

RAO CLOSURES

RAO 21 Feb for U S Presidents Day and on 25 Feb for Philippine People's Power Day

UPDATE ON FPO MAIL BOXES

As previously mentioned Feb 18 is the final due date for payment of 2022 dues. On the 19th any boxes remaining unpaid will result in closure and return of mail to sender. Those members in the states who intend to continue service but are unpaid, pls contact us via email to make arrangements to forward intent and payment. (dirraosubic@gmail.com)

We have had our ID card problem resolved and are producing ID's again.

VACCINATIONS and BOOSTERS ARE ONGOING

Those who may still have not gotten vaccination or boosted and desire to, who are eligible through VAOPC should contact VA for scheduling by dialing #6982. Vaccines and boosters are also available to foreigners through the LGU's, contact your Barangay for info.

IMMIGRATION

As all should now be aware the Philippines has reopened immigration for tourists from Visa free countries, EFFECTIVE 10 FEB. You can now come back for 29 days, provided you are fully vaccinated, have the 48 hour test and have Covid-19 travel insurance. No word has been published on extensions to the 29 day rule yet. The RAO has submitted a letter from TRICARE which shows retirees who are eligible are covered for basically all illnesses, to the DOH in hopes of getting that approved for meeting the requirement. More as we get info from them. This letter was approved for use in Thailand to meet their requirements, so hopefully...

Reminder on ARCI card renewal. All foreign non-residents must renew before 1 March.

U S PASSPORTS AND VISA'S

A notice published by the Embassy which is being misinterpreted or misread, regarding mailing of Visas and Passports to the Embassy is causing some confusion. Visa's can now be mailed to the Embassy thru LBC. U S Passports continue to be mailed through Air-21. The Visa portion is the only change not passports

CLARIFICATION

Who is required to obtain/renew ACRI Card: All foreign nationals under immigrant and non-immigrant visas including holders of Temporary Visitor's Visa, who have stayed for more than fifty nine (59) days in the Philippines.

Who is not, persons with below Visa's.

Balikbayan	All Economic Zone Visas
Tourist less than 59 days	SIRV
47(a)(2) exempt	SRRV