

Rhode Island National Guard Retirement Updater



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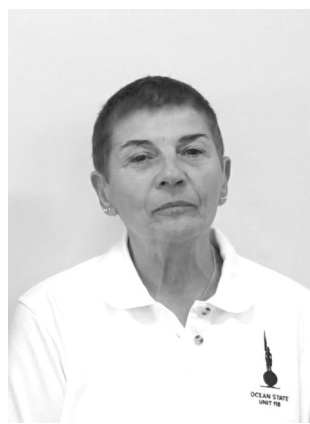
New Slate of Officers Elected at September Quarterly Meeting



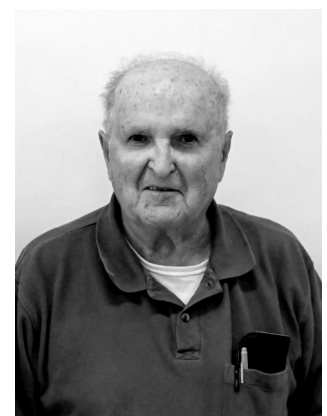
Stephen Souza



Patricia Ryan



Carole Angolano



Herve Pelland

A new administrative team has stepped up to lead our organization. Steve Souza has taken the reigns as President, Patty Ryan as Vice President, Carole Angolano as Secretary and Herve Pelland as Treasurer.

Steve Souza served for 23 years in the Army National Guard, US Army and Army Reserve,. He served as a Communications/Electronics Officer and Field Artillery Officer and graduated from several Army Advanced Schools. He was a Battery Commander, Brigade Staff Officer, and Deputy Commandant of the RI Military Academy.

Steve is a proud member of ANAVICUS (Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans (Canada and US), MOFW (Military Order of Foreign Wars) and Military Order of All Wars.

In retirement, Steve dedicates much of his time to the American Legion where he is Post Commander, District Commander and Dept. Vice Commander. In June, 2020 he became Department Treasurer, overseeing all finances within the American Legion in Massachusetts. He serves on the Finance Committee for the Legion.

Patricia Ryan retired from the U.S. Army in 2012 after nearly 30 years of service. Following four years as an enlisted Soldier, she was commissioned a Military Police Lieutenant through the RI National Guard Officer Candidate School.

Patty is a combat veteran of Desert Storm (1990-1991) and Operation Enduring Freedom (2008). She attended both the US Naval War College and the US Army War College, earning a Master's Degree from each institution.

Upon entering the Title 10 program, Patty served as the National Guard Chief of Staff at The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and then the MP SME at the US Army Peacekeeping Institute in Carlisle, PA.

In addition to her Military Police service, she was a qualified Logistics Officer, Personnel Officer, Finance Officer, and Military Intelligence Officer.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- President.....Stephen Souza
- Vice President.....Patricia Ryan
- Secretary.....Carole Angolano
- Treasurer.....Herve Pelland
- Emergency Support Fund.....Patty Ryan
- Newsletter Editor.....Steve Beauregard
- Membership.....Luis Sousa
- Website.....Lori Casucci
- By-Laws & Legal.....Bill O'Mara
- RI Legislation.....John Gallo
- Veterans Affairs.....Dan Evangelista
- Plaques.....Bob Urquhart
- Auditor..... Dave Leduc

I would first like to thank those members of our organization for the great welcome, support and help in bringing me up to speed to become your president. Additionally, I look forward to working with our new Vice President, Patty Ryan, as well as the many staff members who have created such a phenomenal organization over the years. I only hope I can meet your expectations. I look forward to being a team member.

A few changes may be taking place as we try to fill vacancies and replace staff that wish to be replaced.

The interesting notion is that the team we have in place is one that is committed to working together, making our efforts appreciated by the general retirees' population.

We look forward to having a great year, with increasing our membership, more participation and providing you with the needed information that will be useful in your retirement years.

Please use our newsletter as a resource for yourself, your family or other retired veterans, who may need services. That is what we are all about. Feel free to contact myself or any staff member as we are all committed to you.

If you know of anyone who is not a member of RING Retirees Association, pass along an application, in our newsletter, and have them join. Thanks.

Stephen Souza, President



Things you need to know about your VA

As part of our speaker program, we have invited representatives from the Veterans Administration in Providence to review what benefits you may be eligible for. Justyn Charon, Public Affairs Specialist, will be accompanied by a team of experts at the presentation, to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Perhaps you or a veteran friend has needs that can be addressed? Don't miss this opportunity to attend, as your Retirees Association is committed to providing you with the best and most updated services you all so deserve.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will take place on Saturday, Dec 14th at 9:00 am., at the Schofield Armory, 705 New London Ave., Cranston, RI. We will take care of some minor business before we will suspend our regular order of business to introduce our friends from the VA at 9:30 am.

Since its that time of the year, we plan to have a small luncheon after the meeting to celebrate the Holiday Season. Make plans to join in on our fellowship and see old friends.

Contact Information You May Need

- Steve Souza (President).....508-642-6660
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- Luis Sousa (Membership).....401-944-5277
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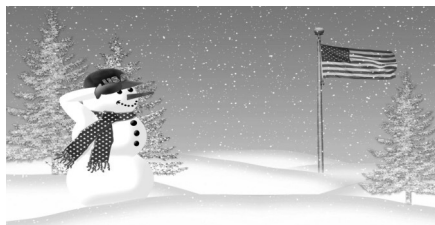
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Carole Angolano has been our Secretary for more than four years. She completed 38 years in the RIARNG before retiring in 2013 as Command Chief Warrant Officer at Joint Force Headquarters in Cranston. She has served as LAN/WAN Manager, IAM, COMSEC, ITSEC, Systems Analyst and in Information Technology assignments.

Carole is a graduate of the RI Military Academy and was a Federal Employee working for the Army Guard for 32 years. Carole is currently a Professor at Salve Regina University and Trident University International.

Continuing as Treasurer, **Herve Pelland** has served RINGRA in many other ways through the years. He serves on the Executive Board, Newsletter, Plaques and Sunshine Committees. Each quarter, he and his wife Terry help Bill O'Mara with the labor intensive job of preparing 700 copies of this newsletter for mailing.

Over his 20 years in the Army Reserve, Herve served as a Staff Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Operations Sergeant, a Chemical Operations NCO, a Chief NBC Instructor, an acting Command Sergeant Major, an Operations Sergeant and a Senior Instructor. He also taught Hazardous Material Communication, Risk Management, 88M Motor Transportation and Cargo Handling.



RING RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

The purpose and objective of the RING Retirees Association is to provide benefit information to military retirees, to maintain the camaraderie of the military, and to offer services to fellow members as the need arises.

NEW MEMBER (dues free your first year if you sign up for a total of 3 years for \$10)

RENEWAL \$5 - 1 yr. \$10—2 yrs. \$15—3 yrs. \$20—4 yrs. \$25—5 yrs.

Name _____ Rank (optional) _____

Address _____ D.O.B. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + Four _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone _____

No. of Years in the RI National Guard _____ No. of years in other branch (Army, USAF, etc.) _____

Total Years Service _____ Retirement Date _____

Unit Assigned to at Retirement _____

Second Address for December & March issues OR June & September issues (Check One):

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + Four _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Check One)

Active Member

Any individual who has served at least six (6) years in the Rhode island national Guard and has completed twenty (20) years or more total military service and retired with an honorable discharge is eligible for membership with voting rights. The privilege of voting is extended to members who are currently paid annual members or honorary life members.

Associate Member

Anyone who is former military with an honorable discharge, or a current member of the military, or the spouse of a former or current member is eligible to become an associate member. The privilege of voting is not extended to these individuals. They may participate on committees and activities of the organization, provided their dues are paid through the current membership year (1 October through 30 September).

Exception: Associate military retired members who provided exceptional support to the organization for three or more years may be granted full membership with voting rights by the members during a quarterly meeting.

Please make checks payable to:

RING Retirees Association

Mail to:

**RING Retirees Association/Membership
c/o SSG (Ret.) Luis A. Sousa
32 Pomham Street
Cranston, RI 02910-1433**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Schofield Armory 705 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI

Quarterly Meetings - 0900 Hours

Saturday, 14 December 2024

Saturday, 15 March 2025

Executive Board Meetings—1830 hours

Wednesday, 15 January 2025

12 February 2025

**Heads Up!
More to Come in Next Issue**

WHAT: A CRUISE, from Boston, NY or Orlando

WHERE: To Bermuda

WHEN: 28 June 2026 through 5 July 2026 (plenty of planning time!)

WHO: Members and guests of RING Retirees Association

WHY: FOR FUN!

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST ISSUE!

If the last two numbers on your mailing label are 24 (or lower), then this WILL be your last issue. It means your membership has expired. Renew with the form on page 3 and mail it with your check by December 2024.

In the example below, the first set of numbers (937) is the membership number; the letter (P) is the type of membership (P = Active and A = Associate); and the last two numbers (25) indicate the year your dues are up for renewal.

If you have not joined or you are due for renewal, please fill in the form on page 3 and mail it with your check. Your membership card will be mailed to you. If you have already joined, thanks for your support and pass the application form on to someone else who has not yet joined. **If you move, PLEASE LET US KNOW.** Because this newsletter is mailed Fourth Class, the Post Office will not forward it to your new address.



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