



# RAFINO – THE RETIRED ARMY FINANCE ORGANIZATION

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## ABSTRACT

RAFINO is a fraternal/social veterans' organization designed and run entirely for the enjoyment of Soldiers who spent a large part of their Army life as Financial Management Soldiers. Every Finance Soldier eligible for retirement is eligible for membership in RAFINO. The organization offers a fun way to stay in contact with your friends and renew friendships with those whom you may have lost contact with over the years.

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### **Mission:**

- **Maintain** and periodically distribute a roster to facilitate the continuation of good fellowship among retired members;
- **Issue** a periodic hard copy newsletter to the members;
- **Maintain** a current web page on the Internet to provide current information to the members and facilitate the exchange of information between members, with appropriate links for the convenience of members, prospective members, or legitimate researchers, having access to the internet; and
- **Conduct** periodic reunions

### **Membership is in three categories:**

- **Active:** Such membership requires that the member be in (or nearing) official military service retired status in commissioned, non-commissioned, or warrant officer grade. Active members are authorized to attend meetings and/or vote on all matters.
- **Associate:** Such membership is available to surviving spouses of deceased Active members. Associate members may vote on Reunion proposals.
- **Honorary:** Such membership may be granted, upon unanimous vote of the officers of the Society, to a select few persons who have rendered highly singular services to the Organization, and who are deemed by the Organization to be deserving of such recognition.

**Application for membership in RAFINO is simple; simply use the online application at [www.rafino.org/NewMemberForm](http://www.rafino.org/NewMemberForm).**

Dues are very affordable: RAFINO dues are \$10.00 per year (dues are waived for the year in which membership is first established.)

## History:



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The original By-Laws were unanimously approved by the officers of RAFINO on August 31, 1987. The vote was based on mail replies of charter members the great majority of whom approved such formation of this Society and the necessary steps to make it a non-profit veterans organization.

The purposes above may be summarized in one word: Fellowship. The two societies come together every two years for a festive reunion. Cities where the reunions occurred in the past include: Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Ft. Jackson, Orlando, Williamsburg, Branson, Tacoma, San Antonio, Baton Rouge, and in 2016, Las Vegas. These venues offer a great opportunity to visit great destinations in the US and visit with old friends ... and meet new ones. In addition to the land-based reunions, RAFINO has also sponsored a cruise to different ports of call in the non-reunion years. For example, there was a Caribbean cruise in 2014 immediately following the 2014 Reunion. One of the proposals for the 2020 reunion is a 7 day New England/Canada cruise.

On October 15, 2016, the sister organization, RAFINCO, merged its membership and assets into RAFINO, making RAFINO the single place for all ranks of retired Army Finance Soldiers.

The organization hosts its web site ([www.rafino.org](http://www.rafino.org)) for its members. The site is maintained by volunteer members and carries news of members and announcements of upcoming events.