

Retirees receive updates on Army, medical, dental programs

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Maj. Gen. John Kem, Army War College Commandant, welcomes the nearly 1,000 retirees and family members who attended this year's event.

Nearly 1,000 military retirees, their families and those who will retire soon spent a few hours at Carlisle Barracks Oct. 6 as part of the annual Retiree Appreciation Day here.

As part of the Army's commitment to Soldiers and their families, Carlisle Barracks hosts an event each year that provides update on new Army programs, TRICARE updates, an opportunity to get a flu shot and more.

"This entire day is a small way to thank you for your service," said Maj. Gen. John Kem, Army War College Commandant, during his keynote address. During his remarks he shared an update on multiple initiatives at Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College and addressed the future of the Army and some of the challenges facing the total force.

"I have been attending the event for the past five years, said retired Army Staff Sgt. James Wilson, who attended the event. "It runs like a well-oil

machine (smooth) each time I gain new information and updates. I am very grateful for this annual event and appreciate all efforts that makes it such a success. I thank all the Carlisle Barracks staff and the retiree council-they truly keep us connected.”

Other highlights of the event were TRICARE for Life updates, an update on legal services available here, an information session on the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program and a table where Vietnam-era veterans were able to obtain a pin recognizing their service as the Army celebrates the 50th anniversary of the conflict. This Lapel Pin commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Only those who served on active duty in the US Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 are authorized to receive this Lapel Pin.