



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**November 2014**

**NUMBER 09-14**

**General Meeting Date & Time: November 10, 2014 1:00PM**

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

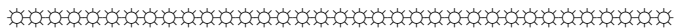
**Program: Election of Executive Board Members and Review of Revised Bylaws**

*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**

- \* PSNS Health Fair..... **November 4<sup>th</sup>**
- \* Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers  
The Willows on Pine Rd.- 1:00PM.....**December 8<sup>th</sup>**
- \* Chapter Meeting..... **January 12<sup>th</sup>**
- \* Chapter Meeting..... **February 9<sup>th</sup>**



**PRESIDENT**

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

This is the time of year we all ask, "Where has the time gone?" As your chapter President, I ask myself, "Why is our Chapter 181 getting smaller?" I know many of our members have passed away and my thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of those dear members.

Other members fail to renew their membership, sometimes because they simply forget. I would recommend signing up for a "Dues Withholding" membership. There is a form available on the NARFE National website at NARFE.org. Sign in then click on "Dues Withholding" under RESOURCE LIBRARY in the left hand column. On the "Dues Withholding" page you will find two

applications you can fill out online, print, and mail; select the correct application for your situation (new member vs. current member). There is also a PDF brochure with attached application that you can use instead. You will send your application to the NARFE National office for processing. If you don't have online access, please call NARFE National Member Records at 800-456-8410 or contact Ralph Sanders (see back page of newsletter) for a copy of the Dues Withholding brochure/application.

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**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>

**President cont.** Another very important part of growing NARFE is getting new members. All of us need to be more PRO-NARFE with our family and friends. For Christmas this year, give them a gift membership and make sure they renew it next year. See page 3 for the ongoing recruiter incentive.

At our National Convention this year we talked about the Future of NARFE. There are many changes that need to be made to bring NARFE into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It has been said that the price of progress IS change. As your Chapter Executive Board, we are looking at making some changes to streamline how we can become more effective in growing NARFE.


I just read online that our COLA is going to be 1.7% for the year 2015. Also announced is an average 3.8% increase in health care premiums for federal employees and retirees. I hope this motivates you to continue NARFE's work of lobbying our congressional representatives to switch to the CPI-E formula that takes into account the increased medical expenses we incur as we age. And, while you're speaking with your representative, remind them that the Chained CPI would reduce our COLA, putting retirees further and further behind financially.

At our November membership meeting we will be electing two Executive Board members for a two-year term. If you'd like to serve your chapter in this capacity, or know someone you'd like to nominate, please come to the meeting. We will also present proposed changes to the chapter bylaws for the approval of our chapter members. We would appreciate your participation in both of these processes.


May you stay healthy this very special time of year. We have very much to be thankful for. As your chapter President, I am very thankful for our Executive Board and for your support as chapter members.

Election Day is November 4<sup>th</sup> – Remember to VOTE!!!





**2014 Holiday Luncheon  
And  
Installation of Officers**



**WHERE**  
**The Willows Retirement Living Dining Room**  
**3201 Pine Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98310**

**WHEN**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM**

**ENTREE OPTIONS**  
**Salmon or Prime Rib**

**PRICE**  
**\$10.00 per person**

**POINT OF CONTACT**  
**Myra Clodius 377-2910**  
**Please RSVP by 25 November 2014**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Ralph Sanders

It is "Health Fair" time again. This year's fair will be in the same place as last year, next to the Naval Museum. It may be your only chance to talk to the health insurance providers one-on-one. It will be on November 4 from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm. See details on the front page.

We are continuing to work on our data collection to make it as current as we can and you may see duplications in some areas of the report. I would like to thank everyone who is paying their dues in multiple years and those who are on dues withholding. These are troubling times for federal employees and retirees and we need your membership and your participation.

The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will show as dropped in next month's report: James Duranceau, William Heffelmire, Robert Hood, Norman Kunkel, Linda Ramirez and Helen Sieck.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal: Beverly Buster, John Frey, Kendall Gholston and Tim Taylor.

**Membership Cont.** Now for the positive side of our report. We have one (1) new member: Catherine Jett. We 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.

# 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!

## TREASURER Rex Tauscher

Our income for September was \$361.26 with expenditures of \$1,911.20. Our net worth as of 30 September was \$33,771.94. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next general meeting.

## 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!

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Norene Torkelson

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Robert Metcalf, Margaret D. Paschal, wife of life member Lloyd C. Paschal, and Pauline Read.

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 October was \$468.59. Donations of \$350.00 were received from Lorraine Brockerman, Harold Brooks, Liliana Dockham, Robert Gossett, Anna Haynes, Donald Taylor and Westside Improvement Club.

### 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., 17<sup>th</sup> 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: 287 pounds**



## 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.

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George Eads  
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Myra Clodius

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**UNTIL DECEMBER 2015**

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**NARFE NATIONAL WEBSITE**

[www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

**eNARFE WEBSITE**

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**SENIOR INFORMATION &  
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360-337-5700 OR 1-800-562-6418

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT (OPM)**

Phone: 1-888-767-6738

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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