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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 potluck lunch, a delicious Minder ham will be provided.

Bring your favorite side dish along and/or some dessert.

Lunch starts at 12 noon usually followed by a program and short meeting.

**Location:** Vinland Lutheran Church, West end of Finn Hill Rd. near Clear Creek Rd. Poulsbo.

Program for December 15, 2011

Filling out NARFE booklet F-100, "Be Prepared For Life's Events"

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

**THE GOOD NEWS:**

**Federal Retirement Annuities to Increase through Cost of Living Adjustment**

Federal retirees will receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their civil service annuities beginning in January 2012. Retirees in the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) will receive a 3.6 percent increase to their annuities, while retirees in the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) will receive a 2.6 percent increase to their annuities. **This is, as you well know, our first annuity increase since 2009.**

**THE BAD NEWS:**

Congress is considering changing the way they calculate our present COLA (CPI-W). The new proposed way is called the "Chained Consumer Price Index" (C-CPI-U). The new method will likely lower our annuities by three percent every ten years.

**Federal Times reports: Extended pay freeze, layoffs likely.**

The supercommittee's failure to strike a deficit deal and triggering of \$1.2 trillion in sequestration cuts could prompt the most drastic government realignment since the Clinton administration. The sequestration cuts technically begin in January 2013, but experts say agencies will probably start laying the groundwork this fiscal year to prepare for those budget reductions. That's likely to mean 2012 will see a hiring freeze, buyouts and early outs, and maybe even layoffs through reductions-in-force to start bringing payroll costs down.

**Editor's opinion:**

The above report in the **Federal Times** isn't a scar tactic; there is a very distinct possibility that it will occur. Our only possible way to fight this problem is for NARFE to remain strong. **NARFE is our only voice in Washington DC that stands up for our benefit.** (NARFE is our lobby in Washington DC, paid for through our membership fees). Chapters through out the country are the only way for NARFE to stay strong. We need more support from chapter members so-as-to keep our chapters strong. Please consider better supporting our chapter 881 by coming to meeting and volunteering to fill chapter officer positions that have gone unfilled for so long.

**From district VI Vice President:**

The District IV Workshop is scheduled for March 27, 2012 in Sequim from 9 AM to 3 PM. This is the same day as their regular meeting. The location hasn't been confirmed as yet, but probably will be held at the Sequim Elks lodge (the same place it was held four years ago).

If anyone has any certain topic they desire covered in the 2012 workshop, recommendations are welcome. Also, if anyone is still having trouble filling out their F-100, "Be Prepared For Life's Events" I can still send them a F-100 DVD, which explains each question, for \$3.00 including shipping. I sent a DVD copy to all the regulars that requested one at the last Poulsbo Chapter 881 meeting.