



RETIRED NEWS

Information for FEA Retired Members

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1. The New eOPF Documents Request Service: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has launched a new eOPF Documents Request Service (DRS), giving eligible separated Federal employees a secure way to request their employment records without government network access or agency-issued credentials. For additional information refer to FEA's Membership Update (Aug 21, 2026) or visit: www.feaonline.org or <https://myopf.opm.gov>

2. Equal COLA Act. After repealing the Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision (GPO/WEP) that unfairly penalized our retired members under CSRS, it is now time to correct the unfair pension calculations for our Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) members. Let your lawmakers know that they should cosponsor H.R. 491/ S. 624 (the Equal COLA Act). This would provide full COLAs to FERS retirees, ensuring that the value of their retirement annuities is preserved. It's past time to end this unfairness.

3. Preventing a Government Shutdown. While contacting your lawmakers about the Equal COLA Act, also urge them to cosponsor H.R. 4632/ S. 4632, the Prevent Government Shutdowns Act. These bills provide for additional funding for programs that would otherwise lapse under a shutdown, as well as provide a mechanism to incentivize Congress to avoid lapses in government funding completely. Specifically, the Prevent Government Shutdowns Act would automatically continue funding for programs for a period of 14 days, and then again for another 14 days if an appropriation is still not passed, and so on until funding is provided for a full year, or until a measure is passed specifying no more funds shall be provided for the said program. It would also compel Congress to avoid shutdowns by restricting official travel, using campaign funds for official travel and works to keep Congress in DC until full appropriations are enacted.

4. Legal Fight to Prevent the Dismantling of the Dept. of Education. On May 8th, a Maryland district judge denied the government's motion to dismiss NEA's lawsuit challenging the dismantling of ED. The court held that the plaintiff coalition (including NEA and the NAACP) plausibly alleged that the current Administration's actions to shutter ED, including a March 2025 mass reduction-in-force and the cancellation of billions in grant awards and contracts, violated the Constitution and harmed the plaintiffs' members. The decision, which noted that no statute gives the President the power to shut down the Department, means that the case will continue.

5. Counting Mail-In Ballots. On June 29th, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Mississippi law that allows mail-in ballots to be counted as long as they are postmarked by Election Day and arrive within five business days. Fourteen states and D.C. have policies providing grace periods for mail-in ballots, and another 15 states do so for military and overseas ballots only.

6. FEA-Retired Members Attend the NARFE Conference. Several FEA-Retired members were able to attend the biennial conference of the National Active/Retired Federal Employees Conference in Indianapolis last month. Workshops included estate planning, getting the most from your TSP, the pros and cons of converting traditional retirement plans to Roth plans, along with outstanding, motivational speeches from documentary film maker, Brett Culp and Lt. General Russell L. Honore (retired). For more information visit their website www.narfe.org



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