

THE SOLBERG REPORT

Thanks to DFAS and the Freedom of Information Act, we are able to share the current toll USFSPA provisions are taking on uniformed services personnel, and by extension, the very national security that protects us from our foreign and domestic enemies.

The 97th Congress passed USFSPA provisions to President Reagan and he signed it into law. Iowa Senator Harold Jepsen apologized to me, in a Memo, for the harm his legislation (it was his version of the Bill that cleared the joint conference) has done to career uniformed services personnel and by extension to the national defense team we all rely on to protect us from our foreign and domestic enemies.

State legislators dodge the USFSPA reform issue, by falsely claiming it is a Congressional mandate. Interestingly, six of our great States protect their government employee pensioners from the harm USFSPA provisions lay on our Federal Uniformed Service personnel. Ironically, other states want us to believe they too cannot similarly protect those who make it possible for their every existence.

<u>1 October 2015</u>		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									
Paygrade			E 1 - 4	E 5 - 6	E 7 - 10	O 1 - 4	O 5 - 6	O 7 - 11	W 1 - 2	W 3 - 5	TOTAL
Number in paygrade with court ordered division of pay under USFSPA	M		96	23634	57153	11026	18177	405	812	4040	115343
	F		0	247	448	168	261	4	5	17	1150
Fixed Dollar Amount		M	0	1811	5017	843	1285	29	70	380	9435
		F	0	17	39	13	24	0	1	3	97
Percent of division of pay	Less than 21%	M	4	750	2749	428	1222	63	16	333	5565
		F	0	20	39	18	34	1	0	1	113
	21% to 30%	M	16	4366	10944	1790	3074	66	115	739	21110
		F	0	58	121	47	52	0	2	4	284
	31% to 40%	M	32	6324	14014	2691	3867	58	204	870	28060
		F	0	81	127	44	79	1	1	5	338
	41% to 50%	M	44	10383	24429	5274	8729	189	407	1718	51173
		F	0	71	122	46	72	2	1	4	318
Length of time court ordered division of pay in effect	Less than 6 yrs	M	37	6994	17872	3219	5760	132	193	1383	35590
		F	0	112	253	98	155	3	2	10	633
	6 to 10 yrs	M	23	5734	13054	2156	4155	96	185	905	26308
		F	0	84	115	42	64	1	1	5	312
	11 to 15 yrs	M	13	5179	11161	2024	3319	85	170	720	22671
		F	0	39	58	21	26	0	2	2	148
	16 to 20 yrs	M	13	3385	8552	2022	2836	61	151	636	17656
		F	0	10	17	4	10	0	0	0	41
	21 to 25 yrs	M	9	1405	3905	964	1313	18	66	240	7920
		F	0	2	4	2	5	0	0	0	13
	over 25 yrs	M	1	937	2609	641	794	13	47	156	5198
		F	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3

Note: 1. Data provided by DFAS Cleveland OH; USCG PPC Topeka KS

(insert both attached charts here)

Uniformed Services Retiree Population with USFSPA Monthly Deductions

Data provided by DFAS Cleveland, OH and USCG PPC, Topeka, KS - 1 October 2015

State	Male		Female		Total	
	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Amount
AK	678	635,755	10	7,114	688	642,869
AL	2,695	2,572,590	21	16,318	2,716	2,588,908
AR	1,262	1,050,972	9	6,740	1,271	1,057,712
AZ	3,515	3,254,890	26	24,599	3,541	3,279,489
CA	8,171	7,411,904	73	65,236	8,244	7,477,140
CO	3,132	3,241,676	38	35,402	3,170	3,277,078
CT	451	415,276	3	2,776	454	418,052
DC	163	213,854	5	8,321	168	222,175
DE	429	341,256	6	3,341	435	344,597
FL	11,623	11,210,304	129	115,540	11,752	11,325,844
GA	4,763	4,195,224	35	23,400	4,798	4,218,624
HI	964	1,007,404	15	12,415	979	1,019,819
IA	643	503,805	5	2,974	648	506,779
ID	794	719,850	6	2,855	800	722,705
IL	1,937	1,782,988	18	16,400	1,955	1,799,388
IN	1,364	1,115,292	6	3,380	1,370	1,118,672
KS	1,133	1,046,890	10	11,454	1,143	1,058,344
KY	1,601	1,355,941	13	11,409	1,614	1,367,350
LA	1,344	1,139,947	7	5,536	1,351	1,145,483
MA	650	628,974	7	8,943	657	637,917
MD	3,264	3,453,558	53	50,582	3,317	3,504,140
ME	663	560,762	4	2,880	667	563,642
MI	1,607	1,316,108	11	9,197	1,618	1,325,305
MN	801	668,184	9	9,004	810	677,188
MO	2,063	1,710,765	19	15,468	2,082	1,726,233
MS	1,098	948,438	3	2,748	1,101	951,186
MT	500	431,582	9	6,042	509	437,624
NC	4,607	4,236,338	39	35,463	4,646	4,271,801
ND	254	207,356	3	1,695	257	209,051
NE	708	654,525	10	9,011	718	663,536
NH	447	449,130	3	2,733	450	451,863
NJ	806	693,292	4	3,141	810	696,433
NM	1,381	1,335,146	13	8,788	1,394	1,343,934
NV	1,871	1,678,507	14	10,520	1,885	1,689,027
NY	1,612	1,271,744	14	10,507	1,626	1,282,251

Feel free to share these data with those who are elected to represent your interests in Congress and your State Legislature right now, before the 2016 election campaign begins: The candidates need to know, charming rhetoric won't win our votes, if they can't support something as patently necessary as:

- a. defining a uniformed services former husband and wife as "un-remarried", in 10USC1408(a)((6),
- b. replacing "includes" with "does not include" regarding retainer pay, in 10USC1408(a)(7),
- c. prohibiting enforcement of 10USC1408(d) in their jurisdictions, except for alimony and child support, while the subject service member "is serving at the will and pleasure of their service secretary."
- d. demanding that equal justice be served on abusive dependent military spouses, as it is currently not the case, in 10 USC 1408(h)

We dare not keep these data to ourselves; too many career service personnel lives are at risk: On average, four currently perish from self-inflicted wounds, every week. During the entire Vietnam War, unit commanders reported, on average, three of these tragedies, every month.