

## **NARFE Region IX VP Talking Points**

### **NARFE Total Membership**

On April 30, 2011 NARFE had **299,367 members**

Total of NARFE Chapters Nationally: **1,402**

**Region IX has 76 Chapters**

**Alaska has 5, Idaho has 10, Montana has 16, Oregon has 23, and Washington State has 22. (27 NARFE Chapters closed in 2010)**

### **NARFE Losses**

- 2005 Net loss in membership: **17,988**
- 2006 Net loss in membership: **6,707**
- 2007 Net loss in membership: **9,414**
- 2008 Net loss in membership: **17,388**
- 2009 Net loss in membership: **7,415**
- 2010 Net loss in membership: **9,367**

Net loss at the end of April, 2011: **6,543** (April, 2010 **4,565**)

### **Active Federal Employees**

- The **April, 2011 M-110 Summary** reported there were:
- **23,497** Active Federal Employees in NARFE.
- **1,687 members in Region IX**
- **1,055 members in Washington State**

### **Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)**

Building the 2012 Cola:

- At the end of April, 2011 the 2012 Cola Formula was **+2.90%**.
- The May, 2011 Consumer Price Index will be released on June 15, 2011

### **Additional Information**

- As of March 31, 2011 NARFE's total donations to **Alzheimer's** was **\$9,136,542.51**

- The **NARFE Calendar** program: The 2011 final tally on net profit was **\$464,309**
- The **2010 NARFE Scholarship winners** for Region IX were shown in the December issue of the magazine. NARFE received 510 completed applications this year compared with 729 last year. In Region IX there were 43 scholarship applications submitted. The 2011 NARFE Scholarship Program Eligibility and Application Procedures were printed in the NARFE magazine. All applications **had to be** postmarked by **April 30, 2011**
- **NARFE-PAC** receipts & Disbursements covering **first quarter** in the 2011-2012 election cycle: Nationally: **2,488** contributors **\$89,998.80: (\$36.17 Average)**. **Region IX** Contributors (**224**) **\$8134.12. (Average contribution was \$36.31)**. **Washington State Contributors (120) \$4,445.00 (Average contribution was \$37.04)**
- **Dues Withholding Application** now on the NARFE website
- The E-Mail Address for Members Records: [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org) and **the toll free number is 1-800-456-8410**

### Recruiting

- **NARFE Recruiting Posters:** There are now eight posters. The posters are downloadable and are available on the NARFE's Website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)
- [Vanishing Benefits](#)
- [Protect America's Heartbeat](#)
- [Chapter Poster: Active Casual](#)
- [Chapter Poster: Active Suits](#)
- [Chapter Poster: Retirees](#)
- [Chapter Meeting Poster](#)
- [Fillable Chapter Meeting Poster](#)
- [18 x 24 Chapter Poster](#)

### Additional Information

- Approximately **300 NARFE members** registered to attend the **2011 NARFE Legislative Training Conference** on March 5 - 8, 2011 in Crystal City, VA.
- There is now a New **Life Membership Fee Chart** which started on January 1, 2011.
- NARFE **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Merchandise for purchase is on the NARFE website (**CD video, book and lapel pin**).

- Alternative form for **Installation of NARFE Officers**.
- The NARFE's Legislative Accomplishments in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress is a great recruiting tool. The accomplishments are on page 22 of the January, 2011 NARFE magazine.
- **Silver Circle:** As of March 1, 2011 donations totaled **\$101,432**
- NARFE Member Counts in Certain Age Groups: 80 years of age and above **89,378**: 60-79 years of age **111,720**: 59 years of age and below: **13,306**.
- **2010 Recruiting Results:**
  - Region **IX (1,230)**. Washington State **(687)**
- NARFE Announces **Member-Only Online Retirement Planning Calculator** (The article is on **page 39** in the **March** issue of the NARFE magazine). The retirement calculator is also on the NARFE website. NARFE members can now have a six-month subscription to the program for **\$29.95**.
- **Global Electronic Messaging System (GEMS)** Modification dated March 21, 2011: GEMS has been modified to allow NARFE members to choose the type of email traffic they wish to receive. E-mail message are categorized as **(1)** Priority Legislative/Member Benefits News, **(2)** Federation/Local News, or **(3)** Both.
- Discuss **Protect Americas Heartbeat Campaign:** [www.protectamericasheartbeat.org](http://www.protectamericasheartbeat.org). Fight back against attacks on your benefits and reputation. [Click here](#) to sign a petition to congress and tell you story of service. **This the lead article on the NARFE website.**

**Legislative Conference Video and Power Point presentations** are on the NARFE website. Note: **(24)** NARFE members from Region IX attended the 2011 Legislative Conference

- **March NEB meeting items** (M&R Contract, OPM Blind Mailing, Polices and Procedures for using GEMS, NIAC Committee, **E-Chapter (500 Members as of 5/13/2011)**, Paper reports flat rate charges, Recruitment and Retention Committee.
- **Legislative fundraiser letters** will be sent to approximately 66,000 NARFE members (AFE & Retiree NARFE members) that have e-mail that did not receive a direct mailing in April.
- The **Congressional Directory** for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress (2011-2012) is available. Order form has been in the last few issues of the NARFE magazine. You can also down load the order form from the NARFE website.
- **Protect America's Heartbeat Weekly Update** from M+R to be sent to All Federation Presidents.
- **eNARFE Chapter Model and Guidelines**