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Long Term Care **1-765-827-6607**

HearPo  
Hearing Plan **1-888-432-7464**

MetLife  
Auto/Home **1-800-438-6388**

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## A message from the Executive Director

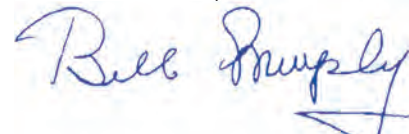
Welcome to the August issue of the *Communicator*. Here at RIPEA, it's hard to imagine that we're celebrating our 43<sup>rd</sup> year of assisting Indiana's retired and current public employees. The time has gone so fast. We've accomplished a great deal, but as with anything, there's always more work to be done.

A big part of our job is getting to know as many of you as we can to better understand how our efforts within the legislature can be of greater help in retirement. With more than 42,000 members, it's not practical to meet with each of you, but we do encourage you to become active with your regional RIPEA chapter. With 10 located throughout the state; our chapters are led by people who are able to provide you with resources and information—as well as listen to your feedback on life as a retiree (or what you envision life to be like when you retire!) This information is vital when we meet with our state representatives to work on issues that pertain to public employees.

We've added social media to our list of ways to get information to our members. With so many of you already on Facebook, we know it's a terrific way for us to stay in touch with you as well. The next time you're online, remember to like us as we share resources, tips and news with you.

As always, if you are a RIPEA member we appreciate your support and ask for your suggestions to make RIPEA the most effective association it can be. We will assist you in any way possible and appreciate your interest in all that we do.

Until next time,



Bill Murphy, Executive Director

## Annual Convention to Feature Iraq War Veteran Josh Bleill



Josh Bleill  
Indianapolis Colts Spokesman

RIPEA's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention (Registration form enclosed) will feature an encore appearance by the Iraq War Veteran Corporal Josh Bleill. Corporal Bleill first appeared at RIPEA's 21st Annual Convention in 2011 and received rave reviews.

Corporal Bleill joined the Marine Corps in 2004 and was activated for a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006.

While serving in Iraq, he was severely injured resulting in the loss of both of his legs. He tells his inspirational story in his book *One Step at a Time*. We're confident that if you heard his presentation in 2011, you'll want to hear it again. If you were not with us in 2011, trust us when we say you'll want to hear this young man. Be sure to RSVP for the Convention today.

## RIPEA's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention—September 14<sup>th</sup>

RIPEA's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is Monday, September 14 at Primo South Conference & Convention Center, 2615 National Avenue, Indianapolis. This is the same location as recent years.

The speakers will present the following:

- One Step at a Time – The inspirational story of Josh Bleill
- How to Age Gracefully
- PERF Representative will discuss how a retiree can best utilize the services of PERF
- RIPEA Foundation
- The good and bad of reverse mortgages
- Presentations by two Legislators on COLA & 13<sup>th</sup> check
- Entertainment

Once again there will be cash door prizes, great food and a chance to renew friendships. In addition RIPEA will offer FREE bus transportation from South Bend, Kokomo, Clarksville, Vincennes, Terre Haute and Gary. There must be a minimum of 25 riders in each of the 3 buses. (See registration form in this mailing)

In recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, the cash door prizes will be a little different than in past years. In past years, there were 8 cash door prizes totaling \$1000. This year there will be 40 cash prizes of \$25 each totaling \$1000. Although the cash prizes will be smaller more attendees will receive cash.

Doors open at 9:00 A.M., the program begins at 10:00 A.M. lunch will be served at noon and we will adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

## A 13<sup>th</sup> check reminder

The 13<sup>th</sup> check was introduced in 1991 as a "catch up" for loss of purchasing power experienced by PERF retirees. Over the past seven years it has become a substitute for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) that has not been passed by the Legislature. In the very last few minutes of the 2015 session, the 13<sup>th</sup> check was passed by the Legislature. Your RIPEA Board of Directors, although disappointed in not receiving a COLA for its members in this year's Legislative session, are grateful to the Legislature for the 13<sup>th</sup> check. If you are a PERF retiree

with an effective date of retirement of December 1, 2014 or prior your 13<sup>th</sup> check will be added to your regular PERF check or direct deposit on September 15, 2015. The amounts of the 13<sup>th</sup> check are the same as in recent years:

Years of Service	Amount
5—10 (disabled only)	\$150.00
10—20	\$275.00
20—30	\$375.00
30+	\$450.00



## You have a new member benefit

RIPEA members can now get discounted dining cards. To access your card, go online to [www.myAMBAdining.com](http://www.myAMBAdining.com) where a list of participating restaurants can be found. Click on the denomination of dining card you would like to purchase and follow the instructions to access the savings. After you checkout, print your certificate or save it on your mobile device to start dining the same day. Note that some restaurants require a nominal minimum purchase to use the dining card. Enjoy!

Gift Card Menu	
You Pay	You Receive
\$5*	\$25
\$10*	\$50
\$20*	\$100

\*If you were not a RIPEA member the \$25 card would cost \$10, the \$50 card would cost \$20 and the \$100 card would cost \$40.

## RIPEA is now on Facebook

The next time you're on Facebook, be sure to like us! We recently started a Facebook page where we share important resources and tips for active and future members on member benefits, travel and entertainment. This is just one more way that RIPEA is improving the quality of life for every public employee in the state of Indiana.

## Cleo R. Duncan elected to Board

Greensburg resident Cleo R. Duncan was elected on March 11, 2015 to the RIPEA Board of Directors. Ms. Duncan had a distinguished career in both the private and public sector. Her public sector service was highlighted by serving as a member

of the Greensburg City Council and also 17 years as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives. RIPEA is pleased to have Rep. Cleo Duncan as a member of RIPEA's Board of Directors.



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<b>SEPTEMBER 14, 2015</b>	
PRIMO SOUTH BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER, 2615 E. NATIONAL AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227	
Check a box if you wish to ride the bus; here are the departing locations:	
<input type="checkbox"/> South Bend	<input type="checkbox"/> Kokomo <input type="checkbox"/> Clarksville <input type="checkbox"/> Vincennes <input type="checkbox"/> Terre Haute <input type="checkbox"/> Gary
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
REGISTRATION FEE REMITTED \$ _____ (\$12.00 FOR EACH ATTENDEE)*	
Please make checks payable to: "RIPEA CONVENTION" and mail registration to: RIPEA, 3530 S. Keystone Avenue, Suite 305, Indianapolis, IN 46227 or pay online at <a href="http://www.RIPEA.org">www.RIPEA.org</a> under Annual Convention. *You do not have to be a RIPEA member to attend.	