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**Military Retiree Mail Will No Longer
Be Delivered Through Embassies or Consulates**

Washington, DC – The Department of State (DoS) is assuming management responsibility for the operation of postal facilities, as the Department of Defense (DoD) transitions their post offices at embassies and consulates around the world. Effective December 31, 2009, military retirees will no longer receive their mail through embassies or consulates. This change in service is the result of statutory restrictions that prohibit DoD from reimbursing DoS for the service. The Military Departments are considering alternatives that could provide for future reimbursement for retiree mail service. The change in service will affect approximately 4,800 military retirees and all DoD contractors currently receiving mail support through those embassies and consulates. Over 20,000 DoD retirees who receive their mail on overseas military installations will not be impacted by this change. Approximately 50 DoS locations will be affected by this decision. Military retirees affected by this change may receive postal support at DoD installations or use the international postal system. TRICARE is contacting military retirees and providing options to ensure continued access to medications delivered by mail. For more information about the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA), visit their web site at <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/>