

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • June 2012



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[www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org)

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452-3370.

### June Chapter Program

Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 11:30 A.M.  
Paradise Restaurant  
703 North Sequim Avenue  
(just north of Sequim High School)  
Sequim, WA

Our speaker for the May meeting will be Bruce Busch, Board President of Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC).

Lunch is at 11:30 AM and the speaker will be at 12:00. You do not have to have lunch to attend the meeting.

### President's Corner

#### Did you miss the last Chapter 1006 meeting?

Our speaker for the June 26th meeting will be Bruce Busch, President Volunteer Hospice. He will be speaking on how Hospice currently functions.

If you missed the last meeting, see the May meeting re-cap on page 2.

#### How to Get a Free Haircut

A fellow and a little boy walked into the Barber Shop and the fellow had his hair cut first and told the little boy to get in the chair and that he was going down the street to buy a tie and would be back. When the barber finished cutting the little boy's hair, he helped him out of the chair and told him it looks like your Dad forgot you. The little boy told the barber that was not my Dad and he was just playing on the sidewalk outside when the man walked up and said "come on kid and let's go get a free haircut".

#### Do You Think Some of our Officials are a Little Corrupt?

If the license plates on your vehicle are six years old you must buy a new set of plates. The reason officials tell us is that after several years the numbers are faded and difficult for law enforcements to read. However, if you pay more money you may still keep your old plates; and no further action is required. It seems like more money clears up the fading numeral problem. Do you think this smells a little? A friend was recently stopped for exceeding the speed limit by a few miles per hour. When she went to the Court House to pay the fine she was told that by paying additional \$25 the fine would not be reported to her Insurance company; which if it was reported it probably would result in a premium increase due to it being a moving violation. The additional fee was paid and a receipt was given. I WONDER WHO GETS THE \$25?

When I built my home a few years ago my septic system has been installed earlier. The building permit was applied for and I was informed that the septic system would need to be inspected and would cost an additional fee. When the inspector came out to inspect the system and looked into the holding tank and saw it had never been used and asked why I wanted it inspected. It certainly seems like a little more fee money corrected the inspection requirement or the inspector and the supervisor did not use the same standards.

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### **How was Father's Day?**

Does it seem like Mother's Day and Father's Day function with two different standards? On Mother's Day you would never think of buying your Mom a new broom or vacuum; but you do not think twice about buying your Dad a new hammer or chain saw for Father's Day. Everyone wants to take Mom out for dinner on her day and it's difficult to even get a reservation; but on Father's Day there is no problem at the restaurants.

It seems like kids don't think their Dad's need to eat. Have you found it that way at your house? I have never found out about that at our house since we never had kids.

We collected \$24 for the Alzheimer's Fund at the last meeting. Bob Jewell, our Treasurer has volunteered to take over that responsibility. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THAT IMPORTANT TASK?**

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **April Meeting Re-cap**

**SPEAKER:** Undersheriff Ron Peregrin has been in law enforcement for the past forty-five years. In 2007 he became the Clallam County Undersheriff. In the 60's he started working while in the Navy, followed by college, and then did law enforcement work for the State Fish and Wildlife for over 32 years. During that time, he joined the Coast Guard Reserve, eventually becoming Coast Guard Special Agent-in-Charge from 1999-2007. He spoke of the challenges the Clallam County Sheriff's Office faces today. Although there has been a 21 percent increase in population and many changes since 1992, the number of road deputies was, and still is, 35. There also are 37 corrections deputies working at the overcrowded county jail. The jail has 120 beds; however, frequently there are up to 135 prisoners in a given day. Some people in jail have to wait 18 months for trial. The Undersheriff voiced concern that the jail has become a convenient place to dump people with mental health problems because it costs so much less to put them in jail rather than the State mental hospital (\$72 v. \$800/day).

Sheriff Peregrin spoke of the many differences between State and Federal law enforcement and the difficulties this creates to enforce them. As a Federal agent, an officer has rather broad authority. In Washington State, it is much more limited what one can do, which makes the officer work a lot harder. In exchange for handling law enforcement in the Jamestown area and casino, the Tribe funds two deputies, "This is what has kept us at status quo", he said.

Another thing that has "kept us alive" is the Federal grant money received. For example, in each of the past three years, over \$500,000 has been received to increase security on the Border. This has enabled the County to install computers in the patrol vehicles and upgrade all radios to narrow band frequency. Multi-agency response teams have been created for responding to major crimes and sharing resources. He spoke highly of our Sheriff, wanting us to know he tries persistently to be a good steward of the taxpayer dollars and demands the public be treated with dignity and respect.

**Service Officer Award:** Ralph Angulo was presented 2 plaques, the District and Regional awards for Outstanding Service Officer of the Year. Ralph encouraged members to make sure they have completed their copies of F-100, Be Prepared for Life's Events: What Your Survivors Should Know. The document is now available for completion on the NARFE website. Contact him if you need a copy of the form.

**Alzheimer' Chair:** Our Chapter Chairperson, LaVeta Edmonson, has resigned due to health issues. Treasurer Robert Jewell has agreed to handle the Alzheimer's collections in addition to his duties as Chapter Treasurer.

**Membership Chair:** Eighteen members attended the May meeting. Lois reported on the State NARFE Convention in Vancouver. Lois and Bud Shaw, along with Robert Ackerman, represented Chapter 1006 at the Convention. She gained good information on NARFE membership and urged each of us to recruit one member this year.

**President Shaw:** Bud reminded members it is necessary to contact OPM at least once annually to keep their pin numbers current. The web address is [www.servicsonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicsonline.opm.gov).

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER SECRETARY

## **Membership News**

Our year is half gone and membership count still survive. Welcome to a new member, David Easton of Clallam Bay and Kurt Rittenmyer has reinstated his membership. Thanks, fellas'

National and I have sent out past due notices to the following: Art Greenberg and Franklin Johnson. Your dues were due April 1, 2012. And those that have dropped their membership are Susan Schultz, Joyce Skoien and Edgar Tracy. Your dues expired on January 1, 2012.

Just a reminder, we no longer receive changes of address, temporarily away or death notices. If you change your address call me @ 452-6374 or Membership Records at National Headquarters at 1-800-456-8410. That will ensure you receive your chapter newsletter and the NARFE monthly magazine.

Here again is the Dues Structure. One Year National Dues is \$40.00 plus our \$7.00 yearly chapter dues the total is \$47.00. Two years National Dues is \$72.00 plus our chapter dues is \$86.00. Three years is \$102.00 National Dues and with chapter dues the total is \$123.00 NOW, why not consider taking out Dues Withholding. You will receive a 15% discount on the National Dues. That would be \$34.00 plus our \$7.00 Chapter Dues, total of \$41.00. And you won't have to worry about getting that nasty postcard from me and those notices from the National Membership Office..

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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