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Re: SCR 7 and the Real ID Act

I would like to add my voice to those speaking out in support of a return to the issuing of DoD civilian retiree identification cards to permit civilian retiree access to military installations.

Having recently retired after a 39-year career as an electrical engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, I was surprised to learn that the longstanding practice of issuing civilian retirees identification cards had been terminated, apparently due in part to provisions of the Real ID Act.

While this may seem to be a small thing in the overall scheme of things, like many retirees I plan to spend some of my retirement years traveling the nation and some of that time I had hoped to revisit some of the bases to which I had been sent TDY during my career. There are many Air Force bases in beautiful areas of the country, notably New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and California with excellent recreational facilities such as camping sites and golf courses that would definitely merit a visit as we tour the country.

I have to believe that there are a great many other retirees who feel the same way; we have dedicated our careers to supporting the mission of the Air Force working side by side with our military colleagues as a team. It just feels like maybe our efforts weren't as valued as we had once thought.

Please correct this unfortunate negative consequence of the Real ID Act and let retired DoD civilians know that their careers are appreciated, and they are still part of the team.

Thank you,

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