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With our Uniformed Services Association affiliate  
defending the rights of all uniformed service personnel

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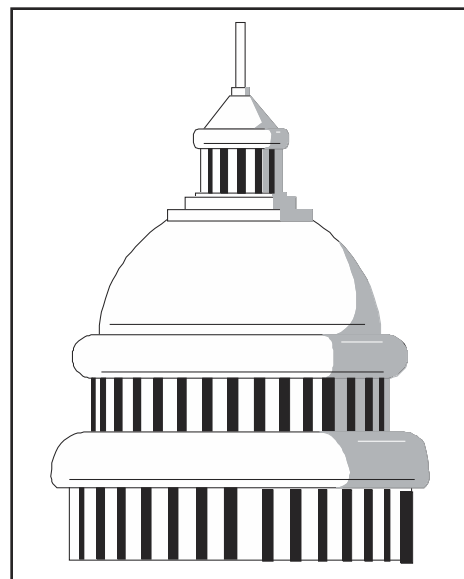
We're lucky: Congress, especially the Republican controlled US House of Representatives, is so busy quarreling with the Democratic controlled federal government there seems to be no energy left to amend USFSPA at this time.

Not to worry, we have a proposed USFSPA amendment: The National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA) will bring it to Congress's attention, the need to require DFAS to dis-

prove uniform services divorce action related Family Court garnishment requests that do not align with limits established in their jurisdictions.

Of course, we will "call you to action" (AKA call 202-224-3121 and urge all three of your elected congressional representatives to support our interests) when necessary.

Dennis Egge for Jim Noone



### VIEW FROM THE CHARTHOUSE

By Dennis Egge, President  
American Retirees Association

This month, our Board of Directors invited affiliate Uniformed Servicemember Association members to formally join our mission.

For us, it means expanding our concerns, to include theirs, in Congress. We accomplish this as a National Military Veterans Alliance delegate.

For our newly invited members it means sharing their concerns with us by email text or telephone. We always promise to encourage our members to dial 202-224-3121 and ask all three of their elected congressional representatives to support

our interests, when necessary.

Last but most certainly not least, as a member of our organization you are an activist:

a. If you are engaged with your state legislature regarding a veteran support issue, ask how can we help.

b. When we are invited to bring our message to your local military retiree appreciation day, consider joining us at the event. Don't hesitate to share the event host's contact information with us.

At your service, Dennis Egge  
American Retirees Association (ARA)  
President

### USA Report

When the National Association for Uniform Services (NAUS) set its members adrift several years ago, former national Officer Al Stewart established the United Servicemember Association (USA), to continue NAUS' "All services All pay grades" mission. In order to provide USA access to Congress, as a 501C3 veterans support organization, we invited them to affiliate with us.

This year, our Board of Directors decided to serve our mutual best interests by inviting current USA members to formally join the American Retirees Association (ARA).

Please consider accepting our invitation by submitting the ARA membership application, found in this newsletter, with your \$30 annual dues check enclosed, to us, at our Redlands, California, office address, soonest.

At your full service,  
Dennis Egge  
ARA National President

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### Board Members

All candidates were elected by members who submitted their ballots to our business office. Officers who are currently serving will continue for another term.

## National Military and Veterans Alliance

### Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA)

#### Legislative agenda for the 118th Congress

Goal: Identify, address and correct USFSPA inequities

Objectives:

- Continue discussions with DoD, regarding the urgent need to adequately brief all personnel on the USFSPA and its possible implications to a military career.
- Work with Congress for hearings regarding the USFSPA prior to the markup of the National Defense Authorization Act.
- Work to identify members of Congress to introduce meaningful legislation to address many of the problems, for all parties, that currently exist within the USFSPA.

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Legion of Valor .....	legionofvalor.org, 202-320-3295
Military Order of the Purple Heart .....	purpleheart.org, membership@purpleheart.org, 888-668-1656
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National Defense Committee.....	RADMCarey@aol.com
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Naval Enlisted Reserve Association .....	nera.org, members@nera.org, 1-800-776-9020
Non Commissioned Officers Association .....	ncoausa.org, tkish@ncoausa.org
Reserve Organization of America (ROA) .....	roa.org, ROAInfo@roa.org, 1-800-809-9448
Sea Service Family Foundation .....	seaservicefamily.org,
Society of Military Widows .....	militarywidows.org
TREA: The Enlisted Association.....	trea.org, 1-800-338-9337, 303-752-0660
The Flag & General Officers Network.....	flagandgeneralofficersnetwork.org, 401-474-7079
The Independence Fund.....	independencefund.org, 888-851-7996
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) .....	taps.org, 1-800-959-8277, 202-588-8277
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).....	vfw.org, 816-756-3390, 202-543-2239
Veterans of Modern Warfare.....	vmwusa.org
VetsFirst. ....	vetsfirst.org
Vietnam Veterans of America .....	vva.org, 1-800-882-1316

Share your USFSPA reform concerns with those your dues support.

# AMERICAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Membership dues/book order instructions and form

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**ARA Mission Statement**

The American Retirees Association (ARA) was chartered in California in 1984 as a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation to deal with inequities in the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA), Public Law 97-252, 10 U.S.C. § 1408 et seq. Its membership includes active duty, reserve, and retired members of the uniformed services, both male and female.

The ARA is headquartered in Redlands, California, and maintains an action

office in the national capital area. The ARA is recognized, within the national community of veterans' organizations, as the leader of the USFSPA reform effort.

The goals of the ARA are relief for those military veterans already affected by various inequities in this law and reduction of the threat to future military retirees. The ARA maintains that there must be fair and equitable treatment for both members of any military marriage that ends in divorce.

**IS "DIVORCE AND THE MILITARY II" ON YOUR MILITARY EXCHANGE BOOKSHELF?**

If NOT, please advise me: My objective is to assure all service personnel have an opportunity to read this reference guide before they marry and divorce. My email address is contactara@rocketmail.com.

*Thank you for your service,  
Dennis Egge, President,  
American Retirees Association*