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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 08-11

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Federal Military Pensions

1. **Purpose.** To ensure State Workforce Agencies are aware of the Federal military retired pay annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and to provide the Department of Defense's information on the subject.
2. **Background.** The military COLA is based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI). Since the CPI for the third quarter of calendar year 2010 did not exceed that for the last base quarter (third quarter of calendar year 2008), there will be no COLA (i.e., 0.0 percent) increase for retirees in 2011, as was the case in 2010.
3. **COLA for Military Retired Pay.** The COLA for 2011 will not increase for those individuals who first became a member of a uniformed service before, on, or after September 8, 1980. See the attachment to this UIPL.
4. **Instructions.** States with laws that require a reduction of the unemployment insurance (UI) weekly benefit amount by the prorated weekly amount of retired pay and pensions should ensure the UI system is programmed to address no COLA increases for 2011.
5. **Action Requested.** State Administrators are requested to provide this advisory and its attachment to appropriate staff.
6. **Inquiries.** Please direct all inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.
7. **Attachment.** Adjustment to Retired/Retainer Pay, Survivor Annuities and Premiums, Effective December 1, 2010.

RESCISSIONS None	EXPIRATION DATE February 2, 2012
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