

In a Nutshell - Here's What's Happening in your Industry and our Association!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

It was surely a lifetime thrill when, at the recent IFSEA Board meeting, they made me only the 2nd person ever to be called **President Emeritus** in 120 years. Famous Buffalo restaurateur Peter Gust Economou held that distinction when I joined IFSEA's student branch at Cornell in 1973, a Navy LT at the time. When I arrived at my next duty station, Orlando, they asked me to be Branch President; then I retired and moved to S. Florida and the same thing. So leading efforts since about 1976, including 18 years managing HQ, IFSEA has BEEN my life pretty much. I am extremely grateful for the honor, and for the Board and member support as we build for the next 100 years.

Last year, **NAFEM** gave Richard Weil and I their **Doctorate of Foodservice Award**, and they just invited us back as VIP's to the 2021 meeting in Orlando. This is a first class event you should consider.

VA GI BILL NEWS:

NEW - USE JUST 3 DAYS FOR A CERTIFICATION - Missed the 2018 change which has the VA taking only a partial month for a certification depending on the cost. So our \$219 certifications take just 3 days, rather than a whole month. Thus it is now a perfect time to take the two best job getters (HACCP and MCFE/MCFP) and use just 6 or 7 days out of a month of eligibility.

DISABLED VETS EXTRA GI BILL BENEFITS – FORTHOSE WHO USE Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) benefits to pay for college classes no longer have that counted against eligibility for use later on.

RESTAURANT ROBOTS – Restaurants are opening now, but, they can't find workers, which makes no sense except what I read is:

*Some are making more on unemployment than they made working

*Some found that the temporary jobs they took to survive actually pay better, weekends off, etc.

*Everyone is opening their doors at the same time and looking for help

So the owner of Mr. Q's in Hollywood, FL, invested \$30,000 for 3 Robot Hosts. The 4-foot tall robot greets the guest, says follow me to your table. A human takes the order, a robot delivers