



Albuquerque Chapter 80 Newsletter – February 2020

Local Chapter News:

The March 7, 2020 meeting is the official “annual” meeting outlined in our By-laws where elections take place and new operational year begins. I urge all who can, to attend so that we can vote for officers. I will be nominated again for President. I welcome others to participate by volunteering for any officer position as well as committee chairs. The Elected Officer positions are:

President; Vice President – Membership; Vice President – Advocacy; Secretary; Treasurer
Many tasks and actions can be accomplished without attending meetings. Give me a call (505) 715-7895 and I can describe the duties. Other volunteer positions are: Program Chair, Audit committee, Budget Committee.

National News:

- FEDCON20: NARFE's Premier National Conference

When: August 30 – September 1, 2020

Where: Westin Keirland Resort & Spa – Scottsdale, AZ

Registration has opened on-line at narfe.org - Registration cost is \$165.00 through March 31, then it increases to \$190.00; Rooms are \$115.00. As in the past, the Chapter is positioned to reimburse members who attend the conference for a portion of their costs. If you need help registering on-line, let me know and I can work with you to get you registered.

- NARFE 2020 National Election:

-- National Candidate statements: Check out Page 42 of March *narfe* Magazine

Also in this issue Page 40, there is important information about a proposed member dues increase. This will also be on the ballot in August.

-- Information on By-laws/Resolutions will be in the July *narfe* Magazine

-- Election Ballot will be included in the August *narfe* Magazine

Legislation:

NARFE Urges a Bipartisan WEB Reform Solution.

Your HELP is NEEDED! NARFE is calling on Congress to produce a bipartisan solution that builds on the strengths of competing Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reform bills. (HR 141/S 521; HR 3934; HR 4540). **Contact your members of Congress** today and urge him or her to work toward legislation that would bring relief to the 1.8 million retirees shortchanged each month by the WEP.

Instructions for Calling Your Representative

1. **Dial: 1-800-456-8410**
2. **Press 5 to be connected to the Capitol.**
3. **Ask the operator to transfer you to your Representative's office.**
4. **You will then be connected to your Representative's office.**

New Mexico Second Session of the 54th State Legislature.

On February 14th the NM NARFE State Federation was present with a table at the Round House. The Social Security Income Tax Exemption bill was not passed, however the NM



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Federation along with support from other Chapters, including 80, will be following up during the coming year urging Legislature to include Federal pensions in this exemption when it is presented in the 2021 legislative session.

NARFE-PAC: March is NARFE-PAC Month!!! The March issue of the *narfe* magazine provides important information about NARFE-PAC including the the Goals Update. Don't forget, NARFE-PAC is an important part of our Legislative program that "fights for you". The reasons to give to NARFE-PAC, especially as a doner Sustainer are:

1. Helping elect members of Congress who support the federal community.
2. Building strong relationships with lawmakers, a key component of winning legislative fights.
3. Ensuring the federal community is a powerful political force across the country.
4. Pooling individual contributions to maximize impact nationwide.
5. Empowering our strongest supporters to become leaders in our fight.

Contact me or come to a Chapter meeting to learn more!

Give to the NARFE-FEEA Fund: The NARFE-FEEA Fund supports NARFE members during disasters; provides scholarships to their children, grandchildred ad great grandchildrn; and funds of the programs to support NARFE members... (see the contribution coupon in the *narfe* magazine. It is tax deductible)

Support Alzheimer's Research: Every cent that is contributed is used for research!! (see the donation coupon in the *narfe* magazine or attend a Chapter meeting and donate. It is tax deductible)

Important Dates:

March 8, 2020 – Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17, 2020 – St. Patrick's Day

April 4, 2020 - NARFE Chapter 80 meeting

April 8, 2020 – Passover

April 12, 2020 – Easter

April 15, 2020 – Tax Day

April 22, 2020 – Earth Day

Next Chapter business meeting – March 7, 2020 at Palo Duro Senior Center (refreshments at 11:00am; program and business meeting to follow)

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