, at Badger’s Pub  
Location: 530 Broadway, Pawtucket, RI Time: 12PM-8PM

EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> Friday, of every month, Medicine Horse, Silva Spirit Farm, 1600  
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responders. No appointment, drop in from 10:00 to 12:00. Refreshments include  
homemade cookies. More information, (401) 640-  
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Dinner for all veterans and one guest. Macaroni and Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Garlic  
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The purpose and objective of the RING Retirees Association is to provide benefit information to military retirees, to maintain the camaraderie of the military, and to offer services to fellow members as the need arises.

**NEW MEMBER** (dues free your first year if you sign up for a total of 3 years for \$10)

**RENEWAL**    \$5 - 1 yr.    \$10—2 yrs.    \$15—3 yrs.    \$20—4 yrs.    \$25—5 yrs.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + Four \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Years in the RI National Guard \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years in other branch (Army, USAF, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years Service \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Assigned to at Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Second Address for December & March issues  OR June & September issues  (Check One):

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**MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Check One)**

**Active Member**

Any individual who has served at least six (6) years in the Rhode island national Guard and has completed twenty (20) years or more total military service and retired with an honorable discharge is eligible for membership with voting rights. The privilege of voting is extended to members who are currently paid annual members or honorary life members.

**Associate Member**

Anyone who is former military with an honorable discharge, or a current member of the military, or the spouse of a former or current member is eligible to become an associate member. The privilege of voting is not extended to these individuals. They may participate on committees and activities of the organization, provided their dues are paid through the current membership year (1 October through 30 September).

**Exception: Associate military retired members who provided exceptional support to the organization for three or more years may be granted full membership with voting rights by the members during a quarterly meeting.**

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**June meeting is at the Varnum Armory 6 Main St  
East Greenwich , RI 02818**

**Quarterly Meetings SAT, 0900 hours**

**13 June 2026 at**

**12 September 2026**

**Executive Board Meeting WED, 1800 hours**

**8 July 2026**

**12 August 2026**

**THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST ISSUE!**

If the last two numbers on your mailing label are 25 (or lower), then this WILL be your last issue. It means your membership has expired. Renew with the form on page 7 and mail it with your check by November 2025.

In the example below, the first set of numbers (937) is the membership number; the letter (P) is the type of membership (P = Active and A = Associate); and the last two numbers (25) indicate the year your dues are up for renewal.

If you have not joined or you are due for renewal, please fill in the form on page 7 and mail it with your check. Your membership card will be mailed to you. If you have already joined, thanks for your support and pass the application form on to someone else who has not yet joined. **If you move, PLEASE LET US KNOW.** Because this newsletter is mailed Fourth Class, the Post Office will not forward it to your new address.

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