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National Assn. Of Active & Retired Federal Employees
Poulsbo Chapter 0881
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Chapter #0881 meets quarterly, third Thursday of March, June, September, & December.
For December's meeting, a Minder ham will be provided. Members can bring accompanying side dishes.
Lunch starts at 12 noon followed by the speaker, and then followed by a short meeting.
Location: Vinland Lutheran Church, West end of Finn Hill Rd. near Clear Creek Rd. Poulsbo.

Program for December 16, 2010

Our speaker for our December meeting:
Community Relations Officer: Deputy Schon Montague
He will be talking about protecting ones self from scams, both online and phone.

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Chapter President's Message: Everyone with a computer needs to apply for NARFE's Global E-mail Messaging System. This keeps you in touch with all the news that is in your interest from Washington DC. Go to "www.narfe.org" and apply. By having your NARFE dues deducted from your annuity you save \$6 and you save remembering to renew each year.

The President's "Commission for Fiscal Savings", has put in their recommendations, which are: To reduce health benefits and income security. Freeze federal pay for three years. Reduce the federal work force by 10%. Make retirement age 69. It has been discussed that if one retires before this age they will not receive their annuity till this age is reached.

They will make this recommendation to congress by December 1st, and then congress will have to act on it. Therefore it is up to the members to call a toll free # 1-866-220-0044, this is the capitol switchboard, ask for your congressional representatives by name. Murray, Cantwell & Inslee. Give them this message: " I urge you to oppose the Fiscal Commission Co-chair intention to cut my earned federal civilian retirement and health benefits, freeze federal pay and reduce the federal work force by 10%."

District IV Vice President's message: With the two-year pay freeze for civilian workers proposed by President Obama and the Fiscal Reform Commission's recommendations for our country's debt problems, congress will be busy deciding what program cuts and revenue increases to implement in the next biennium. I urge you to keep informed by reading your monthly NARFE magazine. When NARFE national headquarters raises an "action alert", it means they need your help. Look over their proposal and call your senators and/or congressional representative through their office to register your opinion. You can also use NARFE Legislative Action Center via Internet at <http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/>. Current action alerts will be placed in a box for action by Congress. NARFE's toll free number, 1-866-220-0044, is also available. Supply your ZIP code to leave a message for your senators and/or representative.

Mark your new-year calendar for March 17, 2011 for our District IV Workshop to be held in **Poulsbo** at the Sons of Norway Lodge. This March meeting will coincide with both St. Patrick's Day and the regular quarterly meeting day for Chapter 881. We will have a program from 9AM to 3PM with a luncheon included. The cost will be \$12. We are still planning arrangements but if you would like a certain topic or person for this meeting, contact a chapter officer or myself with your suggestion. Bill Powers

Editor's notes: As you can see by the two messages above both cover concerns about the same problem, cuts in our "earned retirements". We as retired Federal employees must find time to stand up to the congress so as to protect our "earned retirements". To congress our "earned retirements" are considered entitlement and are therefore subject to changes. The changes will not be in our favor!

Don't forget to bring your empty aluminum drink cans to the meetings where they will be collected and turned in at a recycling station. It goes to a very good cause that NARFE has championed for years, the Alzheimer's Research Program.

Remember that NARFE is here to protect your retirement. Also, remember our NARFE slogan "**NARFE works for you**".