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Re: Article 6-Taxation-Military Pensions

I am an 80-year old retired Navy Captain having served 31years. I was born and raised in Stoughton, MA. I have resided in Rhode Island 50 years having moved to RI while serving in the Navy.

My wife Helen was born and has always lived in Rhode Island and graduated from Rhode Island College.

We have wondered why MA and FL can afford not to tax military pensions but RI does.

If military pensions are made non-taxable it would greatly enhance our retirement years.

Even better for Rhode Island, many senior officers serve their last tour at the Naval War College before retiring. As much as we love RI many military retirees don't consider staying in a high tax state. If they became aware RI did not tax military pensions (and Social Security), they would consider RI as a viable option for retirement; thereby, contributing heavily to our economy by buying homes, cars, furniture..... That's contributing to RI's economy as well as to sales taxes to run the state. A win-win for all Rhode Islanders.

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