ARA, the American Legion and other veterans groups were successful in Shinseki’s resignation. In my recent testimony, the military coalition has supported the “reorganization” of the Veterans Administration (VA). Your ARA and the National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA) suggested issuing veteran health-care “vouchers” that can be used outside the VA at any health-care facility. This should have been approved years ago! However, the “voucher system” is now working and veterans are being properly treated…receiving the needed care they are due.

In countless polls, Americans do not trust their government or their President! No trust by the electorate is a fair assessment. There are few elected lawmakers who are demonstrating leadership. However, I predict an apocalyptic “change” come November 2014. The U.S. Senate will be taken over by “conservative candidates.” Both the House and the Senate will be conservative and…Senator Harry Reid will go!

Many of the members of the NMVA were shocked in the non-actions taken to support American families given recent “beheadings” by ISIS. Yes, the President called for “airstrikes” but no U.S. military on the ground. Further, we found out the administration has no “Middle East strategy” to orchestrate the defeat of ISIS. Air strikes against the enemy are simply “pinpricks” and require a balanced on the ground attack by U.S. Forces. All senior U.S. General officers have recommended this approach but the President has stubbornly ignored this strategy. Frankly, you will see this change. This President will eventually “cave-in” to reality. A war cannot be fought piece-meal. Again, he is placing Americans in danger and failing to support our National Security.

Congress is with ARA regarding the Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA). Most Members agree it is unfair. However, the upcoming mid-term elections will move the focus off the issue. Regardless of party, most still agree that the USFSPA should be repealed. As I have said previously, we must ed-

Continued on page 5

The anti-Federalists gave us the Bill of Rights; in it is the First Amendment. It must have life infused back into it. It protects unpopular speech. The population at large has to stop being intimidated and learn to distinguish truth from propaganda! We must behave like free people again!

The current crisis is largely the result of politicians refusing to work within the text and context of the organic laws of the United States that are codified by Volume 18 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as enacted by the 43rd Congress (A.D. 1873-1875) and pub-

Continued on page 5
It's the season that comes around every other year, when we are given the opportunity to choose who will represent our interests in government, for another term. As USFSPA casualty activists, we have a special interest in eliminating inequities that patently tyrannize 10 USC 1408 provisions.

Incumbent candidates make our case for their removal from office. None have ever done anything to remove USFSPA inequities, since the 97th Congress imbedded them in its provisions. We can't give up, there is too much at stake. Reflect on your own military divorce action and vote accordingly.

Any dramatic changes to USFSPA provision will come from the Pentagon. Unit commanders are reporting upwards of four military personnel self-inflicted wound deaths per week. During the Vietnam war, they reported, on average, three of these tragedies per month!

Veteran compensation protection advocates scored a victory in Wyoming, earlier this year. Counterpart Arizona advocates set the example for them to follow. Florida, alimony reform advocates are hard at work. Their legislature agrees with them but their Governor doesn't agree. Their campaign is definitely the reason for Florida USFSPA casualties to vote for change.

If we allow someone else to represent our interests in government, you can bet your next retired paycheck it will be your former dependent military spouse. They are a determined lot, as are most self-proclaimed victims.

As USFSPA casualties, we are encouraged to vote our interests, on November 4th. Take the time; find out, which of your candidates is willing to stand up for you, when the chips are down. If there doesn't seem to be anyone, simply vote for change, on November 4th.

In this month's newsletter we are announcing our 2015 member conference. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, hopes and ideas with us. Your Directors, will convene in open session, at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th. The meeting hall will remain open for TBA advocacy training seminars throughout the day. The Board will announce their policy decisions, at the member’s (and their guest) only, banquet that evening.

At your service,
Dennis Egge; President

Letters to the Editor

It seems that the USCG has taken over the pay functions for the PHS and NOAA officers. Actually this is a great idea, and long overdue. Anyways, they should be able to better provide ARA with USFSPA stats for all three services now, and with "The Retiree Newsletter (USCG-NOAA-PHS)," you may be able to get some USFSPA info out to the retirees of the three services, and maybe find out how to access AD folks too [?].

Here’s the contact information: Commanding Officer (RAS)[retiree and annuitant services]; USCG Pay and Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66683-3591.

Tel: 800-772-8724; 785-339-3415; Fax (785) 339-3770;

Email address: PCC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil; Website URL: http://www.uscg.mil.ppc/ras/

Well, I don’t really see how supporting "the pentagon’s thank you for your service' defined contribution military retirement system proposal" would have any effect on what is presently occurring, except to have the effect of "formalizing" the definition of "reduced pay for reduced services" to that of retirement per se and, in so doing, forego thereafter any service member’s claim and argument that the pay is not divisible as property but, rather, is current pay for current services and hence, not divisible.
AMERICAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION
2015 MEMBER CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 13-15th 2015

MARRIOTT SPRING HILL SUITES,
ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(complementary shuttle service provided)

Special room-rate: $119/night; call 407-816-5533 to make reservation, and mention “the American Retirees Association”

Early Bird supper: Friday, 13 March – Hotel coffee shop
(call 808-382-5833 to introduce yourself)

Member registration fee: $50; includes buffet dinner
(On-site registration, 6 am – 8 am, Saturday, March 14th)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Members only open forum Board meeting: 8 am to 10 am
Advocate training seminars: 10 am to 1 pm or TBA
Members and Guest Buffet Banquet: 6 pm
Guest speaker, Alan Frischer; FLR President
Farewell Breakfast: Sunday, 15 March – Hotel coffee shop

RSVP your intentions to attend, share concerns, submit proposals for the BOD, and discuss payment options to 703-527-3065 or contactara@rocketmail.com

Fax registration form, and fee(s) to
909-335-2711
or mail it to
ARA, 700 E. Redlands Blvd., Ste U-307, Redlands, CA 92373
The Balick Report

By Bob Balick
ARA Director

My "Project 1991" advised all 30 state income tax departments that grant full or partial state income tax exemption for military retired pay to legitimate military retirees, that they are losing millions in state income tax revenue, by implicitly allowing former dependent military spouses to fraudulently claim this exemption.

A few of those 30 states replied, they may start spot checking state tax returns, claiming this income tax deduction on IRS Form 1099-R, received from DFAS. I have also requested the IRS consider:

1. redacting their 1991 directive to DFAS, ordering them to use IRS Form 1099-R, when reporting
   a. military retired pay, or
   b. former dependent military spouse’s court-ordered property settlement payment, and
   2. approving DFAS’s original 1991 proposal to:
      a. use Form IRS W-2, to report military retired pay as current income and
      b. IRS Form 1099-MISC, to report former dependent military spouse’ court-ordered, property settlement payments.

I have also asked other federal agencies, who interface with the IRS and state income tax departments, to urge the IRS to announce this proposed policy change, quickly, ahead of the 2014 income tax filing season, in early 2015.

At your service, ARA Director, Bob Balick

How to contact those who represent your interests in Congress

Call (800) 862-5530 or (866) 220-0044, toll-free, the Capitol Operator will answer:
Simply ask them to connect you to your elected U.S. House or Senate representative(s) or a cognizant committee member.
October 2014

**Family Law Reform Report**

The Executives of Divorce Corp have reached out to me and asked if I would co-moderate a workshop on Alimony Reform at their upcoming conference November 15th-16th, in Washington DC (search for ‘reform’ at DivorceCorp.com). Steve Hitner, the leader of Massachusetts Alimony Reform, and a gentleman I greatly respect, will be the other co-moderator. Together, we will discuss, educate, and update the attendees on all aspects of alimony and the current reform movement.

I have wrestled with my acceptance of this invite, because I know fully well that divorce laws are controlled by the individual States. That is why I have focused specifically on the Florida legislature for so many years. But after giving it more thought, I decided that exposing the family law system for what it has become, as opposed to what it should really be, is critically important, on a National level, as well as a State level. There are many areas of family law that need reformation. Alimony reform is certainly our focus, and our expectation is that we will get reform in 2015. But what happens after that? Well, that question will also be addressed at this conference.

For those of you who attended our Summit, please consider this yet another piece of the puzzle that must be put in place toward our ultimate goal. I recommend that you also attend this conference, to get your questions answered and to help our cause.

Sincerely,
Alan Frischer; FLR President

---

**The Corry Report**

Continued from page 1

lished by the Government Printing Office in 1878; namely The US Constitution (supreme among the four) and The Declaration of Independence in particular. Compounding the crisis is the Supreme Court acting unconstitutionally since Marbury v. Madison when it gave itself the illegitimate power of judicial review.

Before you vote, ask yourself if the candidates are informed, educated, intellectually honest, and freely and willingly accept the strictures of the Constitution? Do the candidates have the clarity to see what is happening? Do they have a record of challenging the divisive neo-Marxist forces undermining our criminal justice system and culture? Will their oaths withstand the mind-bending social justice tactics pulling our country apart? Will they help save the Republic by refusing to surrender to emotions and feelings and become a pawn and a tool of division? Will they hold to the facts and treat everyone equally? Will they publicly reject the social justice prism through which every spoken word, textbook, and news story is now measured, spun, redacted or censored? Will they champion liberty, truth and justice for all and thereby restore the Rule of Law?

**The Washington Ramble**

Continued from page 1

ucate your area Congressional Representative on the USFSPA

The loyalty of ARA members will be important in the election season ahead. Keep helping our veterans. Get out and vote. Make your voice heard in your community. Keep charging. We will win. Stay tuned!

Your voice on Capitol Hill,
Michael P. Smith; Executive Director

---

**ATTENTION**

SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES

Trying to make your way through the USFSPA maze? Need assistance in working with your attorney? Want to learn how to save money throughout your divorce process?

Then consider the services of a degreed paralegal who can work with you and your attorney. Marsha Thole, co-author of Divorce and the Military II, has worked with clients and attorneys since 1994. Free initial consultation.

CONTACT
MARSHA THOLE
at (505) 856-2080 or contactara@rocketmail.com

**LIMITED EDITION**

ARA ball cap, white with blue visor and custom embroidered logo. Size adjustable.

$11.95 S&H included

Mail payment with order to: ARA, 700 E. Redlands Blvd., Ste U-307 Redlands, CA 92373
American Retirees Association
Membership dues/book order instructions and form

Annual membership dues are $25.00
The single copy price for our book “Divorce and the Military II” is $19.95 (shipping & handling included)
ARA Member Discount prices: 1 copy $15.95; 2-9 copies $14.95 each; 10+ copies $13.95 each
Non-ARA Member Discount prices are: 1-5 copies $18.95; 6-10 copies $17.95 each; 11+ copies $16.95 each
All shipments of 1 to 4 books will be shipped via USPS. For orders of 5 or more books, please contact our business office for a quote.

Libraries, Wholesalers, Bookstores, please contact ARA Business Office, phone (909) 557-0107, Fax: (909) 335-2711, or email contactara@rocketmail.com for rates and terms.

Please send your book order with payment to:

American Retirees Association
700 E. Redlands Blvd., Ste U-307
Redlands, CA 92373

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cost (each) x Quantity</th>
<th>$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>California Residents: Please add 8.5% sales tax</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For Credit Card orders, we offer two convenient plans:
1. For those who desire to order their book “online”, you may enter the ARA Store and follow the easy instructions. Please ensure that the information you provide exactly matches your credit/debit card statement.
2. For those who desire to order their book via U.S. Mail, simply complete the following and return via First Class Mail.

Please send my book(s) to:

Full Name (as shown on credit card) (ARA Member: Yes/No?) Books quantity
Shipping Address
City/State ZIP/Postal Code
Home phone Cell phone Business phone
Email
Name as it appears on card: ____________________________________________
Visa Card Account Number: ______-____-____-____-____-____-____ Security Code: _____ Expires ___ / ___
MasterCard Account Number: ____-____-____-____-____-____ Security Code: _____ Expires ___ / ___
Amount charged: Dues $________ Book(s) $________ Total $________
Signature: ____________________________________________ Date __________

The American Retirees Association is a 501(C)19 tax-exempt organization. Your membership dues, product purchase or contribution payment is 100% tax-deductible. To ensure our members and supporters privacy, we do not sell, share, lease or loan personal identification data or lists to any individual or organization.
### REGISTRATION FORM

**American Retirees Association Member Conference**

13-15 March 2015

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name(s) ____________________________________________

Mailing Address ______________________________________

Telephone/cellphone number(s) __________________________

Email addresses _______________________________________

**COMMENTS/PROPOSALS/CONCERNS**

$50 member registration fee includes buffet dinner ($30 guest fee)

Fax registration form, and fee(s) to 909-335-2711

or mail it to: ARA, 700 E. Redlands Blvd., Ste U-307, Redlands, CA 92373

Email any questions or concerns to: contactara@rocketmail.com

---

**Statistical Data Concerning the Impact of the Uniformed Services Former Spouses’ Protection Act on Retired Members of the Uniformed Services: U.S. Air Force; U.S. Army; U.S. Navy; U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Coast Guard; Commissioned Corps of NOAA; Commissioned Corps of PHS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1 October 2014</th>
<th>Statistical Data Concerning the Impact of the Uniformed Services Former Spouses’ Protection Act on Retired Members of the Uniformed Services: U.S. Air Force; U.S. Army; U.S. Navy; U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Coast Guard; Commissioned Corps of NOAA; Commissioned Corps of PHS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Paygrade</strong></td>
<td><strong>O 7-11</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number in paygrade with court ordered division of pay under USFSPA</td>
<td>M 388</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed Dollar Amount</td>
<td>M 27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent of division of pay</td>
<td>M 58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Length of time court ordered division of pay in effect</td>
<td>M 63</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Note:** 1. Data provided by DFAS Cleveland OH; USCG PPC Topeka KS
2. Report compiled by James M. Solberg - solly@att.net
3. Data for "length of time" over 16 years adjusted due to DFAS Program limitations.
DUES CURRENT? Check date on your address label.

YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK

Discover how unpublicized Federal Policy brutally punishes loyal career Military, PHS and NOAA personnel

American Retirees Association
700 E. Redlands Blvd., Ste U-307
Redlands, California 92373

to order your copy call
+1-909-557-0107
order on-line at
www.americanretirees.org/
$19.95/copy

The American Retirees Association is a California chartered Tax Exempt Corporation #1551226 and was also granted Federal Tax Exemption status I.D. 33-0246746. Dues are $25 a year. Our Washington D.C. (703-527-3065) information/support office and Redlands, CA (909-557-0107) membership/sales headquarters phones are voice mail equipped; all messages will receive a response. YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.