

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Fellow Daedalians,

Our next gathering will be on Thursday , January 8th at the Phoenix/Mesa DoubleTree Hotel. The address is 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Meas, AZ 85210. The social hour will begin at 1700, and dinner will be served at 1800. The menu will be the Pasta Bar: Caesar Salad, Garlic Butter Breadsticks, Buttery Penne Pasta with Bolognese and Alfredo Sauce, Roasted Italian Vegetables, and Dessert.

Following dinner, we will have an “expanded staff meeting” chaired by our new Flight Captain Dave Vangsnes. We certainly face several challenges such as waning attendance and the need of additional support for the staff in areas such as the scholarship program, membership, and meeting programs. I strongly urge all members to attend this important meeting to support Dave and hear his ideas to lead the chapter. It is also an opportunity for you as attendees to offer suggestions to keep our chapter alive and well. If you can’t attend and have concerns you feel need to be addressed, please respond to me at rickdrown@msn.com. I will consolidate your comments and make sure Dave gets them.

As always, we need a head count of members who plan to attend. Please contact your Element Leader NLT Sunday, January 4th using the list below with a yes or no answer.

Members	Element Leader	Phone	E-mail
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Stay safe and be well,

Rick

***Photos from December
Meeting.***



Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

TAX-FREE COMPENSATION

FOR DISABLED RETIREES!



What is CRSC?

CRSC offers certain military retirees a monthly tax-free compensation that supplements their VA disability pay (VA Waiver) and retired pay if sufficient evidence exists that proves some or all of their conditions are combat-related.



Approval Rates

- Sixty-eight percent of applicants are approved
- Payments range from \$133 to over \$2900 per month



Are You Eligible to Apply?

To apply for CRSC, applicants must first meet ALL three of the following criteria AND have at least one rated VA disability determined to be combat related:

- ✓ Are in a retired status;
- ✓ Are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA disability payments (VA Waiver); and
- ✓ Have at least a 10% VA disability rating.

NOTE: If you waive your military retirement for Civil Service credit, you are not eligible for CRSC.

What is “Combat-Related?”

Combat-related disabilities are those incurred with documented proof:

1. In the performance of duty under conditions simulating war (e.g., exercises, field training);
2. While engaged in hazardous service (e.g., flight, diving, parachute duty);
3. Through an instrumentality of war (e.g., combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange); or
4. As a direct result of armed conflict.

What CRSC Means to You

A single veteran with gross military retirement pay of \$2500 and a VA rating of 40% w/spouse for combat-related disabilities would receive:

Without CRSC:

VA Compensation (tax free) : \$654
Military Retired Pay (taxable) : \$1846

With CRSC:

VA Compensation (tax free) : \$654
Military Retired Pay (taxable) : \$1846
CRSC (tax free) : \$654



As of 2017

Photos from December 2025 meeting

