

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. No. 02-20

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROMULO R. ANTIPORDA

Before BARTLEY, *Chief Judge*, and PIETSCH, GREENBERG,
ALLEN, MEREDITH, TOTH, and FALVEY, *Judges*, and
NEBEKER, KRAMER, HOLDAWAY, GREENE, KASOLD,
HAGEL, MOORMAN, LANCE, DAVIS, and SCHOELEN, *Senior Judges*.

ORDER

On the occasion of his retirement, the Court acknowledges the long and faithful service of Romulo R. Antiporda. Mr. Antiporda began his Federal service in 1972 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He retired as a Technical Sergeant in 1992 after 20 years of honorable service, including two tours of duty in the Philippines, service in Germany during the Cold War supporting NATO and taking part in war games, and service in support of the developers of NAVSTAR, now known as the Global Positioning System. Mr. Antiporda completed his Air Force career serving at Bolling AFB, and spent the next five-plus years working for the Smithsonian Institution, the Department of the Air Force at the Pentagon, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Mr. Antiporda became our colleague at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims on May 17, 1999, when he was appointed Records Management Clerk. During his 21 years at the Court, Mr. Antiporda played an instrumental role in the efficient operation of the Clerk's Public Office. Before implementation of the Court's Case Management-Electronic Case Filing (CM-ECF) system, Mr. Antiporda earned the respect of his colleagues by diligently and untiringly ensuring that all hard copy and electronic files were complete and in order. After CM-ECF was implemented, Mr. Antiporda became central to running the Court's mail operations. Always patient and genuinely kind, Mr. Antiporda displayed an uncanny aptitude for the detail necessary to ensure the mail room ran smoothly, with every piece of mail, whether a pleading to be filed or a check to be deposited, expertly accounted for. Even in the middle of the still-continuing global pandemic, Mr. Antiporda continued to come to the Court daily to ensure that mail room tasks were completed promptly and correctly. In doing so, Mr. Antiporda effectively kept the Court open for the business of serving veterans seeking judicial review.

Mr. Antiporda's courtesy and good nature were his hallmark in handling all facets of his work. Whether working directly with veterans, attorneys, vendors, or Court staff, Mr. Antiporda proved himself to be the model of the quietly competent colleague concerned not with accolades but with the efficiency of the Court. He will be missed as a trusted colleague and friend.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, and as he departs to enjoy retirement, it is

ORDERED that Romulo R. Antiporda will take with him our admiration for his dedicated 46-year Government career, our gratitude for the years of outstanding service he rendered to the Court, the warmth of our continued friendship, and our very best wishes.

DATED: May 31, 2020

PER CURIAM.