

Retiree Corner:

Air Force Retiree Activities Office in Korea

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Military Retiree Assistance Office

Last week, this column covered the Army Retirement Services Offices in Korea. This week, the column will cover the Air Force Retiree Activities Office located at Osan AB in Building 936. This office operates Tue and Thu 1000-1400 of each week. Contact the RAO at DSN 784-1441, commercial 031-661-1441, or cell phone 017-477-1441, e-mail rao@osan.af.mil. The RAO is supplemented by the Military Retiree Assistance Office located in the Sinjang area of Songtan, outside the Osan Main Gate. The MRAO operates Mon-Wed-Fri 0900-1500 Contact the MRAO at 031-663-0319, e-mail mrao@rao-osan.com, and the cell phone is the same.

Both offices are operated by Mr. Jack Terwiel, with assistance in the MRAO provided by Mrs. Puneer Terwiel, both volunteers. The RAO/MRAO provides assistance to the broader Korea retiree community in filing claims for Social Security; in resolving problems with the Internal Revenue Service, and in assisting non-resident alien member of the military retiree community (primarily the Korean widows) in filing non-resident alien tax returns using form 1040NR. In many cases, however, the annuities of the widow are not subject to U.S. taxation. In this case, they are assisted in preparing the form to exempt their annuity from tax withholding.

Mr. Terwiel prepares a monthly e-mail newsletter for retirees, *Still Serving in Korea*, and maintains a web site for retirees at <http://www.rao-osan.com> as well as the web site for Army Retirement Service at <http://www.rso-korea.com>. Both Terwiels collaborate on a Korean-language print newsletter that is mailed quarterly to the widows in Korea.