

RAO NEWSLETTER 9-22

RAO CLOSURES: OCT 10 2022

MONDAY 10 Oct, Columbus day

The RAO is proud to announce we now have a dedicated and experienced VSO available on Wed and Fridays from 09-1200 to assist in Veterans claims. This is strictly by appt only! Please call or email Mike directly for an appt. For this week, please email or voice call, RAO cannot make the appt for you. You should notice that the info below has a VA Accreditation number. Be cautioned that anyone who states they are a VSO, Agent or Atty, and can help with your claim is making a false claim, if they do not have a VA accreditation number ! Use them at your own peril! You could be heavily fined and future benefits withheld.

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REMINDER ON SSA "ARE YOU STILL ALIVE LETTER"

SSA form 7162 is being rec'd by many and requires a response within 60 days of mailing date. If you should not comply, they may suspend your payments. It can take 3-4 months getting it going again. Also during the period of suspension you could be disenrolled from Tricare as a result of being disenrolled from Medicare part B. Word to the wise, don't procrastinate, respond as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP CY-2023

Renew now!, save up to P500, in November. As the New Year fast approaches, we have to consider our financial budget for it. As the result of Covid lockdowns, and losses through deaths in the past 2 years, we have experienced a reduction in membership. A number of folks have not been able to return from the states, and added to that more than 150 who have passed away in that period. Also to be considered is

the cost of doing business due to higher prices for utilities and transportation of the mail from Manila. In order to stay viable and continue to provide the great service you have become accustomed to, we find we will need to adjust the membership costs. To lighten the blow we will be following a tiered renewal format. Those renewing 1-30 Nov, will pay P4500, Dec 1-31 will be P4700 and 1 Jan onward, P5000. We are cutting costs in every way we can find, but still need to ask for your help, in keeping the doors open and at least a few lights on. We greatly value your friendship and membership and you being a part of the RAO family, and are working hard to continue to deserve them.

FEELING ILL? TROUBLE BREATHING?

Just wanted to put out a word of caution! In the past couple of weeks we have seen an increase of Vets being admitted into ICU for respiratory problems, caused by a real nasty bout of pneumonia. Have had 3 cases in 2 wks, 2 slipped into coma and passed, within a few days. The 3rd got real close but appears to be on the rebound. All 3 were tested for Covid prior to admittance and were negative. If you're not feeling well see a Dr, this stuff is bad and the macho man mentality will not serve you well. Also ICU is very expensive! A week there can be as high as P500,000, An ounce of prevention... Nuff said.

Please stay safe and healthy!!!!!!!!!!

Jack Walker