



**REGION VII
VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE**

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It is almost time to cast your ballots! Hopefully, you have reviewed the statements of candidates for National President, National Secretary/Treasurer, and your Regional Vice President. With so many to choose from you really need to pay attention to what they stand for, what they will push for, if they are good listeners as well as speakers. Remember that one of the most important aspects is “are they a team player?” This is a tough year for NARFE members as the future of NARFE may very well be determined with this board!

Your Regional Vice President (RVP) is the main spokesperson and liaison between the national office and field activities. I am obligated to support the positions of Region VII members. I promise to listen to all members in the region and all officers and carry forward your positions. As a member of the National Executive Board, I would be obligated to support the needs of all NARFE members and the betterment of the organization.

I have asked members for subjects to address in my bid for RVP. Reorganization/restructure is an item that keeps coming up with a comment “where is the plan of action/implementation plan for the restructuring;” “how does this affect the Chapters and Federation?”. I must admit I have never seen one, nor do I believe one exists. This is an area that the NEB needs to address when making substantial changes to the organization. This is an area, as a civil service employee, which was important to my mentors. My mentors were a GS-15, an SES, and a Major General. If I took a problem to them, I also had to have a written solution (plan of action/implementation plan).

Another area is the merging of Federations. This was discussed at the National Conference in Florida with, I believe, the NEB being tasked to develop a plan. To date this has not happened. How can you restructure without this being addressed first?

Technology is another big item. Thank goodness the Configuration Advisory Board (CAB) is now involved in the Association Management Software (AMS) issues. Hopefully, this problem will be resolved within a couple of years. The current contract expires in a year with options being addressed now. Please be patient with this complicated process.

I humbly ask for your consideration and vote as your Region VII Vice President!