

Therefore, the Commission recommends that a request be made to the Secretary of Defense to initiate and lend his support to a legislative proposal for basing the computation of military retirement pay on current active duty pay rates.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 75

The Commission recommends that a federally financed survivors' benefits program be established as an adjunct of the serviceman's retirement program.

Background to Recommendation:

The survivors' benefits program now available to servicemen is supported solely by the servicemen participating, who elect to contribute a specified portion of their retirement pay for this purpose. Because the program must be actuarially sound, a system of rigid rules of entitlement has emerged which does not meet the needs of servicemen's families.

The Government now contributes to survivors' benefits programs for Civil Service employees and to railroad workers. In good conscience and equity, the Commission feels the nation cannot deny such support to members of the Armed Services.

Therefore, the Commission recommends that a request be made to the Secretary of Defense to initiate and support the establishment of a federally financed survivors' benefits program as an adjunct of the present servicemen's retirement program.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 76

The Commission recommends that the Dual Compensation Act of 1964 be amended to relieve restrictions imposed on retired regular members of the military service.

Background to Recommendation:

Under the provisions of the Dual Compensation Act of 1964, a retired officer of the regular military services who is employed in a civilian capacity by the Federal