



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

June 2014

NUMBER 06-14

General Meeting Date & Time: June 9, 2014 1:00PM

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

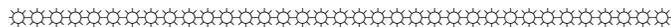
**Program: "The Continuum of Care" – Part Two – Please remember to bring your handouts!
Betty Herman, Outreach Coordinator, Martha & Mary**

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 from noon to 2:00PM at the Westside Improvement Club the Wednesday prior to general meetings. Members are welcome to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Interim Ex. Bd. Meeting to discuss Future of NARFE issues..... to be determined**
- * **NARFE National Convention.....August 24th -28th
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL**
- * **Chapter Meeting..... September 8th**



PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

For all of you who were able to attend our WSFC Convention, I hope you found it to be a positive experience and that you enjoyed your participation. I wish to thank all of the members from District IV for all your help in making it a very successful convention; especially our two Co-Chairs Bea Bull and Ralph Sanders.

For those who were unable to attend, I'd like to share some of the highlights. National President Joseph Beaudoin and his wife had to cancel due to illness; he was feeling much improved, however, by last Thursday, May 15th, and was expecting to return to work the following Monday. Lanny Ross, our Region IX Vice President, informed us that

there are many changes coming to NARFE as we know it. He provided us with up-to-date information on the Future of NARFE, namely that two of the Recommendations have been taken off the table for the time being. These are Recommendation #29: Open membership to all who support the mission of NARFE even though they are not a current or former federal employee or the spouse of one; and Recommendation #31: Open membership to youth, up to age 26, at a reduced rate, e.g., \$10/year. Lanny fielded many difficult questions about the other recommendations and will carry our questions, concerns, and input back to the National office.

The Memorial Service was touching and carried on the tradition from the 2007 WSFC Convention; after a PowerPoint presentation honoring our deceased members and a ceremony of roses, the roses were carried outside, passed along a line of chapter representatives, ending with me. I took the roses out into Dyes Inlet in an outrigger canoe and placed them, one at a time, into the water after which Echo Taps was played. The weather and tide were perfect to create this memorable service.

Our June program is Part Two of Betty Herman's presentation
"The Continuum of Care".
If you attended the April meeting, please be sure to bring your handout to the June meeting.
Thanks!

President, cont.

The catered banquet and entertainment were enjoyable. Junior High American Sign Language students signed popular songs followed by several students who sang vocal selections. Federation NARFE –PAC Chair, Don Binder, collected many donations and the Alzheimer's raffle was a huge success, collecting \$915.00!

I will be attending the National Convention in August that will be held in Orlando, Florida. If you have any ideas or input regarding the Future of NARFE, please let me know what they are. I will be voting on these issues. It is important for your voice and opinion to be represented. There will be an open forum at our June General Membership meeting to discuss these issues. Please plan to attend. If you can't, please fill out the survey in this newsletter and mail it, or call or email me. Also, the Executive Board will be holding an interim meeting at the Westside Improvement Club to discuss the Future of NARFE and how I should vote at the National convention. We will decide on a date and time for this interim FON meeting at our 4 June Executive Board meeting; if you wish to attend the interim FON meeting, please contact any of us (see back of newsletter for contact information) for that date and time information.

Nothing will ever take the place of us as NARFE members being involved in the process of calling and writing our elected representatives. That has been and will always be the case and I encourage you to continue this very basic need we have as NARFE members.

This is our last newsletter until September. My hope is that you and your loved ones will have a very wonderful, happy and healthy summer. I am grateful for your support of me as chapter president and look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

NOTE: The WSFC is offering a \$250.00 rebate to anyone who attends the NARFE National Convention.

If interested, please contact WSFC Secretary Linda Sanders at 275-9793 or sandyandblake@wavecable.com

If you can't attend the June General Membership meeting or the Interim FON meeting, please fill out this form, cut it out, and mail it to me at: George Eads, c/o NARFE, P.O. Box 5025, Bremerton, WA 98312. Or you can call (360-698-6078) or email (glearreads@msn.com) your answers to me no later than the beginning of August.

Bylaws Resolutions:

Recommendation #9: Reduce the number of National Officers from four to two by eliminating the positions of Vice President and Secretary.

Yes No

Recommendation #27: Address Mandatory Chapter Membership by making local chapter membership optional.

Yes No

NOTE: Recommendations #29 and #31 have been taken off the table for the time being (see President's message on page 1, column 2).

LEGISLATION

Jim Strunk

There is no legislative column this month.

NARFE NATIONAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

NARFE will host several live online candidate forums in late May and early June. The forums will provide candidates for NARFE's National and Regional officer positions with a platform to speak to members, and will give members the opportunity to submit questions to the candidates. Elections will take place at the NARFE National Convention, August 24-28 in Orlando, FL.

Participation in each forum is limited to the first 1,000 members to sign up. To access the full schedule and attend the Candidate Forums, please log in to the member's section of the NARFE website and register.

If you have trouble registering, log into the NARFE website first. Then, click on the graphic that says 33rd NATIONAL CONVENTION NARFE IS IN YOUR FUTURE. Next, click the Candidate Forums link in the blue bar. Click the blue Register button on the next page to attend the Candidate Forums. Last, click the blue Register button next to the Forums you wish to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

We are writing the final chapter about the 2014 WSFC Convention. It happened in Silverdale last week with the help of many NARFE members from District IV. We are now cleaning up the paper work and closing out our convention, while the folks in Tri-Cities are starting up their efforts for 2016.

The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped for non-renewal in the June data report: Harold Danks, David Hayford, Randolph Hunt, Arleen Irion, Sharlene Koyanagi, Alfred Martinez and Robert Newbill.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Loren Avery, Alan Beal, Billie Eder, Terry Hughes, Gwyndolin Jennings, Roy Jensen, Albert Lind, Lawrence Macintyre, Gordon McKay, Frances Mildenstein, Constance Olson, William O'Neill, Susie Simmons and Tandie Steinmetzer.

Now let us look at the positive side of this report. We have nine (9) members reinstated: Elisabeth Bondy, Hazel Colvin, Gerald Digiovanni, David Farr, Michael Leedy, Norman Reinhardt, Shelley Simcox and Melvin Thies. This month we have three (3) new prospective members: John Carter, Bodie Vale and Mathew Wilson.

June will be our last General Membership meeting until September so, if you have questions about NARFE, Future of NARFE or Bremerton Chapter 181, please plan to attend the June meeting or contact any of the Board Members listed on the back of this newsletter.

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for April was \$713.09 with expenditures of \$1,197.22. Our net worth as of 1 May was \$34,113.05. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Lena Kirchner and Geraldine Parkhurst.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 20 May was \$932.58. Donations of \$915.00 were received from the 2014 convention raffle for Alzheimer's. These donations will be forwarded to the Alzheimer's Association for our Alzheimer's Research project.

Additional information on your tax deductible donations to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research fund:

- Make checks payable to "**NARFE Alzheimer's Research**" (NARFE is the key word and is required!).
- If you use the NARFE magazine contribution form, include "Chapter 181" on the form. The correct mailing address is Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL. 60601-7633.
- If you mail it to NARFE headquarters staff, it may not get credited to our Chapter.

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**

**We have collected 77.9 pounds of
aluminum this year!**

HAPPY SUMMER, READERS!



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