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ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Continue to support the ongoing efforts between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the compatibility of the two health care systems to preserve and improve the benefits for all beneficiary groups.
2. Support efforts to provide full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and disability compensation to all eligible military retirees regardless of disability rating or years of service.
3. Support the DFAS initiative to forgive any overpayment of retired pay for any period after the date of death of a Retiree through the last day of the month in which death occurs.
4. Support a test program under which Retired Soldiers who are supported by APOs in Germany be allowed to send and receive parcels weighing up to five pounds, for the purpose of quantifying impacts. The three Service Retiree Councils have repeatedly supported a test program and senior leaders in Europe (USAREUR and USEUCOM) and Korea (USFK) have requested the amendment of Military Postal System (MPS) rules to authorize mail privileges for Box R (military retirees) for parcels up to five pounds. However, OSD has disapproved those requests citing assumed increases in cost and workload. This issue remains the top quality of life issue, after health care, for military retirees residing in Europe and the Pacific.
5. Support the recommendation for issuance of permanent IDs for spouses and surviving spouses IAW the June 2012 Joint Uniformed Services Personnel Advisory Committee recommendation to OSD allowing Retired Soldiers' spouses and surviving spouses to obtain permanent ID cards at age sixty-five if they purchase Medicare Part B. This was addressed in our 2013 Memorandum to the CSA. Although we considered the comments submitted in 2014 by HRC, we non-concur and remain firm in our 2013 position which said: "Acknowledge spouses' long-term commitment to the Army by issuing them an indefinite ID card at age 65." We request HRC provides any metrics or other data that justifies maintaining the age for a permanent ID card at 75. Otherwise, recommend action immediately be taken to reduce the age to 65 in recognition of the long-term commitment of our spouses and to send the clear message that like their Soldiers their association with the Army is for life.
6. Support USAREUR and 8th Army in collaborating and developing a consolidated position and recommendation for increasing mail for overseas retirees and widows. The CSARC will reconsider this issue once a consolidated position is provided to DARSO.