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FEDERATION PRESIDENT



Bill Jaillet-SC Federation President

It is a great privilege and honor to have been elected the Federation President, and I will work hard to maintain the high standard established by Bill Nicol. We owe Bill a huge thank you for all of the work he has put in and the leadership he provided our organization. As I indicated at the Convention I fear that this upcoming year will be a very crucial time for Federal employees and retirees. We must band together and address every threat to our benefits. Only you can call your congress-

sional representatives and express your support for NARFE's position on legislation. Remember numbers count.

I addressed several goals at our state convention. Among them is the importance of every Chapter being represented at the National convention either by a Chapter delegate or by proxy. I have forwarded an excellent "how to do it paper" prepared by our Federation legislative Officer, John Geiger to the Federation Officers with the request that they make it available to all of the Chapters. I stressed the importance of the NARFE PAC and strongly urge every NARFE member to make a donation no matter how small. Every dollar counts. You can expect to see a new Federation membership plan. It will have some surprises in it. Federations exist to help Chapters and I intend to make that premise the key-stone of my Presidency. BUT the Chapters have to do their job. They must recruit and retain members. Remember we our earned benefits, paid for them and continue to pay for them.

Bill Jaillet
South Carolina Federation President

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to again thank you very much for your support during this past year as President of the South Carolina Federation of Chapters. These are trying times for the National Organization and our Federation. We all have much work to do to keep NARFE a viable organization and a force in protecting our hard-earned benefits. Bill Jaillet is our new President and I would encourage you to give him the same support you gave me.

We had a successful convention in Myrtle Beach April 9-11. Attendance was down but the enthusiasm was high. However, the convention will truly be successful if those in attendance take back what was learned from the speakers and apply it at the chapter level. The District

Field Officers must work with the chapters who were not represented and make sure they have what they need to succeed.

The host for this year's convention was District 6 Field Officer Sam Quade and the Myrtle Beach and Pawley's Island Chapters. I want to thank everyone from District 6 who contributed, especially Myrtle Beach Chapter President Linda Kossow-Pagani and her chapter members and Pawley's Island Chapter President Camille Tudor and her chapter members. They and their chapter members contributed greatly to the success of the convention. I also want to express my appreciation to Pat Currie for serving as the Federation Secretary.

I enjoyed the past year under somewhat trying circumstances. I met many new people and was always encouraged by their support of NARFE. If I can be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact me.

Bill Nicol

MAY MESSAGE FEDERATION



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

SALLY DEPREKER

KUDOS FOR THE 48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Wow! I had a great time at our Convention last month. Thank you Robbie Ann White for doing the leg work and finding us such a nice facility! The Spring Maid Beach Resort was very nice: reasonably priced; clean, comfortable rooms; breathtaking views of the ocean; and a fantastic breakfast buffet that included fresh fruit and omelets made to order. Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach, handled the registration process beautifully and stocked the hospitality room with food that was delicious and plentiful. So thank you, thank you, thank you to each and everyone that worked to make the convention so enjoyable.

And thank you, Bill Nichol, for such a worthwhile convention agenda. We met our National Vice President, Ron Carew, and our Public Relations Director, Chuck Timanus. They gave us the latest rundown on what Headquarters is doing in regard to membership and public relations—both areas relate directly to how successful our legislative efforts will or won't be. We need members for clout with Congress and those Feder-

al employees who are not NARFE members need us for support and guidance—we've got to contact them and let them know we are the ONLY organization solely dedicated to the protection of their EARNED benefits. They MUST join us.

Both Ron Carew and Chuck Timanus pointed out that there are matching funds available to help with your chapter's recruiting/retention efforts. Headquarters has a new Director of Membership, Bridget Boel. She replaces John Clements, who recently retired. Ms. Boel has a broad background in association marketing and membership and she will be more than glad to assist your chapter in designing effective ads/billboards for marketing NARFE. In the most recent issue of NARFE's *Recruiting & Retention Journal* (January, February, March), Ms. Boel states that Headquarters is currently working on a Member-Get-A-Member mailing, which will include pass-along applications with the member's identification number imbedded. An incentive will be offered to those whose efforts result in recruitment. Be on the lookout for one of these mailings. In addition to the pass-along application, Headquarters is developing a new membership brochure.

Our new Federation president, Bill Jaillet, is also offering Federation matching funds for individual chapter membership recruitment and retention efforts. This means that if an ad is going to cost your chapter \$300.00, Headquarters will assist with \$150.00 of that amount and the Federation will then assist with \$75.00, reducing your chapter's liability to \$75.00. 2

Additionally, Bill is interested in creating a membership drive with cash rewards. Its guidelines will be revealed as soon as the plan is finalized—you may be asked for input.

We had some good input from our chapters as to how they are working on contacting and enlightening potential members. Each chapter should have by now received a copy of Spartanburg's approach to membership and a copy of Hilton Head's membership plan (DFOs were given copies for each district's chapters). Hilton Head is definitely setting a high standard for the rest of us—how fortunate we are that both our Federation's past and present presidents are members of Chapter 2258 and very supportive of efforts to attract and maintain membership. That chapter also shared with us an ad used by two chapters (Hilton Head and Beaufort) in a Beaufort County bi-weekly newspaper, and it is interested in pursuing statewide NARFE billboard advertising. Chapter 87's Clara Gillentine is developing a method for contacting the various Federal agencies within Columbia as a means to reach potential NARFE members. Chapters 72 (North Charleston) 1013 (Charleston), and 1082 (Summerville) went together to have a table at the Flowertown Festival in Summerville. They offered a drawing for a free membership and received about 45 names of prospective members in their area. They plan on personally contacting each of the prospects.

If you have questions about the matching funds process, suggestions for a Federation-wide recruitment/retention campaign, or need more information about advertising, please feel free to contact me at smdepreker@sc.rr.com or call me at (843) 664-0488.

Thank you!

Sally DePreker

1st VP, SC Federation

MEDICARE'S PREVENTIVE SERVICES (PART 2 OF 2)

Here are some more disease

Prevention and early detection services that are free if you have both Medicare A and B.

Glaucoma Tests. If your doctor determines you're at risk for glaucoma, cost of annual screening tests are covered by Medicare.

Hepatitis B. Shots.

Medicare pays for this series of three shots that provides protection for people at high or medium risk for Hepatitis B.

Pap Test and Pelvic Exam including Breast Exam.

These lab tests and exams are available every 24 months without cost for all women and once every 12 months for women at high risk.

Pneumococcal Shot.

Medicare pays for the shot that helps prevent certain types of pneumonia. Most people need this shot only once in their lifetime.

Prostate Cancer Screening.

This Annual digital rectal exam and PSA lab test for men is covered by Medicare.

Screening Mammogram.

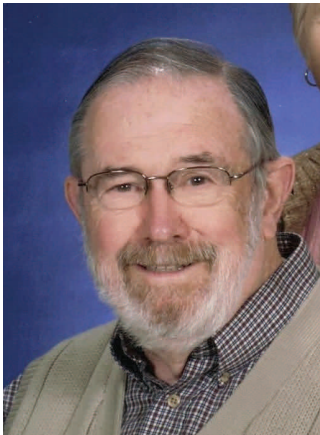
The x-ray check for breast cancer every 12 months is paid by Medicare.

Larry T. Shaff, Federation Service Officer.

NARFE South Carolina Federation

Web Coordinator's Report

Paul D. Donahue,



SCNARFE FED Web Coordinator

Unlike Billy Joel's blockbuster song rendition of "*Born in the USA*", or even Tom Cruise's epic movie saga of a returning disabled Vietnam soldier in "*Born on the 4th of July*"; our South Carolina Federation of NARFE Chapters Website was launched, with little or no fanfare and will be in existence eight years this coming July 4th! It simply consists of the SCNARFE.ORG Federation website and includes those individual websites for all twenty-one NARFE Chapters located right here in South Carolina.

The total annual cost to the

Federation for maintenance of these sites is approximately \$61.00 per year, or less than \$3.00 per Chapter per year. We do have the capability of adding other sub-domains as needed. One thing that our website server is opposed to is social media engagement and consequently it doesn't allow any form of "blogging" practices. That restriction alone precludes our entertaining any thought of establishing a Federation E-Chapter being coupled with our existing websites.

Information conveyed on the individual websites are, a brief description about the Chapter, where and when it holds its meetings, who the current officers and committee chairs are; including their e-mail addresses if available and related links for contacting their local politicians, viewing a Chapter newsletter again – if available and access to the Federation monthly newsletter. Other information may be linked, and specific Chapter email addresses are available, at the discretion of the Chapter Officers.

As the Federation Web Coordinator, I presently post local newsletters to the Charleston, Columbia, Hilton Head, Greenville, Spartanburg, Pawley's Island and Summerville Chapter Websites.

When I am informed

about newly elected Officers and Committee Chairs I will correct that Chapter's website accordingly. Although required by National, as a matter of routine, I do not receive an F-7 Form e-mail report from every Chapter's secretary, especially when they are filing that document with Headquarters. For that purpose I list two NARFE e-mail addresses, pad-dona@scnarfe.org and webmaster@scnarfe.org My personal e-mail address is pad-dona@windstream.net NOTE: When forwarding the F-7 Report, please indicate the Chapter Number in the header information. Thanks.

I am always open to suggestions on methods of improving these website's. Additionally, I invite those members who are technologically inclined, who wish to organize, revamp and/or maintain their respective Chapter's website to please contact me. I welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters and am always open to entertaining such thoughts of passing the baton.

GSA Mileage Rate

U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has adjusted the 2012 calendar year privately owned vehicle mileage rate to 55.5 cents for business miles traveled on or after April 17, 2012 (Federal

Travel Bulletin FTR12-06) This is an increase of 4.5 cents above the prior GSA rate. The IRS rate changed to 55.5 cents effective July 1, 2011; however, GSA did not agree with the rate at that time.

Submitted by , Paul D. Donohue.

NEW SC FEDERATION NARFE ALZHEIMER'S COORDINATOR

SC NARFE Federation President Bill Jaillet is pleased to announce that **Olivia Williams** 22 Garden Springs Rd. Columbia, SC 29202-8722 is the new SC Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator. E-mail address is: oeashf3@bellsouth.net Her appointment is effective immediately. The SC NARFE Federation is pleased to thank **Betty Wessinger** for her outstanding service to the Federation and wish her well in the future. Please pass this information on to the SC NARFE Chapters as soon as possible.

NARFE Legislative Officer May 2012 Report

It has been a busy time for South Carolina NARFE members in the past month with the Myrtle Beach Federation Convention and Easter Recess for our Senators and Representatives, providing opportunities to register our views on those issues that

dramatically affect pay, pensions and benefits. In the run-up to the Convention, we chose not to publish the April Newsletter, but I hope you were able to get my Legislative Officer Report for April that was sent out to our Newsletter readers.

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Convention Notes: NARFE National Vice President Paul Carew was our keynote speaker and he brought with him one page handouts titled "Key Legislation that Concerns Retired & Active Federal Workers." Look for this in the Protect America's

Heartbeat Toolkit, and the prospect that it will be updated periodically to provide our membership with the latest information. Paul Carew made a powerful observation—that "when the people (Congress) who determine our Retirement benefits and wages join the Choir, we have a big problem." And we do have a problem.

Outgoing President Bill Nicol had asked me to cover the Federation Legislative Update and create a Chapter Legislative Plan. To do this, I presented a Legislative Assessment that could be conducted by each Chapter. Filling in the blanks, each Chapter could meet the attributes of an effective Legislative Plan. I sent copies of my Legislative Update notes to your Legislative Chairs or your Chapter President, in the event your Chapter didn't have a Legislative Chair. If you haven't seen this in your Chapter, drop me a line and I will send you a copy.

Status of Legislation: Look at the following status that appears on the last two pages as affects *Workforce, Compensation (as in workers compensation), Pay, Annuities and Health Benefits*. Most are threats to the current Active Federal Employees and future Federal Employees, but consider that the 2010 President's Fiscal Commission (also known

as Simpson-Bowles) has numerous possibilities to focus on Retiree pension, cost of living and health benefits.

Sequestration Latest: As if the Federal Family had enough to worry about, there still is the prospect of sequestration. In addition to the FY2013 budget cuts, if Congress doesn't solve sequestration, the Federal Government is in for even steeper cuts. There are two proposals in the House to overcome the mandated sequester. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) has introduced the Sequester Replacement Act, H. R. 4966, to eliminate language in the Budget Control Act of last August that raised the debt ceiling. The second is the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act, which was voted on May 7, and was the result of the recommendations of 6 House Committees—one of which was the Committee on Oversight and Governmental Reform. The principal driver for these two proposals is avoidance of draconian cuts to the Defense Budget—something clearly recognized by both parties. The Defense Budget accounts for 17% of the Federal Budget, but would account for 50% of the cuts under sequestration. The rub is how Congress intends to pay for avoidance of these greater cuts that pits America's Military against Federal Employees to arrive at a solution. The House Budget Committee voted on May 7 to render what amounts to a 5 percent payroll tax on Federal Employees with increases in retirement contributions to pay for part of the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation

Act of 2012. NARFE members have a chance to be heard by their Representative with the **May 8 GEMS Legislative Alert "House Singles Out Federal Workers for \$83 Billion More in Pay Cuts."** If ever there were a time to fax a letter/ send a Capwiz email, now is that time, as the vote on this proposal to avoid sequester by the full House is scheduled for Thursday May 10. The early numbers were 42 calls being placed by South Carolina NARFE members on this crucial issue.

The Highway Bill—the Sequel: At the end of March, the President signed a 3-month extension of the Highway Bill, H. R. 7. Look for the longer-term measure (5 years) on or before June 30, that includes Federal retirement changes to pay for the highways. The House and Senate better hurry, as the Federal Employee 'piggy bank' may not have any funding left—it would be used up trying to avoid the sequester.

Visit during the Easter recess: Members of the Columbia Chapter #087

visited Congressman Joe Wilson (SC District 2), on April 12 where discussions ensued about NARFE's mission in Protecting America's Heartbeat. In attendance were: Tom Daniels, Past-Chapter Treasurer; W.K. "Chub" Jordan,

Sergeant-at-Arms; Clara L. Gillentine, 1st VP - Membership; Congressman Joe Wilson

(R-2nd District); Spokesman William M. Toney, 3rd VP - Legislative; Paul D.

Donahue, South Carolina NARFE Federation Historian and Web Coordinator.

Mentioned at the meeting were NARFE's concerns about the overall \$75 Billion in budget savings sacrificed by Federal Workers to get the country's budget back on track; the proposed cuts to the Federal workforce to reduce the Federal debt, including

H. R. 7 "The American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act"; HR 3818, "The Securing

Annuities for Federal Employees Act"; the 2013 House Budget Resolutions issued

March 21st and the pay freeze for Active Federal Employees extended through 2015; newly hired employees retirements calculated on highest 5 years instead of current high of 3 years; FERS retirees' supplemental payment for those who are not old enough for Social Security would be eliminated, cut in Federal workforce by 10% percent;

and the job loss of 100,000 at the U.S. Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and

Homeland Security. Thanks to the Columbia Chapter for conducting this important

visit and thanks to Congressman Joe Wilson for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with his 2d District constituents who just happen to be NARFE members.

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We desperately need to conduct similar visits with Congressman Mick Mulvaney (R-5th District) and Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-4th District) primarily because of their key committee assignments (Mulvaney on the Budget Committee and Gowdy on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform). Please let us know of any breakthrough meetings with either of these Congressmen.

Federal Scandals Don't Help Our Case: Between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Secret Service, the negative publicity generated in the past month tends to detract from the good work being done every day by the 2.4 million members of the Federal Workforce. Discovery of wrongdoing or bad behavior in the Federal sector make headlines, but rest assured, investigations will be thorough and action taken. It's just that the action might be a few months down the line, and not receive the same publicity. Congressman Trey Gowdy, (R-4th District) and member of the Committee on Oversight and Governmental Reform called for "indictments" related to the GSA incident as opposed to "memo's or reports."

Kudos Again to NARFE Headquarters for Legislative Conference Calls: Chris Farrell, NARFE Legislative Representative, conducted 2 more Regional calls on May 4 to discuss the latest Legislative information. These calls continue to be very helpful to the leadership and Legislative Officers/Directors of the Federations across the country, providing an excellent feedback mechanism as to what NARFE members are doing in

their States and Congressional Districts to obtain face time with their Senators and Representatives during State and District Work Periods. Chris was able to give us a heads-up on what to expect related to the Sequester avoidance bills and votes occurring after the House returned from Easter Recess. According to Chris, the Phased Retirement Plan for Federal Employees, which was discussed in detail in the April Federation Legislative Report, appears to be a win-win in that it eases the institutional memory loss while reducing personnel costs. Chris also provided us a number of exhibits which dealt with Budget Committee deliberations and process.

Links to SC Congressional District Map, Candidates and Campaign Finance Information:

This is reprinted from a March 12, 2012, letter from Chris Farrell of the NARFE National Legislative Department and should be part of your legislative Toolkit.

The map for South Carolina's 7 Congressional Districts is at:

http://images1.dailykos.com/user/96305/SC_redistricting_map_large.jpg

2) Link to active candidates--a good starting point for finding congressional candidate websites in South Carolina.

http://narfe.capwiz.com/election/guide/?state=SC&racess=cgressional&browse_races=Go

3) Federal Election Commission (FEC) campaign finance information for South Carolina House candidates in the current 6 Congressional Districts at:

<http://www.opensecrets.org/races/election.php?state=SC> You can use the links to obtain much more detailed information.

Our Legislative Action Centers, "Elections and Candidates" module allows users to enter their South Carolina street address and ZIP Code to find their "new" congressional district and the candidates running in that district. The gateway to this feature is <http://narfe.capwiz.com/narfe/election/home/>

At the State level

Ballot Upheaval in Wake of State Supreme Court Decision: Wednesday, May 2, the State Supreme Court issued a decision which dramatically impacts this year's elections across the state at all levels of state and local government.

Last month, a lawsuit was filed in Lexington County in a dispute over the requirements for a candidate's name to properly appear on a primary election ballot under the state law governing requirements for filing for office. The state law was passed in 1991 and effective in 1992. The State Supreme Court ruled that the 1992 state law requires an individual to file a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) at the same time and with the same official with

whom a Statement of Intention of Candidacy (SIC) is filed, and that the same state law prohibits political party officials from accepting an SIC which is not accompanied by an SEI. The state law at issue exempted any public official who already had a current SEI on file. Accordingly, the Court held that the names of any non-exempt individuals who did not file with the appropriate political party an SEI simultaneously with an SIC were improperly placed on the party primary ballots and must be removed.

In the wake of the State Supreme Court decision, the State Republican and State Democratic Parties were required to promptly provide the State Elections Commission with the list of candidates which the Parties certified to be on the ballot under the Supreme Court's decision. The Republican Party certified over **300** candidates and did not certify **88** candidates statewide. The Democratic Party certified over **200** candidates and did not certify **95** candidates statewide.

Legislation to address the problem by allowing many of the uncertified candidates to be placed back on the ballot is being considered this week at the State House. Concurrently, the Senate Judiciary Committee was considering the Senate bill this week. Legislation would still have to be approved by the U. S. Justice Department before the June 12 Primaries.

Restructuring – Budget and Control Board: The House

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amended and returned to the Senate H.3066 eliminating the South Carolina Budget and Control Board and transferring the responsibilities to three offices including the Department of Administration. To see a chart of the House proposal, go [here](#). The Senate proposal before the House changes can be seen [here](#).

State Retirement System

Reform: The Senate Finance Committee advanced H.4967 with several key provisions as follows: First, new employees as of July 1, 2012 will not be eligible for the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI) program. Existing TERI program participants will undergo a phasing-out process for five years, ending the program by June 30, 2018. In addition, the Average Final Compensation (AFC) as of July 1, 2012 will be computed using the average of the five highest years of compensation for new employees only. The Retirement Allowance Adjustment will equal 1 percent of annual annuity up to a maximum of \$500, effective July 1, 2012, and will be subject to annual adjustment. Vesting for new employees under the South Carolina Retirement System and Police Retirement System will be eight years. The amended bill also closes the General Assembly Retirement System for lawmakers elected after July 1, 2012. All newly elected lawmakers will be included in the same retirement system as state employees. To see a side by side summary of current law, the House bill, and the current Senate bill, go [here](#).

Note that Roll call votes in the S.C. House can be found at the www.scstatehouse.gov website.

In summary,

- Each week brings a new assault on the Federal workforce—Bills directly attacking pay and retirement contributions, Sequester-fix legislation to solve the chaos caused by the failure of the Super Committee, and peripheral bills (like the Highway Bill) that have unpleasant surprises lurking in them.
- The Federal Family is paying for deficit reduction, and Congress has displayed a new penchant to find apply savings to other things
- Note that the Federal Employees make up less than **2 percent** of the nation’s workforce but are being asked to pay for **30 percent of the reductions in the House’s budget plan**. Why is that Congressman?

Your emails, letters, phone calls and **visits**, to inform and educate about those issues that are important to those serving in the workforce, those who proudly served and those who supported them during difficult times. Please consider maintaining the momentum by responding to every Legislative Alert in this election year.

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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Note: The latest Status of Legislation follows on the final 2 pages

Status of Legislation—Thanks to Larry Harper, Georgia Federation Legislative Director, for the latest matrix on Status of Legislation which he presented at the GA Convention on May 3. A similar matrix is part of the Protect America’s Heartbeat titled “Key Legislation That Concerns Retired & Active Federal Workers.”

Status of Legislation Affects: **Bill Number**
(Title) Brief Summary and Sponsor

Workforce: **S.1789 (“21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012”)** passed Senate 4/25/2012, sponsored by Senator Lieberman (Independent-CT)

- USPS can offer buy-outs (VSIP and VERA) to 100,000
- Transfers \$11 B from Civil Service Retirement and Disabilities Fund (CSRDF) to USPS to fund VSIP

Authorizes USPS to establish the Postal Service

Health Benefits Program (outside of FEHBP)

Compensation: sec. 302-3 **“Federal Employees Compensation Act”**

Reduces FECA (worker’s compensation) benefits to 50% of pre-disability pay rather than 75% upon Compensation reaching retirement age.

Sets standard compensation rate of 66.7% for those under age 65, regardless of number of dependents (currently can receive as much as 75% of salary)

(NARFE does support H.R.2465 Fed Workers Compensation Modernization and

Improvement Act, which does that without reducing benefits)

Retirement Backlog: OPM directed to take steps to clear backlog of retirement claims

[despite the surge in retirements during the first 3 months of 2012]

Pay: **H.R.3835** Extends current pay freeze until Dec 31, 2013 for all federal workers and Members of Congress. Passed House 2/1/2012 sponsored by Congressman Duffy (R-WI)

Annuities: **H.R.3813** approved by House Oversight Committee, sponsored by Cong.

Ross (R-FL)

- Raises FERS employees’ contribution from 0.8% of salary to 2.3% of salary for current employees and by 4% for future workers.

- Changes retirement calculation from high three to high five years.

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Eliminates FERS Annuity Supplement

Annuities: Proposal by House Oversight & Gov't. Reform Committee Current employees would contribute an additional 1.5% of salaries in 2013, 0.5% in 2014, and another 1% in 2015, 2016, and 2017, sponsored by Cong. Issa (R-CA), Chair

(CSRS – Contribute 12% of salaries)

(FERS – Contribute 5.8% of salaries)

Status of Legislation
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Pay and Workforce:

S.2065 sponsored by Senator Kyl (R-AZ)

- Restricts hiring to two employees for every three employees who leave for five years.

Extends pay freeze for federal workers and Members of Congress until June 30, 2014

Pay, Workforce, and Annuities: **Ryan Budget**, passed House on 3/29/2012) sponsored by Cong. Ryan (R-WI). [predicted to be "Dead on arrival" in the Senate].

- Calls for \$375 billion in cuts over 10 years
- Extends pay freeze for three more years (total of 5 years)
- Reduces federal workforce arbitrarily by 10% through attrition

Raises employee's FERS contribution from

0.8% to salary to 6.25%

Annuities: Obama FY2013 Budget

- Raises employee's retirement contribution by 1.2% over three years.
 - Eliminates FERS Annuity Supplement for future employees.
- 0.5% pay raise for federal employees

Health Benefits: S.2196 "Congressional Health Care Act for Seniors" sponsored by Senator Paul (R-KY)

- Requires Medicare enrollees to enroll in FEHBP and slowly phase out Medicare
- Increases eligibility age of Medicare to 70

Requires wealthier Americans to pay higher premiums.

Annuities: S.644 Eliminates defined-benefit annuity for new federal workers (this benefit has been in place for 90 years), sponsored by Senator Burr (R-NC)



COLUMBIA, SC CHAPTER #87 VISIT TO CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON (SC 2nd DISTRICT)

In Attendance: Tom Daniels, Past-Chapter treasurer; W.K. "Chub" Jordan, Sgt-at-Arms; Clara L. Gillentine, 1st V.P.-membership; Congressman Joe Wilson (SC 2nd District); Spokesman William H. Toney, 3rd VP-Legislative; Paul D. Donahue, SC NARFE Federation Coordinator.



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“Information Shared is Information Learned!”

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NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

SC NARFE FEDERATION OFFICERS MEETING

SEAWELL'S COLUMBIA SC Wednesday- June 13, 2012

NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV; August 26-30, 2012

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