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A packed Bliss Hall was the site of the annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 8. Retirees and family members were able to learn about services and programs important to them during the day-long event.

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Once a servicemember, always a servicemember was the message

for the 2016 Carlisle Barracks Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 8.

More than 800 retirees and family members came out for the annual event that provides retirees from all services an opportunity to learn about the latest in TRICARE, get their yearly flu shot, meet with representatives from the legal office and more. It was the largest turnout in RAD history.

The key note speaker for the event was Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp, Army War College Commandant, who provided an update on the Army’s priorities, current initiatives and answered questions from the audience.

“This is one of my favorite events each year,” said retired Army Master Sgt. Bill Jones, who was here for the eighth consecutive year. “The post really does an outstanding job at bringing everything together in one place for us.”

One of the highlights were the TRICARE briefings held in Bliss Hall and Reynolds Theater, one for those under 65 and one for those over 65. Tailored information was provided at each.

“With all of the changes that seem to come out every day with TRICARE, it’s great to be able to sit down and

talk with someone face-to-face and get answers,” said retired Army major colonel James Wright, a veteran of Korea.

Attendees also heard update from the Carlisle Barracks Retiree Council, the Exchange and Commissary and Veterans Affairs.

“This was a great event and I can’t wait until next year,” said Jones.

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