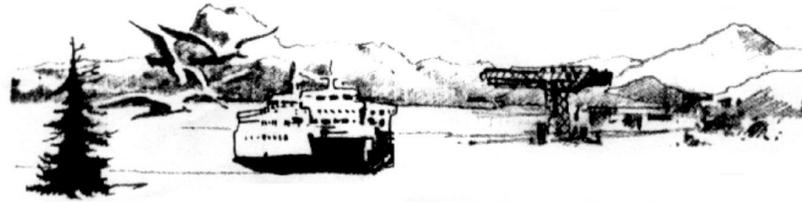




MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION, BREMERTON CHAPTER 181**

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General Meeting Date & Time: June 14, 2010, 1:00PM

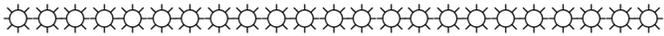
**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)
National Avenue & 'E' Street, Bremerton, WA**

**Program: LARRY PIERCE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON YOUTH ACADEMY
"HOW THE NATIONAL GUARD HELPS YOUTHS WHO ARE AT RISK"**

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chapter Meeting Sept 13th 1:00PM



PRESIDENT: Everett hosted our State Convention in May. All four Executive Officers were reelected. We have two new area District Vice Presidents, one from the Spokane area and one from the Wenatchee area. The Wenatchee area District Vice President is Steve Anderson, whom many of you know as a retired "Executive Director" of PSNS. Passage of completely revised Bylaws at the convention will make business easier for the Executive Committee. Plus terms of office have been extended to two-year terms. The state website has all convention information posted.

The National Convention will be held at the end of August in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our representative will be Rex Tauscher, our Chapter & State Treasurer. He will also hold the proxy for Poulsbo and Port Orchard Chapters. Our state has submitted one Bylaws Change: A NARFE Single Dues Proposal. This is in reference to the previously failed referendum on the same subject. The "to-date" unopposed Candidate for National President, Dick

Strombotne, visited our state convention in May. I had the pleasure of sitting by him and visiting during our closing dinner banquet. His bio is on page 40 of this month's magazine.

I would like to thank all of you who have donated toward Alzheimer research, both with aluminum cans and donations. Illahee State Park gave us over 70 pounds of aluminum this year. Crushing that many cans was very time consuming. NARFE is the #1 premium membership organization for raising Alzheimer research funds nationally. See page 28 of this month's magazine.

As stated last month, the 18-member bi-partisan Commission on Fiscal Responsibility is presently conducting hearings. It is this commission's job to recommend ways to reduce the national deficit and control growth in the debt. It is our lobbyists' job to work diligently to preserve our FERS/CSRS benefits/pensions. Contributing to NARFE-PAC is one way you can help.

August is "Meet Your Candidate Month". If you want to learn what is being planned or take part in a forum or

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meeting, contact one of our members listed on the back of this newsletter or come to our Executive board meeting on August 4th at 1 PM at Bremerton Elks Lodge meeting room.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone who pays dues on a yearly basis, there is an easier way: '*Dues Withholding*'. It is also cheaper. Contact Ralph Sanders to make the change. Bill Powers

MEMBERSHIP: First, the State Convention: The Bylaws committee met on Monday morning before the start of the convention and agreed to the proposed Bylaws and the Standing Rules as they were submitted, with minor changes.

A set of bylaws is like a budget; always a work in progress. We should be reminded that our own Chapter bylaws are coming up for a vote this spring after review by the National Secretary. Your executive board worked for several months to get our rewrite accomplished so your support will be appreciated.

On the convention floor there was heated debate about the length of officer terms and the biennial convention. After failing, and then passing a motion for reconsideration, the package was passed.

On to the membership report: The following members were dropped this month for non-renewal: Holly Light, Jo Francis Powell, Iva Smith, Lyle Sunderland, Toni Thompson and Michael Worley. If you know any of these members, please urge them to renew their membership. Thanks!

Welcome to those members who are new or have been reinstated to our Chapter: John Alcantra, John Covert, James Finney, Livingston Hadley, Margaret Harnett, Richard Parker, Jim Strunk, and John Vehrs.

Welcome to our two prospective members, we hope you will decide to join us permanently: Bradley Powers and Maryann Steele. Ralph Sanders

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill received an email from John Clements, Director, Membership Development listing two small wording changes we need to make to our Chapter 181 Bylaws prior to submitting a final copy for the National Secretary's approval.

SERVICE OFFICER: Megan Winans

Some of your Chapter Officers and members were at the NARFE State Convention May 18th-19th over in Everett - wish there had been more of our Chapter members. It is always interesting listening to what other Chapters are doing. Of course, having our own Lanny Ross here to talk to us at State Conventions, is fantastic. We are so lucky to have Lanny Ross representing Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Alaska as Region IX Vice President. Making a trip to State Conventions is well worth it so keep that in mind for next year.

Summer might arrive in our area sometime soon - hopefully. Please remember when doing your summer traveling to make sure you have with you a listing of any medications you are taking. Also, take an up-to-date listing of family phone numbers. And remember to put a hold on your newspapers and mail. Newspapers sitting on your doorstep are a good sign that nobody is home. Since I do like to catch up with the local news after a trip away I have my newspapers put on hold with delivery of all back copies scheduled for the day after my return.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many of the newer cell phones come with a feature in the "Contacts" section labeled ICE, which stands for "In Case of Emergency". Even if your cell phone doesn't have that feature, you can add an ICE contact by simply typing in those letters then the name of the person who is your emergency contact (ex. ICE Husband).

If you're in an accident or something happens to you where you can't communicate, one of the things responders do is look in your cell phone for a person to call; having someone specifically labeled as your ICE person will speed up this process.

TREASURER: At our May general meeting report, we had total receipts of \$1,312.59 and expenditures of \$923.91. Our Net Worth as of 30 April was \$38,174.46 with the Life Member Trust portion at \$25,031.80 for an operating balance of \$13,142.66.

Detailed treasurer reports are available at our general and executive board meetings. 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, **and now Poulsbo**, for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts.

If you shop at any of the Red Apple stores listed above, please turn in the receipts to Norene Torkelson or me, or bring them to our next meeting. The year-to-date income that we have received from Red Apple is \$86.09.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ): The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 21 May was \$183.29. Donations in the amount of \$75.00, were received since our last report. Thanks to Clara Barr, Loraine Brockerman, Robert Brown, Anna Haynes, and Elsmar McKay for their donations.

We have collected over 389 pounds of aluminum to date since the beginning of January so keep the can flow going. 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
- ▶ **NEW!!! Poulsbo Red Apple**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Sympathy Cards were sent to the families of Gwendolyn Croswaite (wife of member Harold Croswaite), Dorothy Dorton, Fred J. Hereth, Stuart W. Kelly, Oliver M. Nelson, Richard A. Parker, Reta Ann Short, and Norma C Wise.

A get well card was sent to Charles Clodius.

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! Remember, it saves our Chapter money, plus you have the benefit of receiving the newsletter sooner. If you would like this service, please contact me at tbkbull@aol.com. Thanks!! Bea Bull

EDITOR Bea Bull

At the convention, our newsletter received a blue ribbon "Certificate of Appreciation" for excellence in the design and production of a Chapter newsletter that contributes to the success of the mission of the Washington State Federation of Chapters. It was presented by Dave Seesholtz, the retiring editor of the state newsletter. Other newsletters also got a blue ribbon.

Congratulations to everyone who provides articles, input, tips, and suggestions! This is Chapter 181's newsletter and we are all very proud of it!!

Also of note, the state newsletter is being renamed from the "Federal Reporter" to the "Federation Reporter".

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!



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