

Retiree Corner:

United States Forces Korea Retiree Council

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The United States Forces Korea (USFK) Retiree Council is an officially chartered organization of USFK and is established by USFK Regulation 608-3. The mission of the council, as an all-services council, is to ensure that USFK policy for retirees, their families and their survivors has input from the retiree community. Members of the council come from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

The USFK Retiree Council does not generally deal directly with issues of individual retirees. Instead, the council receives inputs from the installation retiree councils around Korea. The installation retiree councils are responsible for receiving issues from their retiree communities. Issues that can be addressed and resolved locally are taken for action by the installation councils. Issues that might affect retiree communities throughout Korea and issues that might have Army-wide effect are passed to the USFK Retiree Council for discussion and further action.

The USFK Retiree Council provides inputs to the Chief of Staff of the Army Retiree Council (CSARC) on issues that either have a wider effect on Army retirees, or issues of significance to Korea retirees that can only be resolved at levels above USFK.

The council has full meetings on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October. Issues requiring urgent attention – or that don't require attendance of the full council – may be addressed at meetings held the second Tuesday of the months in between the quarterly meetings. The current council membership listing can be seen at <http://www.rao-osan.com> by clicking on the USFK logo.