



Alaska AFSCME Retiree Chapter 52

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RETIREE HEALTH PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

The Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB) was created by Governor Walker under Administrative Order 288 to give retirees in the Public Employees, Teachers and Judicial Retirement Systems (PERS/TRS/JRS) a voice in the administration of the retiree health care plans. The Board members are:

Judy Salo (*Board Chair*), TRS Retiree

Cammy Taylor (*Board Vice-Chair*), PERS Retiree

Mark Foster, PERS Retiree

Joelle Hall, Public Member

Gayle Harbo, Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB); TRS Retiree

Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources Official

Mauri Long, PERS Retiree

The Board meets quarterly. Additional information, including meeting dates and how you can attend and participate in these public board meetings, is available on the AlaskaCare RHPAB [http://
doa.alaska.gov/drb/alaskaCare/retiree/advisory.html](http://doa.alaska.gov/drb/alaskaCare/retiree/advisory.html) or send an email to alaskarhpab@alaska.gov

Upcoming Meetings

- August 29, 2018
- November 28, 2018

If you do not have access to a computer, you can request information through the Division of Retirement and Benefits toll-free at (800) 821-2251 or in Juneau at (907) 465-4460.

2003 Defined Benefit Plan (with 2018 Plan Amendment)

[Defined Benefit Plan \(DB\) Retiree Insurance Information Booklet](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

That the San Francisco Cable Car is the only National Monument that moves.

Aetna Nurse Line

A registered nurse is available to you by phone 24 hours a day, free of charge. Nurses can be a great resource when considering options for care or helping you decide whether you or your dependent needs to visit your doctor, an urgent care facility, or the emergency room. They can also provide information on how you can care for yourself or your dependent. Information is available on prescription drugs, tests, surgery, and many other health related topics. This service is completely confidential. **Call (800) 556-1555!**

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AFSCME Advantage Scholarship Programs

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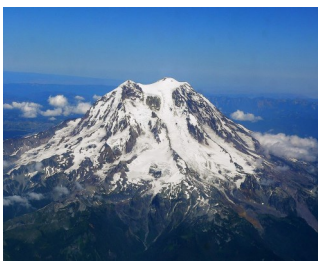
- AFSCME Family Scholarship– \$2,000 renewable scholarship awarded to high school seniors each year.
- Union Plus Scholarship– Active and retired AFSCME members, spouses and dependent children are eligible to apply.
- Gerald W. McEntee Scholarship– In honor of former AFSCME Pres. Jerry McEntee this one-time \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an AFSCME member for use towards higher education.

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



Mesa Verde National Park
Colorado



Mount Rainer
Washington

The United States has 60 national parks located in 28 states and the territories of American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The National Park Service (NPS) offers a Senior Pass to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are 62 years and older. The pass provides access to recreation areas managed by six federal agencies and provides a discount

on some amenity fees, such as camping.

The pass can be obtained in person from a participating federal recreation site or office. Passes can also be purchased by mail or online: <https://www.tripsavvy.com/how-to-purchase-the-senior-pass-3361867>

As of August 2017, the cost of a lifetime Senior Pass is \$80.

An annual pass is \$20. Find a National Park near you or near where you're vacationing this summer.

<https://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm>

