



“Serving Those Who Have Served”
MILITARY RETIREE E-NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is for retirees of all the United States uniformed services, veterans, and their spouses and survivors. The articles are to inform the reader concerning their benefits and changes that have taken place at the time of the writing. Because of limited space the reader may be directed to the Internet or provided a telephone number for more information.

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Farewell

The NVBC RAO volunteer Director, who happens to be your editor of this newsletter is announcing his ‘retirement’. After 20 years, this April, as a RAO volunteer, 8 years as the volunteer director, newsletter editor and trainer of the RAO he (I) plan to spend more time with spouse, family and other volunteer activities.

I wish to thank all of the many volunteers that have donated their thousands of hours to provide assistance to the some 5,000 military retirees and surviving spouses living in Ventura County.

I would also be remiss if I did not extend my appreciation to the past and current Fleet and Family Support Center team members and the numerous Skippers who have supported the RAO.

Again, thank you all. I am staying in the area and hope to see many of you in the future.

Edward Pagliassotti

NBVC RAO Temporary Support

A new NBVC RAO Director search is underway. In the meantime, a number of FFSC team members are being trained to provide support to the retired community. If you or someone you know needs help in acquiring military benefits or reporting the death of a military retiree, please call the NBVC FFSC Front Desk at (805) 982-5037 to schedule an appointment.

NBVC RAO Temporary Support

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Please leave a message with contact information and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

NBVC ‘RAO’ Office Still Needs Volunteers in order to re-open

The NBVC RAO has a plan to re-open Spring of 2022. However, your NBVC RAO needs volunteers in order to open. If you or someone you know would like to become a RAO volunteer representative, know that: *A volunteer must have basic to intermediate computer skills. As always, volunteer reps must have the desire to help others. Rest assured you will be trained until you are comfortable with the tasks. An enhanced health protection program for both clients and reps has been established and will be provided. Again, if you would like to participate or have questions/concerns about participating please email Krista Booth, FFSC Work & Family Life Supervisor at krista.booth@navy.mil.*

How to Request Military Funeral Honors

Often after a military retiree has passed, and funeral arrangements have been scheduled, the family realizes they would like to have military funeral honors at the event. While every effort will be made to meet the request, it is a better plan to have prepared.

How to Request Military Funeral Honors

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the paper work in advance. Here is how: Click on [Request Funeral Honors \(navy.mil\)](https://www.navy.mil/om/base_support/command_and_staff/funeral-honors/u-s--navy-regions.html) or cut and paste: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/om/base_support/command_and_staff/funeral-honors/u-s--navy-regions.html

A copy of FUNERAL HONORS REQUEST CNIC 1770/1 (02-2017) should be in the military retiree's 'Read Me' folder. *(What you say, we don't have a 'Read Me' folder. Well, read the blurb above "NBVC RAO Temporary Support" and request one.)*

The phone number to request or to seek more information for the Southwest Region (Calif, Nevada, NM Colorado and Utah) is 1-800-326-9631.

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Thoughts

It's tax season and that means you are probably gathering important documents and combing through paperwork. While you have those important documents handy, it's a good time to make sure your loved ones know about your SBP coverage.

You have chosen to provide an income to your family by electing to participate in SBP, which will pay your SBP beneficiary a monthly annuity.

Now is a good time to make sure that your family knows what the Survivor Benefit Plan is and what they will need to do to start their payments: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/survivors/ApplySBP/> While you are at it, check that your Retiree Account Statement (RAS) shows the correct type of SBP coverage. After checking your RAS, if the SBP coverage shown no longer applies to your current life situation (spouse has passed or a divorce for example), please see what steps to take at: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/provide/sbp/maintain/> (DFAS Retired & Annuitant Pay)

Managing Your Retirement

As a Military Retiree you can manage your military benefits easily by going to: <https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/> and clicking on "Managing Your Retirement", from there you can manage the following:

- Pay Schedule

Managing Your Retirement

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- Change of Address
- Direct Deposit
- International Direct Deposit
- Using myPay
- Retiree Account Statement
- Allotments
- Pay Verification
- Taxes
- Powers of Attorney/Third Party Representatives for Retirees

Joke (or not) of the Month

(Another example)



(Editor: Fact: Presently there is a rundown single-story house across the street from mine in a bidding war \$25,000 over asking price.)

Dates to Remember

March 13 th	Daylight Savings
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 29 th	Vietnam War Veterans' Day
March 31 st	Cesar Chavez Day



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