

# Eagle Retiree News

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## Air Force Retiree Council convenes to discuss issues

6/13/2014 - **JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFRNS)** -- The 2014 Air Force Retiree Council met in May to discuss issues important to retirees and surviving spouses, and receive briefings on various subjects important to the retiree community.

This was the first time the council convened since 2012. Last year's annual meeting was cancelled because of budget constraints.

The Air Force Retiree Council provides the link between members of the Air Force retiree community - more than 695,000 retirees, spouses and surviving spouses living throughout the world -- and the Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh. Council co-chairmen are Welsh's liaison with the retiree community and work directly for him. Current co-chairmen are Lt. Gen. Steven R. Polk and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley, both retired.

Read more at: <http://go.usa.gov/9d9p>

## Commission seeks service members' compensation preferences

6/4/2014 - **WASHINGTON (AFRNS)** -- The commission tasked by President Barack Obama and Congress to modernize military compensation and benefits programs is seeking input from service members on their preferences.

Alphonso Maldon Jr., chairman of the Military Compensation and Retirement

Modernization Commission, said understanding service members' compensation preferences is central to the commission's effort to craft modernization recommendations.

"Our primary goal is to ensure the uniformed services can maintain the most professional all-volunteer force, provide for a high quality of life for the members of the uniformed services and their families, and ensure that compensation and retirement systems are financially sustainable," he said. "Our fundamental objective is to craft an integrated compensation and personnel system that will continue to be valued by service members, provide flexibility for the uniformed services, and be cost effective."

Read more at: <http://go.usa.gov/9dXq>

## VA Provides Guidance to Same-Sex Married Couples Seeking Benefits

**WASHINGTON** -- After close consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is providing guidance to same-sex married couples on the benefits and services to which they are entitled under current laws and regulations.

"VA worked closely with DOJ to develop guidance to process cases involving same-sex marriages and to implement necessary changes swiftly and smoothly in order to deliver the best services to all eligible Veterans," said Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Sloan D. Gibson.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which governed the definitions

of "marriage" and "spouse" for all federal agencies. However, there remain certain provisions of federal law governing Veterans' benefits and services that, like DOMA, define a spouse as a member of the opposite sex. In September 2013, the U.S. Attorney General announced President Obama's directive to cease enforcement of those VA-specific definitional provisions.

Read more at: <http://go.usa.gov/9dX2>

## Updated myPay Password Rules (May 2014)

The FBI reports that Internet crime continues to rise. Today's lifestyles means more of us are online to keep in touch with friends and family, purchase retail goods and manage our financial, medical and personal business.

Access to your myPay account is protected by your login credentials (login name and password) and your online habits. myPay is protected by state-of-the-art security and round-the-clock monitoring. But security of your account depends on you!

Here we'll keep you updated on the latest rules regarding your password, requesting new user IDs and passwords, and other things you can do to keep your myPay experience secure.

With the Spring 2014 release, myPay will be updating its system password rules that meets the intent of DoD security policies and customer feedback.

Read more at: <http://go.usa.gov/9dX8>