



## Retiree Activities Office

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## MISAWA RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

**This is third newsletter for American Military Retiree Widows. Our office is here to help with all benefit problems. Please call 0176-77-4428 or 0176-66-7090, Joe Roginski (Japanese speaker) for assistance.**

**Are you having problems with receiving your survivor's money? Did your survivor's money stop? Government sends surveys to retirees and widows. Surveys must be returned to government or your money will stop. Please let us help you with survey questions.**

**Are you receiving American Social Security money? You can receive this money. There is no need to have lived in United States to receive this money. Our office can start social security paperwork for you.**

**Are you paying American income tax on your American benefit money? You may not need to pay American tax on your American benefit money if you are Japanese citizen. Please come to our office to stop these tax payments.**



**If you have problems with your benefits and you may come to Misawa for our assistance, please bring all husbands paperwork. We will need to see paperwork to help you with benefit problems. It is very important to save all husbands paperwork. Do not throw away any paperwork.**

**If you drive to Misawa in your car you may get base decal/sticker for your car. With this sticker you can drive on base with your car. Go to Pass and ID, in building 653, with your car paperwork (title and insurance) they will give you sticker. If you drive to Misawa in friend's car you cannot get pass for friend's car. You must park friend's car at main gate and take taxi on base.**

**On January 12, 2009, Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) became mandatory by Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This new online system is part of [Visa Waiver Program](#) (VWP) and all nationals or citizens of VWP countries (Japan) who plan to travel to United States for 90 days or less for temporary business or pleasure under VWP will need to receive an electronic travel authorization prior to boarding U.S.-bound airplane or cruise ship.**

**On 1 April Misawa Base telephone numbers will change. Please see new numbers from off base. Our office will change to 0176-77-4428 and credit union will change to 0176-66-7090.**

**In April 2009, American military bases will begin new ID checks at base gates. Gate guards will scan ID cards to permit you on base. You must come to Pass and ID Section, building 653, to register your ID card. Please come to our office for assistance. If you do not register, after May 2009 you must have two picture IDs to get on base. ID card and passport or driver's license is OK. You must register your ID card every four years.**

**We are very happy many widows have contacted our office. We have helped widows to receive their benefit money and to set up bank accounts at base credit union. Benefit checks are deposited in each account without charge and account debit cards are used to receive yen at any Japanese post office.**

**Last September we celebrated Retiree Appreciation Day and we were happy to see some widows. You are all invited to come to Misawa for Appreciation Day again in September 2009. Dates and times will be mailed to you later this summer. Please come if you can.**

