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## Maj. Gen. Joseph McNeil, ROA member and civil rights leader, dies at 83



In this Jan. 16, 2010 photo, Joseph McNeil speaks during a AFL-CIO conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. As a college freshmen McNeil sat down at a whites-only Woolworth lunch counter in downtown Greensboro and refused to leave when he was not served. (AP Photo/Lynn Hey)

**Joseph McNeil**, one of four North Carolina college students whose occupation of a racially segregated Woolworth's lunch counter 65 years ago helped spark nonviolent civil rights sit-in protests across the South, died Thursday, his university said.

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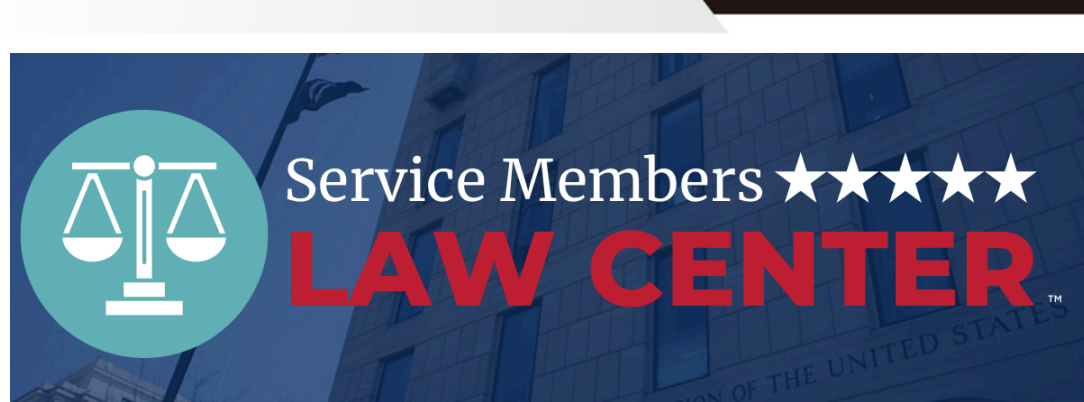


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- **No. 25034** – If a Federal Supervisor or Personnel Official Willfully Violates the Veterans Preference Act, that Is a Prohibited Personnel Practice, And the Individual Can Be Removed from Federal Employment.
- **No. 25033** – DOJ Should Prioritize Enforcement of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).
- **No. 25032** – Chisholm v. Collins: Reaffirming Due Process in the VA Claims System Through Flexible Form Interpretation.



### Honoring our fallen.

Last month, ROA was notified of 60 of our comrades passing from our ranks.

On behalf of our membership, we thank these brave men and women for their many years of service and wish their families peace.

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