



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

May 2016

NUMBER 05-16

General Meeting Date & Time: May 9, 2016 1:00PM

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

**Program: Preparing for the Big One: Kitsap Prepares for Disasters (Open to the Public)
Dave Rasmussen, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management**

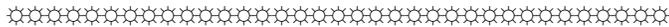
NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

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

- * 2016 WSFC Convention..... May 15th - 17th
- * Chapter Meeting June 13th
- * 2016 National Convention..... Aug 28th – Sept 1st
- * Chapter Meeting..... September 12th

NOTE: CHAPTER MEETINGS MAY BE CANCELED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WATCH YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS FOR NOTIFICATION OF CANCELED MEETINGS.



PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

When I receive information about what is going on in NARFE, I wish to share it with you. The following is from the February 2016 issue of the Recruiting & Retention Journal. It is about Webinars and how helpful they can be to all active and retired federal employees.

“*Survivor Benefits: Key Decisions for Feds of All Ages*’ addresses the key decisions you must make with survivor elections and beneficiary designations both PRE- and POST-retirement.

“We know from experience that survivor benefits are a hot topic. Last year, nearly 1,500 feds requested copies of the January 2015 article published in *narfe* magazine after Federal News Radio’s Mike Causey promoted it on air.

“We anticipate a high turnout for this event, especially if we base it on the experience from our first four webinars, which boast a total of 3,427 registrants – 696 who are new and reinstated NARFE members. Members attended for free. Nonmembers paid \$39.95 to register for the webinars, and their registration included a one-year membership in NARFE.

“Over the course of the year, NARFE will host six more webinars on topics of interest to both current and retired feds. Pre-retirement, Social Security claims, TSP withdrawal options and health plans are some of the subjects coming up over the next nine months.

“What does this mean to you? NARFE’s Federal Benefits Institute webinars are an in-demand and high-value benefit that will be of interest to prospective members.

“It is no secret that easy-to-understand federal benefit and retirement information not readily accessible. NARFE is filling a much-needed education gap for the federal community. The live events are all archived in the **Continued Page 2**

President Cont. member-only NARFE Federal Benefits Institute for on-demand viewing.

“When you find a prospective member with a pre-retirement question or concern about FEHBP and Medicare or Social Security, you now can say, ‘NARFE has webinars that will help you with all of your questions – and you can watch many of them right now if you are a member.’

“Direct them to www.narfe.org/FederBenefits-Institute to view the full calendar of upcoming live webinars as well as the recorded programs.”

Here are the upcoming Webinars:

Exploring TSP Withdrawal Options - May 26
5-Year Countdown to Retirement - June 30
Post-Retirement Benefits Checkup - September 15
FEHBP and Medicare - October 13
Alphabet Soup of health Plans - November 17

Happy Mother’s Day to the moms, enjoy the great weather we have been having, and please stay healthy.

2016 WSFC CONVENTION
“A Bigger, Bolder, Better NARFE!”
May 15 – 17, 2016
Three Rivers Convention Center and
Marriott SpringHill Suites, Kennewick

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here.

NARFE would like you to show support for H.R. 711, the *“Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2015”*.

I plan on mentioning this item until our congressional representative, Derek Kilmer, decides to cosponsor the bill. As of 21 April 2016, the bill was up to seventy-eight cosponsors from the previously reported sixty-four. This bill exhibits bi-partisan support with forty-eight republican and thirty democratic cosponsors. Five more democratic house members have acknowledged support since the last newsletter.

Please call Representative Kilmer’s Bremerton office at **(360) 373-9725** concerning this legislation or contact his office via the NARFE website Legislative Action Center as follows: Go to www.narfe.org and click on “LEGISLATION” in the left column; in the center of the page, under “LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER” click on the blue “CLICK HERE”; select “CONTACT CONGRESS” along the top banner and scroll down to

“Take Action”. “Cosponsor H.R. 711” is the first item under this heading. This option is available even if you don’t have an online NARFE account; i.e., there is no need to log in to send this letter.

If you reside in a different legislative district, go to www.congress.gov to determine if your legislative representative is a cosponsor of H.R. 711. In the search box, type “H.R. 711” and press enter. Click on “H.R.711” and, on the following screen, select “Cosponsors” from the tabs. You can alphabetize the resulting list by making that selection in the “Sort by” box on the left.

A little bit of bad news for anyone having chosen to protect themselves with the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. It appears the premium rates are poised to increase by a significant amount on or after fall of this year. NARFE will keep you informed of developments on their website and, no doubt, in the monthly *narfe* magazine.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

To continue on with last month’s “Membership Recruitment 101” information, let me first thank all of the members who are paying their dues in multiple years or have chosen dues withholding. Either of these options saves you and NARFE time and money. These are the types of memberships and costs:

New member - \$40 dues;

Single and multiyear membership –

one year \$40 + \$10 chapter dues,

two years \$72 + \$20 chapter dues,

three years \$102 + \$30 chapter dues;

Dues Withholding Member Retiree (Conversion) - \$34 + \$10 chapter dues, per year. Dues withholding is the best buy. While the price is the same as a three year membership, it is paid from your annuity in monthly increments with no further action on your part. I personally have used dues withholding for almost twenty years with no problems and no bother. Again I would like to thank every member who pays their dues on time, every time, without exception.

Now for the membership report. The following members will be dropped in next month’s report if they have not renewed their membership: Six (6) members, Priscilla Bailey, Timothy Ensign, Douglas Hoppe, Randolph Hunt, Richard Sharp and Robert Trask.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of April: Six (6) members, Shirley Browne, Bertha Coley, Dave Hobbs, Pauline McBeth, Margaret Purvis and Inga Shay. **Continued Page 3**

Membership cont. We have one (1) member listed as a “voluntary cancellation”: Joseph Palazzolo.

Now for the positive side. We have two (2) members reinstated this month: Robert Johnson and Richard Yanss. We have five (5) new prospective members: Pierre Cappuccino, Carrie Delacey, Dave Garza, Mark Stoner and Karen Summers.

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. If we have canceled our membership meeting, drop by our executive board meeting. You are more than welcome anytime.

MISSING MEMBERS

Our “Missing Members” list remains at one: Marie Terry. Thanks for helping us find her.

PUGET SOUND NAVY MUSEUM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for new volunteers to assist with 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 & IMF or from the Navy. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Puget Sound Navy Museum, please contact Alexander Hostettler through email at volunteer.psnm@navy.mil or at 360-627-2271. Volunteer applications can be filled out at the Museum or online at www.pugetsoundnavymuseum.org. This is a great opportunity to meet other retired Navy and shipyard workers and to give back to the community!

SECRETARY

Bea Bull

As you read your May *narfe* magazine, you will note that Lanny is not running for Region IX V.P. in the upcoming election of National officers. Our WSFC President, Rich Wilson, is running for that position and we thank him for his willingness to serve.

If you attend the Armed Forces Day parade on 21 May, watch for the NARFE entry!

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for March was \$740.81 with expenditures of \$345.82. Our net Worth as of 31 March was \$32,150.33. A detailed Treasurer’s report will be available at our next general meeting.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Carol Tauscher for Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Dolores Giles and Donald Mercer. We also received notice that Chapter Life Member Bernard Koentz passed away on 16 January 2016.

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.

*****HELP WANTED*****

Chapter 181 needs someone with new fund-raising ideas to be the Alzheimer’s Chair. Please contact Rex Tauscher for information.

ALZHEIMER’S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer’s account as of 20 April was \$71.42. Donations received since our last report were \$55.00. Thank you to Loraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, Bill Fuhrmeister and Donald Zeth. We received notice that as of 31 January the NARFE Alzheimer Association Research Fund has raised a total of \$11,681,668.27.

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

- o Make checks payable to “**NARFE Alzheimer’s Research**” (NARFE is the key word and is required!).
- o 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.
- o If you mail it to NARFE headquarters staff, it may not get credited to our Chapter.

ALUMINUM FOR ALZHEIMER’S

Remember to donate your aluminum cans and copper to Alzheimer’s.

ALUMINUM/COPPER DROP-OFF POINT

Westsound Recycle
East Bremerton WalMart parking lot

Let them know your donation is for Bremerton NARFE Chapter 181

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