

# ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME – WASHINGTON

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Monday, May 11 – Sunday, May 17, 2026

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### ADMINISTRATION UPDATES AND NEWS

We are honored to welcome two Pensioners from the **Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC)**, visiting AFRH-W from May 9–16. Their stay is part of our ongoing exchange with RHC, after they hosted two AFRH residents during last year's Founders Day events in London. Both guests will hold Honorary Resident status for the week, with full access to resident privileges. Please extend to them the warmth, respect, and camaraderie that define our campus!

**Thursday, May 14:** Join us in the Scott Theater at 1100 to learn about our upcoming shift from the shuttle bus model to a more personalized, Uber-style medical transportation service. Come learn what's ahead and how this change will make getting to the DCVA, Walter Reed and MedStar more tailored to your appointment times.

### HEALTHCARE SERVICES

**Chat with the Chief:** Join us on Wednesday, May 13, at 1500 in the Theatre for this month's session. The featured topic, "*Salute Your Scripts: War on Expired Medications.*" We will discuss how to identify, store, and safely dispose of expired or unused medications.

**Spring Cleaning:** If you need equipment repairs or replacements, such as a new wheelchair cushion, rollator adjustments, brake repairs, or assistance with any mobility concerns, please notify Ms. Shaconya Kendrick so appropriate arrangements can be made. As the weather warms and residents spend more time outdoors, it's important to ensure your equipment is in safe, working condition. If you are interested in being evaluated for a new electric wheelchair or determining eligibility, you are encouraged to contact Ms. Kendrick. Limited openings are available for the upcoming wheelchair clinic on Thursday, May 14.

### RESIDENT SERVICES

On behalf of AFRH-W, we would like to extend a heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures within our community. Thank you for the love, guidance, and kindness you continue to share, helping shape our community into the special place it is today. We hope your day is filled with happiness and the comfort of those who care about you most. **Happy Mother's Day!**

**Friendly Reminder:** The Kiosk located by AAFES is a shared resource for all residents, and we ask everyone to help maintain a respectful and trustworthy environment. Please remember to pay for all items and encourage others to do the same. If your items did not register during your purchase, kindly return them to the shelf and contact the customer service number provided on the machine. Thank you for your understanding and for helping care for our community.

**Military ID Renewal:** Residents are reminded to ensure their military identification cards are renewed upon reaching age 65. If you are approaching or have reached this age, please complete this process as soon as possible to keep your records current and to avoid any disruption in services. Residents are responsible for completing their ID renewal. Your Social Worker and Ombudsman can assist with scheduling appointments; however, residents must follow through with the renewal process.

### BUSINESS OFFICE

**Federal Tax Refund:** The IRS offers an online tool to help you track the status of your refund. Please note that the IRS no longer issues paper refund checks as of 2025. Taxpayers who file electronically typically receive their refunds within 21 days, while mailed returns may take four weeks or longer. Instead of repeatedly checking your bank account, you can use the "Where's

My Refund?" tool at IRS.gov or the IRS2Go app for updates. To call by phone, you can use the IRS Automated Hotlines: Refunds: (800) 829-1954, Amended Returns: (866) 464-2050.

For assistance, please visit the Business Center located in the Scott Building, Room 1067.

### CHAPLAINS OFFICE

**Protestant Services:** Pastor Floyd will be out of the office from 5/12-5/15. Dr. Tonya Miller will be available in his absence. Bible Study is held in the Meditation Room on Tuesdays at 1500, and Church services take place in the Scott Theater on Sundays at 0900. Residents interested in supporting the Protestant community or assisting with stewardship efforts are encouraged to get involved.

**Catholic Services:** Daily Mass is offered Monday through Thursday at 0900, and Adoration on Wednesdays from 1500 – 1400. Residents interested in supporting the Catholic community or assisting with stewardship efforts are encouraged to get involved. For further information or inquiries, please contact Father Bump.

### OMBUDSMAN

The Veterans Affairs (VA) Claims Representative will be available at on Monday, May 11 from 1030 – 1300 in the Scott Building, Long-Term Care, South House Den (Room 2083). Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to consult with the representative regarding VA claims and to receive expert guidance on the benefits process. For additional information, please contact Mr. Dion Dupree.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Enjoy good food, and an afternoon of community at the Memorial Day Cookout on Friday, May 15 at 1300 in the Scott Community Center.

