

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS (cont.)

- Extended Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) payments for military widows and widowers until May 31, 2018;
- Successfully obtained full veteran status for Reservists with 20 years or more of service, who do not otherwise qualify for full veterans' benefits under current law
- Blocked drastic cuts to Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH);

## Expert Information

**Influence in Congress**-Imagine a world where your Congressional representatives seek you out for your opinion, and where you are invited to testify before committees. That is the power you gain when you unite with FRA, the only organization devoted exclusively to the interests of enlisted Sea Services personnel.

**Access to assistance and information**-Know what you're entitled to for your military benefits and how to access them. FRA can help answer questions about your retired pay, benefits and quality of life programs.

## MONEY-SAVING DISCOUNTS

**Protection for your finances**-Take advantage of members-only card programs and other financial tools.

**My advisors and Personal Insurance Website**-Please visit [www.frainsure.com](http://www.frainsure.com). You'll have access to several valuable insurance plans, articles, videos, checklists, calculators and a variety of other tools that can help you make smart financial decisions for your family and future. Take advantage of this convenient and no-additional cost benefit of your FRA membership.



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# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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**In addition to effective lobbying and advocacy, FRA offers its members a host of benefits and information that enhance the value of membership. We've designed a menu of supplemental programs and assistance tailored to the needs of Shipmates and their families.**

## PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

**FRA membership**-Open to enlisted active duty, reserve, retired and veterans in the USN, USMC and USCG. Share experiences & participate in local community programs. Join a Branch or become a Member at Large to support the FRA. Visit our website at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or call us at 703-683-1400 ext. 1 for more information.

## ADVOCATE ON CAPITOL HILL

**Inform members of Congress** on issues important to you and other enlisted personnel. Most members of Congress do not have military experience and must be educated about the concerns affecting you.

**Testifies before Congressional committees** advocating for improved health care, increased pay and adequate funding for programs that benefit you and other enlisted Sea Services personnel, retirees, veterans, their families and survivors.

**Sponsors legislative briefings** and offers updates to keep you informed about threats to your pay and benefits.

**Intervenes on your behalf** with government departments and agencies regarding career issues and veterans programs.

## QUALITY SERVICES

**FRAtoday magazine**-Stay current on issues affecting active duty, reserve, retired pay and entitlements. *FRAtoday* also includes news on membership benefits, topics of interest, outreach, and also updates from FRA Branches and Auxiliary Units.

**NewsBytes**-Weekly electronic update on legislation affecting active duty/reserve retirees and veterans.

**Administering scholarship programs**-The FRA Education Foundation offers financial aid to members and their immediate family, awarding more than \$100,000 each year to deserving students.

**Americanism Essay Contest**-Sponsored annually to promote patriotism among youth.

**Disaster Relief Fund**-Assist FRA members, widows of deceased members and immediate families stricken by a catastrophic disaster.

**Affordable group insurance programs**-FRA uses the buying power of thousands of Shipmates to negotiate group discounts on health, life, accident and other insurance programs. Your FRA members-only rates are often lower than what you could find on your own in the marketplace and often, with greater plan benefits.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Blocked efforts to abolish TRICARE (except for TRICARE for Life) and replace it with an entirely new health care system;
- Successfully opposed the Administration's call for a TRICARE for Life (TFL) enrollment fee for new TFL beneficiaries;
- Successfully blocked TRICARE Prime and Standard fee increases;
- Stopped proposed drastic pharmacy co-pay increases for retirees under age 65;
- Effectively supported the House passing the Agent Orange/Blue Water Navy presumption provision as an amendment to the House FY 2017 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs (MilCon/VA) appropriations bill;
- House Agent Orange/Blue Water Navy bill received more co-sponsors than any other bill in the House (335);
- Obtained larger than requested active duty/reserve pay increase (2.1% versus 1.6%) in National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA);
- Successfully included reform provisions for the military divorce law;
- Increased funding for VA programs
- Provided additional impact aid in the House and Senate NDAA for school districts with large military populations;