

NEW MEXICO FEDERATION NEWSLETTER
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Distinguished Member Recognition: In 2016 there was a big push to recognize all members with 20 years or more of membership within NARFE. This was completed with great success. I do not believe New Mexico has addressed this in the last 3 years. So----it's that time! Chapters please provide me a list of members (with ID number and address) that have reached the 20-year anniversary that have **not** been recognized. These members are annotated with 2 red asterisks (**) under the JD (joined date). This effort is definitely less painful than our original tasking. If you do not have any additional members to be recognized please let me know so that I can account for your chapter. **Please provide this information by February 15th.**

56th New Mexico Federation Conference and Region VII 14th Biennial Conference: The conference will be held April 4-6, 2019 at the Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces. Packets were mailed to each chapter on November 9th. If you did not receive the packet or you need an additional hard copy please let me know. You can also obtain information by visiting our New Mexico Federation website. Register early!

Upcoming Informative Webinars: Go to: <https://www.narfe.org>, log in (or create account); on the main page, left hand side, scroll down to resource library, webinars. Webinars are free to all members, just reserve your space under the specific webinar.

Mar 7 TSP: Your Key to a Secure Retirement Income

Mar 21 Optimizing your Social Security Benefits

Apr 11 Federal Benefits and Divorce

FEEA-NARFE Grants Available for Active Federal Employees Not Being Paid: The FEEA-NARFE fund is offering \$100 grants to active federal employee members who are not receiving a paycheck during the current shutdown due to being furloughed or working in excepted status, based on available funding. For information go to the NARFE home page.

Federation Board Meeting: Our next Federation Board Meeting will take place February 21st in Santa Fe at the Inn of the Governors Hotel at 1:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend. On the 22nd we will have a NARFE table in the Rotunda of the Capital. SLs, CDLs and your Board will also be having meetings with Senators and Representatives during the day.

NM Federation Website: We are currently updating our website. This should be completed by February 1st. Chapter Presidents or Secretaries please review the data under your chapter and advise of any corrections and updates that need to be done.

Chapter Visits: I would appreciate a visit to your chapter this calendar year. If you have a date for such a visit please let me know. There is always information that I can provide.

Until next month - Sharon