

## For CSRS Employees First Hired Before 10/1/82 with Military Service After 12/31/56 Who Will Be Eligible For A Social Security Benefit At Age 62

**To avoid a reduction in your civil service annuity at age 62, you must make a deposit to the retirement system.**

An impact on your CSRS retirement annuity at age 62...

If you are a CSRS employee first hired before 10/1/82 with military service after 12/31/56 who will be eligible for your own earned **Social Security** benefit at age 62 -- your civil service annuity will be reduced at age 62 regardless of whether or not you apply for or receive a Social Security benefit - if you do not make a deposit for your military service.

### **How much is your military deposit?**

As a CSRS employee, you owe a deposit equivalent to 7% of your total basic pay earned while on active military duty plus accrued interest ranging from 3 to 13% (**visit this link for the table**) for each year of your civil service in which you have an unpaid deposit due - after your initial 2 years of civil service. (Note: Your first two years are interest-free.) A \$3,000 deposit that you owed in 1987 could become \$6,952 15 years from now.

### **How do you make a military deposit?**

The first step is to contact your benefits counselor. Your benefits counselor will assist you in requesting a statement of your earnings from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Upon receipt, this statement will be posted in your official personnel folder. If you wish to make a deposit, your payroll office will then compute your total deposit. You may choose to pay this amount in a lump sum or through biweekly deductions from your pay.

### **If you plan to delay making a deposit...**

Although you may make a deposit up until the day you retire, the longer you delay in making a deposit, the more your deposit will be...perhaps thousands of dollars more. If you wait until just before you intend to retire to make a deposit, you may not be able to afford to make the deposit and you may be unable to retire as planned.

Please contact your benefits counselor if you have any questions or need assistance.