



# N A R F E

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

## Region IX Vice President's Talking Points For WSFC Meeting February 7, 2013 in Tacoma, WA

### NARFE Total Membership

On December 31, 2012 NARFE had **269,347** members.

Total NARFE Chapters Nationally: **1,348**

**Region IX has 72 Chapters**

**Alaska has 4, Idaho has 10, Montana has 16, Oregon has 21, and Washington State has 22.**

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**

2011 Net Loss in membership: **19,119**

2012 Net Loss in Membership: **21,190**

- At the end of December, 2012 it was reported there were **22,404** Active Federal Employees in NARFE. Region IX had **1,508** AFEs. There are **939** Active Federal Employees in Washington. Region IX has **500** members in the E-Chapter. There are **224** e-chapter members in Washington. As of 2/5/2013 there are now **9409** E-NARFE chapter members. A sad note is that year to date NARFE is averaging **27.7** deaths per day.

### Additional Information:

- As of December 31, 2012 it was reported that NARFE's total donations to **Alzheimer's** was **\$10,109,429.86**. For the month of December, 2012 our members contributed **\$101,193.78**.
- **NARFE-PAC** receipts & Disbursements covering the **eight quarters** in the 2011-2012 election cycle: Nationally: **31,635** contributors **\$991,434.13**: (**\$31.33** Average). **Region IX** Contributors (**2165**) **\$72,289.20**. (Average contribution was **\$33.39**). **Washington State** Contributors (**1208**) **\$39,334.30** (Average contribution was **\$32.56**)

- NARFE has set the dates for the **2013** Legislative Training Conference. It will be Saturday, March 9 through Tuesday March 12, 2013. It will take place in a new venue: The Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Crystal city, VA. Members can register online or use the registration in the magazine. Conference registration is \$175 and the deadline for registration and the hotel was February 5, 2013. A GEMS message concerning the Legislative conference was sent out on January 22, 2013.
- Bob Conquergood from Idaho continues to be the Region 9's representative on Configuration Advisory Board (CAB). Bob home phone number is 208-699-9121. His e-mail address is bcngrgd@roadrunner.c om. He has requested input on what forms still need to be fillable. He requested that recommendations be submitted by February 8, 2013
- The NARFE Scholarship Awards Program for 2013 will run February 1 through April 26. A copy of the official application appears in the February, 2013 NARFE magazine.
- The 10 Worst Mistakes Federal Retirees Can Make brochure has been updated **F-127 (10/11)**. Also The 10 Worst Mistakes Federal Employees Can Make has been updated **F-126 (08/12)**. **Federal Employees Pop Quiz (F-123) has been updated. The newly revised date is (08/12)**
- Building of the 2014 Cola sit at **-0.46%**
- Effective January 1, 2013 the IRS mileage rate is \$.565.
- The new 2012 NARFE National By-Laws have been printed and the National will be sending out copies to Chapters and Federations. 10 copies to federation presidents and chapter Presidents will receive 6 copies. **I have six copies with me today.**
- Region IX Membership Summary Report (December, 2012). These reports now offer a great deal of information. Copies sent to each Federation Presidents. (I brought copies of the Region IX Membership Summary for the end of December, 2012.)
- Silver Circle donations **total \$121,595 as of February 5, 2013.**
- I have with me a picture of the 2012 Recruiter pin that will be mailed out to NARFE members that recruited a member(s) in 2012.
- The new F-135 Membership Brochure with Application is now available on the F-18. **I have copies with me**
- Guidance on use of Chapter Dues has been sent out by the National Treasurer.

- Once again Congress is debating freezing federal pay for a third year. Please contact your representative.
- Information on filing your chapter IRS return was sent out as a GEMS message on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- David Snell NARFE's Retirement and Health Benefit Director sent out a GEMS message on January 2, 2013 concerning OPM plans for 1099Rs.
- On page number 42 of the February, 2013 NARFE magazine is an article on the newly promoted Legislative Director (Jessica Klement) and the Assistant Legislative Director (John Hatton).
- There will be new 2013-2014 NARFE PAC pins. I have pictures of each of the new 2013-2014 PAC pins. The March magazine will be full of NARFE PAC information
- A draft of qualifications for the National Officer positions has been sent to Federation Presidents for their review.
- The NARFE "Legislative Tracker " will continue to be printed monthly in the magazine. Because of the lame duck session and holidays, it did not appear in the January or February issue.
- The NARFE State Federation Presidents meeting will be held July 9 - July 11, 2013 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida
- The Cola history from 12/0/1996 - 12/01/2012 is listed in the most recent issue of the NARFE Quarterly News
- The Region IX Training Conference will be held in Ellensburg, Washington at the Quality Inn Conference Center May 31 and June 1, 2013. More information and a flyer will be sent out to all five State Federation in Region IX. Registration is \$30 per person including Friday night dinner.
- The next NARFE Executive Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2013 Legislative Training Conference
- Since 1/31/2010 to the present, Washington Federation has received a total of **\$67,107.73** monthly 10% federation rebates.
- NARFE NewsWatch. Weekly publication available by email. Great articles that we all should be staying on top of.

- There are now **9409** E-NARFE chapter members.
- On January 31, 2013 the NARFE office sent out a new Organization chart. **I have copies with me today.**
- Chris Farrell has provided a list of GEMS members by chapters. As of 1/10/2013 there are a total of 75,508 members on GEMS
- A survey was sent out on GEMS asking our members if they might be interested in viewing a future NARFE National Convention on line. Attached are the results for the survey. The results are interesting:
  - 11% said that they routinely attend national conventions;
  - streaming was evenly split;
  - 42 said they would be online voting delegates (wow!);
  - 17% said they would attend in person if it were held today

**Additional Points of Interest**

In Region IX 305 of our members are on GEMS

In Region IX 10.3% of our members are AFEs (**12.9%** of Washington's members Are Active Federal Employees

In Region IX 26.4% of our members are on Dues Withholding

- Are there any questions on what I have covered? Does anyone need more information on e-Chapters?

Respectfully Submitted

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