



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August



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

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

October 2016

NUMBER 08-16

General Meeting Date & Time: October 10, 2016
1:00PM

Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club 360-479-9061
4109 West E Street, Bremerton, WA
(National Avenue & "E" Street)

Program: Congressman Kilmer's Representative,
Stasha Dennard, will Provide an Update on
Congressional Events as They Relate to
Active and Retired Federal Employees

*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 PSNS Health Fair..... November 1st
- * Chapter Meeting..... November 14th
- * Chapter Meeting/Holiday Luncheon..... December 12th
- * Chapter Meeting..... January 9th

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

**2016 PSNS HEALTH FAIR
1 NOVEMBER 2016
KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER FOUNTAIN ROOM
BEHIND THE NAVY MUSEUM
7:00am - 5:00pm**

PRESIDENT

George Eads

Fellow members of Chapter 181,

I was able to attend the 34th Biennial NARFE National Convention in Reno, NV along with my wife, Ann, Ralph and Linda Sanders, Lanny and Jean Ross, and Bill Powers. It was an overall good convention. I feel that most important was the passing of two (2) very important resolutions for the future of NARFE: "Optional Chapter Membership" and "One-Member-One-Vote". "Optional Chapter Membership" means that new members may choose to only join NARFE, or they may choose to join NARFE and a local chapter. Also, the National Executive Board has discontinued the eNARFE chapter and transferred those members to National Only status. If you have NARFE applications you are handing out, please explain these changes to the recipients, pointing out the correct way to fill out the application to avoid confusion until the National office prints and distributes updated application forms.

Current members may, when they renew their membership, choose to become National Only members and drop their chapter membership. We, of course, hope all of you will maintain your chapter membership; please note that, should you decide to drop your membership in Chapter 181, you will no longer receive the chapter newsletter and you will not be eligible to run for a chapter office.

"One-Member-One-Vote" means that, in the future, ALL voting members in NARFE will be able to cast a vote for National officers and about the issues affecting NARFE. As described by Region IX V.P. Lanny Ross at our September Membership meeting, ballots will be placed in the NARFE magazine so that voting can be completed prior to the convention.

We know there will be lots of questions for the future. I encourage you to READ your NARFE magazines; it will have the answers to most of your questions.

Speaking of our NARFE magazine, I call your attention to the "How They Voted: 114th Congress" section in the October magazine beginning on page twenty-nine. It speaks volumes about how both parties (Democrat and Republican) voted on issues that NARFE supports. A green check mark is pro-NARFE, a red X is a vote against NARFE issues. We are fortunate that Congressman Kilmer and Senator Murray are 100% in support of NARFE issues.

I hope to see you at the October meeting. Take care of yourself and stay well.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

Steve Ferguson here.

Last month I stated that 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. That may not be the case any longer. The NARFE website still has a 13 July 2016 article posted stating that support has been withdrawn; however, an October NARFE magazine article on page nine indicates otherwise. Perhaps the wording has been removed that rendered H.R. 711 to be of little value.

Just a reminder that the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) premiums will increase by an average of 83% effective 1 November. You will find further information in the October NARFE magazine on page six.

It looks like another struggle is shaping up in the form of disparate Medicare Part B premium increases for CSRS retirees, again, for the second consecutive year. Due to a small COLA, scheduled to be announced on 18 October 2016, CSRS retirees are poised to see a large premium increase. Why is that? Social Security recipients are exempt ("Held Harmless") from premium increases exceeding their COLA on any given year. If Medicare premiums increase by a greater percentage than the COLA, someone has to pay the difference, and that someone is anyone NOT paying their Medicare Part B premiums from a Social Security annuity. For a helpful chart please turn to page eight in the October NARFE magazine.

We are scheduled to have someone from Congressman Kilmer's office speak at our 10 October 2016 General Membership meeting. You will want to be there to ask questions. I will ask that the individual address Medicare Part B premium increases.

According to a NARFE Legislative email, Congress is working to pass a Continuing Resolution. Currently the Senate is reviewing the resolution prior to a vote next week. It will then pass to the House, which will need to pass it by the 30 September deadline.

MEMBERSHIP

Ralph Sanders

A lot has happened since the September newsletter. We attended the 34th NARFE National Convention in Reno, NV. This convention prepares and directs our National organization for the next two years. Two bylaws resolution changes were proposed and passed that will

greatly affect our membership and our organization for many years to come. First, chapter membership is now an option, not a requirement. However, only members of chapters and federations are eligible to run for chapter and federation offices. Second, we now have "One-Member-One-Vote" which means every member now has a vote and a say in NARFE governance and the election of NARFE officers. It also means all members are eligible to run for a National office. No doubt you will find this information better explained in other parts of this newsletter but I thought that I should mention it because of its membership orientation.

Now for the membership report. The following members, if they have not renewed their membership, will be dropped in October: Five (5) members, Carol Crawford, Janet George, Jeff George, Phillip Rakestraw and Joseph Wells.

These members are showing as dropped for non-renewal during the month of September: Six (6) members, Nancy Bockelie-Caddy, James Brooks, Gail Campbell, Larry Carter, Franklin Nitividad and Ben Ormiston.

Now for the positive side. We have no positive side this month; there are no new members and no reinstatements for the month of September.

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

I hope you will attend the October meeting to hear Congressman Kilmer's representative report on current events in Congress. In November we'll have Kurt Wiest, the Executive Director of the Bremerton Housing Authority; he will discuss the cost and availability of housing in Kitsap County.

December is the Holiday Luncheon, held on the 12th at 1:00PM at The Willows Senior Living, 3231 Pine Road, Bremerton. As this goes to print I am awaiting the menu; I will have it for the November newsletter. To make your reservation, please contact Myra Clodius at 377-2910 or mclodius@comcast.net. Myra will collect your payment, which must be received by 1 December.

I'd like to thank Amber VanSantford for taking over the position of Sunshine Chair; thank Ed Kalmbach for volunteering to be our Financial Secretary; and congratulate Rich Wilson as he takes over as Region IX Vice President.

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.

No volunteers have stepped forward to run for the two open Executive Board positions so our candidates remain the two current Ex. Bd. members: Don Palmer and Bill Powers. We will take nominations from the floor at the October General Membership meeting or you may contact John Burch (360) 377-7784 or Ralph Petersen (360) 895-2069.

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for June through August was \$1,907.63 with expenditures of \$488.26. Our net Worth as of 31 August was \$33,301.75. A detailed Treasurer's report will be available at our next General Membership meeting.

ALZHEIMER'S (ALZ)

Rex Tauscher

The balance in our Alzheimer's account as of 18 September was \$191.34. Donations received since our last report were \$45.00. Thank you to Loraine Brockerman, Bea Bull, DeAnna Gossett, Anna Haynes and Rex Tauscher.

The "Walk to End Alzheimer's" was great this year with a cool, non-rainy period. Our chapter walked thanks to the working of our team captain, Bea Bull. Present at the walk from our chapter were Myra Clodius, Rex and Carol Tauscher and Norene Torkelson. A donation was received from Lanny Ross. Total donations from Chapter 181 were \$205.00.

Reporting for NARFE nationwide showed fifty-three chapters signed up for the walks, three from Washington State. Twelve locations in Washington State held walks in 2016. I will give a report on the Bremerton "Walk to End Alzheimer's" at our October meeting.

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 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 POINTS

Westsound Recycle
1700 Mile Hill Drive, Port Orchard
East Bremerton facility closed!

**Let them know your donation is for the Bremerton
Chapter - NARFE 181**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Amber VanSantford

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Russell J. Doss and Lloyd C. Paschal.

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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HELP WANTED

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

PARKING NOTICE!!



Handicapped parking requirements are being enforced city- and county-wide so do not park in marked areas at the Westside Improvement Club unless you have a valid parking permit.

If you have questions or need assistance with this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at tbkbull@aol.com. Thanks!! Bea Bull

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