



RAFINO REPORTER

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RAFINO 2026 Reunion: Colorado Springs, Colorado

RAFINO will hold its 2026 Reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from October 28 through November 1, 2026. Leading with this information is intentional. Early awareness enables members to plan and support the deliberate approach needed to deliver a well-organized, affordable, and worthwhile Reunion.

Colorado Springs offers an ideal blend of military heritage, Western culture, and striking scenery, making it well-suited for a gathering of Finance Soldiers from across the country. Planning continues with the goal of having registration information and key Reunion details available to the membership no later than March 1, 2026. Providing this information early allows members to make informed decisions and supports effective coordination of lodging, transportation, and activities.

As part of the planning process, an extensive list of tour and activity options is being reviewed. Options currently under consideration include a visit to the United States Air Force Academy combined with Garden of the Gods; a variation of that tour including lunch at the Airplane Restaurant; the Royal Gorge Route Railroad train ride; the National WWII Aviation Museum paired with the Airplane Restaurant; the Dragonman's Military Museum paired with the Airplane Restaurant; an evening at the Flying W Ranch for a chuckwagon dinner and

show; and the Iron Springs Château melodrama dinner theater. In addition, planning includes a scheduled tour of Fort Carson.

These options reflect the wide range of experiences available in and around Colorado Springs. Final tour selections will be announced once planning is complete and interest, cost, accessibility, and logistics have been fully evaluated.

As in years past, the Reunion will conclude with a Saturday evening banquet, providing an opportunity to formally come together, reflect on shared service, and reinforce the bonds that define the Finance Corps community.

The success of a RAFINO Reunion depends not only on attendance but also on member involvement. As we approach the event, volunteers will be needed to assist with on-the-ground coordination, tours, welcome activities, and general logistics. Members who are interested in helping—either in advance or once on site in Colorado Springs—are encouraged to reach out by contacting RAFINO at rafino.membership@gmail.com.

Reunions succeed because members participate. Mark your calendars now, begin planning to attend, and consider how you might support the Reunion when the time comes. Additional details will be shared as planning continues.

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To Our Membership

This is your newsletter. As such, we encourage your feedback, and comments are always welcome as to how we can improve.

We would also like to know what you have been up to since you retired. Do you have a favorite fishing, travel, charity, or grandchildren story?

You write the article, and we will publish it! The cutoff for articles is February, May, August, and November. No politics, racial, or slanderous articles accepted.

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The Mission of The Retired U.S. Army Finance Organization (RAFINO)

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.

From the Prez

As we begin a new year, it is essential to recognize both the progress RAFINO has made and the realities we face as an organization. Since I assumed the duties of President in October 2022, RAFINO's volunteer base has declined from eight to two. Despite this, the organization has continued to function because of the extraordinary commitment of ISG (R) John Veal and LTC (R) Robby Robson, who have carried a wide range of operational, administrative, and technical responsibilities on behalf of the membership.



At the 2024 Charleston Reunion business meeting, I accepted a second term as President after no candidates stepped forward for the three elected positions. My hope is that we can reverse this trend in 2026 by encouraging more members to volunteer and take an active role in RAFINO's leadership and future direction.

During 2025, RAFINO made several important decisions to ensure continuity and long-term sustainability. One of the most significant was the decision to modernize the RAFINO website, which had reached the end of its useful life and could no longer be maintained solely by volunteers. As discussed at the 2024 business meeting, this was a necessary step to preserve core member services and reduce operational risk. To that end, RAFINO entered into a contract with NMG Technologies to develop a modern, role-based platform designed to support members and administrators alike. Additional details on the website modernization effort and the decision to partner with NMG Technologies are provided in a separate article in this issue.

In parallel, RAFINO also took steps to strengthen leadership continuity and financial oversight. I appointed John Veal as Acting First Vice President and Assistant Treasurer to ensure operational resilience and proper financial controls. Robby Robson has continued to serve selflessly as Vice President for Information Services, maintaining continuity for both the RAFINO and Finance Corps Association websites and ensuring critical services—such as TAPS notifications—remain available to our members.

Looking ahead, Robby plans to step down during 2026, and I intend to step down following the 2026 Reunion. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will remain available to assist incoming leadership, particularly with the website project and required financial and IRS reporting.

In closing, I strongly encourage members to consider volunteering for elected or appointed positions. RAFINO's strength has always come from its people, and sustaining the organization requires engagement beyond attendance alone. A list of available positions is provided elsewhere in this issue, and I urge you to reflect on how you might contribute.

From the Editor

As many of you will notice, this issue emphasizes looking ahead. While the RAFINO Reporter is intended as a quarterly publication, this issue brings us back into rhythm as planning accelerates for the 2026 RAFINO Reunion in Colorado Springs and preparations begin for upcoming leadership elections.

You will find updates on Reunion planning, opportunities to serve, and calls for participation in both leadership and membership growth. At the same time, we continue to honor RAFINO traditions through TAPS, birthdays, and our permanent history page.

Your continued engagement, whether through attending Reunions, volunteering, serving in leadership roles, or staying connected, remains the foundation of RAFINO.

From the Veep



RAFINO continues to move forward with a clear focus on preparation, visibility, and engagement. Much of my current effort is centered on working with our Reunion partners as we prepare for the next RAFINO Reunion in Colorado Springs. The goal is straightforward: to have registration information and key Reunion details ready for the membership by March 1, 2026. If we want a Reunion that works, the planning must be done early—and done right.

I also look forward to representing RAFINO at regimental activities scheduled for April at Fort Jackson and to maintaining a visible RAFINO presence at regimental events. It reinforces our continued connection to the Finance Corps and reminds current and future retirees that RAFINO remains active, relevant, and engaged.

As we move forward, I encourage members to take responsibility in two critical areas. First, help strengthen RAFINO by reaching out to fellow Finance Corps retirees—or those approaching retirement—and encouraging them to join. Membership growth will not happen unless members make it happen. Second, I encourage members to participate in the officer nomination process, either by stepping forward themselves or by encouraging another qualified member to do so. Firm leadership does not emerge on its own; elections will take place in conjunction with the business meeting at the 2026 Reunion.

Since the 2024 Reunion, I have served as Vice President for Reunions and, upon the position becoming vacant, stepped in as First Vice President to ensure continuity. I have also continued my long-standing role as editor and publisher of the RAFINO newsletter. These roles have provided a broad view of RAFINO's operations and reinforced the importance of planning, follow-through, and member engagement.

Looking ahead to the 2026 Reunion and planned leadership transitions, I intend to make myself available to serve as President, should the membership choose. My focus remains on continuity and stability, and on encouraging others to step forward and help shape RAFINO's future.

Reunions, representation, and organizational continuity do not happen by accident. They happen because members stay engaged and take ownership of the organization's future. I look forward to continuing this work on behalf of the membership and to sharing updates as we reach key milestones.

How to Stay Connected

RAFINO encourages members to stay engaged and informed. For membership inquiries, volunteer interest, officer nominations, TAPS notifications, address updates, or general questions, please use the contact information below:

- Email: rafino.membership@gmail.com
- Website: <https://www.rafino.org>

Members are encouraged to notify RAFINO of changes to contact information and to share this information with fellow Finance Corps retirees who may be interested in joining or reconnecting with the organization.

RAFINO Financial Update

As RAFINO closes fiscal year 2025, the organization remains financially stable and well-positioned for the future. The year reflected deliberate, mission-aligned, financial decisions focused on strengthening RAFINO's long-term operational capacity while maintaining responsible stewardship of member resources.

Financial Position at a Glance

RAFINO entered 2025 with an opening balance of \$140,732.73, held primarily in its Schwab investment account. At year-end, total assets stood at \$139,534.27, consisting of the following amounts:

- Schwab Investment Account: \$137,323.98
- Atlantic Union Bank (Operating Account): \$2,210.29

The resulting net decrease of approximately \$1,200 reflects planned and approved expenditures rather than any deterioration in RAFINO's financial health.

Strategic Investment in Organizational Infrastructure

A significant portion of RAFINO's 2025 expenditures reflects a deliberate investment in modernizing core organizational infrastructure. In May 2025, RAFINO entered into a \$27,500 contract with NMG Technologies to replace the aging RAFINO website, which had reached end of life and could no longer be sustained under a volunteer-only support model.

This multi-phase project is designed to deliver a modern, secure, role-based platform tailored to RAFINO's membership, including an improved member interface, stronger administrative and financial controls, enhanced data management, and complete migration from the legacy system. Payments made during 2025 reflect approved project milestones. Development, testing, and user acceptance activities will continue through 2026, with a planned public launch aligned with the 2026 Reunion.

Cash Management and Account Streamlining

During 2025, RAFINO simplified its banking structure to improve clarity and oversight. A temporary Regions Bank account was used briefly during a transition and was entirely closed mid-year. By year-end, RAFINO consolidated operations into the following accounts:

- Atlantic Union Bank as the primary operating account
- Schwab as the long-term reserve and investment account

This streamlined structure reduces the administrative burden and aligns with sound, nonprofit, financial management practices.

Income and Routine Expenses

RAFINO received \$213.00 in lifetime membership dues during 2025. Routine banking fees were minimal and closely monitored. No irregular transactions or outstanding liabilities were identified during the year.

Looking Ahead

The financial story of 2025 is straightforward: RAFINO made intentional investments to support its mission while preserving the strength of its reserves. With improved systems underway, a more transparent account structure, and disciplined oversight, RAFINO enters 2026 prepared to support its members and sustain the organization for the long term.

RAFINO Financial Snapshot *Fiscal Year 2025*

Opening Balance (Jan 1, 2025)
\$140,732.73

Ending Balance (Dec 31, 2025)
\$139,534.27

Net Change for the Year
▼ \$1,198.46

Modernizing RAFINO's Website: What Members Should Know

RAFINO's website plays a vital role in keeping members connected, informed, and engaged. Over time, the legacy system reached the end of its useful life and could no longer be sustained solely through volunteer support. After discussion with the membership at the 2024 Reunion business meeting, RAFINO leadership determined that modernization was necessary to preserve core services and reduce long-term operational risk.



In May 2025, RAFINO entered into a contract with NMG Technologies to develop a new, modern website designed specifically for RAFINO's needs. The goal is not cosmetic change, but functionality, reliability, and sustainability.

The new platform is being built to achieve the following:

- Improve ease of use for members,
- Provide stronger administrative controls,
- Reduce reliance on specialized technical skills,
- Support long-term continuity as leadership transitions.

The project is being executed in phases, with leadership oversight at each milestone. Development and testing will continue through 2026, with a planned rollout aligned with the 2026 Reunion, where members will have an opportunity to see the new system in action.

This effort represents an investment in RAFINO's future—ensuring the organization remains accessible, functional, and able to serve Finance Corps retirees for years to come.

Call for Officer Nominations

Preparing for the 2026 RAFINO Elections

RAFINO will conduct its next biennial officer elections in conjunction with the business meeting at the 2026 RAFINO Reunion in Colorado Springs. These elections are part of RAFINO's normal governance cycle and are conducted in accordance with the organization's bylaws.

The following elected officer positions are to be filled in this cycle:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer

These roles carry primary responsibility for leadership, continuity, and stewardship of RAFINO and require individuals who are willing to remain engaged and accountable.

In preparation for the election, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee in accordance with the bylaws. The committee will develop and present a recommended slate of nominees prior to the Reunion. Members in good standing may submit nominations and will be eligible to vote during the election process, which may be conducted at the business meeting or by ballot, including electronic means as permitted.

Members who are interested in serving—or who wish to recommend another member for consideration—are encouraged to submit names using the officer nomination form:

Officer Nomination Form: <https://forms.gle/fxd735R4o5s6sn1T8>

Submitting a name does not constitute an election or appointment. It allows the Nominating Committee to identify qualified and willing candidates for consideration.

Strong organizations depend on thoughtful leadership transitions. Participation in the nomination and election process helps ensure that RAFINO remains stable, credible, and well positioned for the future.

Help Grow RAFINO: Bring a Fellow Finance Corps Member into the Fold

RAFINO has always existed because members chose to stay connected after active service ended. That continuity does not happen automatically. It happens because individuals take responsibility for maintaining the relationships and professional bonds that defined their time in the Finance Corps.

Each of us knows retirees—or those approaching retirement—who are eligible for RAFINO membership and would benefit from remaining connected. Many do not know the organization exists, or they assume it is something they missed. That is not the case. RAFINO remains open, active, and relevant to those who value continued connection.

Membership growth does not require formal campaigns or outside outreach. It requires members to make personal contact. A phone call, a conversation, or a simple message is often all it takes to bring someone into the fold. If membership matters to you, this is one area where individual effort makes a measurable difference.

As RAFINO looks ahead to future Reunions, leadership transitions, and continued engagement, growth and continuity go hand in hand. Members are encouraged to be proactive and intentional in identifying and inviting fellow Finance Corps retirees to join.

For membership questions or to help connect a potential new member, contact RAFINO at rafino.membership@gmail.com.

Serving RAFINO Through Appointed Positions

In addition to elected officers, RAFINO relies on several appointed positions to support the organization's mission and day-to-day operations. These roles are filled by the President in accordance with the bylaws and play a critical role in continuity, communication, and member engagement.

Members who may not wish to serve in an elected capacity are encouraged to consider these appointed roles as meaningful ways to contribute.

Current Appointed Positions

Assistant Treasurer: Supports the Secretary/Treasurer with financial administration, recordkeeping, and continuity. This role helps ensure financial oversight and smooth transitions between officers.

Assistant Secretary: Supports organizational communication and recordkeeping, including preparation and publication of the RAFINO newsletter. This role is key to keeping members informed and connected.

Vice President for Membership: Focuses on membership growth, retention, and engagement. This role supports outreach to current members, new retirees, and prospective members.

Vice President for Reunions: Supports planning and coordination of RAFINO Reunions in collaboration with Reunion partners. This role helps ensure continuity and member engagement around RAFINO's primary in-person event.

Vice President for Information Services: Oversees RAFINO's digital presence, including website operations and related information services. This role helps maintain continuity of online resources that support member communication and engagement.

Vice President for Surviving Spouses: Ensures that the perspectives and needs of surviving spouses are represented within RAFINO. This role serves as a point of contact and helps ensure that spouse-related considerations are reflected in RAFINO communications and activities.

Members interested in serving in an appointed position or who would like to learn more about these roles are encouraged to contact RAFINO leadership or to indicate their interest through the volunteer information provided elsewhere in this issue.



1 Melvin E. Casby	13 Paul Morrisette
1 Daniel M. Caughey	13 James J. Watkins
1 Don Houston	14 Floyd F. Fishell
1 Edward R. McMullin	14 Hector Perez
1 Tom Roberts	15 Tony Arbucci
1 Annie L. Walker	15 Thomas F. Morehouse
1 William G. Younger	16 Richard J. Hinton
2 Reginald A. Gayle	16 Jack C. Lacey
2 James R. Love	16 Curt A. Rauhut
2 Lewis M. Mason	17 Nathaniel P. Hanna
3 Robert L. Gordon	17 Stanley Michon
3 James R. Martens	17 Joeann Robinson
3 Sammy C. Salaiz	18 Wilbern L. Packett
4 Harley R. Mohr	18 Alexander G. Thomson
4 Ann Tolbert	18 Joseph L. Watson Jr.
5 Michael S. Lawson	19 Frank C. Brown
5 Gary D. Penn	19 Bruce G. Fonda
5 William A. Shirley	19 Richard M. Hahn
6 John E. Kirk	19 Ellious J. Lee Jr.
6 Joanne C. Lofton	19 Michael J. West
6 Kaye A. Taylor	20 Marjorie L. Arnold
8 Stevan W. Cady	21 William L. Crowson
8 William G. Morgan Jr.	22 Ronald E. Allen
8 Don W. Wallace	23 Edward L. Davidson
8 Kenneth M. West	24 Russell J. Delaney
9 Donald O. Thompson	24 Jackie A. Van Hook
10 Ky Clark	25 Jack L. Lansford
10 Frank C. Schoen	27 Clyde L. Martin
11 Scott D. Kroeger	28 William Earl Daniels
11 C. Dale Preetorius	28 William Kinakin
12 Daisy C. Brown	30 Donald G. Fendrick
12 Thomas L. Brown	30 David L. Kimberling
12 Thomas W. O'sullivan	31 Charles J. Costello
12 Edgar E. Stanton III	31 Omuso D. George
13 Eric J. Boone	31 William E. Keach
13 Joseph R. Loftin	



1	Anthony Leo Lorenz	16	Tony A. Sherrod
1	Gary L. McCourt	16	Arthur R. Winans
2	James C. Tourgee Jr.	17	Shelton J. Champagne
3	Efrain Medina	17	Jeremiah P. Griffin
4	Bruce D. Paul	18	Scott A. Kraak
6	Hans Kennedy	18	Edward J. McCaffrey
7	Michael J. Schroeder	18	Larry G. Varchetti
9	Gregg L. Hill	19	Conrado S. Barranco
10	Robert M. Speer	19	Billie J. Kennedy
10	Marlena O. Walker	20	Carlton E. Davis
11	Norman B. Kirby Jr.	21	George T. Beckett
11	Emil J. Kovalchik	21	Warren R. Neill Jr.
12	James L. Curren	22	Duane G. Ingalsbe
13	Wayne A. Borgmann	22	Patrick T. Shine
13	Herbert L. Swarts	23	Audrey P. Leach
14	Robert U. Schultz Jr.	26	Preston Moon
15	Eugene T. Hansen	26	Mary F. Smith
16	L. John Anchor	27	Jesse T. Sablan
16	Gary P. Goreth	28	Scott Redeker

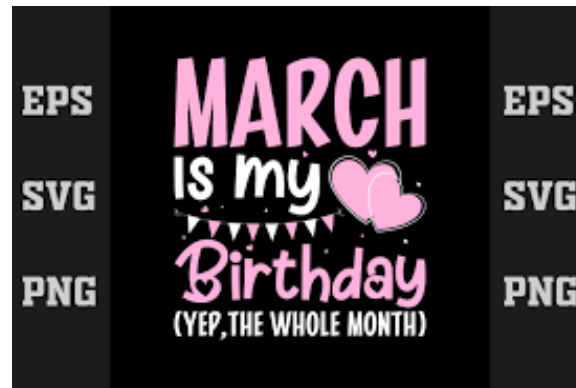
A Finance Corps Truth

Those of us who served in the Finance Corps learned early that precision mattered—but patience mattered more. No spreadsheet ever arrived complete, no system ever behaved exactly as briefed, and no answer was final until the soldier standing in front of you understood it. We learned to listen carefully, explain clearly, and solve problems that technically “weren’t supposed to happen.”

Years later, retirement has not changed those instincts. We still read the fine print. We still double-check the numbers. And we still have a habit of thinking three steps ahead, even when the stakes are no longer pay accounts or audits, but travel plans, family schedules, or volunteer commitments. Old habits do not fade—they evolve.

Many of us also learned leadership the quiet way: by fixing problems without fanfare and taking responsibility even when no one was watching. That mindset carried us through careers and continues to shape how we stay connected through organizations like RAFINO. Service does not end with retirement—it simply takes a different form.

If there is one thing the Finance Corps taught us, it is that details matter, people matter more, and relationships last longer than any assignment. Those lessons still serve us well.



1	Judith Prosser	15	Alvin J. Dalton
1	Thomas C. Steffens	16	Roman L.G. Benavente
2	James R. Littleton	16	Richard B. Fisher Sr.
3	Clema Jo Ferrell	16	Katherine Ford-Isensee
3	Audrey Hirsch	16	Timothy L. Jones
3	Wayne C. Ingle	17	Howard W. Johnson
3	Gregory D. Lebeda	17	Patricia M. Spencer
3	Harold A. Missimer	18	Christina Fulcher
3	Roland J. Schwartzkopf	18	George W. Weir
4	Bill Hunnicut	19	David A. Sundby
4	Brian Kelly	20	Robert J. Kerstetter
4	Curtis D. Lee	21	Samantha M. Boronell
4	Richard R. Robson Sr.	21	Annette L. Dunham
4	Rob Testnadmin	21	David L. Wright
5	Juan Dejesus	22	Barbara J. Bearr
6	Arthur N. Douglas	22	Delores M. Costello
6	Danno Svaranowic	22	Virginia Foote
7	Annemarie Delgado	22	Geraldine L Miller
7	James W. Whitehead Jr.	23	Richard D. Heroux
7	Thacker B. Williams II	23	Donald E. Houston Jr.
8	Sharon A. Medley	25	Maria Ferrandjohnson
9	William J. Hanley Jr.	25	Gary Olson
10	Janet C. Hannam	27	Jorge L. Garcia-Perez
10	Glenn C. Williams	27	F Glenn Richardson
11	Gary Gabriel	28	Robert G. Bishoff
11	Virginia M. Lamm	30	Joan L. Black
11	Keith Madison	30	Roxanne Brittain
13	Theresa J. Bush	30	Aldine M. Middleton
13	Ralph M. Crum	31	Patrick J Boyd
13	Valerie Ramos	31	Thomas S. Sharp

Another Finance Corps Truth

Many of us learned early that no matter how well the plan was briefed, the real work began after the first soldier showed up with a pay problem that “shouldn’t exist.” Decades later, that same skill set still applies—only now it is retirement pay, insurance, or explaining to family why we still think in fiscal years. Some habits never leave us. And maybe that it is a good thing.



- 1 Patrick J. Cunningham
- 1 Kristin Davis
- 1 Paul D. Geouge
- 1 Peter R. Leinenweber
- 5 Talmadge Ed Hewitt
- 5 Sieglinde Scholle
- 8 Byron L. Cherry
- 8 Allan R. Durning Jr.
- 8 William C. Sterling
- 9 David G. Gonzales
- 11 Jesse M. Perez
- 12 Keith L. Gudehus

- 13 Robert A. Edwards
- 15 Donald J. Gudinas
- 15 Karen L. Williams
- 16 Dennis G. Saylor
- 18 Randy Stevens
- 20 Brian C. Clearman
- 21 John J. Van Vranken
- 24 Gene B. Tomlinson
- 25 Ryan M. Zimmerman
- 28 Dennis N. Dodge
- 29 John H. Henry
- 30 Daniel E. Watford Sr.

What to Expect in Colorado Springs



Conference Hotel - Embassy Suites



Tour Option - Fort Carson

Additional details on registration, lodging, tours, and scheduling will be shared as planning milestones are reached.

**JOANNE G. LETKY****MSG****JULY 25, 2020**

MSG Joanne G. Letky honorably served in the United States Army until her retirement in 1988. She was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery and is remembered for her professionalism, generosity, and devotion to family, faith, and service. She resided in Stockbridge, Georgia, and remains fondly remembered within the RAFINO community.

WALTER M. SWING**LTC****JULY 3, 2025**

LTC Walter M. Swing served 20 years in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Vietnam and assignments in Thailand, Germany, Belgium, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following his military service, he became a CPA and served in senior academic leadership roles at Methodist University. He is remembered for lifelong service, leadership, and dedication to church and community.

KATHY KELLY INGALSBE**WIFE OF COL DUANE****OCTOBER 4, 2025**

Kathy Ingalsbe was a devoted Army spouse who supported her husband through a 30-year Army career that included multiple overseas and stateside assignments. She adapted with grace to military life and was known for her strength, optimism, and deep commitment to family. She will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

DENNIS E. FIELDS**COL****OCTOBER 12, 2025**

COL Dennis E. Fields served in the U.S. Army from 1978 to 2004, including command as the 8th Finance Battalion Commander in Baumholder, Germany. A paratrooper and Jumpmaster with the 82nd Airborne Division, he was known for taking care of Soldiers and their families. He devoted his life to service to God, country, and family.

CHIZUKO “CINDY” TRUE**WIFE OF SGM DONALD****OCTOBER 18, 2025**

Cindy True was a devoted Army spouse whose life reflected resilience, hard work, and quiet strength. Born in Fukuoka, Japan, she later supported her husband through years of military and civilian service and built a life centered on family, perseverance, and integrity. She is remembered with deep affection by her family and those who knew her.

**JACQUI L. JONES****SFC****OCTOBER 25, 2025**

SFC Jacqui L. Jones served proudly in the United States Army Finance Corps, where he exemplified professionalism, integrity, and dedication to duty. His leadership and mentorship left a lasting impression on the Soldiers he served alongside. He is remembered with honor and respect by family, friends, and the Finance Corps community.

CHARLES RAY WALKER**COL****NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

COL Walker served with distinction in the U.S. Army Finance Corps, including service as Commander of the 266th Theater Finance Command and later as Commandant of the U.S. Army Finance School. Through leadership and instruction, he helped shape generations of Finance Soldiers. His legacy endures through those he mentored and led.

RICHARD G. SHAFFER**LTC****NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

LTC Shaffer served more than 23 years in active and reserve military service, including senior assignments with U.S. Army Forces Command. He later continued federal service as a Department of the Army civilian in senior financial management roles. He is remembered for lifelong service, leadership, and commitment to community and faith.

KEVIN D. CARROLL**SFC****DECEMBER 10, 2025**

SFC Carroll served honorably in the United States Army and was a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. He is remembered for faithful service and the respect he earned from fellow Soldiers. His memory is honored by family, friends, and members of the military community.

RAFINO History



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Keeping the Finance Family Together

RAFINO is a fraternal/social veterans' organization put together and run entirely for the enjoyment of soldiers who spent at least 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.

The original bylaws were unanimously approved by the officers of RAFINO on the 31 of August 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 have been held in the past include Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Ft. Jackson, Orlando, Williamsburg, Branson, Tacoma, San Antonio, Baton Rouge, Albuquerque, and in 2022, Indianapolis. These venues offer a great opportunity to not only visit great spots in the U.S., but as mentioned above, visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

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