



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

September 2016

NUMBER 07-16

General Meeting Date & Time: September 12, 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 Report on the 2016 NARFE National Convention and Updates to The Strategic Plan

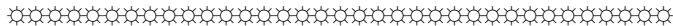
NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

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

- * Chapter Meeting..... October 10th
- * Chapter Meeting..... November 14th
- * Chapter Meeting/Holiday Luncheon.... December 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,

I hope you attended the Armed Forces Day and Whaling Days Parades. Thanks to Bea and Ralph we had a representation in both parades with nice banners and great cars. We had a few people ask about NARFE - what we do and what we stand for.

I would hope all of us can answer these very basic questions. Here is the NARFE Mission Statement:

"To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests.

"To promote the general welfare of current and potential federal annuitants by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations.

"To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of these general objectives."

There has been a lot of discussion about the upcoming National Convention being held in Reno, Nevada from 28 August - 1 September. The three (3) major topics are: One-member-one-vote; optional chapter membership; and allowing the National Executive Board to raise membership dues within certain limits.

We are going to have seven (7) members from Chapter 181 in attendance. We hope many good ideas will come forth at the convention. If you go to the National web site (www.NARFE.org), you can follow along with what is happening at the convention. The daily bulletin of convention activities is free. For \$150.00 you can watch a live stream of the convention; go to www.narfe.org/Convention2016 for details.

I hope you had a great summer and all is well with you and your families. I look forward to seeing you at our September chapter meeting. **REMINDER TO SNOWBIRDS: CONTACT RALPH SANDERS TO UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS!!!**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here.

NARFE has withdrawn support for H.R. 711, the **“Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2015”**, citing wording changes that reduce the economic benefit to almost nothing.

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) premiums will increase by an average of 83% effective November 1st. The increase is not sustainable for many enrollees and amounts to a betrayal of our trust. It appears NARFE is reluctant to endorse participation in the FLTCIP.

The House of Representatives and Senate convene on September 6th. We will have to stay alert to calls for action in protecting our earned benefits.

Congressman Kilmer’s representative, Stasha Dennard, will speak at our 10 October 2016 General Membership meeting; please plan to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

It seems that back in June I promised a summation of “what has NARFE done for us lately, what are my dues doing for me and what is my responsibility to the NARFE membership?” These two paragraphs are a thumbnail sketch of what NARFE does. It is my opinion that the dues you pay are well spent and we can only accomplish what you and the dues money allow us to do.

NARFE is our legislative voice. Our legislative program is advanced in Congress by a dedicated team of legislative specialists and effective lobbyists who are backed by a strong network of grass roots activists in every state and congressional district in our country. This is backed up by our giving testimony on our legislative issues before Congressional Committees. NARFE is our information resource. Backed by our monthly magazine and periodical reports we are kept informed of legislative issues, benefit changes and much more. We have a staff of federal benefits specialists ready to help you through life’s changes and complex regulations in retirement planning, insurance and social security. NARFE has added something this year called “Webinars” to give you training to cope with issues in retirement and member benefits.

We hear, “Why should I pay dues to a chapter? I don’t have time for another meeting.” Meeting attendance is not compulsory, although we wish that you would attend meetings and get involved. The strong network of grass-roots activists is you. You can be the most effective activist/lobbyist because you vote. Another area on

which this chapter is working hard is presenting our name, “National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association”, to the public. This year the Bremerton chapter has attended both state and national conventions for training and to guide the direction that NARFE will take in the future. We have attended various and many meetings with local and national legislative members to provide them with the NARFE message. We have participated in local parades and health fairs and have distributed information at the gates of local installations.

Now for the membership report. This report will include three months of data, so it will be longer than the normal reports. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in September: Six (6) members, Nancy Bockelie-Caddy, James Brooks, Gail Campbell, Larry Carter, Franklin Natividad and Ben Ormiston.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the months of June, July and August: Ten (10) members, Virginia Alguard, Gerald Digovanni, Donald Hart, Donald Henderson, Randolph Hunt, June Jarstad, David Peeler, David Simpson, John Vaughn and Diane West.

Now for the positive side. We have three (3) new members for the month of July: Ronald Jennings, Inga Jennings and Gar Kelly. We have two (2) members reinstated for the months of June and July: Linda Ramirez and Robert Trask.

A hearty welcome to our new members and a welcome back to our reinstatements. 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.

SECRETARY

Bea Bull

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer!!

There’s a lot happening this fall, beginning in September:

Open Season for Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) runs from 1 September 2016 to 30 September 2016. This is for employees only; retirees are NOT eligible.

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Secretary Cont. The 2016 NARFE Membership Recruiting Drive runs from 1 September 2016 to 31 December 2016. The recruiter will receive \$10 per new member AND be eligible for monthly prizes throughout the contest as well as for the GRAND Prize, an Apple iPad Air 2.

Chapter 181 is offering a Dues Withholding incentive: A \$10.00 chapter dues rebate will be given to the first three (3) Chapter 181 members to sign up for dues withholding.

Chapter 181 is looking for members to run for two (2) Executive Board member positions; please consider volunteering your time. You will spend 1-2 hours in an Executive Board meeting each month except July; the meetings are held at noon on the Wednesday prior to the General Membership meeting. Please contact John Burch (360) 377-7784 or Ralph Petersen (360) 895-2069.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is 18 September 2016. NARFE National is encouraging chapters to get involved so I created a Bremerton NARFE Chapter 181 Team. If you'd like to participate, go to www.ALZ.org, enter 98311 in the zip code box, and click "search". Under "Walks Near You", click "Bremerton". Scroll down to the list of teams, click "view all", and scroll down until you find the NARFE Chapter 181 team. From there you can either make a donation or sign up to walk. If you don't have internet access, you can call me at (360) 377-6569 and I'll send you the necessary forms. Or, come to the General Membership meeting on 12 September and make a donation or sign up to walk.

Recently Social Security announced a new requirement to access **my Social Security**; users would need to receive an access code via text message in order to log into their account. Social Security has rescinded that requirement because too many people cannot receive text messages.

I'm looking forward to another year of keeping you informed! Best to all!!

TREASURER
Rex Tauscher

Our income for June and July was \$1,386.76 with expenditures of \$488.26. Our net Worth as of 31 July was \$32,569.04. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next General Membership meeting.

*****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

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 31 July was \$146.34. Donations received since our last report were \$32.00. Thank you to Loraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, Ed Kalambac and Rex Tauscher. If you participate in the 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's, be sure to look for the NARFE plaque located on the Bremerton Boardwalk.

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. We have collected over 350 pounds of recycle metal for our recycle program since the first of the year. Keep up the good work. **Please note the change in drop off location. You may bring your cans to our next general meeting and I can take them to the recycle facility.**

ALUMINUM/COPPER DROP-OFF POINT
Westsound Recycle
1700 Mile Hill Drive, Port Orchard
East Bremerton facility closed!
**Let them know your donation is for
Bremerton NARFE Chapter 181**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Carol Tauscher for Betty Fischer

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of John Bowler, Marjorie Dick, Alyce Eagans, Dolores Giles, Arleen Irion Albert Love, Svonn Lovlie, Margaret Lunden, Earldine McCaughan, Marjorie Moorhead (wife of member Columbus Moorhead) Maurice Olson, Roy Smart, Joseph Stark and Marie Terry.

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.

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