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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JOIN US AT A MEETING IN COLLEGE PARK (SEE BOX BELOW FOR DETAILS)

IRS AGREES! OVERPAYMENTS NOT TAXABLE!

The IRS has agreed with our position that the “debt” forgiven by the U.S. Treasury’s Office of DC Pensions is not taxable income. This is a great victory for our members who received 1099C’s from them claiming they were liable to pay income taxes on the “forgiven debt”. Collectively, their tax liabilities would have exceeded one million dollars.

We asked our attorney to provide an explanation of how the Private Opinion Letter may be used by our members who shared the circumstances with our named member. You may obtain a copy of the Letter and the Attorneys’ Explanation by going to the AORP website (aorp.org) and clicking on the phrase, “**IRS Letter Ruling with Explanation from our Attorneys**”. This “link” is on the home page, which is the first page you see when you got to our website. By clicking on this link you will download a pdf version which you can print out from your computer to your printer. Please read this carefully and consider consulting with a professional tax preparer when you file to reclaim any past payments you made in accordance with the Treasury 1099C you received, or to use it in any future federal income tax filings.

Thank you to **James Aurouze**, our member who volunteered to be the lead on this. He had very detailed income and tax files which he shared with our law firm to create the case that won this for us all.

You may contact the firm which we hired, but any fees that may accrue are your responsibility. Mr. Justin Hughes, Esq., CPA is the gentleman who took lead on our case. The firm is:

Frost & Associates, LLC

888 Bestgate Road, Suite 400

Annapolis, MD 21401

(410) 497-5947, Office

You may of course, use whomever you wish for consultation and advice. You should share this package

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AORP members meet on the first Wednesday at 7:00 P.M of the following months September, November, December, January, February, March, and April. The meetings for May and October are dinner meetings which start at 6:00 P.M. AORP monthly meetings are held in Heroes Hall at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department, 4905 Branchville Road, College Park, Maryland 20740.

INTRODUCTION

The single most frequent call upon the resources of the Dollard Suter Family Fund (DSFF) comes from widows who have just lost their husbands. Janet usually refers them to the DSFF because they lack the necessary money to see themselves through the funeral, costs for shelter, food and other daily living expenses that must be met as they transition to living without their spouse. This is often an unnecessary burden which can be avoided if the couple had made some plans to meet them, before he died. The DSFF was founded to assist our members' and their families work through financial crises. Thanks be to God for our volunteers who work for the DSFF to provide for their brothers and sisters. Janet has spent years writing articles, giving speeches in front our meetings and offering personal counseling whenever anyone has asked her to help them prepare for their passing. I hope you will read her brief article below and do whatever you can to provide for your spouse when you die. Some planing now is a loving gesture to leave behind when you have gone ahead.

CHANGES TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WHEN FILING FOR A SURVIVORS ANNUITY

A SURVIVING SPOUSE ELIGIBLE FOR SURVIVOR BENEFITS IS DEFINED AS:

- The spouse was married to deceased member when he or she died and had yet to retire;
- The spouse was married to the retired member for one-year immediately prior to death

The Police & Firefighters Retirement & Relief Board has made recent changes in the documents required when a widow/widower files for his/her Survivor's Annuity. They are: certified copy of spouse's Death Certificate indicating the cause of death; certified copy of Marriage License (not a Certificate of Marriage); and a Certified copy of the applicant's Birth Certificate.

There is no longer a requirement for divorce decrees. However, if you have already obtained them, I would recommend you keep them in case the requirements change again. The surviving spouse' birth certificate is a new one. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE IT ON HAND AS IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.**

Remember, all funds stop the day you pass – even if it is close to the end of the month. The retirement check that would be deposited automatically on the first of the month, will be withdrawn. If there is not enough money in your account to recover the full amount of your retirement check, your spouse cannot file a claim until it is reimbursed. Your spouse will need approximately 3-4 months of living expenses, once the Application for Survivor's Annuity is submitted (with required documents). **PLEASE GET PREPARED BY HAVING THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ON HAND AND PUTTING MONEY ASIDE.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE AORP IS NOTIFIED OF THE PASSING OF ANY MEMBER OR SPOUSE. CALL JANET HANKINS ON 202-438-1494 OR LEAVE MESSAGE AT 877-283-1065.

DUES ARE \$35. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

**AORP
PO Box 22
Hanover, MD 21076**

PAYING YOUR DUES ON LINE?

Sign on the AORP website and click on MEMBERSHIP which is located on the left side of the blue banner. Scroll down and click on Merchandise in the drop-down menu. Then select the renewal subscription you prefer (1yr, 2yrs or 3yrs) and click on "Add to Cart". You may also use this process to order a Retirement Badge. You will see the link to that on this page as well.

PLEASE DO NOT RE-REGISTER BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR USERNAME/PASSWORD. Send an email to me at: janetmarie@aol.com if you have any questions!

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	DEPT	RANK	ASSIGN	DOD
David F. Camp	07/16/89	UDSS	CAPT	WH	09/18/17
James L. Powell	12/31/80	MPD	OFF	1D	10/17/17
Preston K. Scisci	04/30/70	MPD	OFF	9PCT	10/19/17
Kenneth B. Crawford	09/01/59	MPD	OFF	6PCT	10/31/17
Raymond H. Terczak	01/27/01	MPD	OFF	SOD	11/09/17
Guy L. Gray	09/01/80	MPD	OFF	2D	11/10/17
Joseph W. Proulx	08/01/76	MPD	OFF	SOD	11/16/17
Gerald L. Caraway	04/28/84	MPD	OFF	CT/LIA	12/08/17
William M. Perkins	04/01/67	MPD	DET	CID	12/12/17
Milton R. Lomax	09/30/77	USPP	DC	ADM	12/13/17
Paul M. Savage	08/30/80	MPD	OFF	COMM	12/13/17
Walter M. Smith	08/12/14	MPD	OFF	RSCH	12/15/17
John H. Henderson	10/29/89	MPD	OFF	1D	12/20/17
Howard L. Whitlock	08/30/84	MPD	OFF	PROP	01/02/18

NAME	SPOUSE OF	DOD
Barbara E. Pickeral	George W. Pickeral	12/02/17

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Mary Ann Rutt	Robert P. Rutt	10/11/17
Alice L. Day	George P. Day	11/09/17

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with whomever you use. **NOTE:** A member who filed for refunds from Maryland and the Federal government reported that Maryland replied that they must have the Federal decision before Maryland will decide the appeal for a refund. Maryland says it will suspend consideration of its appeal if they do not have the Federal decision within 30 days of the application to Maryland. Wait for the Feds before filing with Maryland.

NEED TO CONTACT THE CHAPLAIN?

Manuel Rivera, a retired MPD member and ordained minister, is our chaplain. You may contact him confidentially through his email address at:

revrivera@msn.com

NEW AORP CONTACT INFORMATION

When corresponding or sending dues payments to the AORP please use the following address.

**AORP
PO Box 22
Hanover, MD 21076**

**To contact the new Secretary/Treasury, please use the following
email or telephone number.**

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Secretary/Treasurer
(301)532-2749
janetgmarie@aol.com**

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