



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

P.O. Box 5025, Bremerton, WA 98312-0462

**November 2012**

**NUMBER 09-12**

**General Meeting Date & Time: November 12, 2012, 1:00PM**

**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club (479-9061)  
4109 West E Street, Bremerton, WA (National Avenue & 'E' Street)**

**Program: "Be Prepared for Life's Events" Hands-on Workshop**

- ▶ Service Officer Ralph Angulo Will Walk Us Through Completing This Booklet.
- ▶ Copies will be Available or You May Bring Your Own Copy to Complete.
- ▶ We will also be Electing Officers for 2013

*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.*

Executive Board meetings are held at 1:00PM at the Elks Lodge, 4131 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton, the Wednesday prior to general meetings. Members are welcome to join us. NOTE! Due to a conflict with the FEHBP Health Fair on November 7<sup>th</sup>, the November Executive Board meeting will be held at 10:00AM at the Westside Improvement Club prior to the general meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

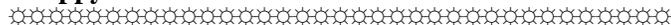
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*FEHBP Health Fair 2 – 6PM November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Conference Center, 100 Washington Avenue,  
Bremerton**

**\*Open Season for FEHBP Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Chapter Meeting NOON December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers at the  
Elks Club on Pine**

**\*Chapter Meeting January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Happy New Year!**



**NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM**

Service Officer Ralph Angulo will present a hands-on workshop for completing the F-100 "Be Prepared for Life's Events" booklet. If you've already completed one, bring it with you to review; perhaps something has changed and you need to update your copy. If you've never completed a copy you can download one from the NARFE website or Ctrl click on this link: <http://www.narfe.org/pdf/f-100fill.pdf>. We will also have copies available at the meeting. It would be wise, however, to preview this form so you know what information you'll need to bring with you to the meeting.



**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Reservations for the December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon are now being accepted. Meal choices are **salmon** or **chicken**, both **\$18.00**. Each meal includes potato, vegetable, roll and salad. The price includes tax and gratuity. Checks made out to 'NARFE' should be sent by December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Amber VanSantford, 3705 Westminster Drive SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 or paid at the November meeting. Members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Elks Holiday Food Drive box. Social Hour begins at noon with lunch served at 1:00.

**PRESIDENT**  
George Eads

Fellow Chapter Members,

It is that time of year when the days are shorter and the weather is changing. Be careful when you are out and about; make sure the lights on your cars are working properly (headlights, tail lights, signal lights, brake lights, etc.).

We are coming up on TUESDAY, November 6, 2012; ELECTION DAY. I hope by now you have your voting ballots and have already voted. We have the right to vote and it is our duty to use this right to be part of the democracy of this great nation.

It is interesting to me that, in both the NARFE and AARP magazines, questions were asked of both presidential

**President cont.** candidates but only one answered the questions that affect both senior citizens and government employees (active and retired) and how things will affect our future. We should all be concerned about our earned benefits and how our elected officials feel about those issues affecting them. It is difficult to know how they feel if they do not answer the questions.

Retired federal employees will get a small COLA for this next year; 1.7% is small, but is better than nothing at all. Open Season for your health care begins November 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please call your provider for answers.

The election of officers for Chapter 181 will be held at our next general meeting, November 12<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to serve as an officer! Please let me, or one of the other officers, know of your intention and interest.

Our Holiday luncheon will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge on Pine. Social Hour begins at noon with lunch served at 1:00p.m. We will install your new Chapter 181 officers for 2013 and we invite and encourage all of you to come.

Please stay informed about the issues that affect all of us and our families.

It is flu season again so remember to get your shots! May you enjoy the good things in life.

## CALL TO ACTION

### What you can do:

- VOTE!!
- Call Congress on November 15<sup>th</sup>

## LEGISLATION

Jim Strunk

"...they say if you don't vote, you get the government you deserve, and if you do, you never get the results you expected."

—  
E.A. Bucchianeri

Here we are, two weeks until the General Election on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and it appears we have a winner...to be determined on Election Day. The candidates are neck and neck, and even they admit they are tired of the last-minute campaign calls and television announcements. Whadaya think-maybe! It will be a tight election and no one at this point is predicting who will hold the House and Senate majorities-the Democrats or the GOP. My past columns have told you which legislation will affect your pension and health benefits in the future-so make sure you re-read them, find out who sponsored that legislation, and then decide for whom you need to vote. And then vote. The November issue

of NARFE magazine contains a list of voting history on NARFE issues affecting you.

The outcome for the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, being vacated by a retiring Norm Dicks, also has not yet been predicted. The position does appear to have some value to the GOP, as Bill Driscoll (Republican House candidate) has put another \$500,000.00 of his own money into his campaign election chest. This is to sustain his campaign and to match the level of contributions to the campaign chest of Derek Kilmer by his supporters.

Based upon national polls, which look at the electorate attitudes and preferences, it appears that the race may be a draw and we will be left with a status quo in both houses of Congress. The public electorate appears to be split by ideology and party line to the same degree that it has been in the recent past. There is a possible opportunity for change, however, as 48 percent of Republicans in July 2012 believe in leaders who can compromise versus in September 2010, when just 33 percent of Republicans said they admired leaders who compromise. Among Democrats, 62 percent now say they most admire leaders who compromise (up more modestly from 54 percent in 2010)<sup>1</sup>

Remember also that November 15<sup>th</sup> is NARFE National Call Congress Day. Call your congressional representative. Let them know the issues affecting you as a retired or active federal worker and what they need to address in the lame duck session and the coming congressional year. More information, including a detailed script for you to use, will be provided to you via email through the Legislative Hotline and the NARFE's email system, GEMS. The Hotline is available on a toll-free number, 877-217-8234. The toll-free number for the Capitol switchboard is 866-220-0044.

<sup>1</sup> Tuesday, July 24, 2012 edition of National Journal Daily. Ronald Brownstein

## MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

**VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The Chapter **will not** be having a Health Fair in conjunction with the November general membership meeting this year. In its place will be the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Health Fair, on November 7 between 2 and 6 pm, at the convention center in downtown Bremerton. It will be well attended by the health providers, so be sure to come, pick up your brochures, and ask your questions.

We will start this report with a list of members whose membership expired in August and will be dropped in November for non-renewal if they do not renew soon: Ricky Baker, Robert Bixemann, Theodore Gill, Randolph

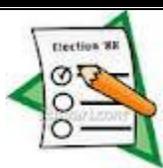
## Membership cont.

Hunt, Dorothy Kidrick, Albert Lund, Katherine Nevijel, Beverly Siegel, Mary Jane Thayer, Paul Wilkins and Elizabeth Zeitler.

Now for the members whose membership expired in June and were dropped for non-renewal in September: Charles Anderson, Deborah Corrigan, Allan Davis, Emil Griebel, Robert Kroke, Albert Kurkoski, Andrew Parypa, Naaman Peterson, Mary Pickard, Pauline Polum, Ruth Stephens, John Stevenson and Davie Wilson.

These are the members whose membership expired in July and were dropped for non-renewal in October: Dallas Conley, Audrey Datema, Suzanne Griffith, Thomas Morse, Dale Muhleman, Jean Parks, Stephanie Peterson and William Truemper. If you know any of these members, please urge them to reinstate their membership. Thank You.

Welcome to those new members and those who have reinstated their membership in our Chapter: Frances Challenger, Hazel Colvin, Richard Harper, Richard Lawrence, Leasel Pool, Sharon Vancil, Larry Vancil and Michael Wastel. If we may be of service please contact any board member listed in this bulletin.



Election of officers is coming up in November. If you are continuing on as a current officer, or if you would like to run for office, let Jim Strunk (782-1186) or Bea Bull (377-6569) know of your intent. Open positions: Service officer and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

## TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for September was \$3,599.40 with expenditures of \$7,007.39. Our net worth as of 1 October was \$34,663.16. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

Please save your receipts from Red Apple Markets in East Bremerton, Kitsap Lake and Poulsbo for the collection and payment of 1% of their grocery receipts. You can turn in the receipts to Norene Torkelson or me, or bring them to our next meeting.

**Reminder: Red Apple receipts must be current "NOT OVER THREE (3) MONTHS OLD" to be honored by the program.**

## ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 20 October was \$108.69. Donations in the amount of \$100.00 were received in October. "Thank you" Lorraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, Norma Robinett, Dorothea Speed, Donald Tayler, and Dianna. Aluminum for Alzheimer's had collected 954 pounds as of 19 October, so keep the collection growing for our research funding.

Additional information on your tax deductible donations to the NARFE -Alzheimer's Research fund: If you use the contribution form in your NARFE monthly magazine make sure that you include our Chapter number, 181, and that the mailing address is Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL. 60601-7633. Note that if you mail it to our NARFE headquarters staff, it may not get credited to our Chapter.

**Please note:** Checks should be made out to "**NARFE Alzheimer's Research**" (NARFE is the key word and is required!).

### ALUMINUM DROP-OFF POINTS

► Westsound Recycle

East Bremerton WalMart parking lot

► Port Orchard Mall

**Let them know your donation is for the Bremerton Chapter - NARFE 181**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Now available: The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of NARFE's Q&A book. <http://www.narfe.org/pdf/QandAOrderform.pdf>
- ✓ You can now access your Social Security earnings and benefit information securely and conveniently online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement).

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Hubert DeBolt, Marcia Flomer (wife of member Robert Flomer), Sylvia Hoem (wife of member Glenn Hoem), Mary Hulbert, William Trumper Sr. and Nathlie Tyner.

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.

**To have the regular or large-print version of this newsletter emailed to you, please contact Bea Bull at [tbkbull@aol.com](mailto:tbkbull@aol.com). Thanks!! Bea Bull**

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Closed until further notice; contact Ralph Angulo, the District IV Service Officer at <http://www.narfewadist4.org/>; (360) 452-6592; or [ralphangulo@yahoo.com](mailto:ralphangulo@yahoo.com)

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