

# NARFE

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



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452-3370.

### July Chapter Program

Tuesday, July 24, 2012, 11:30 A.M.  
Paradise Restaurant  
703 North Sequim Avenue  
(just north of Sequim High School)  
Sequim, WA

Our speaker for the July meeting will be Mike Teefy, retired Social Security Officer, and President of NARFE Chapter 131, Vancouver, WA

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

Well folks our chapter is regressing to such a degree that Chapter 1006 may cease to exist. None of our members want to assume any of the Officer or committee positions to assist in keeping the chapter functioning. The attendance at our meetings continues to decline in spite of the interesting speakers we have had. Our last meeting presented by HOSPICE was very interesting and informative, yet only 14 persons attended. The restaurant where we meet is concerned about the low utilization of their meeting room. When we started meeting at the restaurant they asked the card players using the facility to change their playing days since they mainly only used a beverage service. Our members only placed orders for 6 lunches during our last meeting. I am sure if our meeting attendance continues to decline; we may lose our meeting room and would have to go someplace else. Folks, what would you like for the Chapter to do to increase your attendance? If you have any suggestions let me or any of our staff know, I feel confident we can meet your desires.

When I was working at my Federal job with the Federal Aviation Administration I worked on a lot of legal documents called Airworthiness Directives. The documents required aircraft owners to inspect, repair or replace parts on their aircraft as appropriate in maintaining their aircraft in a safe condition. I would always use the KISS principle in my work on the document development. The KISS principle acronym was "Keep It Simple Stupid". It was sometimes difficult to do since every document was reviewed by the legal department (word merchants) and their interest was in protecting the Government from tort claims. Their language was not generally understandable by aircraft mechanics when using the directives in their maintenance work. The legal department did not use the KISS principal in their efforts.

NARFE should use the KISS principle in their management of the current membership dues structure. The current dues policy is dependent upon whether you are working or not, dues deduction or not, Chapter dues vary from Chapter to Chapter. This makes it a little difficult to recruit new members particularly if the potential member does not live in your area.

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*President's Corner, continued*

Even though we only had 14 persons at our last meeting we received \$58 in the Alzheimer's collection.

Well Congressional people continues to peck away at our earned benefits and always question the need to fund retirees benefits, They have now reduced the retirement benefits for all new hires, they know that if they can continue to fragment the work force retirees and current workers it reduces the number of voting persons to small

pools and makes it easier to maneuver their controls over each group. Therefore; it is very important they we continue calling and E-mailing their offices and providing our concerns.

If you are not a NARFE member and want to talk to someone about joining please call 360 452 6374 or E-mail [uncbud@q.com](mailto:uncbud@q.com).

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership News

We welcome the following new members: Debra Dove, Shirley Taylor and Thomas Kummert all from the Sequim area. We hope to meet you at our next meeting.

And the count for dropped membership is ZERO. One death to report is the death of Doris Wilkins of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Today, as I am preparing this article; Bud and I attended the funeral for Bob Cruzan this morning. Bob enlisted in the Army August 1943 and was sent to the Ardennes Forest region of Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany where he was involved in the Battle of the Bulge as a mortar crewman in heavy combat. The infantry company at combat strength was approximately 200 men and only 55 from the original complement of Bob's company survived. Bob worked as a personnel officer for the Dept. of Interior in several different branches in Guam and American Samoa. He completed his career as the personnel officer for the Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington DC in the early '70's. His wife, Grace of 59 years survives and is a NARFE member. Bob and Doug Bendinger were the principal ones that made our convention a huge success. They sold advertising to business places that didn't even want to buy an ad in our convention book. And thanks to you Doug for sending in your dues!

Now, a word about PAC. Some of you have ask how does PAC operate - so here's the nitty-gritty.

OK - funds get to National a number of ways. A member can send direct to National, Give to a Chapter NARFE-PAC chair to mail (Here's your opportunity to volunteer and be our Chapter NARFE-PAC person) or you can send your check to the Federation NARFE-PAC Don Binder. His e-mail is: [don\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:don_binder@msn.com)

The funds that get to National are all put in one centrally controlled pot. Once the request is actually received at National they will contact Don Binder for our recommendation for any of the 10 house seats or the one senate seat up for election this year. Don will canvass the Federation state-wide officers and the appropriate DVP's asking that they canvass the appropriate chapters. Once a decision has been made Don will get back to National. Then the legislative staff makes a recommendation with the input counting a

great deal to the 4 National Resident Officers (who comprise the NARFE-PAC committee) and the Legislative Director (Julie Tagen) as a non-voted adviser. Once they decide and if funds are to be contributed to a candidate in our state - they will notify Don that a check is being issued to the campaign committee for the specific individual. Then Don will notify the appropriate people within NARFE WSFC's and ask that the DVP's notify the chapter presidents and/or the NARFE/PAC chair person. \*This is an important year to send in your dollars - our benefits are at stake.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

## June Meeting Speaker

The speaker was Bruce Busch, President of Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County and three others from VHOCC, gave an outstanding program. It has been many years since Rose Crumb, founder of the organization, spoke at a Chapter meeting. VHOCC was formed as a charitable non-profit corporation by a very energetic group of 7 individuals headed by founder Rose Crumb in 1978. That year two terminally ill patients were served by volunteers and \$327 was spent to cover operating costs. Last year VHOCC spent over \$465,000 to serve an average monthly patient count of 70, loaned equipment and gave supplies to over 500 people and provided grief counseling to more than 100 Clallam County residents. Services were performed by a paid staff of seven nurses and a Patient Care Manager along with 130 volunteers who donated over 10,000 hours to run the Port Angeles and Sequim Hospice facilities (service area: Joyce to Gardiner). Help is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days each year. Pam Busch offered the following advice to those of us who are or will become terminally ill, our caregivers, and our families: Do not resist getting involved with Hospice. Just because you are linked to Hospice does not mean you do not have a life any longer.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER SECRETARY

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