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## Employment compensation from a Foreign Government can impact your retired pay

*By William Hess, DFAS Associate General Counsel*

**Did You Know:** Your military retired pay can be impacted if you receive compensation from a foreign government without advance permission?

Congress enacted a law, 37 U.S.C. § 908, which provides the following restriction: Retirees who are considering accepting employment with a foreign government for compensation must first apply for and receive approval in advance of receiving the compensation. In general, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Service from which the member retired must both approve the employment/ compensation.

However, if the foreign government employment is limited to speeches, travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, or non-cash awards, only approval by the Secretary of the Service from which the member retired is needed. The purpose of this restriction is to prevent the exercise of undue influence by foreign governments on retired members of the United States military.

(See **Foreign Government Employment**, page 2)

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If a retired member engages in foreign employment for compensation without authorization, the member's retired pay becomes subject to a withholding and/or debt, generally in an amount equal to the total amounts received from the foreign government.

To seek approval of foreign employment for compensation, retirees should contact their Branch of Service at the appropriate address listed below. Retirees may also review the Service Instructions listed below that are publicly available on the web.

Service	Service POC Address	Service Instruction
U.S. Department of the Air Force	Retirees (Regular and Retired Reserve): Contact AFPC/DPFFF Attn: Foreign Government Employment 550 C Street West Joint Base San Antonio TX 78150-4723 <a href="https://www.retirees.af.mil/Foreign-Government-Employment/">https://www.retirees.af.mil/Foreign-Government-Employment/</a>	Air Force Instruction 36-2913 of 1 July 2020
	Retired Reserve members awaiting pay and members assigned to the Inactive Status List Reserve Section: Contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center Reserve Service Programs Branch (ARPC/DPAMR) at 1840 E. Silver Creek Ave, Bldg 390, Buckley AFB, CO 80011	
U.S. Army	Members who desire to accept employment with a foreign government should contact: Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC -PDR), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue Fort Knox, KY 40122 – 5402.	Army Regulation 600 – 291 (Foreign Government Employment) of 7 September 2020
U.S. Navy & U.S. Marine Corps	Legal Counsel, CNP/N1 701 S. Courthouse Rd. Arlington, VA 22204 Or e-mail to: navyfge.fct@navy.mil	Navy Ethics website (http://www.ethics.navy.mil)

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**ATTENTION: NAME CHANGE**

**As of 12 July 2022,  
Airman & Family Readiness  
Center (A&FRC) is now *Military &  
Family Readiness Center  
(M&FRC).***

**The new name will reflect the  
diverse military communities  
within the joint environments of  
the United States Air Force and  
Space Force.**

## Take advantage of great benefits for retirees and family

ARLINGTON, VA—Whether you just joined the retired ranks or are a long-standing member of those still serving, states and territories offer a variety of benefits to you and your family. Benefits like property tax exemptions, employment preference and recreational discounts are offered not only to active duty military but also to retired military, veterans, disabled veterans, and family members, active and retired.

You can find this benefit information all in one place in the [MyAirForceBenefits State and Territory Fact Sheets](#). Each fact sheet contains information on state income and property taxes, education and employment benefits, parks and recreation, Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities in the state, and more. This detailed information will help you find benefits in the state or territory where you live and the states and territories where you travel.

Maybe you are contemplating a move to a state that does not tax your retired pay. Each state fact sheet has up-to-date information on whether military retired pay is taxed and the availability of property tax exemptions for veterans. Several states have passed legislation in the past few years to eliminate state taxes on military pensions and others are actively considering similar changes. Check back frequently as state tax laws often change. The State/Territory Fact Sheets are kept up to date with the most recent information and provide links to the benefit details.

If you or your family members want to pursue higher education, check out the education benefits section for your state of residency. Many states offer scholarship programs for veterans, as well as spouses and children of veterans. For example, the [Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program](#) offers the spouses and children of eligible veterans 10 semesters of undergraduate education at a state-supported institution of higher learning plus \$1,000 per semester for textbooks and applicable fees.

The employment benefits section of each state fact sheet is a good place to look for state hiring preference information for veterans and special programs like [New Mexico's Operation Sound Stage](#)—a program designed to put military veterans to work on movie and TV productions in New Mexico. Many states have unique programs specific to their state so be sure to also view the miscellaneous benefits section. You can find initiatives such as the [Texas Veterans Land Board Loan Programs](#) and the [Service Dog Grant for North Dakota Veterans with PTSD](#).

Most states also offer discounts to Retired Airmen and veterans on state park admission and recreational activities such as camping, hunting, and fishing. For example, Colorado offers free admission to [Colorado](#)

[State Parks](#) each August for veterans and service members. Florida offers a [Military Gold Sportsman's License](#) at a reduced fee of \$20 to all retired service members (regular price, \$100) that includes hunting, saltwater and freshwater fishing licenses, and other special permits. If you need to find a military installation or VA facility in your state or a state you are traveling to, look for the list of these facilities near the bottom of every state and territory fact sheet.

[MyAirForceBenefits](#) has all the information on benefits offered by states and territories. State benefits are also highlighted regularly on our [MyAirForceBenefits Facebook](#) and [MyAirForceBenefits LinkedIn](#) pages. Check out the state and territory fact sheets today and find useful and unique benefits you have been missing out on!

[MyAirForceBenefits](#) is an official Air Force website that provides information on your military benefits. Features include a benefits library, military benefit calculators, and military benefits help desk.

<https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil>  
(Courtesy of MyAFB)



MYAIRFORCEBENEFITS

### Meet your new Afterburner Editor

Hello Department of the Air Force Retiree Community! Let me introduce myself. I am Lori Kullberg, the new editor of the Afterburner.

I am new to the Department of the Air Force, working most of my 30-year civil service career for the U.S. Army. I came to Airman & Family Readiness Operations from Fort Sam Houston, where I was the speechwriter for the Army North Commanding General.

I look forward to being a voice, advocate, and resource in my new journey with the Department of the Air Force.

Feel free to reach out by phone or email if you need any assistance.

Let's thrive together!



# Looking forward to the 2023 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign

By Bill D'Avanzo, CMSgt (Retired)  
Department of the Air Force  
Fundraising Chief

The 2022 Spring Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign has come to a close, and once again, Air Force Retirees and surviving spouses are to be thanked for your continued support of the four official charities of the Department of the Air Force. In the past 18 months, inflation, soaring gas & food prices, and teetering stock markets have taken their toll on purchasing power, nest eggs, and consequently, to global charitable giving—particularly for those of us (retirees) on a fixed income. Even so, by the end of the year, last year, you donated over \$91,000! This year, as of the end of July, retirees have already given over \$30,600. Thank you once again for your continued support and sacrificial generosity!

The spring campaign of 2023 will mark the 50th annual Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign. Over \$243 million have been donated by Airmen and other supporters over these past 49 years providing a safety net for our fellow Airmen, and now Guardians as well. I'd like to enjoy you to continue your support of these four extraordinary charities, committed to *taking care of our own*.

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation provides the full spectrum of the continuum of care for widows and widowers of retired Air Force Officers

living at Blue Skies of Texas in San Antonio, Texas "next door" to Lackland AFB.

The Air Force Aid Society has recently made sweeping changes in policy, opening the aperture of support to all Guard and Reserve personnel as well as assisting more Airmen and Guardians with the use of more grants (that don't need to be repaid) and fewer no-interest loans (which does need to be repaid, interest free, of course).

The Air Force Enlisted Village, situated "across the street" from Eglin AFB, continues a long tradition of fulfilling their primary mission: "To provide a home." No eligible widow or widower of a retired Airman has ever been turned away solely on the basis of not being able to pay. Within the last six months, The General & Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation reached out to 51 surviving spouses and assisted 49. The foundation provides financial support to the spouses of officer and enlisted Air and Space Force retirees with grants.

Your contributions have helped provide a total of \$155,538, in assistance. In July, an inflation increase was given to help alleviate the steep rise in prices. One-time support is available for unplanned expenses. Your support continues to matter to our current 60 spouses receiving monthly aid to help with the necessities of life.

These grants make everyday living a little easier with personal care costs, transportation services, and meal deliveries.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give but so desire, you can give anytime online now at <https://www.assistancefund.org>. Just click the "DONATE NOW!!" button at the top right of the page, or help out your favorite base and squadron by giving directly to their campaign—just scroll down to the "DONATE TODAY WITH OUR NEW PEER-TO-PEER PLATFORM" box and click the "Donate Today!" button. You can also give by texting AFAF to 50155 using your smart phone, or pointing your smart phone camera at the AFAF Logo QR code below.

By any of these means, a one-time donation as well as recurring (monthly) donations may be made by either credit/debit card or by e-Check.



**Fifty Years of Caring**



**For Airmen & Guardians, By Airmen & Guardians**

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We know many retirees have asked in the past to be able to give on a continual basis without having to renew the Payroll Deduction Plan allotments each year—now we have that capability with e-Giving using your credit card, debit card or authorizing auto-draft from checking (e-check)! Join the AFAP Wingman Squadron (recurring donors) today by signing up for monthly giving. Multiply your impact, and make it easier on yourself to give and spread out the donations over time. Note: If you authorize monthly recurring e-giving, it's highly recommended that you set up an account by clicking the "Sign In" link just below the "E-Giving" heading. In the box that pops up, you can log in with Facebook, Google, Apple, or if you've already established an account, you can enter your Username/ Password.

Otherwise, please click the "Create an Account" link. This will give you the autonomy to manage your monthly gifts without obtaining assistance.

If e-Giving isn't your thing, that's okay. You can still give by check, money order, cashier's check, or through the annual payroll deduction plan from your retired pay. The contribution form can be found on the next page, or you can obtain a PDF version online at [https://www.afassistancefund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/AF2561\\_2021\\_ver20210901-static-Retiree-Civ.pdf](https://www.afassistancefund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/AF2561_2021_ver20210901-static-Retiree-Civ.pdf). Please be aware that payroll deduction allotment authorizations mailed to AFPC will not begin coming from retired pay until 1 July 2023.

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE DON'T SEND CASH IN THE MAIL\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you once again for your continued support of the annual AFAP Campaign, and our fellow Airmen, Guardians, and their families. *Retired, but still Active!*

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## TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: A safe and convenient way to get your prescriptions

FALLS CHURCH, VA -- Are you regularly filling a prescription for a medical condition? If so, choosing the right pharmacy option can save you a great deal of time and money. For many TRICARE beneficiaries, the cheapest, most convenient option is [TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery](#).

"Home delivery is a smart option for people who take maintenance drugs," said Lt. Col. Melissa Yates, a pharmacist with the Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency. "Maintenance medications are drugs you take regularly for chronic conditions, like high blood pressure. Other short-term use drugs should be obtained from a military or retail network pharmacy. This way, you can begin therapy as soon as possible."

Here are some reasons why you may want to think about switching to home delivery.

### **Home delivery is safe and reliable**

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will ship to any address in the U.S. or U.S. territories, including APO/FPO addresses. [Express Scripts](#), the TRICARE pharmacy contractor, ships millions of prescriptions each year with greater than 99.99% accuracy. Your prescription will arrive in tamper-evident, weatherproof packages.

If you live outside the U.S. or U.S. territories, you can also use home delivery. However, you must have an APO or FPO address, or be assigned to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Home delivery isn't an option in Germany, so you must use a military pharmacy or host nation (overseas) pharmacy to fill your prescriptions.

You can track the status of your order through the [Express Scripts mobile app](#) or by logging in to the [Express Scripts website](#). The "Recent Order Status" screen will show you all about your prescription.

You can find out when Express Scripts shipped the order or if there are delays.

You can even use home delivery when you're traveling. Update your address with Express Scripts to have your prescriptions sent to the address where you'll be staying. Remember to allow a few days for shipping. Also, be sure to update your address again when you return home.

### **Home delivery can save you money**

Home delivery is the least expensive TRICARE pharmacy option after [military pharmacies](#). Standard shipping is free. Home delivery also offers up to a 90-day supply for a single copayment. At [retail network pharmacies](#), it costs three co-payments to get a 90-day supply.

As outlined in the [TRICARE Pharmacy Program Handbook](#), all beneficiaries in the U.S. except active duty service members must get certain maintenance drugs filled through home delivery or at a military pharmacy. If you fill these maintenance drugs at a retail pharmacy, the pharmacy will only fill your prescription twice at the TRICARE co-payment rate. After that, you'll pay 100% of the cost. Want to learn more about your pharmacy costs? Check the online [compare costs tool](#).

### **Pharmacists are always available to help**

Have questions about your prescription? At Express Scripts, you have access to a team of pharmacists who are available 24/7 through your online account or the Express Scripts mobile app. These pharmacists specialize in different diseases, such as diabetes and cancer. They can answer your questions about possible side effects, dosages, and more.

### **Refills can be automatic**

Would you like Express Scripts to

automatically refill your prescription? You can enroll or disenroll eligible prescriptions at any time. Express Scripts will ask you to provide your consent to continue receiving automatic refills.

### **Getting started with home delivery is easy**

There are many ways to switch your prescription to home delivery. Some of your options include:

**Online:** [Register](#) or [log in to your account](#) on the Express Scripts website.

<https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/>

**e-Prescribe:** Ask your doctor to submit your prescription electronically.

**Military pharmacy:** Ask your military pharmacist to transfer your prescription to home delivery.

**Mobile app:** If you have an existing prescription at a retail or military pharmacy, you can transfer it to home delivery using the Express Scripts mobile app. You can download the app for Android or Apple phones.

**Phone:** Call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303. Make sure to have your prescription bottle ready.

You should try to have a 30-day supply of medication on hand before your first home delivery order.

Do you have other health insurance (OHI)? Examples of OHI are Medicare Part D or private insurance through your employer. If you have OHI with a prescription plan, you can use home delivery if:

- Your OHI pharmacy benefits are also administered by Express Scripts
- Your OHI doesn't cover pharmacy benefits
- Your OHI doesn't cover your prescription drug
- You've met your OHI's benefit cap.

Check out the TRICARE website for more information.  
<https://www.tricare.mil>  
(Courtesy of TRICARE)

## 2023 Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Optional and Surviving Spouses Annuity

CLEVELAND -- The DoD Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) provides an ongoing monthly annuity payment to military spouses or dependent children when a military member dies while on active duty, on inactive duty in the line of duty, or after retirement (if the military retiree chooses to purchase coverage).

When a service member dies on active or inactive duty in the line of duty, the surviving spouse can request to have the SBP annuity paid directly to an eligible dependent child or children instead of to the spouse.

This is called the "Optional Annuity for Dependent Children" but is often referred to as the "Optional Child Annuity."

The option is available because until recently, there was a requirement for a spouse's SBP payments

to be offset (reduced) by the full amount of the spouse's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payment from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Payments to the surviving child were considered a more favorable option because SBP paid to a child is not required to be offset (reduced) by the amount of the DIC payment.

The Optional Annuity for Dependent Children is only allowed when the service member died on active duty or inactive duty in the line of duty after October 7, 2001.

Changes to the Optional Annuity for Dependent Children do not impact the SBP coverage for families of a service member who retired prior to passing away or the SBP coverage for any current living retiree.

Check out our new Quick Reference Guide on

our special focus webpage: <https://www.dfas.mil/sbp2023childoptrev>

Please note that the documentation needed for a deceased spouse is a copy of the death certificate with contact information for the person submitting the documentation.

### What Happens Between Now and 2023

If a child or children are currently the designated recipients of the SBP monthly annuity payment because the Optional Annuity for Dependent Children was requested, they will continue to receive the SBP payments (as long as they remain eligible) until the SBP-DIC offset is fully eliminated in 2023.

If a child or children lose eligibility because they marry or reach age 18 (or age 22 if a full-time student) prior to January 1,

2023, the annuity will be suspended until January 1, 2023. On January 1, 2023, the annuity will revert to the surviving spouse (if the spouse is eligible and submits documentation). Those surviving spouses who have not responded.

The eligibility packet includes the documents we need the surviving spouse to fill out and return. The documents will help us determine the spouse's eligibility for SBP annuity payments and set up their account to begin payments (if they are eligible) when the changes take effect on January 1, 2023.

If a spouse does not receive a packet in the mail, they can download the full eligibility packet from the DFAS special focus webpage: <https://www.dfas.mil/sbp2023childoptrev> (Courtesy of DFAS)

## New DFAS phone numbers: Changes as of June 1, 2022

CLEVELAND -- As of June 1, 2022 DFAS has **new local phone numbers**. Please make a note of the changes below:

The local phone number to reach Retired & Annuitant Pay Customer Service has changed. The new number is **317-212-0551**.

The 216-522-5955 local phone number will NOT be available to use after July 1, 2022.

The DSN number to reach Retired & Annuitant Pay Customer Service also changed. The new DSN number is **699-0551**.

This change does NOT affect the toll-free number (1-800-321-1080) or the fax numbers. The toll-free number and the fax numbers for Retired & Annuitant Pay remain the same. (Courtesy of DFAS)



## Veteran entrepreneurs can grow their business with the Exchange

By Tom Shull, Army & Air Force Exchange Service Director/CEO

Serving takes courage, quick thinking and perseverance—qualities that make retirees uniquely suited to entrepreneurship as they transition from active military service.

The Exchange is recruiting small businesses owned by Veterans and retirees to help execute its 126-year mission to serve those who serve.

The Exchange is the Department of Defense's largest retailer, serving approximately 33.5 million Soldiers, Airmen, Guardians, retirees, Veterans, military family members, and DoD and Coast Guard civilians at military installations worldwide and online at ShopMyExchange.com.

The Exchange can help Veteran business owners reach these shoppers and grow their brands, offering a proven environment for testing new products; a welcoming culture for entrepreneurs; and

flexible leases, fees and formats. Models offered by the Exchange include mall kiosks, micro markets, storefronts and e-commerce—all strong avenues for maximizing visibility in trusted PX locations and at ShopMyExchange.com.

Best of all, doing business with the Exchange allows Veteran entrepreneurs to stay connected with the military community and play a critical role in the Exchange's enduring mission to enhance the quality of life for airmen and military families.

Retail wholesale and non-retail procurement businesses, long- and short-term concessions, and vending and restaurant providers can learn more by visiting [www.aafes.com/about-exchange/doing-business](http://www.aafes.com/about-exchange/doing-business)

We look forward to helping more Veteran entrepreneurs grow their businesses and make military communities better for those who serve.

Tom Shull, a former infantry company commander, served as Military Assistant to Robert C. McFarlane, National Security Advisor to President Reagan. Currently, he is the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Director/CEO and has served as CEO for retail and consumer packaged goods companies.

*Since July 1895, The Exchange has remained dedicated to its mission to serve soldiers, airmen and their families around the world.*



### Helpful links in this issue:

Air Force Retiree Services– <https://www.retirees.af.mil>

My Air Force Benefits– <https://www.myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil>

TRICARE– <https://www.tricare.mil>

MyPay– <https://www.mypay.dfas.mil>

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Mailing labels used to send out the *Afterburner* are based on addresses already on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Any change announcements sent to the *Afterburner* cannot be processed or forwarded, and are shredded.

Retirees must change their address by calling 800-321-1080. (Do not mention the *Afterburner* or you may be referred elsewhere.) If you have a [myPay](https://www.mypay.dfas.mil)

account you can make the change online. You can fax your change to 800-469-6559, or send it to: DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1200.

Air Force Survivor Benefit Plan annuitants must call DFAS at the number above, or use their online myPay account. The fax number for annuitants is 800-982-8459 or mail the change to: DFAS, US Military Annuitant Pay, 8899 E 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-1300.





## Next Generation Uniformed Service Identification Card is here!

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER -- DoD plans on phasing out legacy identification cards in 2026. There is no DoD or Air Force mandate to replace existing unexpired identification cards. Legacy cards are identified by form number and color, for example, the DD Form 2 Retired is Blue, DD Form 1173 for dependents is tan or DD Form 2 for Reserve Retired is red. The legacy identification cards remain valid as long as they are not expired. Expired identification cards are now upgraded to the new Next Generation Uniformed Service Identification located at the website [www.cac.mil](http://www.cac.mil). Also available at all DoD/Uniformed Servicing locations. Find your nearest location here <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/> (Courtesy of DEERS)

## Gray Area Retirees: Did You Know There is a New, Special myPay Account Just for You?

CLEVELAND -- For Air Force Reserve Gray Area Retirees, there is a new avenue to stay connected and informed between the time you stop drilling and the time you start receiving retired pay.

It's a new kind of myPay account especially for Gray Area Retirees.

If you are a Gray Area Retiree who uses your new myPay account to keep your contact information updated, you will benefit from receiving important information from DFAS and your Branch of Service, such as news about changes in laws or policies that impact your retirement benefits, reminders about applying for retired pay, and your Service's retiree newsletter.



Plus, coming soon with a current email address in your new myPay account and when DFAS receives your completed application for retired pay from your Branch of Service, DFAS will send email status notifications to you.

### Who Are Gray Area Retirees?

Gray Area Retirees are members who served in the Guard or Reserves and qualified for retired pay or retired from their service (stopped drilling), but not of to start receiving retired pay. The time between their retirement from the service and the date when they are eligible to begin receiving retired pay is the "gray area." The "gray area" applies even if the member is in the Retired Reserve. (Courtesy of DFAS)



## Stay connected with USAF Connect!

The Air Force Retiree Services and Airman & Family Readiness Division websites are now featured sites on AF Connect, the Air Force's Total Force mobile app. On the USAF Connect home screen, just click on "Featured Sites" and you will find listings for Air Force Retiree Services and Airman & Family Readiness. The USAF Connect app is available for both iPhones and Androids and lets you stay in touch and up-to-date with the United States Air Force.

[www.retirees.af.mil](http://www.retirees.af.mil)

## Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices

Department of the Air Force Retiree Activities Offices are made up of retired volunteers from all services, including surviving spouses. Their charter is to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, Reserve or Guard base through command channels that helps retirees and surviving spouses with myriad actions.

These actions include: serving as an information center for TRICARE, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial assistance and pay matters; counseling active-duty Airmen nearing retirement; and providing

guidance on retirement issues.

Another major activity involves working with base agencies to set up Retiree Appreciation Day events offering briefings by different agencies on respective services, tax preparation and advice (at selected locations); staff judge advocate assistance, base tours, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, etc.

Not all states or countries have an established DAF RAO. The phone numbers and email addresses of RAOs Air Force-wide are listed below.

**Alabama - Area IX**  
MAXWELL  
Phone: 334-953-6725  
Email: retiree.affairs@us.af.mil

**Alaska - Area XIV**  
JOINT BASE ELEMENDORF-  
RICHARDSON  
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DAVIS-MONTHAN  
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**Delaware - Area XII**  
DOVER  
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**District of Columbia - Area XII**  
BOLLING  
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## RAOs are always seeking volunteers

Retiree Activities Offices are staffed by volunteer military retirees from all services, including spouses and surviving spouses. All offices worldwide are always seeking more volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the nearest RAO. If an installation is not listed, or is inactive, send email to [afpc.retiree@us.af.mil](mailto:afpc.retiree@us.af.mil) or call 210-565-2126 for details.

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