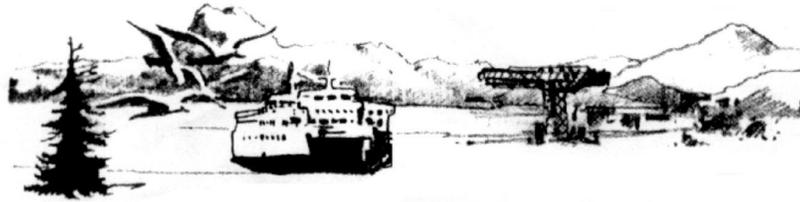




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**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION, BREMERTON CHAPTER 181**

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April 2010

NUMBER 04-10

General Meeting Date & Time: April 12, 2010, 1:00PM

Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)
National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA

Program: DONALD GREEN, U.S. NAVY RETIRED WILL SPEAK ABOUT PEARL HARBOR

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.

**Donald Green was
a Chief Hull
Technician.**

**He will speak
about his Navy
career and his
experiences at
Pearl Harbor.**

**He was on the
USS Pyro (AE-1),
an ammunitions
ship.**

PRESIDENT: Our April speaker, Donald Green, is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He was on the *USS Pyro*, AE1. He will present forty Power Point slides on the subject "PEARL HARBOR". This is a moving presentation that starts out with the Arizona Memorial, then the Japanese attack, Pacific Fleet vessel damage, our naval recovery, and finishes with the Arizona Memorial.

NARFE website came out with a new F-100 report, "*Be Prepared For Life's Events*", in mid-March. This new report is designed so that you or your spouse can keep all of your annuitant and survivor benefit information, plus other important information on your computer to facilitate a smooth transition of your assets to your spouse or beneficiary. This new report is in a PDF format, where you fill in the blanks, and save the information on your computer. This new format will enable you to work on the data at your leisure and change information easily as you have the time. This new report is also available in hard copy, but is over twenty pages long. If a hard copy is desired, see April's magazine page 26. The old report, still available but much less extensive, is only twelve pages. We will have a class on this subject at our next District Workshop. By that time we will have experience with the format and be able to answer questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chapter Meeting
May 10th 1:00PM

Federation Convention
May 18th and 19th
Holiday Inn-Downtown
3105 Pine Street
Everett, WA

Chapter Meeting
June 14th 1:00PM

Our local Chapter 181 is a 'Bronze Member' of the *Puget Sound Naval Base Association*, PSNBA, and their membership drive is this month. PSNBA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting our local naval installations for the past 60 years. With Congress looking at cutting another Undersea Warfare Center, it is important for PSNBA to represent the Puget Sound region and support our Keyport installation. Contact me for a \$10 membership. Continued on page 2

President Powers continued.

Our NARFE convention will be May 18th and 19th at the *Downtown Holiday Inn* in Everett. For those interested, time is getting short for reservations. Time is also getting short, April 30th, for high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of NARFE members to submit for a \$1,000 scholarship. Odds are very good for this scholarship. A 3.0 GPA is required for submittal.

Our NARFE 'Kitsap Transit' bus advertisement is now on routed buses in the downtown area. I took photographs, which are now posted on our District IV website for review.

The Census Bureau gave us a very good presentation at our District Workshop in March. Their message was, "*It's Easy! It's Safe! It's Important!*" They assured us that your personal information, including your name, address, or phone number, is **not** shared. Bill Powers

MEMBERSHIP: Because of the early general membership meeting we did not present a membership report. We will give you an abbreviated copy in this newsletter. As of this writing we have 1248 voting members in our Chapter; we have lost 23 members since January 1, 2010.

Those are not good numbers. We lost 23 due to death and 18 were lost due to non-renewal. This was offset by 17 new and reinstated members.

The following members were dropped this month for non-renewal: James Backs, Grace Beliveau, Mabel Guidry, Fred Herricht, William Long, Richard Parker, and Osa Siegner.

A big welcome for those members who are new or reinstated to our Chapter: Beatrice Cooper, Ellen Pratt-Davis, Gregory Fessler and John Glenn. Thanks for becoming a part of our Chapter. Ralph Sanders

SERVICE OFFICER: Megan Winans

By the time you are reading this it will be April and many of us will be traveling. I will be flying to Michigan in early May to be at my youngest son's graduation, adding to his Associates Degree. He and wife live in Port Huron, Michigan, which is where an enormous bridge goes across into Canada. I have gone across that bridge quite a few times now and ALWAYS take my passport with me - just in case we do it again. It's not that far from the Canadian side of Niagara Falls and is absolutely GORGEOUS!

I, as many know, came over to the USA from Britain as a VERY young GI Bride. Since I retired from my job working for the U.S. Government, I am obviously a U.S. citizen, but could need proof of that any time I go across the border into Canada. I am heading up to British Columbia in April with some friends, and will take it there also. Don't forget to have proof of your American birth if you were born in the USA.

By now I sure hope all of you have just about got your income tax papers ready to be mailed off by the deadline. Many of you have already filed - especially those who are getting a refund. I owe a little bit, but will not send it off until almost the latest possible date. Just do not miss the mailing deadline. If Uncle Sam paid me interest on refunds, I would like a big refund but, since not, I prefer keeping my money in my checking account, earning a little bit of interest.

Remember the important documents you need and find them NOW!

TREASURER: Our March general meeting report showed total receipts of \$4,882.21 and expenditures of \$4,917.07. Our Net Worth as of 28 February was \$38,245.38 with the Life Member trust portion at \$24,658.91 for an operating balance of \$13,586.47. Detailed treasurer reports are available at our general and executive board meetings.

Treasurer continued.

The Chapter annual audit was completed 8 February 2010 with 7 discrepancies. Six vouchers without justifying receipts, and the return mail account missing a receipt in the amount of \$2.00.

Our budget for 2010 is now posted online at www.narfewadist4.org.

Our Chapter still has an active agreement with Red Apple Markets in Bremerton, Kitsap Lake and Silverdale for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts. If you shop at any of the Red Apple stores please turn in the receipts to Norene Torkelson or me, or bring them to our next meeting.

NARFE Scholarships: There are six NARFE Scholarships available in Northwest's Region IX. They are open to children, grandchildren, stepchildren, and great-grand children of any NARFE member in good standing.

All Applicants must be current high school seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Detailed information and application forms will be in the February, March, and April editions of NARFE magazine and on the web at www.narfe.org. You can also check with your high school counselors for information.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ): The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 20 March was \$108.24. Donations in the amount of \$95.00 were received since our last report. We appreciate the donations from Loraine Brockerman, Dorothea Speed, Rex Tauscher, Elaine Youngs-Lovlie and George Luzik.

We have collected over 197 pounds of aluminum to date since the beginning of January so keep the can flow going.

The NARFE magazine for March 2010, page 30, has a great article under the "Alzheimer's Update" section; please read this as NARFE is celebrating 25 years of our Alzheimer's support.

The Alzheimer's Association just completed their Action Summit in Washington DC on 7-9 March 2010. If you are interested in finding out some new information go to www.alz.org. I found a new report, 74 pages long, with facts and figures about the impact of Alzheimer's. A couple of interesting facts is that deaths due to Alzheimer's has increased by 46%, while deaths due to strokes dropped by 18%, deaths due to cancer dropped by 11%, deaths due to heart attacks dropped by 11% and deaths due to HIV have dropped by 16%. Alzheimer's cases for Washington State in 2000 were at 83,000 and in 2010 were 110,000 and are projected to be 150,000 in 2025. Rex Tauscher

ALUMINUM DROP-OFF POINTS

- ▶ Westsound Recycle
East Bremerton WalMart parking lot
- ▶ Port Orchard Mall
Let them know your donation is for the Bremerton NARFE Chapter

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of James Bartlett, Gertrude Beckner (wife of member Millard Beckner), Emelia Frender, Julia Fryar (President of Yakima Chapter 238), Kenneth Leatherman, Edith Lowe, Loretta Pedigo, John Pooler, and Jewell Sollie. Also a Get Well card was sent to David Hallman.

If you know of a Chapter member who is ill and should receive a get well card, please contact us so we can get a card out to them. Norene Torkelson

"Thank you!" to everyone who has signed up for the e-mailed newsletter! Each month I get several more requests. Remember, it saves our Chapter money, plus you have the benefit of receiving the newsletter sooner. Also, we're considering attaching "inserts" to the emailed version that can't be added to the paper version because of cost. If you would like this service, please contact me at tbkbull@aol.com. Thanks!! Bea Bull

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