

RAO Volunteers Needed

Courtesy Navy Retired Activities Office

The Department of the Navy Retired Activities Program offices has been established at locations worldwide and is manned by retiree volunteers from all services. RAO volunteers assist the retired community by helping solve the problems of retirees by serving as a point of contact between the retiree community and all military agencies, local and at the headquarters level. RAO volunteers provide follow-up service and liaison support to survivors of retirees and family members of military retirees to ensure they are aware of all entitlements. Additionally, RAO volunteers assist the Director in conducting retiree annual seminars/appreciation days sponsored by their installation. The dedication and commitment of all RAO volunteers is invaluable and without their support the program would not survive.

As volunteers retire, sometimes after serving over 20 years on the RAO staff, some of the locations are now low on staff and have been forced to significantly decrease the number of hours they are able to provide service to the retired community and their family members. The Navy is aggressively recruiting retirees from the local community and is looking for military retirees who are willing and able to donate three to four hours during the work-week. All RAOs locations operate during weekdays (times and days vary per location). Volunteers not only receive on the job training, they also experience the satisfaction of serving our country in a different capacity. Please see that back of the Shift Colors Newsletter (<http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/Publications/ShiftColors/Pages/default.aspx>) for a complete listing of all Navy RAOs. For more information contact Navy Retired Activities Office at (901) 874-6723 or (901) 874-6949.