

Legal Note

In accordance with the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution (codified at 37 U.S.C. 908), military retirees who wish to accept emoluments (salary, fees, or profits from employment or office), offices, or titles from a foreign government or any subsidiary thereof must obtain prior approval from the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretary of State. Failure to do so may result in recoupment of retired pay. There are certain situations in which an employee will be deemed to have received an emolument where the payment is indirectly received from a foreign state. Such scenarios include consulting, law, or other partnership distributions, as well as payments from domestic professional corporations. Consequently, prior to engaging in such activities, retirees should contact an ethics attorney at their local base legal office to discuss the implications.

For more information, review [Air Force Instruction 36-2913](#).