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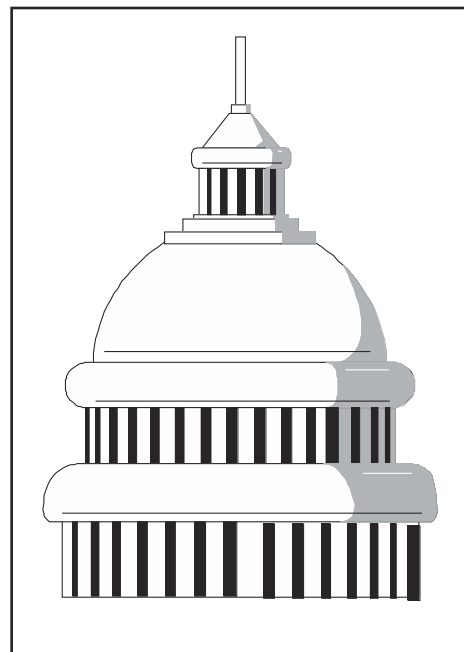
This article is named appropriately for what's happening inside the DC Beltway. Drama prevails with endless political party feuding. Next year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is still sequestered in conference but maybe that's a good thing.

Thanks to National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA) support, we are proceeding with our long awaited Military Divorce Action Equity Act. This is focused on family law jurisdictions that do not otherwise garnish jointly earned family income as former dependent spouse support. Remember,

uniformed service personnel are designated Former Spouse Act casualties. As a (retired from active duty) Navy NCO I am one of those.

The Pentagon's recent decision to prospectively base USFSPA garnishment amounts to the casualty's base income on Final Decree Day, does not include casualties who were suffering, retrospectively, and are so far forgotten.

*We never give up,
Dennis Egge, ARA President for
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VIEW FROM THE CHARTHOUSE

By Dennis Egge, President
American Retirees Association

What an exciting civics education we've experienced in the past 10 years, when we think of what most of us couldn't imagine 10 years ago. Lots of partisan drama coming from all Government offices, these days:

Efforts to reform the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protec-

tion Act (USFSPA) are proceeding way below the radar. We don't kid ourselves, there are those who will always want more from us casualties; they won't give up, nor can we.

Last month, we remembered those who gave up their lives protecting our country from its enemies, foreign and domestic. Lincoln warned us the USA will be taken down by an insider enemy;

then he was assassinated. We know why we must be always vigilant.

At home, in our family law jurisdictions, our state legislatures can help reform USFSPA, as several states have already done. Don't hesitate to ask us, to help with that mission

*At your service,
Dennis Egge, ARA President*

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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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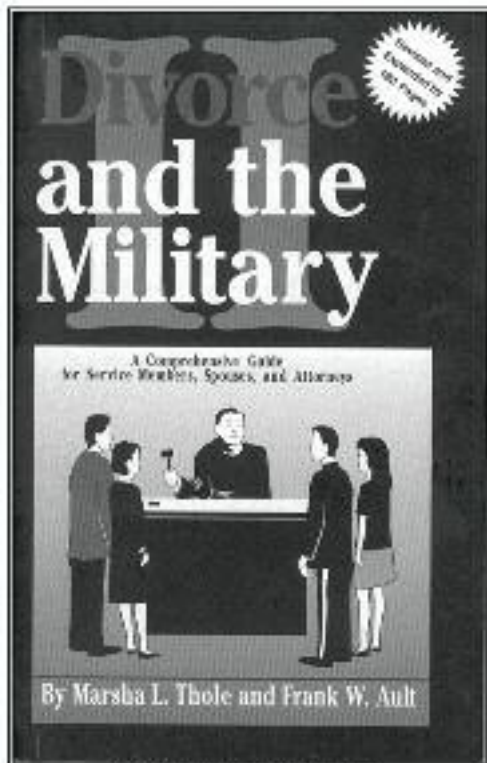
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*Thank you for your service,
Dennis Egge, President,
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