

RAO NEWSLETTER 2-22

Hi, wanted to pass on some late breaking news and bring everyone up to date on a few issues.

RAO Closed 1 Feb, Chinese New Year, Philippine non working holiday.

Major changes in Immigration: Philippines reopens to tourists, see these links;

- <https://l.facebook.com/l.php...>
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- <https://l.facebook.com/l.php...>

VA UPDATES; <https://www.facebook.com/.../permalink/1888358404680680>

Free Covid -19 Test Kits

- YOU CAN ORDER THE 4 KITS THROUGH <https://special.usps.com/testkits>
- YOU CAN USE YOUR FPO BOX TO RECEIVE THEM. (Verified through FPO.)
- You do not have to have a U.S. Address. Your FPO is considered as one.
- Some are having trouble logging onto the USPS site to order. This is caused by your IPS being identified as being outside U.S. If you already have VPN use it when going to the site. If you do not have VPN you can go to <https://www.tunnelbear.com/> to get a free trial VPN which will show your IPS in the U.S. It's actually a very easy process.

TAX MAN

For those who may have missed the announcement, Ken Kimura is available each Friday from 8-11 to assist in tax preparation. First come first served.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are nearing the end of Jan and many have not found the opportunity to renew their membership for various reasons. Now is the time to do so. The RAO is wholly funded by membership dues, and its what keeps the doors open and the lights on. We have to be able to project how we stand for the year, to ensure we will be able to provide the many services we do. We have lost a number of members due to them returning to the states and not being able to return, but now that immigration has reopened, we hope many will come home, also we have experienced a larger than expected loss this year caused by the number of deaths (91).

The past few years have been tough on all, and we understand how it has affected our membership and finances, but for us to continue to be true to our pledge to Help Our Heroes, and provide the best services to all, it takes having the financial resources to do so. We have made some changes to help lower our overhead, but without the “dues” it will be a tough road ahead. With that in mind, we ask that those who haven’t renewed, do so by 18 FEB. We cannot continue to provide services to unpaid mail boxes and will have to begin closing non-renewed FPO boxes and returning mail in them at that time. For those who are anticipating return or not returning to the P.I. please contact us by email so we can make arrangements either way. You are why we are here, and we cherish your friendship and you being a member of the RAO family. We also cherish the opportunity to make life a little easier for you. Please help us to continue to do so.

Please stay safe and healthy!