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#### NOVEMBER MESSAGE

#### FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

#### (Bill Nicol-Federation President) Presidents Message



Bill Nicol Federation President

On October 3-5, 2011, The Region III Leadership Development Seminar was held in Albany, GA; 130 people from the states and provinces covered by Region III attended. We had 14 Federation members (two of which participated in the program) attend. Unfortunately, these people represented only 7 of our 21 chapters. The chapters who would have benefited most from this session were not there.

The first major session was on Legislation and was presented by Larry Harper of GA and John Geiger of SC. They brought us up to date on the latest status and urged all to stay vigilant. The charts used by these gentlemen are posted on our website.

The second session was Advertising NARFE—using the Internet by Ed Koyns, President of the Ohio Federation. He offered many useful tips on how to improve recruitment in your local area. The most important thing was to know the active and retired federal employees demographics for your assigned LSA. In his presentation, he provided several sources for this info. I am sending the applicable portions of his presentation to all Chapter Presidents and the District Field Officers.

The third major session was Recruitment and Retention by Ed Fleck of MS and Jerry Samples of FL. They reinforced many of the things we all know and demonstrated some unique approaches to recruiting and retention. When I get copies of their presentation, I will forward them to all Chapter Presidents.

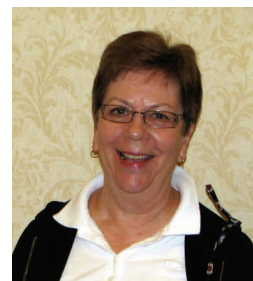
The final session was a panel of the Federation Presidents present who responded to questions from the audience on Leadership, Recruiting Chapter Officers and Grass Roots Involvement. The one thing that became quickly obvious was that all the chapters represented are experiencing similar problems and there are no easy solutions.

Overall, the seminar was productive and provided a lot of good exchange among all present.

Support the Protect America's Heartbeat campaign.

# NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

(Sally DePreker-1st Vice-President)



Sally DePreker

## Semi-Annual Membership Roster (M-114) for SC October 17, 2011

### 21 Chapters

Chapter	Name	Member	
87	Columbia	497	Largest
72	N Chas	336	> 300
1013	Charleston	330	
		<u>1163</u>	
1015	Myrtle B	265	Large
1082	Summervle	228	> 200
2258	Hilton Hd	210	<u>703</u>
121	Grnville	177	Medium
960	Florence	168	> 100
934	Aiken	158	
1079	Clemson	124	
1021	Beaufort	123	
560	Spartnbg	111	<u>861</u>
1786	Sumter	99	
1180	Rock Hill	93	> 50
1958	Pawlys Is.	86	
920	Grnwood	70	
825	Anderson	65	<u>413</u>
1185	Wltrboro	49	Smallest
1170	Orangbg	48	< 50
2319	Camden	44	
772	Newberry	44	<u>185</u>
ALL		3325	<u>3325</u>

## Changes!

There are lots of changes out there! I just received my Open Season Information from OPM—a postcard-like form that opens up to reveal the name of my current health insurance provider, 2011 Plan Rate, and 2012 Plan Rate. Wow! My rate has gone down \$1.56 per month! Remember when we'd receive a comparison book that listed all the different health plans and a book from our health insurance provider that pointed out changes in that particular plan for the next year? This year, OPM asks you to share with them your email address so it "can communicate with you electronically and save trees and money." Well, I'm all for saving money!

Speaking of that, the congressional "Super Committee" is tasked with crafting legislation to cut trillions of dollars from the Federal budget. Check out the various ideas as to how to do this on the NARFE website—the four letters of budget cutting recommendations, which were summarized in a recent Hotline, are posted there. It doesn't look good for the Committee having much success, and in all probability our health insurance and retirement benefits will be changed. We need to be aware of these changes and be prepared to cope with them the best way we're able. On a more cheerful note, it looks like we'll get our COLA this year, and our Medicare premiums are not going up.

This is the time of year when our chapters will be electing a new slate of officers for 2012. Once elected, be sure and complete the new online F7 Chapter Officer Roster. NARFE Headquarters has designed the forms to encourage online completion in lieu of paper forms—one more way to save money.

The NARFE website has been redesigned to encourage members to access timely and useful member-restricted information. Be sure and check it out. If you've not read through the NARFE Dues Distribution information effective August 2011, it's located on the website and lets you know how much money your chapter and our Federation receives from each of the dues categories. This is especially important information for our chapter treasurers.

Another website you may be interested in exploring is [www.fedscope.opm.gov](http://www.fedscope.opm.gov). Here you can find all kinds of federal employee/retiree data-related information.

One thing that hasn't changed is our decreasing membership. Hopefully, we'll have a new Headquarters-blest membership plan in the near future that will help turn things around.

## **New Members for September**

Our numbers are a bit better this month. Don't forget that \* before the name is a "prospective" member, someone who has expressed an interest in joining NARFE. Please try to contact that individual using the contact information given on the M-112.

### **Chapter 87, Columbia**

Rebecca L. Baston, Lexington, SC

\*Corinne Eichelberger, Columbia, SC

### **Chapter 121, Greenville**

Barbara Brozek, Simpsonville, SC

Miriam Whiten, Marietta, SC

### **Chapter 920, Greenwood**

Jeanette, Warman, Bellevue, KY, transferred from Chapter 1760, Campbell County, KY

### **Chapter 1021, Beaufort**

Gary L. Wetherington, Bluffton, SC, transferred from Chapter 2258, Hilton Head, SC

### **Chapter 1082, Summerville**

Robert E. Standley, Summerville, SC, transferred from Chapter 356, Manassas, VA

\*Betty J. Weldon, Summerville, SC

George D. Wiles, Jameston, SC

### **Chapter 1786, Sumter**

William C. Plowden, New Zion, SC

### **Chapter 1958, Pawleys Island**

Jack Whetstone, Pawleys Island, SC

### **Chapter 2258, Hilton Head**

Mario Machi, Hilton Head, SC

Sheryl P. Christina, Bluffton, SC, transferred from Chapter 114, Pittsburgh, PA

### **Chapter 2319, Camden**

Sharon Ross, Elgin, SC

**September Recruiter:** Margaret A. Faile, from Chapter 121, Greenville, recruited Barbara Brozek for her chapter. Congratulations, Margaret!

## **September Renewals/Reinstatements**

A big thanks goes to each of the following individuals—each one recognizes the importance of being a NARFE member!

### **Chapter 72, North Charleston**

Louis Kaufman, Mt Pleasant, SC

Paula D. McLean, Goose Creek, SC

Robert Miller, Mt Pleasant, SC

Charles Risher, N Charleston, SC

### **Chapter 87, Columbia**

Harold D. Anderson, Lexington, SC

Berneice S. Gilliam, Columbia, SC

Marlene J. Stotts, Phoenix, AZ

Susan G. Swanson, Columbia, SC

**Chapter 560, Spartanburg**

Janet Johnson, Spartanburg, SC

**Chapter 825, Anderson**

Joyce Brewer, Piedmont, SC

**Chapter 934, Aiken**

Arthur S. Burnside, Aiken, SC

Trudy A. Gaughran, Aiken, SC

**Chapter 960, Florence**

Henry A. White, Pamplico, SC

**Chapter 1013, Charleston**

Angela Burke, Johns Island, SC

Elsie Holtslander, Charleston, SC

Martha Miller, Charleston, SC

Jesse Qualls, Johns Island, SC

George B. West, Daniel Island, SC

Vesta N. Woodfield, Charleston, SC

**Chapter 1079, Clemson**

Mark Kotajarvi, Seneca, SC

**Chapter 1082, Summerville**

Joan Felts, Charleston, SC

Franklin D. Wallace, Aberdeen, NC

**Chapter 1170, Orangeburg**

Margaret H. Wright, Eutawville, SC

**Chapter 1958, Pawleys Island**

Ann B. Smith, Pawleys Island, SC

**Chapter 2258, Hilton Head**

Grady W. Horton, Hilton Head, SC

Alan Rogers, Bluffton, SC

**Chapter 2319, Camden**

Debra A. Kmetz, Elgin, SC

**Dues Withholding:** Only one SC NARFE member signed up for dues withholding in September, and that was **Doris Plaplan, a member of Chapter 2258, Hilton Head.** Please encourage all your members to consider dues withholding—it saves money for the individual and for NARFE!

**In Memoriam**

Your memory to us is a keepsake, with which we'll never part. Though God has you in His keeping, we always have you in our hearts. Rest in peace.

**Chapter 87, Columbia**

Mary E. Davis, Lexington, SC

JC Laughead, Columbia, SC

Martha L. McFarren, Lexington, SC

**Chapter 1013, Charleston**

W. H. Heissenbuttel, Charleston, SC

Myrtle O. Robinson, Charleston, SC

J. D. Rogers, Charleston, SC

Greer S. Staubes, Charlotte, SC

John L. Wishchuk, Allentown, PA

**Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach**

George T. Weaver, Conway, SC

**Chapter 1786, Sumter**

Inez Bartlette, Summerton, SC

Sally DePreker, 1st VP, SC NARFE

## **FEHBP OPEN SEASON**

Open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) begins on November

14, 2011, and continues through December 12, 2011. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) **will** mail a notice to every retired federal employee and survivor that will include the 2012 monthly premium rates for the participating health care companies. (Last year OPM did not mail notices apparently resulting in many complaints/problems.) If you do not receive a notice by November 14, call 1-800-332-9798.

The premiums can also be viewed on the OPM website ([www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure)) or on the NARFE website by clicking on "OPM Announces 2012 FEHBP Premiums" on the home page.

If both you and your spouse are eligible to enroll, one of you may enroll for Self and Family to cover your entire family. However, if there are no eligible children to cover, each of you may enroll for Self Only in the same or different plans. Generally, you will pay lower premiums for two Self Only enrollments than for one Self and Family.

If you don't understand something in a plan's brochure, contact the FEHBP carrier directly to clarify plan features and eliminate future misunderstandings.

### **Chapter Service Officer's/Chapter Presidents**

The recent improvements to the NARFE website have made the Service Officers Bulletin Board easier to access. After logging in as a member, go to the NARFE Officers Home Page indicated in orange directly below the RETIREMENTS BLOCK. Then click on SERVICE OFFICERS BLOG listed along the left side of the display.

Larry T. Shaff, Federation Service Officer

Most the news in the legislative arena has to do with the deliberations of the Congressional Super Committee as it moves toward the November 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for

recommendations “achieving at least \$1.5 trillion in budgetary savings over 10 years, from spending cuts or tax revenue” (according to the Super Committee’s stated goal).

The best way to follow what is happening that will most certainly affect Active Federal Employees, Retirees and Survivor Annuitants is to have the Washington Post

Matrix (Eric Yoder, October 18, 2011) handy to follow along:

Proposals for deficit reduction: This Matrix is attached at the end of this column. I suggest you print it out and mark it up. Note that the matrix includes those suggestions by the Administration.

Supercommittee Recommendations Summary: The Congressional Standing Committees provided their recommendations to the Super Committee on October 14. The 5-page NARFE Super Committee Recommendations

gives the details of who supports and who opposes the 11 recommendations, giving the details which can be found at:

[http://www.narfe.org/pdf/Factsheet\\_SupercommitteeRecommendations.pdf](http://www.narfe.org/pdf/Factsheet_SupercommitteeRecommendations.pdf) .

President Beaudoin Letter to Super Committee of October 7: Finally, in the October 28 GEMS Legislative Alert, we were asked to contact our 2 Senators and Congressman, enclosing a copy President Beaudoin’s October 7, 2011, letter to Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Jeb Hensarling, Super Committee Co-Chairs, pointing out the “most egregious” of the proposals affecting the Federal Family. Make a copy of the letter at: <http://www.narfe.org/pdf/lettertosupercommittee.pdf>

With these **3** references, you can answer most questions with sufficient background

to support our position that many of the recommendations unfairly target the Federal Workforce, those Retirees that did the heavy lifting during the Cold War and the War on Terrorism, and their Survivors.

It is crucial that each one of us be prepared to discuss and make our points with our Legislative Delegation, their staffers, and members of our own Federal Family because we are at a crossroads. The final Super Committee recommendations will affect recruiting and retention of the Federal Workforce as well as the quality of life for those

who are retired. Share this information with those who may not have internet access so that our Congressmen and Senators know where we stand from all of us.

Contact with Super Committee Member: In the category of good news, the Columbia and Orangeburg Chapters continue to get high marks from National HQs for their work with Super Committee member, Congressman Jim Clyburn (D-6<sup>th</sup> District). Chris Farrell specifically asked me to discuss Chapter efforts with the Congressman on our October 17 Field Conference Call, so that other Region 3 Legislative and Federation Officers could hear a success story that might help them out. Thanks again to Columbia Chapter President Gwen Sharpe and her Team and Orangeburg Chapter President Luther Sumpter and his Team for providing the NARFE presence that was recognized by the Congressman at his meetings in both locations. COLA Increase: Also in the good news category, a **3.6%** COLA increase was announced, appearing in the January check. This is the first inflation adjustment since 2009, and barring some move by the Congress or the Administration to reduce or prevent it, things look promising. This COLA increase affects Social Security recipients and Military Retirees, as well as Federal Retirees so the numbers are in our favor. “Standby” as we say.

Region 2 Leadership Development Seminar: The Region 2 Leadership Development Seminar was held in Albany, GA, October 3-5 and I was pleased to present a part of the Legislation portion along with Larry Harper, Georgia Legislative Director to the 129 attendees (look for the slides to appear on our Federation website, shortly). This was a good opportunity to bring attendees up to date, and Julie Tagen, NARFE Headquarters Acting Legislative Director, gave us a good summary of the Super Committee up to that point. Julie has serving in place of Dan Adcock, who announced his resignation from NARFE, to pursue another legislative opportunity with an organization that serves to protect Medicare and Social Security. We will miss Dan, but know that he established a solid Legislative group at Headquarters. We wish Dan Adcock all the best.



Letter to the Editor: The morning we were to present at Albany, GA, President Joe Beaudoin's Letter to the Editor of USA Today appeared discussing the soundness of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. Joe's letter was most appropriate to what we face and sets the example to get our message to the Public. The letter appears at: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/letters/story/2011-10-03/federal-retirement-programs/50646082/1>

Continuing Resolution: The Continuing Resolution signed by the President on October 4 is good until November 18. Keep in mind that the Congress is going to have to be fully on its game to handle the next Continuing Resolution, along with the projected release of the Super Committee Recommendations 5 days later. Congress may have to carry their own Matrix to keep things under control.

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At the State level, the South Carolina Senate and the House both have panels reviewing options this fall to ensure the solvency of the state retirement system. This rings familiar with what we currently face at the Federal level. For your information, a recent independent analysis of the State Retirement system can be seen at:

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/citizensinterestpage/SenateFinanceSpecialRetirementSubcommittee/September142011Meeting/SCRS&GRSPresentation9-14-11.pdf>

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In summary, we are at a crucial point. We cannot let a Legislative Alert go by and must keep our Congressmen and Senators aware of our view of the issues. The next opportunity for a National Call-in is **Wednesday, November 2**. Take the time to call using the 1-800 numbers. If lines are busy, use the regular AC202 lines, the Congressman's email drop, or the local/regional office who can forward the message to their Boss. Numbers of calls establish the genuine interest in the Districts and the State.

Thank you for your service and your continued support of NARFE as we work to protect our benefits in these challenging times.

Best regards.

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## Proposals for deficit reduction

This table shows how various proposals to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction would affect federal employees. These proposals were submitted to the committee by members of Congress who have oversight responsibility for the federal workforce.

	<b>White House</b>	<b>House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.)</b>	<b>House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Democrats</b>	<b>Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman and Ranking Republican</b>	<b>Senate Federal Workforce Subcommittee Chairman Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii)</b>
<b>Pay</b>	No recommendation; effectively assumes pay freeze will continue only through 2012	Would extend freeze through 2015 and eliminate within-grade increases	Opposes extending freeze	Would extend freeze through 2013	Opposes extending freeze
<b>Employee contributions to retirement</b>	Would increase by 1.2 percentage points for all employees, phased in over three years starting in 2013	Would increase contributions by 6.2 percentage points from FERS employees and by 3 percentage points from CSRS employees, starting in 2013	Opposes any increase	Supports White House plan	Opposes any increase
<b>Retirement calculations</b>	No recommendation	Would change calculation base from highest three consecutive years of salary to highest five	Opposes any change	Calls change to high-five base reasonable but says impact should be lessened for those near retirement if enacted	Opposes any change
<b>Retirement supplemental benefit that replicates a Social Security benefit for FERS employees who retire before age 62</b>	Would eliminate for newly hired employees	Would eliminate except for those subject to mandatory early retirement such as law enforcement officers	Opposes any change	No recommendation	Opposes any change
<b>Federal employees health benefits program prescription drugs</b>	Would allow single government-wide contract for prescription drug costs rather than continuing separate contracts by individual carriers	No recommendation, but committee has not advanced similar bill	Supports White House proposal	Supports White House proposal	Supports White House proposal
<b>Workforce size</b>	No recommendation; earlier budget assumed slight growth in 2012	Would reduce workforce by 10 percent through attrition and partial hiring freeze	Opposes cuts workforce	Opposes "arbitrary" limits on employment or hiring, saying decisions should reflect program and budget levels No recommendation	
<b>Other</b>		Would eliminate FERS for newly hired employees and for those with less than five years of service, replacing it with new defined contribution plan		Recommends revisiting 2009 change in law allowing employees under FERS to credit unused sick leave toward a retirement benefit	Recommends allowing phased retirement: working part-time and receiving pro-rated salary and pro-rated annuity

ERIC YODER/THE WASHINGTON POST

To: All Chapter and Federation officers  
From: Information Technology Department

Greetings,

“The long awaited F7 Chapter Officer Roster and F7A Federation Officer Roster online forms are here!!!!”

There are new online F7 (Chapter Officers Roster) and F7A (Federation Officers Roster) forms posted on NARFE website. We believe the design and the functionality of these forms are straightforward enough to encourage majority of the chapters and federations to implement the use of these form in lieu of paper forms. Instructions on how to use these forms are posted on the F7 and F7A website pages. These forms can now be accessed by chapter and federation Presidents as well as chapter and federation Secretaries.

The next time you visit NARFE’s website you will see it has a nice new look. Below are the new directions for accessing your monthly financial (and membership) reports.

- Log on to the NARFE website and sign in as a member.
- Click on the “NARFE Officers Home Page” button (in orange font)
- On the left panel, third down, click on NARFE Online Reports.
- Next, click on “Chapter reports” (if you are a Chapter) or “State reports” (if you are a State Federation).

You still require a Username and Password to access your reports. If you do not have these, you will find instructions on setting up a ‘Username’ and ‘Password’ on the screen. However, only a Chapter or Federation President can set these up. It is important that you contact your Chapter or Federation President regarding the username and password, as there is only one user name and password for each Chapter and Federation.

Thank you.

Tayo Coker-Polson  
Director, Budget and Finance

To: All NARFE Members

Julie Tagen, formally NARFE’s Assistant Legislative Director, has been named Legislative Director to replace Dan Adcock. Dan has left NARFE for another position.

The December issue of NARFE magazine has an article about Ms. Tagen. This change is effective November 7, 2011.

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## **YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012**

Your 2011-12 Federation Officers are as follows:

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2nd Vice President.....Kathy Hensley, Columbia, Chapter 87  
Secretary.....Esther Crandall, North Charleston, Chapter 72  
Treasurer.....Joe McCarty, Greenville, Chapter 121  
Historian.....Paul Donahue, Columbia, Chapter 87  
Chaplain.....Nellie Bodenhamer, Columbia, Chapter 87  
Sergeant-at-Arms..... Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082  
Immediate Past-President .....Jeanette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560

### **DISTRICT FIELD OFFICERS With Chapters in Their Districts shown:**

District # 1...Margaret Baptiste, Charleston Chapter 1013: N. Charleston 72, Charleston 1013, Summerville 1082  
District # 2...Ernest Williams, Columbia, Chapter 87: Columbia 87, Aiken 934, Orangeburg 1170  
District # 3...Robbie-Ann White, Clemson Chapter 1079: Anderson 825, Greenwood 920, Clemson 1170  
District # 4...Jeannette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560: Greenville 121, Spartanburg 560  
District # 5...Virginia Pratt, Rock Hill, Chapter 1180: Newberry 772, Rock Hill 1180, Sumter 1786, Camden 2319  
District # 6...TBA: Florence 960, Myrtle Beach 1015, Pawley's Island 1958  
District # 7...Mamie Clarke, Beaufort , Chapter 1021: Beaufort 1021, Walterboro 1185, Hilton Head 2258

**Article submitted by Jesse Adams, Chapter 960 Florence, SC:**

FLORENCE- With Thanksgiving less than a month away, one might think the shelves at the Harvest Hope Food Bank's emergency pantry in Florence would be full of items collected for those in need, instead they are empty and collecting dust.

Harvest Hope officials say in the past year alone, they have seen an increase of approximately 145% in the number of individuals and families who have come to them seeking assistance with basic needs.

In addition to providing walk-in clients with the help they need, Harvest Hope also partners with more than 150 other agencies across the Pee Dee that help distribute food to those in need.

Officials said over the past three months though, they've been unable to provide to the other agencies because there has not only been a dramatic increase in those who are unemployed or who have been greatly impacted by the economy, but there has also been a dramatic decrease in the amount of donations given to the pantry by the community.

"We're seeing that, with the economy going back and forth, donations are down, food drives are down, all the companies are cutting back because they're having to cut back as well," said Michael Murphy, Executive Director of Harvest Hope of the Pee Dee.

"While we definitely understand that, the people who are really getting left out are the people who need the food the most," he said.

Murphy said donations have been so scarce that the pantry's shelves have remained empty for week after week, and Harvest Hope officials are having to connect needy families with partner agencies who can temporarily supply them with needed food.

Murphy said that in spite of the crisis, Harvest Hope is not turning away those in need, but instead trying to help them get the necessary food to put on their tables, through other agencies that ordinarily rely on Harvest Hope themselves.

"It is a major impact when we have all of our 153 agencies come through here to pick up food and they cannot redistribute food back into their community, so it's a ripple effect," Murphy said.

"We don't get the food, they don't get the food to be able to pass back out, so it just makes the economy worse and worse. We're seeing a drastic hit in this part of the area and we definitely need the help," he said.

Murphy said even though donations are needed year round, the agency is coming up on an especially busy portion of the year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas quite literally, around the corner.

He said that there is major concern on behalf of Harvest Hope officials that if the community does not help in the form of donations, that many families across the Pee Dee, will go without.

"It's amazing the calls that will just tear at your heart strings...we have a lot of children who need help, we have a middle class that's definitely needing help and our seniors too, as well," Murphy said.

Harvest Hope officials say they are being helped by some companies in the area, holding can food drives, but say there is an urgent need now to help families currently impacted.

Murphy said the agency is taking any and all donations of canned goods or dry food or even monetary donations that would help the agency purchase food for those in need.

Donations can be made at the Johnson Controls Distribution Center Lobby, one of the companies holding a food drive in Florence; Harvest Hope Food Bank, at the Pee Dee State Farmers Market; or through the Thanksgiving Harvest Challenge Virtual Food Drive.

In 2011 so far, by partnering with 153 member agencies, the Pee Dee branch distributed nearly 4.75 million pounds of food and personal care items to more than 400,000 people.

For more information, log on to [www.HarvestHope.org](http://www.HarvestHope.org) or call the food bank at 843-661-0826.

Thank You

Jesse Adams

President Chapter 960

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Check out the SC Federation Website for additional Information

[www.scnarfe.org](http://www.scnarfe.org)

Any of the Blue Underlined items in this newsletter are hyperlinks! By clicking your mouse on them, you'll be taken to the appropriate web page, form or e-mail service.

**NOTE:** You can download the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention Minutes and the Revised Compendium on the SC Federation Website. Go to the Federation Website, click on Related Links and near the bottom you will see a BOX for the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention Minutes and one for the Convention Attachment. Simply click on them and the documents will pop up. You can also use these hyperlinks: Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention can be found at this hyperlink:

<http://scnarfe.org/MINUTES%20OF%20THE%2047TH%20ANNUAL%20STATE%20CONVENTION.pdf>

The Attachment, the Revised Compendium, can be found at this hyperlink:

<http://scnarfe.org/ATTACHMENT%20TO%20MINUTES.pdf>

## **NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR**

**NARFE SC Federation Convention** - TBA, Myrtle Beach, SC., TBA-2012

**NATIONAL NARFE Convention** - Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV in 2012

**NATIONAL NARFE Convention** - Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL, August 24-28, 2014