



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
except July & August



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

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

**June 2016**

**NUMBER 06-16**

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

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

**Program: Region IX V.P. Lanny Ross will Discuss The Strategic Plan**

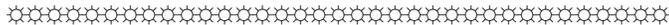
*NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.*

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 National Convention..... Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting..... September 12<sup>th</sup>
- \* Chapter Meeting..... October 10<sup>th</sup>

**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,

I wish to continue sharing information with you from The Strategic Plan which can be accessed on the National website, NARFE.org. Log in and click on The Strategic Plan banner for a PDF version or call me for a paper copy. In April I provided you part of the "Executive Summary"; here is another portion of that summary found on page five:

***B. Bolster NARFE's brand to increase awareness, eliminate confusion, and convey the value of NARFE.***

***Strategy 1. Convert Knowledge Gained Through Market Research into Action.***

*Market research has recently been conducted with current and potential NARFE members to provide insight into the perceptions, preferences, and unfilled needs of the next generation of potential NARFE members. The information collected should guide changes in marketing the organization at large and meeting the needs of the membership.*

***C. Stabilize and grow membership to support effective advocacy and to deliver financial stability***

***Strategy 1. Optional Chapter Membership***

*Current and new NARFE members will be members of the national organization and will have the option to join a chapter of their choice at any time.*

***Strategy 2. Expand outreach to prospective members***

*Strengthen the existing program to further communicate the value of NARFE to prospective members.*

***Strategy 3. Engage members***

*Emphasize importance of advocacy and support of NARFE mission.*

We must remember that we can do things as individual members of NARFE. **Continued Page 2**

**President Cont.** May I suggest you recruit a new member: give a gift subscription to a former coworker or your eligible children or grandchildren; or encourage a member who has dropped for non-renewal of dues to renew their membership. Sometimes the very basic ideas can be most effective. In order for NARFE to remain a viable organization we need to grow our membership. Let's be proud of our organization and show enthusiasm; it's infectious.

I am thankful for you as members of Chapter 181 and for all you do. Happy Father's Day to all of you fathers and grandfathers. This is the last newsletter until September; may you have an enjoyable summer.

## **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 contacted Stasha Dennard of Congressman Kilmer's Bremerton office prior to our last General Membership meeting to let her know of our meeting date, time and place. I mentioned H.R. 711 to her and she came to our meeting prepared to address the group to express Congressman Kilmer's position on this piece of legislation.

I am pleased to report that Congressman Kilmer is now a bill co-sponsor. He signified his co-sponsorship on 25 May 2016. The bill now has 62 Republican and 38 Democrat co-sponsors.

Thank you for expressing support of this bill to Congressman Kilmer's office. It is nice to have a small success.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Ralph Sanders

This is where I give you some statistics with my "Membership Recruitment" information. You may see it as whining and crying but, the fact is, I am not in control here. But we as a chapter are, and should be, in control of the membership recruiting. Our membership has dropped from 1031 voting members at the end of April 2012 to 673 voting members at the end of April 2016. For the first four months of this year we lost an average of 5.75 members per month for non-payment of dues; in the same four months we recruited and reinstated an average of one member per month and 2.25 members per month respectively. I realize that we get busy, change

our address or just don't get our dues paid, **but your membership is vital to the mission of NARFE**. In the next newsletter I will give you a summation of "what has NARFE done for me lately, exactly what are my dues doing for me and what is my responsibility to our organization".

Now for the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in July: Five (5) members, Virginia Alguard, John Bowler, Donald Hart, David Peeler and Diane West.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of May: Two (2) members, Richard Sharp and Robert Trask. Timothy Ensign was moved to "National Life, non-voting".

Now for the positive side. We have one (1) member reinstated this month, Inga Shay. We have one (1) new prospective member, Brad Fish.

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.

## **SECRETARY**

Bea Bull

This is the last newsletter until September; I hope everyone has a pleasant summer!

Our September speaker will again be Region IX V.P. Lanny Ross who will report on the 34<sup>th</sup> NARFE National Convention and The Strategic Plan. Please plan to attend to see the results of voting on the three (3) resolutions: Optional Chapter Membership; One Member, One Vote; and authorization for the National Executive Board (NEB) to adjust National dues by no more than 10% in a two-year period. If you have an opinion about these resolutions that you wish voiced at the convention, be sure to contact Lanny prior to 25 August 2016.

Chapter 181 participated in the 2016 Armed Forces Day parade. One of our members, Dave Farr, drove his convertible Saab and allowed us to decorate it with NARFE banners. We thank him very much!! Region IX V.P. Lanny Ross,

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**Secretary Cont.** President George Eads, and I rode along. The weather was off and on, the convertible top was put up and down several times but, in the end it was down for the actual parade. I saw several people indicate that they are NARFE members by waves and pointing. We had a great time! Our Legislative Chair, Steve Ferguson got a great shot of us in the staging area.



Exposure is our goal; let people know NARFE exists, what it is and what it does. Then, when they feel a need, they'll remember and investigate our organization.

Again, have a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer!!

**\*\*\*HELP WANTED\*\*\***

**Chapter 181 needs someone with new fund-raising ideas to be the Alzheimer's Chair. Please contact Rex Tauscher for information. (360) 479-0668**

**TREASURER**

Rex Tauscher

Our income for April was \$783.23 with expenditures of \$877.64. Our net Worth as of 30 April was \$32,532.89. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next General Membership meeting.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Carol Tauscher for Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Albert Love, Florence Merrill, Maurice A. Olson, Roco Pierro, and Mary Riedle.

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.

**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](mailto:volunteer.psnm@navy.mil) or at 360-627-2271. Volunteer applications can be filled out at the Museum or online at [www.pugetsoundnavymuseum.org](http://www.pugetsoundnavymuseum.org). This is a great opportunity to meet other retired Navy and shipyard workers and to give back to the community!

**ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)**

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 22 May was \$103.42. Donations received since our last report were \$32.00. Thank you to Loraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, Ed Kalambac and Rex Tauscher. 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., 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

**HAPPY  
SUMMER!**



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