



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FROM: Chief Executive Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home

SUBJECT: Retirement Living Benefit for Eligible Members of the National Guard

I write to inform you of an outstanding retirement benefit available to veterans of the National Guard who spent the majority of their service in the enlisted ranks.

The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) welcomes applications for residency from National Guard veterans who:

- Have a service-connected disability (generally 50% or greater), or
- Served in a war theater and are now suffering from disease, injuries or disability

I am also pleased to report that AFRH is working on a pathway to enable career-retired Reserve and National Guard enlisted members to be eligible for residency, which I hope will be included in this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

This is a wonderful opportunity for eligible veterans who are seeking an affordable retirement community. Independent living fees for 2019 are 46.7% of the veteran's gross monthly income, or \$1,990 – whichever is less.

AFRH is a national treasure providing a high quality of life for enlisted retirees at two beautiful campuses in Washington, D.C. and Gulfport, Mississippi. For one all-inclusive monthly fee, AFRH residents enjoy on-site medical, dental, and vision care; private rooms with bathrooms; all meals in modern dining facilities; and a long list of activities and amenities focused on health and well-being. For those accepted into independent living, AFRH provides peace of mind by offering higher levels of care including assisted living, long-term care, and memory support as they age.

The scenic and historic 200+ acre Washington, D.C. campus is minutes from downtown and everything our Nation's capital has to offer: museums, parks, and a host of entertainment, sports, and cultural attractions. On-campus amenities include a nine-hole golf course and driving range, walking paths, stocked fishing ponds, and modern recreation facilities.

The 40-acre beachside Gulfport, Mississippi campus offers beautiful views of the Gulf of Mexico, an outdoor swimming pool, walking path to the beach, and easy access to entertainment and recreation in Gulfport and Biloxi.

I encourage you to make National Guard members under your command aware of this valuable benefit and to visit an AFRH campus when you have the opportunity. More information about AFRH is available at [www.afrh.gov](http://www.afrh.gov).

Sincerely,

Very Respectfully



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