

ATTENTION TO ROLLCALL

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Cost-of-Living Adjustment

By Danny Gregg

What is a COLA?

Answer – a cost-of-living-adjustment is an increase in benefits or salaries to counteract inflation.

How is inflation calculated?

Answer – Inflation is calculated annually using the Consumer Price Index for Urban Earners and Clerical workers (CPI-W) or Consumer Price Index for Urban Earners (CPI-U).

How is the COLA determined for federal benefits, e.g., social security?

Answer - The Bureau of Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), calculates the change in the Consumer Price Index for “urban wage earners and clerical workers” (CPI-W) from the third quarter average of the previous year to the third quarter average for the current year.

How is the COLA determined for MPD retirees?

Answer – similarly to federal benefits, except the calculation is based on the CPI-U for “all urban consumers” (i.e., prices paid by consumers for a market basket of goods and services over a specified period of time). Unlike social security, the CPI-U for MPD retirees is calculated over a calendar year – January 1 through December 31.

What is the 2023 COLA for MPD retirees?

Answer –

1. The annual COLA is effective March 1 and payable on April 1 each year.
2. Retired police officers hired before November 10, 1996, and their survivors, the COLA effective on March 1, 2023, is 6.5 percent.
3. Retired police officers hired on or after November 10, 1996, and their survivors, the COLA effective March 1, 2023, is 3.0 percent.

If I retired earlier this year or in 2022 will I get a COLA?

Yes, but you'll receive a prorated amount. Members who retired after March 1, 2022, and before March 1, 2023, are entitled to a prorated COLA equal to 1/12th of the above applicable increase for each month or partial month (for a maximum of 12 months) for which their annuity was effective.

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DURING PREDICTIONS FOR BAD WEATHER, CONTACT THE AORP TO HEAR THE PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

301-532-2749

877-283-1065

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR MEMBER– retired police officer

ASSOCIATE – Widow or widower of a Regular member – not required to pay dues.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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(877)283-1065

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10th Floor

UPDATE ON DEATH NOTIFICATIONS

By Janet Hankins

AORP Brother Joe Roche will be taking over my role as “angel of death” beginning now. Please inform your spouse or next of kin that if something happens to you, to contact Joe at 703-232-9695 or jroche7971@gmail.com.

Make sure that you have a certified copy of your marriage license and a certified copy of your spouse’s birth certificate on hand. (Show this article to your spouse.) When the time comes, she/he should notify Joe so that he can start the process of helping your spouse secure his/her Survivor’s Annuity.

EMAIL ADDRESSES!

If you change or have a new address, please shoot us an email. We find that most of the emails are being kicked back from our MailChimp account. Please add admin@aorp.org to your contacts. Some emails addresses have unsubscribed.

One reason is an accidental push of that button, and the other is attempting to forward to a non-account/member. Please send any issues to janetgmarie@aol.com

What is the Dollard-Suter Family Fund (DSFF)?

The DSFF, founded by the Association of Retired Police Officers of the District of Columbia (AORP), is here to support our fellow officers and their families, in recognition of their service to their community and the law enforcement family.

The DSFF is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Charitable contributions to the DSFF are tax-deductible. The mission of the DSFF is to support AORP members, their families, and their survivors who come upon hard times financially during the loss of their police officer spouse, father, brother, or sister.

The DSFF supports widows and other dependent survivors of retired police officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division and its Agents, and the U.S. Capitol Police, who are members of the AORP.

Whether it is offering a temporary financial bridge loan for a newly widowed spouse until they begin receiving survivor benefits, or a retired police officer, or a retired law enforcement family due to an unexpected emergency finds itself unable to meet financial commitments, DSFF stands ready to assist.

The DSFF is administered exclusively by unpaid volunteers who are fellow police officers. These volunteers spend their own time and resources seeking to comfort and assist the retired officers and their families who need help.

Because of the thoughtful and generous support from you, our AORP members, the DSFF closed out 2022 with a balance of \$69,119.69.

Do your part in 2023 to assist your fellow officers and their families; donate to the DSFF at:

Dollard Suter Family Fund - Home (dsffund.org)

IN MEMORIAM

Since the last quarterly newsletter, the following members, or their spouses, have been added to the list of those who have answered their last Roll Call and have gone on before us. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

NAME	RETIRED	ASSIGNED	RANK	DOD
Christian Gilbertson	10/10/1979	TRNG	SGT	07/01/2022
John Rentz	09/04/2004	IAD	SGT	09/11/2022
William Hunter	07/14/2001	SOD	OFC	09/00/2022
Garland Liskey	10/01/1978	SOD TD	SGT	09/30/2022
William H Berrier	07/31/1975	3PCT	SGT	10/16/2022
Lawrence Owens	12/03/1988	YD	OFC	10/18/2022
Louis E. Martin	07/01/1971	SOD	SGT	10/27/2022
Joseph McMurrer	06/30/1974	1D	SGT	11/29/2022
Marshall Janifer	04/30/1977	IAD	SGT	12/17/2022
Ralph Sayre	07/14/1990	ROP	OFC	12/25/2022
Edward G. Yatty	09/01/1983	IAD	SGT	01/17/2023

NAME	SPOUSE	DOD
Doris Carpenter	Charles Carpenter	October 00, 2022
Kathleen Collins	Charles Collins	October 22, 2022
Shirley Jean Slusher	Irven Slusher	November 18, 2022
Patricia Ann McGuire	Thomas McGuire	December 08, 2022

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Elvis F. Harrell	Linwood Harrell	March 17, 2021
Loretta A. Morris	Robert S. Morris	September 29, 2022
Sylvia Couperthwaite	WJ Couperthwaite	November 13, 2022
Carol Ann Allen	John G Allen	December 31, 2022
Shirley Mae Kuntz	Stephen Mathew Kuntz	January 10, 2023

NOTIFICATION OF DEATHS

No matter what your type of membership, please request your loved ones to notify the AORP upon your passing. Ask them to contact Joe Roche on (703)232-9695. He can assist them with the notifications that will need to be made; and, make sure that any money due your estate is located.

IMPORTANT PHONE #s AND OTHER INFO:**DCRB Benefits Office****202-343-3272****important forms on dcrb.dc.gov****FOP (office number
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