

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PHOENIX SOCIETY:

The Phoenix Society had its genesis in the preliminary efforts of Jack Gurin and several others to form an association in 1966. It came to fruition in February 1970, when approximately 200 National Security Agency employees took specific steps to form an association which would enable former co-workers and friends to stay in touch with one another, and to assist in bridging the gap between work and retirement.

They chose to name The Phoenix Society for the mythological bird which at the end of a long life, consumed itself by fire then rose again from its ashes in renewed youth and vigor ready to begin a new life. An appropriate name for an organization representing a group of vital, relevant individuals who were preparing for, or who had already transitioned from a career to a new, exciting stage of life - retirement!

Then-Director Vice Admiral Noel Gayler authorized the establishment of The Phoenix Society on 22 July 1970, and appointed the first Board of Directors. The Phoenix Society was the first organization of its type in the Executive Department of the U.S. Government.

Successive Board members and officers have vigorously supported the Society's programs and objectives throughout the years. The current Board and officers are equally committed to meeting these objectives through programs such as social gatherings, travel opportunities, post-retirement employment, health, and community affairs.

The Society's continual growth has been a wonderful realization of an idea proposed by a small group of employees who wanted to continue to enjoy fellowship and interesting activities during their retirement. Please join us and help to shape that role!

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

WHAT IS THE PHOENIX SOCIETY?

The Phoenix Society is a recognized private organization that provides services to Agency civilian and military retirees and prospective retirees. You DON'T have to be retired to join.

DOES THE TERM "PROSPECTIVE RETIREE" REFER TO SOMEONE ABOUT TO RETIRE?

Not necessarily. A prospective retiree is anyone who expects to remain at the Agency long enough to be eligible for retirement.

WHAT ABOUT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO LEAVE THE AGENCY BEFORE RETIREMENT? MAY THEY JOIN?

Any person whose duties are or were directly related to the Agency's mission but who does not qualify as a regular member may apply for Associate Membership. An applicant for Associate Membership must be sponsored by a member of the Society, and their application must be approved by the Board of Directors. Associate Members are entitled to all the privileges of membership except the right to vote.

WHAT DOES THE PHOENIX SOCIETY OFFER?

The Phoenix Society provides information on specialized employment opportunities, travel activities, financial planning, health and well being issues, recreational activities and hobbies, and volunteer services in the community.

Additionally, The Phoenix Society continues to facilitate opportunities to stay in touch with former co-workers. The Society publishes a Membership Directory containing the names and addresses of all Phoenix Society members, and a list of members' e-mail addresses. The Phoenix Society also publishes a monthly newsletter, the Post-Crypt, and a quarterly magazine, the Phoenician, that reports on Phoenix Society events and activities of members throughout the world along with articles of general interest to the membership.

And the Phoenix Society is the Agency's only means of keeping in touch with you after retirement.

The Phoenix Society Membership Application									
(please print all information) *Please Complete Reverse Side of Form *									
Last Name	First Name			M.I.	SSN	Date of Birth (Yr/Mo/Day)		Zip Code	
	Address:			City	State		Email Address		
Phone No.	Signature of Applicant			Signature of Sponsor (for associates)					
Date	Date Received			Amt Received		Initials			
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MAY I JOIN BEFORE I RETIRE?

YES. Currently employed Agency civilian and military personnel are encouraged to become members of The Phoenix Society. While the Society's membership is chiefly made up of retirees, the benefits of the Society, such as its travel program, are equally available to current Agency personnel who are members or associate members.

AND WHEN YOU RETIRE...

DON'T SAY "GOODBYE!" – The Phoenix Society will assist you in staying in touch with friends, former co-workers, and provide you with numerous opportunities to stay active and involved in a number of activities.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Complete the application portion of this brochure and send it and your check or money order to: The Phoenix Society, P.O. Box 64, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

\$25.00 annually. Life memberships are also available; dues are based on age. See the Phoenix Society office for more information.

Note: In those situations where a husband and wife are both eligible for membership, dues for only one member are required. However, each must submit a separate signed application form. If desired, each spouse may elect to be recognized as an "individual" member - each paying dues and receiving Society mailings separately.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

AGE 55-60 \$400.00

AGE 61-69 \$300.00

AGE 70+ \$200.00

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Type of Membership:

Retiree (date of retirement) _____

Length of Service: _____

Employee (please provide current agency element): _____

Other (please explain): _____

Spouses's name: (if not a member)

Job title or area of expertise:

Would you be willing to serve on any of the following committees:

Finances

Office

Programs

Membership

Systems

Travel

Wellness

Any Military Service?

Which Service?

Highest Rank or Rate?

Years of Service?

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