



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

October 2014

NUMBER 08-14

General Meeting Date & Time: October 13, 2014 1:00PM

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

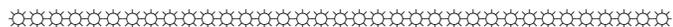
**Program: "Vials of Life"
Doug Baier, Medical Officer, Bremerton Fire Department**

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

- * Chapter Meeting..... **November 10th**
- * **Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers**
The Willows on Pine Rd.- 1:00PM.....**December 8th**
- * Chapter Meeting..... **January 12th**



PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

As we watch summer turn to fall, so too do we watch the changes taking place in our NARFE organization. After much discussion at the National convention and a vote, there was an 80% approval to pursue the concept of "Future of NARFE" (FON). It was agreed that a strategic plan needs to be developed by a neutral third party; there needs to be a branding study to determine how to reach young people since young people, and even some older federal employees/retirees, don't know what NARFE is; and monies saved by eliminating two (2) National officers can be redirected toward other FON items (ex. a professional CEO; professional recruiter). The new 12-person National Executive Board [President, Secretary/Treasurer and ten (10) Regional V.P.s] will be asking for member input as

they proceed with the FON concept.

The change from ten (10) regions to five (5) is on hold and will be voted on at the 2016 National convention.

The change from four (4) National officers to two (2) was passed; current National Treasurer Richard Thissen was elected as the next National President; Jon Dowie of Chapter 33 in St. Augustine, FL, was elected as the next National Secretary/Treasurer.

This year live video feeds were introduced on the National website as well as day-to-day write-ups, also posted on the website; the 2016 and 2018 National conventions will be streamed to registered members; in 2018 registered members can vote remotely (at home) using a "clicker" provided with their registration.

Because membership has dropped below 240,000, National is now doing a daily tracking. The organization is doing okay financially because of good investments, fund raising, and contributions; however declining membership impacts income from affinity partners and advertising. As membership drops, NARFE has to renegotiate prices with advertisers. Office of Personnel Management Director, Katherine Archuleta, asked NARFE to help recruit young people into government service; this task is becoming more difficult as Congress cuts the benefits of federal

President cont. employees. I urge you to help us recruit new members.

If you have not already done so, please turn to pages 31 through 40 in your October NARFE magazine. These pages show the voting record of your congressional representatives. Look down the “%” columns; if your representatives don’t have “100” in that column, call them – email them – write to them – go talk to them. NARFE needs their support to protect the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. I appreciate your ongoing efforts.

Election Day is November 4th – Remember to VOTE!!!



BYLAWS

Your Executive Board will discuss revisions to the Chapter Bylaws at their next meeting, 8 October 2014. The meeting begins at noon at the Westside Improvement Club. We welcome your input.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

As you know we are in an election year. I hope that you are availing yourself of the many open houses and campaign appearances happening around the area. Congress is now in recess until after the elections, making this an ideal time for visits and other contacts with your favorite contestant.

You will find our list of dropped members in this report longer than usual. We are changing our data dates to make them more current than they have been.

The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped in next month’s report: Beverly Buster, John Frey, Kendall Gholston and Tim Taylor.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Ellen Cupp, Joseph Geraci, Livingston Hadley, Lorraine Jarstad, Joy Jean, Orton Johnson,

Pauline McBeth, Jack Norris, Terry Novack, Dorothy Schuster, Jerome Twogood, John Walker and Jack Wanke.

Now for a look at the positive side of this report. We have one (1) new member: Catherine Jett. With this report we have two (2) members reinstated: Arleen Irion and Jean Robertson. We also have two (2) new prospective members: George Karabinos and R. Snow.

If you have questions regarding NARFE or Bremerton Chapter 181 please contact any of our board members listed on the back of this newsletter, or just come to a meeting. The meeting information is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

2014 PSNS FEHBP



**4 November 2014
7:00AM – 5:00PM**

**Fountain Room in the
Navy Museum
251 1st Street
Bremerton, WA 98337**

OPM has a separate website for this year’s Federal Benefits Open Season that contains information on the various benefits in which employees and retirees can enroll or in which they can change their enrollment. It also contains information about Open Season web casts that will be available for viewing online. Go to: <http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/open-season>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE PUGET SOUND NAVY MUSEUM

We are looking for new volunteers to assist with our Front desk and gift shop operations. This involves greeting and orienting people to the museum as well as educating visitors on the shipyard and the U.S. Navy. It is a perfect position for anyone who has retired from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and IMF or from the Navy.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Puget Sound Navy Museum, please contact Alexander Hostettler at 360-479-7447 or through email at alexander.hostettler@navy.mil. This is a great opportunity to meet other retired Navy and shipyard workers and to give back to the community!

Recruiter Incentives

Extended until December 31, 2014



Recruiters will receive \$10 for each new member, active employee or retired, who joins during the remainder of 2014 (applications must be postmarked and calls or website joins must be received by 31 December). All recruiters will be entered into a drawing, one for each new member recruited. A KINDLE FIRE tablet will be awarded to a recruiter randomly selected from this pool. Remember to put your recruiter ID on the application forms!



KITSAP REGIONAL LIBRARY

One-on-one training in TABLET use is available at the Sylvan Way branch at 1:30PM on Fridays. No appointment is necessary.

TREASURER Rex Tauscher

Our income for June through August was \$5,708.12 with expenditures of \$1,525.68. Our net worth as of 31 August was \$38,321.88. Transfer of funds from our Life Members Savings in the amount of \$1,100 has been made in August and the transfer of \$3,000 from Convention Checking to our general fund checking for funds forwarded to cover advanced expenses during this year's Federation Convention has been done. 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 Robert Brown, Arthur Gilmore and Arthur Mikelsen.

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 31 August was \$108.59. Donations of \$50.00 were received from Lorraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, Rex Tauscher and Donald Taylor.

The annual "Walk To End Alzheimer's" for the Kitsap Peninsula took place as scheduled on 14 September 2014; donations received to date are \$39,642.26 with 321 walkers participating. The national Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) now has a reference to the monthly activity for NARFE on their website including the History of NARFE's association with Alzheimer's research for the past 25 years with a total donation of over \$10,000,000. (On the ALZ site click on "Join the Cause" in the purple banner; "Donate" then "NARFE" in the blue panel down the left.)

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

Aluminum collected to date: 253 pounds

CORRECTION



In the September newsletter I stated that between 1 January 2013 and 30 June 2014, Chapter 181 donated \$2,164.00 to Alzheimer's. This amount actually reflects total NARFE-PAC donations made by members of Chapter 181 during that time period. Your editor regrets and apologizes for this error.

PRESIDENT

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Hours of operation:

7:30AM – 7:45PM ET with best time to reach someone being 6:30PM – 7:30PM or at 7:30AM.

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