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**April 16, 17 & 18
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Theme: “Moving Ahead with NARFE”

Dear NARFE Members

On behalf of the New Mexico Federation of Chapters, I want to invite you to attend the Annual Convention in Albuquerque. There are lots of exciting things planned, and it is always a treat to see long-time friends and make new ones. We will take care of business and have a good time. I am impressed with the hotel accommodations and think you will agree that the price is right.

If there is anything you would like to see more or less of at the Convention, please let me know. I always value each member's input. I hope to see you all there!

Mary Ellen McKay, President
NM Federation of Chapters

To All NARFE Members

I am really looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. The cost of the Host Hotel is still about the same as it was in 2002 when Chapter 80 hosted that Convention, even though they have made extensive improvements. And, the weather is also still the same – beautiful! The year 2009 promises to be a better year for NARFE, so join us to hear the news and to have fun doing so.

Remember, it's all about information and fun with fellow NARFE members. And, we promise to have plenty of both.

Bob Baker
President, Albuquerque Chapter 80

“Hello” Fellow NARFE Members

As Host, Albuquerque Chapter 80 invites all New Mexico Chapter members to join us for the 48th NARFE New Mexico State Convention at the Sandia Courtyard Hotel & Convention Center, 10300 Hotel Avenue NE, Albuquerque NM, April 16-18 2009. Our members have been diligently working on preparations in hopes that this Convention will be not only educational concerning NARFE matters and issues but also entertaining. You will enjoy taking a walk down memory lane as you are dazzled by the great performance of the “Dazzle Dolls.”

Mark your calendars, pack your bags, hit the road, and we'll see you all in Albuquerque on Convention Day!

Bob Baker
Co-Chair, 2009 NM State Convention

Gloria M. Delgado
Co-Chair, 2009 NM State Convention

NEW MEXICO FEDERATION CONVENTION

“Moving Ahead with NARFE”

April 16-18, 2009

Sandia Courtyard Hotel & Convention Center

Hosted by Albuquerque Chapter 80

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 16

- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Credentials (Lobby of Convention Center)
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Federation Executive Board Meeting/Committee Meetings
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. “Welcome” Mixer (Bingo for Alzheimer’s; finger food; entertainment)

Friday, April 17

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Late Registration and Credentials
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Convention Convenes; Opening Ceremonies and Introductions; Memorial;
Reports (Credentials, Standing Rules, Program, and Officers);
Guest Speakers
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Recess (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Discussion Groups
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Resolutions, etc.
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Banquet; Program-Awards

Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 a.m. Convention Reconvenes
Reports (District VP’s and Standing Committees)
New Business
- 12:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Post Convention Federation Executive Board Meeting

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Prior to the Convention, Chapter Secretaries are to mail their delegate accreditation credentials to the Credentials Committee Chair, Alice Stark, 4208 Ponderosa NE, Albuquerque NM 87110, by MARCH 16.

A Pre-registration fee of \$30.00 includes “Mixer” on Thursday evening and entitles the Registrant to a Convention Souvenir Program, Name Badge, Voting Card (if eligible to vote), and Memorial Program. DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS MARCH 16. Late Registration Fee will be \$35.00, an additional \$5.00. (See Pre-Registration Form for additional information.)

All attendees must sign in with the Registration/Credentials Committee by DISTRICT on **Thursday, APRIL 16, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Convention Headquarters, Sandia Courtyard & Convention Center Lobby. Late registration is on **Friday morning, APRIL 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

BOOSTER PAGES AND/OR ADS

Mail Booster Pages and/or Ads (checks payable to 2009 NARFE NM State Convention) to: Illene Harrison at 5222 Hattiesburg, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 or e-mail to illene@cybermesa.com. All Ads must be camera-ready. **DEADLINE: MARCH 8.**

MEMORIAL

List of names for the Memorial are due to the District VPs by **MARCH 9**. District VPs will then mail the list of names by **MARCH 13** to: Connie Perea-Peritore at 1417 Soplo Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 or e-mail to conniep-p@msn.com. (Time period is January-December 2008.) **However, we will take names for January and February 2009 and up to March 13 if e-mailed to above address.)**

HOST HOTEL/PLACES TO VISIT

Each person is responsible for lodging arrangements while attending the Convention. The “host” hotel is the **Sandia Courtyard Hotel & Convention Center located at 15 Hotel Circle NE (Exit 165 at Eubank NE from I-40 coming from either East or West). For reservations call: 1-800-877-4852 or (505) 296-4852 and let them know you are attending the NARFE Convention.**

Room Rates: \$59.00 (Standard King or Double Queen) or \$69.00 (Deluxe King or Double Queen). All beds have new Simmons Pillow-Top mattresses. Rooms have coffee maker; hairdryer; and iron/ironing board. **Free Continental Breakfast;** free weekday newspaper (at front desk); and 24-Hour Security.

Other Places to Stay: Days Inn, 10321 Hotel Avenue NE (505-275-3297); Holiday Inn Express, 10330 Hotel Avenue NE (505-275-8900); Quality Inn, 25 Hotel Circle NE (505-271-1000)

PLACES TO VISIT: Sandia Peak Tram & Sandia Crest; Old Town; National Atomic Museum; New Mexico Museum of Natural History; Aquarium and Botanical Gardens; International Balloon Museum.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
48th New Mexico Federation of Chapters Annual Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico – April 16-18, 2009

(To be completed by each person attending the Convention. Please make additional copies of form as needed.)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

NAME _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ CHAPTER NO. _____ DISTRICT: NW ___ NE ___ SW ___ SE ___

CONVENTION STATUS: FEDERATION OFFICER ___ DELEGATE ___ NARFE MEMBER (non-delegate) ___
 (Check only one)

PAST FEDERATION PRESIDENT ___ ALTERNATE DELEGATE ___ GUEST ___

In case of EMERGENCY, notify _____ Telephone Number _____

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>
April 16, 2009	Registration/Mixer (NARFE Member/Guest)	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
April 17, 2009	Banquet (registered attendee)	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
	Banquet Only (non-registered member or guest)	\$ 25.00	\$ _____

Banquet Entrees: Balsamic Marinated Chicken Breast ___ Burgundy Pot Roast ___ Vegetarian ___
 (Check one) (Includes Vegetable Medley; Garden Salad; Rolls, Dessert, Coffee or Tea)

ENCLOSE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER payable to 2009 NARFE NM Convention and mail by MARCH 16 to: Marie Farnsworth, 4208 Ponderosa NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-1032 (505-881-2858).

EVERYONE attending the Convention and/or Mixer must pay the registration fee. If additional forms are needed, Please copy. **Cancellations with refund of registration fee will be accepted until April 2.** Banquet reservations received after April 2 will be subject to availability of space.

NO REFUNDS after April 2 (cut-off date). Refunds **will not** be paid until after Convention.

(PLEASE: One person per registration form.)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration No. _____

Date Received _____

Amount \$ _____

NOTE: A registration fee of \$35.00 will be charged After APRIL 2 (includes \$5.00 late fee)