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Submission: It is disappointing that there is no category relating to retired personnel for it is they who are your greatest recruiters. I speak with some authority on this matter as I was Staff Officer Recruiting for the RAN in NSW in 1972-73, a period when the RAN had little trouble in meeting requirements and certainly been more successful than the ARA or RAAF.

However this submission is not on recruiting but on keeping retired service personnel loyal.

I retired as an Acting Commander - since confirmed - on a DFR&DB pension rate of 37 1/2 % of my final years salary after paying into the fund at 5% of my salary.

We were always assured that our pension would be adjusted to meet subsequent, unforeseen pay rises. At present my pension is \$28895 pa. If this pension is equated to 37 1/2% of the current salary of a senior Lieutenant Commander (which I technically was) then my current pension would be \$40340 pa; in other words a shortfall of over \$11000 pa.

It is painfully obvious that all retired servicemen from that time have been hoodwinked and certainly do not feel inclined to recommend to their grandchildren a service career.

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