

July 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

(Jeanette Keepers - Federation President)

June was a very busy month for the South Carolina Federation Executive Board. We met in Columbia for our semi-annual meeting on June 7th at Seawell's, ready to tackle an agenda that was a departure from the norm. Since District Field Officers had given reports just six weeks earlier at the 2010 Convention, they met, instead, in a breakout group led by Sally Depreker, John Neely, and John Geiger, to discuss four big issues: delegates or proxies for the National Convention, the time and place for the 2011 SC Federation Convention, ideas for recruitment, retention and mentoring, and how best to reinvigorate weak chapters. Concurrently, two other breakout groups met: the Audit Committee chaired by Larry Shaff in Robbie Ann White's absence, and the 2011 Federation Convention Sidebar, led by Esther Crandall and myself. Click on the link www.scnarfe.org/executiveboardminutes.pdf for the information as to what transpired.



Jeanette Keepers - President

Breaking news: We now have a Time and Place for the 2011 Convention: Hickory Knob State Resort Park, April 11 - 13, 2011, so mark your calendars! Since no chapter had volunteered to host the 2011 Convention at the conclusion of our meeting, the task fell to your Executive Board to do it. John Geiger checked rates and availability at the Hickory Knob State Resort Park for April and when polled, your Executive Board members unanimously agreed to hold it there. I will be meeting in a couple of weeks with Janet Wheatley, Sales Manager, for a site tour to check on the Convention Center, two additional meeting rooms, and a Hospitality Suite/Cabin.

Another important issue your Board has been working on is ensuring 100 percent representation of our chapters with delegates or proxies at the National Convention. All chapters sending delegates had responded before the June 30th deadline, having sent their C/10-2 forms to the proper recipients. However, it took several phone calls and a couple of desperate e-mail messages on my part to encourage a last-ditch effort from the non-reporting chapters. They've come through, with thanks going to the District Field Officers and several chapter Presidents who convened special meetings and conducted straw polls. The very last of the proxies will be assigned by late July, well in advance of the August 13 deadline. Great work and kudos to all, for achieving our goal!

On a different subject, National Vice President Joe Beaudoin forwarded an application for a Rapid Response Team Application. You can find it at this web site: www.scnarfe.org/rapidresponse.pdf He requested we share this with our chapter members and encourage them to sign up to be on the Team. Because NARFE will be facing a number of issues where it will be necessary for us to react immediately, he's urging us to "come on board", be part of the team and make a difference in important issues needing our support. Please take the time to join and do your part, when called upon.

I appreciate all you do, so be well, fellow members, and keep on NARFEing!!

Jeanette M. Keepers
SC Federation President

MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

Per Margaret's article in June's NARFE Magazine, we have the potential for nearly 5 million members-federal retirees, employees,

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and survivor annuitants. In 1984, NARFE membership was 491,000. That was the time of social security reform and the establishment of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). NARFE's purpose-being the Federal retiree/employees' special interest advocate in Washington-made NARFE attractive to many. As yet, unfortunately, we have not been able to effect the repeal of the WEP or GPO.

Today's membership is about 309,000-between 2006 and 2009 alone, our membership dropped 10%. In this time of political and economic upheaval, we once again have the potential to be THE strong voice for the protection of our earned retirement and health benefits. However, the report from National for the first four months of 2010 indicates otherwise. While we have gained 10,000 members (new members and reinstatements) we have lost 14,617 (cancellations, nonpayment of dues, and deaths).

As pointed out in last month's Newsletter, for the month of April, NARFE in South Carolina acquired 40 new members! But 38 of those 40 were recruited by National-it's up to us to keep that 38. For the month of May, we added 23 new NARFE members to our rolls, but 19 were recruited by National. New members recruited by National have real potential to become actively involved in our chapters because they are interested enough in protecting their earned benefits to join NARFE without receiving a personal invitation from someone they know. Let's let these folks know we're glad they've joined!

We can talk about membership, both recruiting new members and retaining those who have already joined, but until we take positive action, our numbers will keep declining instead of growing. National sends us our M-112 report each month-we need to go through that listing name by name and react to each name as best fits the situation, whether it's a letter/email/or telephone call.

One reason why some names are overlooked is because some individuals put in our chapter actually should be assigned to another chapter-in Florence, many times we receive names of individuals living in Myrtle Beach or Columbia. National recruits are assigned by zip codes that are off because of political districting methods. We as a Federation need to form a membership action committee made up of chapter membership chairs to insure that every name that appears on each chapter's monthly M-112 report is addressed.

The NARFE website's Leadership Department provides a good starting point under Membership Issues. Click on that and then on Recruiting, which will bring up the Golden Eagle Chapter's Membership Plan. Individuals who receive their chapter's M-112 can use this to get going in the right direction. I've asked that each chapter send me the name, email address, and telephone number of the person in that chapter that has assumed the membership chairman responsibilities, even if only unofficially. We need to get started right away! In closing, let's commend those NARFE members who recruited our four new members for May: John Geiger (Chapter 934); Mary Gourdine, Carol Jenkins, and Joe Simmons (Chapter 1021). Sometime during July, I will be contacting each of your membership chairs and start the ball rolling for improving member recruitment and retention.

Regards,
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1st Vice President, SC Federation, NARFE



Sally DePreker - 1st VP

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)

The following people have recently become members of NARFE during April and May. Recognize any names? Someone you once worked with? If you do know someone or you see a new face at your meeting, take a moment to say hello and let them know they're among friends!

Chapter 72, North Charleston

John Barilich, Mt Pleasant
Jack Bennett, Hanahan
Norman Jean Coffman, Hanahan
Judith Parshley, North Charleston

Chapter 87, Columbia

John Camarda, Columbia
Dorothy Carven, Ehrhardt
Betty Clark, Lexington
Terry Corl, Columbia
Truman Dorsey, Columbia
Ralph Grier, Lexington
Mary Hunter, Columbia
LB Steele, Columbia

Juanita Wages, Columbia
Warren Washington, Columbia

Chapter 121, Greenville

Brenda Burgin, Piedmont
Samuel Eller, Greenville
Velma Hunter, Greenville
Patricia Pickelsimer, Greenville
Edith Thomas, Greenville

Chapter 560, Spartanburg

William Crowder, Lyman
Paul Deangelo, Inman
Rebekah Strange, Pauline

Chapter 772, Newberry

Daulton Martin, Little Mountain

Chapter 825, Anderson

Terry Nelson, Anderson

Chapter 920, Greenwood

Brenda Stewart, Ninety Six

Chapter 934, Aiken

Gladys May, Aiken
Clarence Schlag, Aiken
Virginia Stewart, Johnston

Chapter 960, Florence

Diana Gillmore, Loris
Sharon Herndon, Florence
Patricia Plummer, Timmonsville
Lutisusha Singletary, Scranton
Betty Young, McCall

Chapter 1013, Charleston

Lawrence Gordon, Charleston

Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach

Leona Pearl Booth, Aynor
Bruce Johnson, Conway
Rosemary Otterbeck, Conway
Ann Washington, Conway

Chapter 1021, Beaufort

Etta Grant, Beaufort
Theresa Pringle, Beaufort
Rosa Thomison, Helena Island

Chapter 1079, Clemson

Frankie Hunt, Westminster
Walton Holliday, Seneca
Evelyn Wallace, Seneca

Chapter 1082, Summerville

Ronnie Blanchard, Summerville
Miriam Burbage, Summerville
Pauline Bush, Summerville
Thomas Clemons, Summerville
Ethel Ellis, Summerville
Caroline Hanline, Summerville
Frances Novobilski, Summerville

Chapter 1180, Rock Hill

Keith McFarland, Great Falls

Chapter 1185, Walterboro

Patricia Miles, Goose Creek

Chapter 1958, Pawleys Island

Douglas Shearer, Murrells Inlet
Windola Pitts, Andrews
Elda White, Myrtle Beach

Chapter 2258, Hilton Head

Linda Buzard, Bluffton

A copy of this newsletter is being sent to all of these new and prospective members that we have an e-mail address for.



FEDERATION STATE CONVENTION 2011

(Jeanette Keepers - Convention Chair)

The decision is made - Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC is the site for our 2011 South Carolina Federation Convention, from April 11-13, 2011 (Mon through Wednesday.) Since no Chapter came forward to host the 2011 Federation Convention, the Federation Executive Board will take on the responsibility. I will be the

Convention Committee Chairperson and will utilize the many talents that we have in the Federation as well as other South Carolina NARFE members to organize, conduct and host this convention.

The only full-service resort in the S.C. State Park Service, Hickory Knob rests on rolling, wooded shoreline alongside 70,000-acre Strom Thurmond Reservoir on the Savannah River: South Carolina's "West Coast." The park's amenities also include a boat ramp, campgrounds and one of the state's most popular mountain biking trails. Serene and tucked away, location is another plus for this destination, with picturesque, historic small towns such as Abbeville and Greenwood nearby and Aiken and Anderson (and Clemson) just an easy drive away. There will be much more information available later, but this will give you a heads-up for your spring planning in 2011.

CHECK LIST NARFE CHAPTER PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Grand Rapids, Michigan August 29 - September 2, 2010

(By John Geiger - Past President- NARFE SC Federation)

The following checklist is provided to enable each Chapter President and his/her staff to consider ahead of registration deadlines and the individual preparation to be represented at the National Convention: The Challenge: To properly prepare for the National Convention when half our Chapters are in summer recess.

____ Potential Chapter Delegates review Candidate statements and study Resolutions (on-line and 2 hard copies of the final Resolutions are sent to each Chapter). This is important if the Chapter seeks representation by proxy and instructs their proxy on how they want their proxy to vote. Every attendee should be familiar with the National Bylaws.

____ Publicity within the Chapter: This will be Margaret Baptiste's last Convention as National President. Elections will be for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and our Region 3 Vice President.

____ Convention Registration must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2010. Registration fee for all attendees is \$55 if Form, C/10-4, Preregistration is used or submitted online no later than August 6, 2010. Onsite registration is \$65. Banquet tickets are \$50 per person. The Preregistration (C/10-4) and Banquet Reservation (C/10-16) forms are available online at www.narfe.org or see page 39 of the June 2010 NARFE Magazine. Note: This is NOT a voter registration form. Voter registration is confirmed by your Chapter on Form C/10-2 as described in the previous checklist item. Table seating (10 to a table) will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have a SC Federation table, so let the Federation Secretary, Esther Crandall (crandalle@bellsouth.net) know that you will need a seat so we can submit our table seating. The August 6 postmark will also be the deadline for the Banquet Reservation Form, C/10-16.

____ *Assignment of Proxy* (if no Chapter representation) on C/10-2 postmarked not later than Friday, August 13, 2010, signed by the Chapter Secretary or President. No delegate or delegate-at-large may serve as proxy for more than 3 Chapters. Again, Chapter Secretary or President should pay close attention to the color copy distribution. Unless National Headquarters has received the signed C/10-2 by this date, your Chapter will not be represented at the National Convention. Emails or verbal authorizations will not overcome this requirement.

____ Plan to attend the Convention Orientation scheduled for opening day, Sunday, August 29, at 2 p.m. in Ballrooms A and B at the DeVos Place Convention Center. This is highly recommended for first-time attendees, as well as those who have attended past NARFE Conventions.

____ Alzheimer's fund-raising at the Convention: This will consist of a 50/50 cash raffle only (50% to Alzheimer's research and 50% to the top 3 ticket holders) for Convention attendees (no gift raffle as in past National Conventions). Bring your address labels.

____ Post Convention Report to be presented to the Chapter at their next meeting. Note that Convention daily events/results are published and provide a handy reference.

References: NARFE National Bylaws

National Convention Announcement: Log on to the NARFE Website www.narfe.org and click on the Grand Rapids Convention logo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - JUNE 7, 2010

The Budget for SC Federation of NARFE Chapters. Approved by the Executive Committee at the June Meeting:

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS	
PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2010 - 2011	
	Proposed
	2010-2011
INCOME:	
Checking Acct Interest	\$400.00
Per Capita Dues	\$1,650.00
NARFE 10% Rebate Funds	\$8,700.00
Convention Proceeds	\$967.00
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>\$10,750.00</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
President's Expense	\$350.00
Secretary's Expense	\$500.00
Treasurer's Expense	\$500.00
Convention Chairperson Expense	\$240.00
Convention Awards	\$260.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$750.00
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES:	
Executive Board Meetings (Travel & Food)	\$4,000.00

Field Officer Travel	\$500.00
Advance for Convention	\$500.00
Recruiting New Members (Regional Training)	\$500.00
President's travel expenses	\$1,500.00
Alzheimer's	\$75.00
SCFC Web Site	\$75.00
Nat'l convention cost for President & Secretary	\$2,500.00
Legislative Training in Wash., DC	\$1,000.00
Total Promotional Expenses	\$10,650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,250.00
EXCESS (Shortage)	(\$2,500.00)
SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS	
SUMMARY OF ASSETS AS OF MAY 31, 2010	
NARFE Credit Union Savings Account	\$5.03
NARFE Credit Union Checking Account	\$25,376.85
Cash collected at convention forwarded to FEEA	(\$196.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,185.88

Alzheimer's News

(Betty Wessinger, Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator)

As of April 30th, NARFE has donated \$8,648,820.00 towards our goal of \$9 million for Alzheimer's research.

Barb Pretzer, NARFE Alzheimer's National Committee Chair attended the Zenith Society Meeting in San Diego, Calif. on May 17th. A welcome reception was hosted by Zenith Member Donald & Darlene Shirley in the Atrium at the Donald P. Shirley for Science and Technology at the University of San Diego. Donald Shirley invented the first artificial heart valve in 1971 plus a series of inventions to manufacture and improve the valve. Donald currently suffers from Alzheimer's.

On May 18th, Harry Johns, Alzheimer's Association President and CEO discussed "AIM" (Alzheimer's Impact Movement). AIM is another tool developed by the Alzheimer's Assoc. to help get the attention of our leaders in Washington, DC. AIM is a newly established (December 2009) organization that allows the Alzheimer's Association to do unlimited lobbying with more leverage that will advocate increased funding by the government. An ALZPAC was also formed under AIM. As a Political Action Committee it is able to raise money from its members and make donations to political campaigns. This will allow support of congressional leaders who champion crucial Alzheimer's legislation. We will be hearing more about this in our NARFE magazine.

SC Federation of Chapters has contributed \$4,292.89 to Alzheimer's Research since April 1, 2010. This is a good start for SC Chapters.

Betty Wessinger
Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator

REQUEST FOR HISTORY INFORMATION

(Paul Donahue - Federation Historian)

As the recently appointed HISTORIAN for the South Carolina Federation of NARFE's Chapters, I'd like to begin a "series" about our organization's historical growth, and write a small article each month (for insertion in The SCNARFE Federation Newsletter), regarding the many Chapter's of NARFE, located throughout South Carolina. Actually our chapters could be considered as twenty-one individual pieces - like a mosaic, that comprise our Federation. My approach is to put those pieces together for everyone to see who we really are, like family! And in our attempts at recruiting others, to put a face on NARFE so that potential members better understand who we are, and while being united, what we truly stand for.

Specifically if you, or another person in your group, are able to bring me up to speed on your Chapter's

growth.... over the past 20 - 60 years (since its' inception, if possible), I will attempt to incorporate that information into each article. Length of submission is of no concern, but will be subject to editing in order to meet with the publication's format.

Ideally, it would be interesting to learn about the progression of your chapter; when did it begin, why, what led up to it, who were the officers then and maybe even include those over the years, plus current officers, any important highlights, notable members, chapter achievements, etc.?

Some chapters have amended their chapter names to include another "identity", such as: Greenville's Chapter #121 is also known as the James Chester Thomas Chapter. Perhaps some explanation, as to how that name came to be, would be interesting for our other Federation members to read about? Quite possibly your chapter does have another name, by which it is known, and we've not yet acknowledged it? Now is the time for public awareness in that respect.

Anything that someone can offer in this regard would be most appreciated. Please send the information in an e-mail message, preferably as an attachment, or embodied in the message itself. Also, include a contact person (email/phone number) in the event that any questions arise. You may use my personal e-mail address (paddona@windstream.net) or paddona@scnarfe.org for a reply. It is important that you enter the SUBJECT line as: NARFE Chapter #XXX History Information.

Come on folks, be creative! I am appealing to EVERYONE. Ask around your chapter. Let's do a little serious digging, and see what we can dredge up to include some interesting tidbits, facts, or remnants, of the fabric of our own South Carolina Federation of NARFE Chapters.

Thank you in advance, for your cooperation in this request.
Paul Donahue

PARLIAMENTARY RULES - ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED

(Robbie Ann White - Federation Parliamentarian)

Parliamentary procedure has been an interest of mine beginning in the early 70's when I became a member of the South Carolina Business and Professional Women. My first year as an officer I went to a Parliamentary Training session and was hooked. I now attend training sessions anytime they are offered. For those interested there are groups (or clubs) formed to study parliamentary procedure. Check with your local Chamber to locate the nearest group.

Robert's Rules of Order are the most common parliamentary rules but you should be aware there are other rules used to govern meetings of organizations, although unusual in the South.

For those who haven't read the history, Parliamentary Procedure dates back as far as the ancient Greeks. The basics today were mainly formed by trial and error in the English Parliament, hence, Parliamentary Procedure. Henry Martyn Robert, engineer and Brigadier General, US Army, was responsible for the first Robert's Rules of Order published in 1876. Today, his family carries on the publication which is in the 10th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. If you have studied Robert's over the past thirty years, as I have, you know some rules have changed with the times. If you are new at the job of keeping order I recommend the IN BRIEF edition, a great simple guide which gives cross reference to the Authorized Edition.

Control is the key. Order brings enjoyment and accomplishment. Here is a term from Robert's Rules that you will hear at any of our conventions that dictate the order of the meetings:

QUORUM: Organizations usually decide what should be the quorum required for their meetings. If there is no quorum, business is very limited to time and place for another meeting. Any other action is invalid. IF when the meeting starts there is a quorum and enough members leave causing the loss of your quorum you also lose the right to do business.

Convention quorum should be set by the bylaws or by the convention standing rules. Otherwise, it is a majority of the number of delegates who actually register, regardless of whether some may have departed. A Credentials Committee report (listing the number of delegates and number of others registered separately) is routinely adopted without debate or amendment. A quorum is then determined by the number of delegates present in the meeting. When a member notices the apparent absence of a quorum they should call a Point of Order to that effect. It is dangerous to allow the transaction of substantive business to continue in the absence of a quorum. This is the same rule for Board Meetings.

Board Meetings must also have a quorum which should be stated in the bylaws. Normally a quorum is the majority of the board members in office and present to conduct business unless a different number is set by the bylaws. If bylaws authorize it, a teleconference (or video) may be held as long as every person participating can hear (and with video, see) each other.

Committees act validly if its decisions are agreed to by a majority vote at a properly called meeting of which every committee member was notified well in advance and at which a quorum (majority) is present. According to the Roberts Newly Revised IN BRIEF the ex-officio members of boards and committees are not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or in determining whether or not a quorum is present. They do have exactly the same rights and privileges as do all other members including the right to vote.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a brief background of our South Carolina Federation Parliamentarian, Robbie Ann White. She had several career paths before coming to work for the Federal Government. Beginning at the early age of 13, she learned to prepare payroll for a construction crew, and at 14 managed the snack bar at the local drive-in theater. Her higher education began at a local college with a major in accounting and later she earned a BS in Business Management and Masters in Human Resources.

Robbie came to Government employment at age 34 quite by accident, having taken the Civil Service Exam in 1974 just on a lark. In February 1977, she was called to work three times at the local Post Office, but as she was employed as a Tax Office Manager, Accountant and Business Advisor, she couldn't leave work in the heavy tax season. Then in February 1978, the Postmaster again offered her a job, but she was not required to begin work until after the end of tax season, which she accepted. She worked four years as a Substitute Rural Carrier and became a Career Employee in 1982. In 1984, she started with the Women's Council and Adversity Committee and later became the Career Development Chairperson for the South Carolina Postal District, a post she held for ten years. She received her first promotion to the office of Postmaster and like most Postmasters, she worked on many teams but much preferred working with Career Development. After 27 years, Robbie took an early retirement in 2004 to care for her mother.

NARFE Legislative Chair June 2010 Report

(John Geiger - Federation Legislative Chair)

June was indeed a busy month in the legislative arena with the SC Primary and resulting runoffs required in Congressional First and Third Districts, and the defeat of Representative Inglis in the District 4 Primary. Senator DeMint won his primary handily and will face a Democratic challenger and possibly an independent challenger in the fall. Each of you can do your own assessment of the outcome in your Congressional District, but the important thing is to prepare now to actively participate in NARFE's "Meet Your Candidates" (August 9 – September 10 Congressional Recess) now that the field has been narrowed. Supporting materials for this preparation (Meet Candidate Memo, Senate Candidate Checklist, House of Representatives Candidate Checklist, Invite Sample Letter, Candidate Questionnaire, and the new Fiscal Commission Talking Points) can be found on the NARFE website, click on Departments, Legislation and go to Meet Your Candidates bullet. This is the result of several years of NARFE experience, so please use these materials to inform the Candidates on NARFE and our issues.

Incumbent Congressmen are holding Town Hall meetings (example Cong. Joe Wilson, 2d District at Richland Northeast High School on July 5). These are great opportunities to learn what challenges we face in the budget cuts sure to come. Headquarters has asked that we provide feedback on Town Hall results (include me on that feedback, please). Keep in mind that Town Halls are not necessarily a good forum to discuss our issues, which are better pursued in a Meet the Candidates type venue.

For those are affected and who have followed the Medicare 21% cuts in doctors fees, that situation has been fixed—or at least until after the November elections. The Senate failure to act on this in a timely manner (within 2 weeks after the June 1 deadline) had the potential for Doctors to not see new Medicare patients. Fast forward to November, and we will still have the problem, which we need to keep on the radar of our elected officials.

The 18 member Bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (also known as the Fiscal Commission) had their second meeting on June 30. National President Margaret Baptiste called for "protecting compensation and retirement value of benefits for federal workers, retirees and their spouses and survivors" as they the Commission continues to deliberate on how to reduce the national debt. At press time, Margaret's testimony had not been posted, but you can check the website to be able to see the full video (<http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/>). The next meeting is July 28.

Finally, with all the opportunities we have at the National level, we do have a keen interest in the legislative efforts at the State level. The spirited gubernatorial elections in both Party Primaries indicate the differences on many issues that directly affect our quality of life. Also, I urge you to include your local State Legislator and State Senator in your sphere of influence. Many of them provide useful and informative weekly updates when in session that provide greater understanding of the challenges at the State level.

Our core task is lobbying and we need to demonstrate that as we approach the Meet the Candidates in

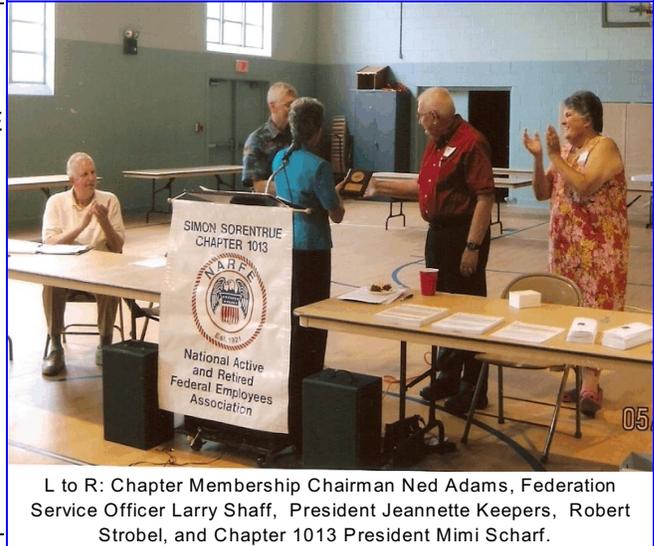
our summer "quiet time" for half our South Carolina Chapters. It's up to each Chapter, or multiple Chapters to spread the NARFE word to our elected officials and those that aspire to become our representatives. Please take advantage of every opportunity and let us know how you are doing.

Thanks for your support.

John Geiger
SC Federation Legislative Officer
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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

<> On 14 May 2010, South Carolina Federation President Jeannette Keepers honored and awarded Robert Strobel, Charleston Chapter 1013 Service Officer, with the NARFE Service Officer Of The Year Plaque. The plaque was sent from NARFE Headquarters to the Federation President. Robert was recognized for his services to the active local federal workers, chapter members, and retirees in Chapter 1013. During question and answer sessions, if he didn't know the answer to the numerous questions he was asked, he would immediately contact NARFE Headquarters for an answer to satisfy the individual(s). Robert is one of the many asset Service Officers in NARFE! - And this award shows that he's one of the best.



L to R: Chapter Membership Chairman Ned Adams, Federation Service Officer Larry Shaff, President Jeannette Keepers, Robert Strobel, and Chapter 1013 President Mimi Scharf.

NOTE FROM THE FEDERATION SERVICE OFFICER

(Larry Shaff, Federation Service Officer)

Benefits for Veterans - If a retired federal employee is also a veteran, some Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits may be available for both the eligible veteran and the surviving spouse. These benefits could include dependency and indemnity compensation, and burial and memorial expenses. Burial benefits in a VA national cemetery are available for eligible veterans, their spouses and dependents at no cost to the family. Included are costs of the grave site, grave liner, opening and closing of the grave, a headstone or marker, and perpetual care. The funeral director or next of kin can make interment arrangements by contacting the national cemetery in which burial is desired and where a grave site is available. VA will also pay a burial allowance and reimbursement for burial expenses in some circumstances. To process claims a copy of the of the veteran's marriage certificate is required for claims of a surviving spouse and a copy of the veteran's death certificate if the veteran did not die in a VA health facility. For eligibility information call 1-800-827-1000. The VA Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents & Survivors, 2010 Edition, handbook (170 pages) is available on the NARFE web site at www.narfe.org. It can be viewed, copied and downloaded. A copy can be obtained for \$5.00 from the US Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Check should be payable to Superintendent of Documents. Credit card orders can be submitted by calling the Government Printing Office, 1-866-512-1800, or on the web site www.bookstore.gpo.gov .

Larry T. Shaff,
Federation Service Officer

YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Your 2010-11 Federation Officers are as follows:

- President.....Jeanette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560
- 1st Vice President.....Sally Depreker, Florence, Chapter 960
- 2nd Vice President.....John Neely, Myrtle Beach, Chapter 1013
- Secretary.....Esther Crandall, North Charleston, Chapter 72

Treasurer.....Barbara Bryan, Summerville, Chapter 1082
Historian.....Paul Donahue, Columbia Chapter 87
Chaplain.....Nellie Bodenhamer, Columbia, Chapter 87
Sergeant-at-Arms.....David Unwin, Summerville, Chapter 1082
Immediate Past-PresidentJohn Geiger, Aiken, Chapter 934

District Field Officers:

District #1...Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082
District #2...Ernest Williams, Columbia, Chapter 87
District #3...W. Dan Love, Anderson, Chapter 825
District #4...Joe McCarty, Greenville, Chapter 121
District #5...Moses Moultrie, Sumpter, Chapter 1786
District #6...Jesse Adams, Florence, Chapter 960
District #7...Bill Nicol, Hilton Head, Chapter 2258
These officers make up the Federation Executive Board.

NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI August 29 - September 2, 2010
NARFE Federation Executive Committee Officers, Chairpersons & Chapter Presidents - January 10, 2011, 10:30 am, Seawell's, Columbia, SC
NARFE SC Federation Convention - Hickory Knob Resort State park, McCormick, SC. April 11-13, 2011
NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Nugget Hotel, Reno NV in 2012.

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