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defending the rights of all uniformed service personnel

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### THE WASHINGTON RAMBLE

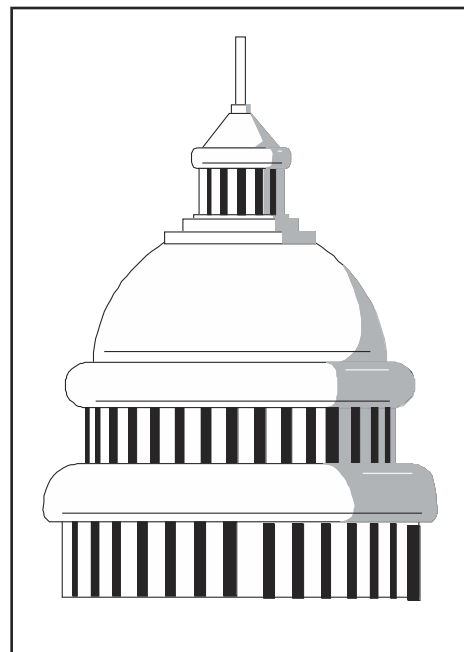
Congress is finally back in session after their annual recess for the entire month of August and early September. The end of the fiscal year is Sept. 30 and, as of this writing, not one of the 12 appropriations bills to fund the government in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 has been passed.

To make matters worse, the Republicans in the House are arguing among themselves about a bill that will give Congress more time to pass the funding for FY 2024. This bill, called a Continuing Resolution (CR), maintains funding for all government agencies at the FY 2023 levels. CRs are usually for two or three months. However, there have been rumblings that it could go for an entire year. If that were to happen, federal agencies would have to operate at last year's funds, without any increases.

While all this is being sorted out, House members and Senators are still required to represent their constituents in districts and states. Reform of the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA) is still alive. As the Charthouse states, the American Retirees Association is closely looking at a proposal to limit a state's authority to impose USFSPA provisions on a military member's divorce action under certain circumstances. As this proposal gets polished up, local House members and Senators can be approached, especially those on Congressional committees dealing with defense personnel.

Stay tuned for more information!

*James Noone, ARA Legal Counsel*



### 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 Protection 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 US of A 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*

### The Stewart Report

As the American Retirees Association (ARA) approaches its 45th anniversary, we are delighted to announce the merger of ARA with the Uniformed Services Association (USA).

USA is descended from the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) which, among other things, played a key role in getting us Tricare for Life during the Clinton Administration. Together, we can exert more pressure in Washington and move closer to improving fairness in the military pay system. We hope that you will continue to support our combined, stronger organization.

*Al Stewart, Founder, USA*  
*Vic Wintriss Founder, ARA*

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## 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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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*

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