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General Meeting Date & Time: December 10, 2007

Meeting Place: Elks Club, 4131 Pine Road NE, Bremerton

Program: HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Meet & Greet 12:00, Lunch Served at 1:00

NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

PRESIDENT: Greetings Fellow Chapter Members:

I am very thankful for my association with each and every one of you and for your support of me as President of Chapter 181. As I look back on what we have accomplished this year, I feel as a chapter many successful events occurred.

We were able as Chapter 181 to sponsor the annual Washington State Federation Convention that was very well organized by Amber VanSantford and Don Palmer. I am grateful for all who helped make that convention second to none. I have had many positive comments about the convention.

Chapter 181 had an entry in the May Armed Forces Day parade as well as in the Silverdale Whaling Days parade in July. The Monster Truck was seen by many people with the NARFE logo on its side.

We helped support the Vietnam Traveling Wall displayed at Miller Woodlawn Cemetery. Our participation was very much appreciated by Miller Woodlawn and by our community. At our chapter meetings we have had very good speakers who have provided informative and timely information to make us more aware in our every day lives.

It won't be long and the year 2007 will reside in the historical records of Chapter 181. Could we have done more? I would be the first to say yes. We could have recruited more members and retained the ones who have been dropped for non-renewal of their dues. There is no magic plan to recruit and retain. All of us must do a little better to talk to our friends and acquaintances about NARFE and why, as current or retired federal employees, it is very important to be united as an organization to protect our earned benefits. We should never take them for granted.

I hope all of you are coming to our Holiday Luncheon on December 10th at the Elks Lodge. Social hour is at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Swearing in of Chapter officers will take place at that meeting. My wish for all of you and your families is a wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy and prosperous New Year. *GEORGE L. EADS*

NEXT STATE CONVENTION IS IN WALLA WALLA:

The 2008 State Convention will be held at the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, 19-21 May. The Government Rate for the hotel during the convention is \$70 plus tax - that includes a 'hot & healthy' breakfast buffet.

FOOD BASKET DONATIONS: Let's help those less fortunate in our community by bringing a donation of non-perishable food to the Elks Club when you attend the Holiday Lunch. There will be a large box in the Lobby for your donation.

MEMBERSHIP: We completed the audit of our chapter Membership Roster. We agree with the National Register. We had 1431 voting chapter members on November 1, 2007. In the first eleven months of this year we lost a total of 69 members from our chapter. Our goal is to cut that loss to zero and start increasing our numbers. Recruitment is our tool and each of you are recruiters, so we need you to recruit a new member for our chapter and our problem will be resolved. If you need materials or assistance, please call me. Hope to see you at the Elks in December for our Holiday meeting.

Our additions to Chapter 181, new members: Julito Balolong, Kaaren Brooks, Robert Case, David Curley, Linda Curley, Ron Miller, and Leonard Newsom .
Reinstatements: Rose Bergsman, Frank Cloward, Michael Henry, Alice Hollingworth, Carl Neuswanger, Horst Zimmer. Harriet Barton transferred in from another chapter. A big thanks to all of you for your participation, and please come to our general membership meetings as scheduled in the newsletter.

Now for the members who have been dropped this last month for non-payment of dues: Laura Drake, George Gott, Frank Mcelroy, Hazel Tucker and Walter Turk. Thanks for contacting these members and urging them to reinstate their membership. *Ralph Sanders*

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of: Louis Buccini, Leo Elia, Velma Endell, Paul Estes, Earl Nelson, Lewis Mason, Norma Jean Raney, Frederick Salmela, Mike Shingler, Josephine Tennison and Ruth Wright.

ELECTION RESULTS: The following members were elected at the November meeting and will be installed at the Holiday Luncheon:

President: George Eads
First VP: Amber VanSantford
Second VP: Ralph Sanders
Treasurer: Rex Tauscher
Asst Treasurer: Norene Torkelson
Secretary: Linda Sanders
Asst Secretary: Zora Davis

Executive Committee: Bill Powers
Don Palmer
J. R. Seibold
Gladys Berteaux
Don Serry

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: A huge thank you goes out to Joyce Libsack for organizing this year's Holiday Luncheon at the Elks. We look forward to seeing you all there. As in previous years, there will be a drawing for Poinsettias.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Bill Powers purchased a camera to take pictures of members that will be put on the Chapter/District Web Site. Copies of the photographs will also be available for a small fee.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ): The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 20 November is \$1,271.22. Donations in the amount of \$55.00 were received in November thanks to Louis & Loraine Brockerman and Richard & Kathy Geiger. Joyce Libsack's donation was in memory of Josephine Tennison.

The Aluminum for Alzheimer's collection is going great with a total of 146 pounds collected since the first of October. We are keeping the program active so keep dropping off your aluminum items at Westsound Recycle in the East Bremerton Wal-Mart parking lot. Your aluminum can be dropped off at that site and credited to **NARFE Chapter 181**, this should help those not attending our regular meeting where I normally collect the aluminum.

A check in the amount of \$1,252.00 is being sent from the Alzheimer's account to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund. The total funds to the Alzheimer's research fund from our chapter in the past 12 months is **\$2,752.00**.

The correct mailing address for donations and correspondence for our chapter is:
**NARFE CHAPTER 181, PO BOX 5025,
BREMERTON, WA 98312.** *Rex Tauscher*

TREASURER: Financial activity for October 2007 had receipts totaling \$1,322.06 with expenditures of \$526.34. Financial activity for November 2007, receipts totaling \$1,740.22 with expenditures of \$825.68.

We received 13 postal returns in November for a cost of \$6.23 for items not deliverable or 'forward expired'. Please remember to notify us of your change of address in a timely manner as it takes us at least a month to get the changes into the system for our newsletter mailing. If you change apartment numbers, it will also require notification as the postal service will normally return those to us and charge the return fee. Send us your change of address to **NARFE Chapter 181, PO BOX 5025, BREMERTON WA. 98312-0462** or contact Ralph Sanders or myself.
Rex Tauscher

SERVICE OFFICER: Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year to everyone. Sure hope we see lots of you at our luncheon in December. I know a lot of you do not come to the meetings but, please try to join us for our December luncheon. There will also be a summer get together next year so keep your eyes on your newsletter.

Towards the end of the month, you will be receiving your cost of living notice - this will be the very long form. Please take your time to read the information on the back and - DO NOT TOSS your cost of living announcement out once you have made a note in your checkbook as to the amount of your checks next year. Keep those notices in your file. You will receive a shorter announcement around the end of the year (or early January) because those of us who have Federal health insurance will probably notice the changes. If you did change your health insurance those changes will be effective 1 January for retirees/spouses and first day of the first full pay period in January for those who are CFEs - Current Federal Employees. *Megan Winans*

REGION IX VP: At the November National Executive Board Meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of National Vice President Bill Austin. After meeting in Executive Session and with the advice of the Legal Counsel and the Parliamentarian, the following motions were introduced:

Motion 01-11-07 'In accordance with Article 2, Section 1(E) to exercise the option NOT to fill the vacancy of the National Vice President' The motion passed.

Motion 02-11-07 'Because there is no Vice President, in accordance with Article 2, Section 1(F)(2)(C) to designate the National Treasurer to succeed to the office of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office during the remainder of her term' Motion passed.
Lanny Ross

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