

Vets' services to be located in Richland Federal Building

The Department of Energy and Fairchild Air Force Base are establishing a combined Veterans Service Center and Military Retiree Activities Office in the Richland Federal Building. The center will provide a point of contact for information and support for veterans, military retirees and their families.

One primary objective of the Veterans Service Center is to assist vets with their benefits by serving as a point of contact with the Veterans Administration, and where appropriate, the military. It will also provide follow-up services directly to veterans, family members and survivors to ensure that benefits and services are received.

The primary objective of the Retiree Activities Office is to help military retirees by serving as a point of contact with the military. It will help retirees, their dependents and survivors get the services and benefits they're entitled to, and will conduct annual seminars for military retirees at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane.

The information available from the Veterans Service Center and Retiree Activities Office includes updates on the following subjects:

- Issues that affect Veterans Administration home loans, educational benefits for vets and family members, VA hospitals and VA compensation
- Medical, dental, prescription and optical benefits information for military retirees and their families
- Casualty assistance to veterans and survivors of military retirees
- Resources available through the military, military-related organizations and community organizations.

The office, in room 138 of the Federal Building, will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays that are not facility closure days or federal holidays. The e-mail address and phone number will be published in the *Reach* when they are activated. ■