

# VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIREE NEWS AND NOTES

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## Cost of Living Increase Effective January 1, 2001

The cost of living adjustment effective January 1<sup>st</sup> will be: **Group A, B, C and D - 3.70%**  
**Group E & F - 1.85%**

All eligible retirees will see the increase in their monthly allowance scheduled for payment on January 31, 2001.

## State Treasurer Conducts Study of Military Service Credit

Legislation enacted during the 2000 session directed the State Treasurer to conduct a comprehensive study of the military service credit in the State Employees' Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, and report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2001.

The Treasurer's Office is requesting your assistance in gathering the data necessary to complete the study.

***If you served a minimum of one full year in the military in any capacity prior to becoming a member of the State Employees' Retirement System, please complete the questionnaire on the next page and return it to the following address on or before December 15, 2000.***

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### MILITARY SURVEY

1. How many years did you have of full-time military service? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were your dates of entry and discharge? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently receiving any military pension benefit from your military service, or will you be entitled to receive a military pension benefit at a future date?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
4. If still serving in the Guard or Reserve and have not yet reached 20 years, check here: \_\_\_\_
5. Have you received credit in your State Employees' Retirement Plan for your military service? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, was the service PURCHASED \_\_\_\_\_ or GRANTED \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many years of service did you have actually credited to you're account at retirement? \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

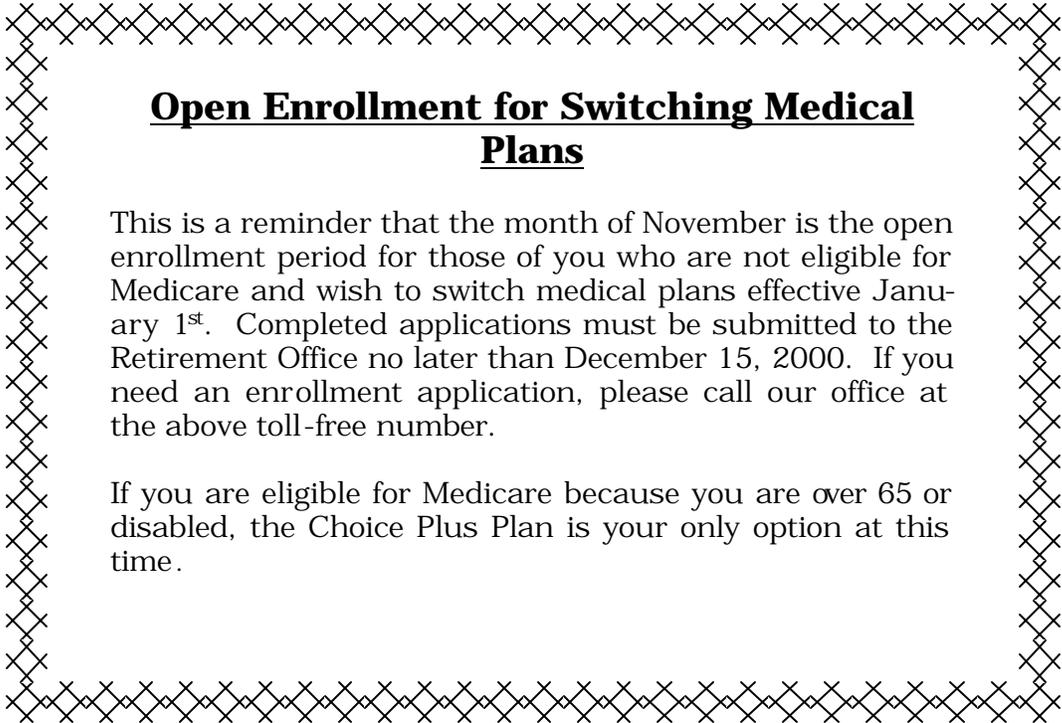
Please cut on the line above, and return by 12/15/00 to:

State Treasurer's Office  
Retirement Division  
133 State Street  
Montpelier, VT  
05633-6901

Thank you for your assistance.

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## **Open Enrollment for Switching Medical Plans**

This is a reminder that the month of November is the open enrollment period for those of you who are not eligible for Medicare and wish to switch medical plans effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Completed applications must be submitted to the Retirement Office no later than December 15, 2000. If you need an enrollment application, please call our office at the above toll-free number.

If you are eligible for Medicare because you are over 65 or disabled, the Choice Plus Plan is your only option at this time.