



MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

(Jeanette Keepers - Federation President)

I'm very disturbed by an emerging trend within our chapters that needs fixing, and quickly: embers are too afraid or reluctant to step up to leadership positions - so much so that it threatens the very existence of chapters as we know them. Last month, I was contacted by four chapters that felt they had no other option but to close because they didn't have a slate of officers for next year. These chapters vary in size from our second-largest at 372 voting members to our second-smallest at 64 members. I can understand why the latter is having a problem, because a good percentage of their members live out of state and they've been coping without a duly-elected president for the last year. I do have some good news to report. Within a week of first hearing about this problem and visiting one of these chapters with Sally DePreker, 1VP/Membership Chair, three of the four chapters were able to find officers and will be able to continue. Your Federation leadership will continue working with the other chapter to try to remedy their situation.

Our organization is not unique in this dilemma. Civic, fraternal, religious, volunteer and charitable organizations are suffering too, from a loss in membership numbers and from a lack of volunteers for leadership positions. The problem is widespread, but in my opinion, it's not insurmountable.

We, as Federal retirees and active employees have probably never faced a more uncertain future with the economy, the gridlock in Congress, and the soon-to-be released recommendations by the bi-partisan "Debt Commission". Our hard-earned benefits could possibly be on the chopping block, therefore it is imperative we ensure NARFE remains strong, beginning with you and me.

We need to focus on a two-pronged attack. NARFE Headquarters recruits the majority of our members - it's up to us to retain them. One of the easiest methods I use is to make personal contact with the chapter members and the first-time visitors to the chapter meeting. Making them feel welcome from the very beginning and letting them know that we value them as a person and as a NARFE member is so simple to do. The results speak for themselves. Another way is to encourage them to sign up for Dues Withholding (forms DW-2 or DW-3). It saves them money and it is "out-of-sight/out-of-mind" where their membership will never lapse for non-payment of dues.

We also need to mentor potential leaders. Find out what members' personal strengths, talents and interests are and then have them "shadow" a chapter officer to learn what the position entails. Bottom line: we simply can't wait until things reach a head and we find ourselves operating in a "crisis management" mode, trying to find volunteers for leadership positions.

Please make plans to attend the Federation Convention to be held Monday April 11th through Wednesday the 13th, at Hickory Knob State Resort Park, just outside of McCormick. This convention will be both a retreat and a learning experience, where we'll have at least three break-out



Jeanette Keepers - President

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seminars, with subject matter experts instructing us in key areas like Retention/Mentoring, Recruiting Active Federal Employees (AFEs) and a recap of the Legislative Training Conference. There will also be Q&A sessions and an overall recap of the seminars. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Holiday season and a wonderful New Year with your family and friends. For 2011, I challenge you to recruit at least one new member for NARFE!

Jeanette M. Keepers
SC Federation
President

The NARFE Membership Bucket

Imagine you are trying to fill a bucket with water. You would expect every drop you put in to eventually fill the bucket. However, if there is a leak, you may end up losing more water than you gain! Think of NARFE membership the same way. Every new member you add won't help your chapter membership increase if you lose valuable existing members.

Here are some suggestions to help plug that leak:

- Establish a welcoming committee to welcome new and prospective members.
- Get a new member involved by assigning him or her responsibilities.
- Keep chapter meetings interesting and relevant.
- If your members stop attending meetings, let them know they are missed.
- Evaluate your chapter's health periodically.
 - Is attendance declining?
 - Are members recognized for their contributions?
 - Are members' individual talents utilized?
- Develop a campaign to retrieve your lapsed members.

These are tough times, and it's easy to feel uncertain about how things are going to work out. We, as federal employees and retirees, have earned our health and retirement benefits and cannot afford to take them for granted. Just as Congress gave us those benefits with a stroke of a pen and a vote, those benefits can be eroded. So every chapter must have a call to action. As NARFE's membership numbers decline, so does its clout in Congress.

—Adapted from an article by Sally De Preker, first vice-president of the South Carolina Federation of Chapters, as featured in the August 2010 newsletter.

P.S. This article on the left was printed in the November issue of the NARFE Recruiters Journal. It is sent to all National Officers, Federation Presidents, Chapter and Federation Newsletter Editors, Pre-Retirement Speakers and Membership chairs in the NARFE Organization. It was adapted from an article that was written by our own Sally DePreker for the South Carolina Federation Newsletter last August. Kudos to our Federation 1st Vice President and Membership chair.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON THE FISCAL REFORM COMMISSION

(John Geiger - SC Federation Legislative Chair)

The Debt Commission canceled their meeting of yesterday and is holding their report release meeting which is being streamed live on the White House network. The draft report of November 10 probably will have most of the information and the President has already proposed a 2 year pay freeze for Active Federal Employees, Defense Department included. We shall see if the Congress falls in line on this one. Ironically, the President's Pay Freeze proposal is a conciliatory measure to the Republicans who want to see more of this type of savings on the backs of Federal Employees, Retirees, and Survivor Annuitants. Bottom line, don't look for Pay Parity (same increase for Feds as Military Personnel) as has been the case in years past.

NARFE Legislative Officer December 2010 Report

The lame-duck Congress has returned to the Capitol to perform the business of the people, and finds precious little time remaining to fund the Government for the fiscal year (another Continuing Resolution that must include the Defense Bill), vote on sustaining the Bush tax cuts and the Medicare fix that was due to expire on December 1 (representing a 23.5% cut to doctors). The Medicare fix does seem to be addressed-if only for 30 days, so we are not out of the woods yet. In the meantime, those Congressmen who will not return to the 112th Congress in January have to give up their office space, adding to the difficulty in working the issues during this time of transition.

An example of where we are in this transition, I received a response a couple of weeks ago from my 3rd District Congressman related to seeking his support on Federal Retirees being included in the \$250 payment during the No Cost of Living Increase next year. Congressman J. Gresham Barrett is already turning over the letters/emails he receives to the newly elected Congressman and suggested that I contact our Senators. Keep this in mind for those of you in the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Congressional Districts as you respond to Action Alerts from NARFE Headquarters. You can see there are already some transition challenges in responding to our inquiries during this Holiday Season.

Last month I mentioned the importance of cultivating contacts with the Congressional Staff in the District. I urge each Chapter to make this a discussion point in your Legislative update at your Chapter meetings as to progress on this important task. As our 4 new Congressmen receive their Committee assignments, we can fine tune our meetings with the Staff and ultimately the Congressmen when they are back in the District. And we should re-establish our contacts with both incumbents, Cong. Joe Wilson and Cong. Jim Clyburn as well as both our Senators. A handy reference that Jesse Adams, President of the Florence Chapter sent to us during the month was the Federal Employees and Retirees by Counties in Congressional District:

http://www.eyeonwashington.com/few_map_2008/htm/South_Carolina.html

This type of information is critical as we establish just who we represent in Congressional Districts-Active Federal Employees, Retirees, and Survivor Annuitants. These are the most up to date numbers available from the Office of Personnel Management as of November 2008.

At Newsletter press time, the Bi-Partisan Fiscal Commission (also known as the Debt Commission) is presenting and voting on their report. We have already received an Action Alert from NARFE Headquarters to let our Representatives know how we feel on the Debt Commission. We can respond immediately and need to do so if we are computer oriented (Capwiz e-Mail). But we need to get the word out to our Chapter members who don't have computer access, but who can certainly call and/or send a letter.

On November 10, the Commission issued a Press Release of its draft Recommendations in an Illustrative List of 58 Items for \$200 B savings. The detailed listing can be found at:

http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/Illustrative_List_11.10.2010.pdf

Before you print the List (it's 24 pages), note that Items 39 through 58 tell the Secretary of Defense how to do his job or spend his own planned cuts in the Defense budget. It is instructive, however, to look over the details that are usually found in summary in the national news.

At Newsletter press time, the Report is to be released at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 216 Hart Senate Office Building with video streamed live at WhiteHouse.gov/live during that time the Commission is discussing their findings. The all important vote on the final recommendations is now to be on Friday, December 3. This video will remain on the White House website for your review. Recall that the commission has looked at all aspects of government spending including Social Security, Medicare, defense spending, Veteran programs and Congressional pet projects (also known as earmarks). The Commission's recommendations require a consensus from 14 of the 18 members but that doesn't mean a particular recommendation will disappear as indicated in the President's proposed freeze on Federal salaries (Items 2 and 40 on the draft detailed listing). The potential savings proposed by the President is \$5 Billion compared to the \$1.3 trillion annual budget deficit. Apparently, the first target of choice to solve the budget deficit is on the backs of our working colleagues. Our Congressional Representatives and Senators (incumbent and newly elected) need to be reminded of the long-term impact this action has on recruiting and retention of the Federal work force, in addition to the obvious flaw of a salary freeze for those Department of Defense federal employees who support the current war fight.

At the State level, in the South Carolina State House, there are 20 new Legislators as a result of the November 2 elections. Out of 124 House members, there are now 76 Republicans and 48 Democrats. Our State Legislators have already had their organizational session, orienting new Representatives, obtaining committee assignments, and re-electing Bobby Harrell from Charleston as the Speaker of the House. The political makeup of the State House is important because of the effect on redrawing State House, State Senate, and U. S. Congressional Districts in 2011 which will be in place by 2012. As an aside, the nationwide Census conducted this past year will result in a 7th Congressional District in SC that will be in effect by 2012. The 2011 South Carolina legislative session will convene on the second Tuesday in January. Now is a good time to provide input to your Legislator on the critical issues facing our state and area which include tax reform and spending reform, for example. Also funding liabilities for state's retirement systems is a large ticket item in need of attention. It will be interesting to see how the retirement system for our State Employees will be handled. Solutions proposed will require difficult decisions based on the current economic conditions in the state and should be of interest to us all.

The report from the Tax Realignment Commission (TRAC) is due to be released "any day now," so be on

the lookout. Access for input to the provided to the Commission can be found on the "Citizens' Interest" page at www.scstatehouse.gov. In context, the State's economy continues to reflect the overall national economic downturn and is reflected in State General Fund Budget being down \$2 Billion in the past 2 years with another \$980 Million shortfall expected next year. Consider that our State Taxes have more than \$2.7 Billion in state sales and use tax exemptions-some over 50 years old, which are a part of the review of TRAC.

In closing, the mid-term elections are history, but our work has just begun. The opportunity to connect with new Staffers (or relocated Staffers) will help us to see the Congressmen when they are in your Congressional Districts to communicate the NARFE story and our interests in preserving our hard earned benefits. Let us know of your successes and challenges so we can publicize them across the Federation to help others who might find your experience of real value.

Thanks for your continuing support of NARFE.

John Geiger

SC Federation Legislative Officer

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MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



Sally DePreker - 1st VP

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)

It's only human nature to want to be recognized and appreciated for the good work we try to do. Since this is the end of the calendar year, many chapters may be presenting awards at this time to their hardworking members. My chapter in Florence recognizes its outstanding contributors in February, Chapter 960's anniversary month. There are two kinds of awards "sanctioned" by National: the Distinguished Member Award and the Citation for Distinguished Service.

The Distinguished Member Award is explained in the F-128 (10/08) and this publication can be downloaded from the NARFE website. It replaces the award that was previously given to NARFE members at least 85 years old who had at least 20 years of continuous NARFE membership. The "original" award waived annual dues to anyone meeting the criteria for the award, but with members living longer and our membership

numbers dropping, waiving annual dues was no longer practical. Recipients now receive a special "Distinguished Member" pin, "Distinguished Member" card, and a Congratulatory Certificate from NARFE's national officers. To qualify for the award, a chapter president or secretary must sign the Distinguished Membership Certification form, attesting that the age and length of membership requirements have been met.

Our NARFE Chapter and Federation Officers Manual (March/2010) outlines the requirements which must be met to qualify for a Distinguished Service Award, which is a citation bearing an embossed NARFE seal and red accent ribbon. These certificates are presented to NARFE members who have contributed to NARFE region-wide, federation wide, or chapter wide. Headquarters provides these certificates at no cost in five signature types: 1) Chapter President, 2) Federation President, 3) Regional Vice President, 4) National President, or 5) Regional Vice President and National President. Blank certificates for 1), 2) and 3) are available. For certificates 4) and 5), requests must be written and the service to be recognized must have had a noteworthy effect on a national program. The signing officer is the judge of the merits.

From time to time, I have reported, talked, and written about developing an annual Federation-wide award for the individual who has contributed the most to NARFE in South Carolina. I have also perused other Federation newsletters and websites to see what others are doing to recognize outstanding contributors. I found such an award on the Virginia Federation's website/newsletter. It is entitled the R. David Smith Memorial Award. I have modified it slightly, renamed it the Judy Kemp Outstanding Service Award, and attached it here for you to look over and discuss within your chapters. This award and its administration will be an agenda item at our Federation's Executive Board Meeting in Columbia on January 10. I think the "selection criteria" is on target, but I would propose having each chapter nominate an outstanding member to compete "district-wide." The district field officer and chapter presidents of each district would then select the outstanding member for that district. Each district winner's name and accomplishments would be forwarded to the "Awards Committee" for review and for selection as the most outstanding South Carolina member. The winner would be announced at the Federation's annual convention. To make this award meaningful and worth competing for, I recommend the Federation pay all convention-related expenses for the winner.

Thank you in advance for reviewing the proposed Judy Kemp Outstanding Service Award and have a special, peace-filled holiday season.

Sally DePreker
1st VP, NARFE, SC Federation

2011 JUDY KEMP OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to honor the memory of Judy Kemp and as a tribute to her leadership and dedication during her tenure in the South Carolina Federation of Chapters (SCFC) of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).

PURPOSE

To recognize significant citizenship and community service contributions of a member of the SCFC of NARFE that emulates the commendable example set by Judy Kemp.

The Nominee shall be a current member of a chapter in the South Carolina Federation of Chapters of NARFE, during the award period of January 1 - December 31, 2011. The nomination must be submitted in writing using the criteria listed below. The award will be presented at the 2012 SCFC Annual Convention.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria to guide the deliberations of the Selection Committee shall be approved initially, and when deemed appropriate, subsequently amended by the Executive Board of the SCFC.

One nominee will be selected by applying at least three of the following unweighted criteria:

- ★ Participated in chapter meetings in the State of South Carolina on a regular basis;
- ★ Gave outstanding service as an officer in a NARFE chapter;
- ★ Provided outstanding leadership as a chair or member of a chapter program committee;
- ★ Presented a commendable role model of citizenship as a NARFE member in his/her chapter;
- ★ Presented a commendable role model of citizenship as a volunteer in his/her community;
- ★ Recognized recruiter of NARFE members during the previous year.

The Selection Committee, appointed by the SCFC President, will consist of three SCFC Board members and one member of the Executive Board.

FORMAT

- 1) Nomination must be typed and no more than one 8-1/2 x 11 page.
- 2) Furnish full details and give specific examples of how nominee has met the required three or more criteria.
- 3) Provide the following information related to nominee:
 - a) Formal name of nominee as it would appear on award _____
 - b) Chapter name and number _____
 - c) Home address _____
 - d) E-Mail address _____
 - e) Phone number _____
- 4) Provide the following information related to the person submitting nomination:
 - a) Name _____
 - b) Title (if applicable) _____
 - c) Chapter Name and Number _____
 - d) E-Mail Address _____
 - e) Phone number _____

Nominations for the award may be submitted by any NARFE member in good standing for a member of his/her own chapter or another chapter located in South Carolina. Nominations should be mailed by first class mail to Sally DePreker, SCFC 1st Vice President, at 4105 Byrnes Blvd, Florence, SC 29506 or emailed to her at smdepreker@sc.rr.com. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2012.

CHAPTER RECRUITERS FOR OCTOBER 2010

Let's give a round of applause to our recruiters this month: William Pierce, Chapter 960, Florence, and Joseph Quade, Chapter 1958, Pawleys Island.

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)

Here are the new members for October 2010. Be sure to meet and greet them-at least give them a telephone call or an e-mail to welcome them. The * in front of someone's name means "prospective" member-do your best to contact them to answer any questions about NARFE and to encourage them to JOIN NARFE! We have 4 of them this month. We also have 4 transfers. Our chapters recruited 4 new members, and National is responsible for the remaining 21 additions to our rolls.

Chapter 72, North Charleston

Marion Valentino, Mount Pleasant

Chapter 87, Columbia

*Judy Durham, Irmo

Paul Menges, Columbia

Donald Myers, Columbia

Linda Stone, West Columbia

* Teresa Wilson, Columbia

Chapter 920, Greenwood

Jean Lawson, transferred from

Chapter 357 Takoma Park, MD,

Chapter 934, Aiken

Carroll Salter, Ward, SC

Chapter 960, Florence

Rosemary Perry, Pamplico, SC

Connie Pierce, Florence

* Mary Beth Gutstein, Hartsville

Chapter 2319, Camden

Catharine Strobe, Camden

Chapter 1013, Charleston

Lynn Graves, Charleston

James Hadden, Charleston

Steven Haug, Ravenel

Glenn Landau, Charleston

George O'Quinn, Charleston

Thelma Sullivan, Charleston

Maria Szoke, Charleston

Maureen Taylor, Charleston

Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach

Joanne Miserendino, Myrtle Beach

Chapter 1021, Beaufort

Nancy Luckey, Ridgeland

Roberta Gunderson, St Helena Island

Chapter 1082, Summerville

* Labet Perry, Summerville

Nola Smith, Ridgeville

Chapter 1180, Rock Hill

Robert Zweibel, Indian Land, SC

Transfer - Chapter 1232 St Paul, MN

Caroline Zweibel, Indian Land, SC

Transfer - Chapter 1232 St Paul, MN

Chapter 1185, Walterboro

Eidith Polk, Islandton, SC

Timothy Matthewson, Goose Creek

Chapter 2258, Hilton Head

Robert Graham, Okatie, SC,

Transfer-Chapter 893, Springfield, VA

Dorothy Nettles, Bluffton

Adele Tagler, Bluffton

CHAPTER REINSTATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2010

The following chapters are to be commended for their chapter's reinstatements:

Chapter 72, North Charleston: 4 reinstatements

Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach: 1 reinstatement

Chapter 87, Columbia: 1 reinstatement

Chapter 2258, Hilton Head: 1 reinstatement

Chapter 960, Florence: 1 reinstatement

Remember, the key to keeping NARFE membership numbers up is to work with your monthly Chapter Activity Report (M-112) and try to contact every member whose name appears there as receiving a second renewal notice or as being dropped for non-renewal.

HATS OFF TO OUR TOP SUMMER RECRUITERS

(NARFE National)

The top two recruiters in South Carolina for the summer, July-August-September, were Ernest Williams, Columbia Chapter 87 and Penny Joye, Florence Chapter 960. They both recruited five new members, and Barbara Bryan, Chapter 1082 and Donna Kea-Smith, Chapter 87 recruited two new members each. Great work NARFErs!

FEDERATION STATE CONVENTION 2011

(Jeanette Keepers - Convention Chair)

Don't forget to mark April 11, 12 & 13, 2011 on your calendar for the Annual South Carolina Federation Convention at Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC. We'll have more on this beautiful spring setting in upcoming newsletters. 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." Serene and tucked away, the 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.



NARFE LEGISLATIVE REPORT NOVEMBER 2010

(John Geiger - Legislative Officer)

The mid-term election resulted in Republican winners in 5 of 6 Districts and the surprise defeat of John Spratt, a 14-term Congressman in the 5th District, who has been a true friend of NARFE. We have our work cut out for us, but we also have an opportunity across the Federation to work with the newly elected Congressmen and their staffs to set the example for grassroots support of NARFE. Why is this so important now? Of course, the new Representatives will receive their Committee assignments in January. With the change in the majority, we will see new House leadership and new committee chairs, in addition to those newly elected members who are riding the wave of less government and reducing spending. In 4 Districts, we have new Congressmen to inform and new contacts to make. As these newly elected members establish their Congressional District

Offices, each Chapter needs to make the connection during this transition period, to learn who will be the all important Scheduler and the Office Manager. Each Chapter needs to do this, whether it's their President or Legislative Chair, but it is crucial to set the stage for future contacts with the Congressman. With Congressman Joe Wilson's re-election in the 2d District, the Columbia Chapter is way ahead of the rest of us because of their visits during the Meet Your Candidates initiative. The same goes for 6th District Congressman Jim Clyburn, who will be able to co-sponsor legislation in the 112th Congress, something he couldn't do as the Majority Whip. The other four new Congressmen will need Chapter visits. Now is an excellent time to re-establish contact with the Staffers of our 2 Senators, who have offices in the Upstate, the Midlands, and in Charleston.

We must be alert to the efforts of the lame-duck Congress, returning in mid-November, as they will be quite busy with the essential funding of the Government for the fiscal year (another Continuing Resolution) to include the Defense Bill, tax cuts and recall that the Medicare fix will be up for renewal on December 1 (or see a 23.5% cut to doctors). We need to be responsive during this holiday season, to requests from NARFE Headquarters (Action Alerts) to let our Representatives know how we feel on our "hot button" issues. An example of this is the \$250 payment for Social Security recipients, veterans and individuals with disabilities who receive disability insurance under Social Security to make up for the second year of No Cost of Living Increase. The bill, H.R. 5987, the Seniors Protection Act of 2010, does not specify federal, state, and local retirees and we were asked to contact our Representatives, so that they will be on the lookout when it comes up for a vote or some other relief.

We haven't heard much from the Debt Commission which is to have its report by December 1 (<http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/>). The sixth meeting is to be held on November 30, with the Report Presentation the following day. I would expect that the Report presentation (9:30am -12pm on Wednesday, December 1) would be a good way to capture the results or at least see the kinds of recommendations that we may see again in the long journey to reduce the debt. The commission is looking at all aspects of government spending including Social Security, Medicare, defense spending, veteran programs and Congressional pet projects. The commission's recommendations require a consensus from 14 of the 18 members.

At the State level, the 2011 South Carolina legislative session will convene on the second Tuesday in January. Now is a good time to provide input to your Legislator on the critical issues facing our state and area which include tax reform and spending reform, for example. Also funding liabilities for state's retirement systems is a large ticket item in need of attention. Solutions proposed will require difficult decisions based on the current economic conditions in the state and should be of interest to us all.

Finally, I attended our local Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 1, "Aiken Means Business" as it was an opportunity to meet the 2 Candidates (Jane Dyer and Jeff Duncan) for the 3rd Congressional District. I mention this as it was an excellent venue to hear the different views of the candidates on the issues when they made their presentations. From time to time, these Chamber opportunities will present themselves and I would highly recommend attending those that might be informative to our membership. It also is a good way to let the local Business Community know of NARFE interest and we learn what they are doing.

In closing, the campaigning is over, the elections are history, but our work has just begun. The opportunity to connect with new Staffers (or relocated Staffers) will help us to see the Congressmen when they are in your Congressional Districts. Please take advantage of this as it will be an excellent return on investment of time as we communicate the NARFE story and our interests in preserving our hard earned benefits. As always, let us know of your successes so we can publicize them across the Federation.

Thanks for your support of NARFE.

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Congressional Contacts:

You can obtain your Senator and Representatives mailing address and e-mail address at this SC NARFE

Federation Link: http://www.scnarfe.org/index_files/Page299.htm

Simply click your mouse on the link above and then click on the officials name. You'll be taken to his web site and be able to contact his office. There are a number of useful links on this page also.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

GREENVILLE CHAPTER 121

(Joe McCarty - President-Elect, Chapter 121 - Greenville)

Chapter 121 nominated members as the new officers in our chapter for 2011. Inasmuch as they are unopposed, we can safely say that they will be our new officers for 2011. They are Joe A. McCarty, President; Mitchell A. Upton, Vice-President; Toby Hunter, Treasurer; Patricia R. Currie, Secretary; and Pamela R.

Owens, Recording Secretary. They will be officially elected to these positions at our December Holiday Party on December 10th.

SUMMERVILLE CHAPTER 1082

(Barbara Bryan - President, Chapter 121 - Summerville)

Federation President Jeanette Keepers came to our Summerville Chapter Meeting on November 15, 2010. She installed the new officers for 2011. The photograph on the right shows the new officers being installed. They are, from left to right: Pat Whitely, Secretary; Barbara Bryan, President; Pat Tallman, 1VP; Gay McCants, 2VP; Bud Fauser, Treasurer; and of course our SC Federation President, Jeanette Keepers is on the extreme left.



Adam Bumpus - 2010
NARFE/FEEA Scholarship
Recipient

NARFE/FEEA

(David Unwin - SC Federation FEEA Coordinator)

Adam Bumpus, the grandson of Peggy Bumpas of Aiken Chapter 934, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from NARFE/FEAA this Fall. Adam was one of sixty students from NARFE families across the country who were awarded this scholarship, six in Region III alone. Adam will be attending the University of Tennessee.

FEEA (the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund) administers this scholarship program for NARFE. This scholarship is competitive and applications are submitted in the Spring of each year. This scholarship program is one of the reasons we are asked to support NARFE/FEAA - it helps our own! If you'd like to make a contribution to NARFE/FEAA you can download a donation coupon at this website. Simply click on the hyperlink below, print the form and send it to me with your check.

http://scnarfe.org/FEEA_COUPON.pdf

NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(Bob Muller - Federation Newsletter Editor)

As a result of change in my home communications provider, I have had an e-mail and home phone change. Please change your address book to reflect these changes:

Home address is the same. Home Phone number is **(864) 228-7927** Cell Phone **(864) 498-3880**

E-mail addresses are:

narfnewsletter@charter.net (Preferred for newsletter information.) Or bobmuller62@msn.com

Feel free to use any of these, I will receive e-mails from whichever one it is sent to. Be sure you remove the **broadstar.net** address from your records. Anything sent to that address will be lost. I've had several e-mails sent to my old **broadstar.net** account, but I can no longer read them at the provider. Thanks!

FROM THE FEDERATION HISTORIAN

(Paul D. Donahue, NARFE SCFED Historian)

Columbia, S.C. and NARFE Chapter #87 History

Strategically located at the confluence of the Broad and Saluda Rivers, forming the Congaree River, in the center of the state is its' capital, Columbia, South Carolina (SC). It was this centralized location that was considered most desirable by the General Assembly in 1786 to form Columbia that further dictated the overall development of the state. There was much debate in naming the town after George Washington or Christopher Columbus and by a vote of 11 to 7, the name, Columbia was adopted. Thus, it became the second planned city in America. By 1790 the state capital was moved from Charleston to Columbia. In 1860 South Carolina seceded from the Union. During the Civil War, in 1865, half of the city was burned to the ground by Major General Sherman's Union Forces. South Carolina was readmitted to the Union in 1868. There were no paved streets in Columbia until 1908. Fort Jackson was established in 1917, as a military training facility, which was later incorporated into the city. Columbia prides itself in being a great educational and cultural hub of the state. Additionally, Columbia, SC houses many branches of the federal government agencies.

In a response to a general inquiry by McLemore Roberts, SC NARFE Federation Historian, dated November 1975, it was reported by Chapter 87 President, David D. Jennings, that the Chapter was organized under the National Association of Retired Civil Employees (NARCE) and chartered on February 11, 1952. Its first Chapter President was Joseph O'Heare Sanders. Other Charter Members were: William S. Humphries, Thomas B. Madden, Clinton A. Miller, Eunita M. Ruff, and A.C. Sawyer. It was also noted that the Chapter was admitted to the State Federation on May 26, 1964. Unfortunately, over its almost 59 years of existence, many of the chapter's records have become misplaced. Sadly only those chapter records beginning in 1971 are readily

available for review. This does present some difficulty in an attempt to recall chapter officers and other memorable events that may have occurred during the prior 20 year period.

Although many fine chapter members have served in varying official capacities during the early years of the organization, the following additional chapter members, of record, have served as Chapter Presidents: Hugh N. Layne, 1971; O.N. Wainner, 1972-1973; Grier S. Kester, Jr., 1974; David D. Jennings, 1975-1976, 1989-1990; Estelle Creighton, 1977; Dr. Thomas S. Watt, 1978-1979; Claude R. Vaughn, 1980; Jean Jones, 1981-1982; Loye E. Nations, 1983; *no records exist for 1984-1986*; Mary Murray, 1987, 1991-1992; Hal Fisher, 1988; Mary Lois Lind, 1993-1994; Paul L. Ross, 1995-1996; Lydia Howard, 1997-1998; Carl Caughman, 1999-2000; Hugh J. Wessinger, 2001-2002, 2010; Paul D. Donahue, 2002-2004; Thomas Castelluccio, 2005-2006-2007 and Kathryn Hensley, 2008-2009.

The chapter meets every month, on the second Friday at Seawell's at 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC, directly across from the main entrance to the South Carolina Fair Grounds since 1976. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. A complete buffet lunch costs \$13.00 (*compared to 1976 prices at \$3.00*) per person, payable at the door. Reservations are not necessary. All active federal employees and retirees, their spouses and friends are welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Many notable and distinguished speakers have presented messages of lasting importance to the chapter over the years. Many NARFE #87 members have gone on to become South Carolina Federation Presidents, including: Henry Glen, 1966; John Jennings, 1973; O.N. Wainner, 1981; Luther Kelley, 1987 and Mary Q. Hoefer, 1997.

Columbia's Chapter #87 hosted the Federation's Annual Convention in 1966, 1973, 1984, 1997 and 2007. Official records indicate that the chapter's membership had peaked to 786 members in 1985.

NOTE FROM THE FEDERATION SERVICE OFFICER

(Larry Shaff, Federation Service Officer)

No More Paper Government Checks for Retirees

As part of the government's push for efficiency-and to save many trees-the Treasury Department will require everyone receiving Social Security, Supplemental Social Security Income, Veterans, Railroad Retirement and Federal Employees Retirement benefits receive their payments electronically. The requirement will apply to new enrollees beginning on March 1, 2011, and to existing check recipients beginning on March 1, 2013.

Individuals will be able to receive benefits either through direct deposit into a bank account or Treasury's Direct Express debit card. The Treasury Department will contact all retirees currently receiving paper checks and give them the option of receiving their benefits via one of these methods. Today, one million Americans are receiving their benefit payments through the Direct Express debit card and they have found the procedure safe, convenient and easy to use. Currently, 85 percent of federal benefit recipients receive their payments electronically. Direct deposit request forms are available from all banks. Retired federal employees may request direct deposit of their monthly payments on line at www.servicesonline.opm.gov. The individual's claim number and PIN or password will be necessary for the on line request.

The paperless benefits initiative is part of the department's effort to be more environmentally conscious and to save about \$300 million and 12 million pounds of paper in the first 5 years. In addition, the move from paper to electronic transactions will increase reliability, safety, security, convenience and control for benefit recipients.

Larry T. Shaff,
Federation Service Officer

CHECK LIST FOR THE AUDIT OF NARFE CHAPTER FUNDS

(NARFE Website)

NARFE Headquarters has an excellent Check Sheet for doing an audit of local Chapter Funds. Chapters would benefit from having it, to make their own audits easier. You can access it on the NARFE Website at this hyperlink: <http://www.narfe.org/pdf/ChapterAudit.pdf>

It is a PDF document that can be filled out on the internet and printed at the above link. It can also be downloaded and filled out by hand. A copy of the form is attached on page 11, at the end of this newsletter. .

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
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 Immediate Past-PresidentJohn Geiger, Aiken, Chapter 934

District Field Officers with Chapters in their Districts shown:

- District #1...Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082: N. Charleston 72, Charleston 1013, Summerville 1082
- District #2...Ernest Williams, Columbia, Chapter 87: Columbia 87, Aiken 934, Orangeburg 1170
- District #3...W. Dan Love, Anderson, Chapter 825: Anderson 825, Greenwood 920, Clemson 1170
- District #4...Joe McCarty, Greenville, Chapter 121: Greenville 121, Spartanburg 560
- District #5...Moses Moultrie, Sumpter, Chapter 1786: Newberry 772, Rock Hill 1180, Sumter 1786, Camden 2319
- District #6...Jesse Adams, Florence, Chapter 960: Florence 960, Myrtle Beach 1015, Pawley's Island 1958
- District #7...Bill Nicol, Hilton Head, Chapter 2258: Beaufort 1021, Walterboro 1185, Hilton Head 2258

These officers make up the Federation Executive Board.

NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

NARFE Federation Executive Board, 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.

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

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: Last day of the month preceding publication.

“Information Shared is Information Learned!”

Check List for the Audit of NARFE Chapter Funds

General Information

1. Name and number of Chapter: _____
2. Name of bank or credit Union where account is kept: _____
Is this institution federally insured? Yes ☐ No ☐ . If not account should be moved to a Federally insured Institution, preferably in an interest-bearing account.
3. Name of account: _____
4. Identity of account (Number): _____
5. Names of individuals authorized to sign checks on the account: *Two individuals should be authorized as a minimum.*
1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
6. Do checks need to be counter signed? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, names of individuals authorized to counter sign checks:
1. _____ 2. _____

Note: Questions 4, 5, and 6 above should be obtained from the bank or Credit Union where the funds are kept.

Income

1. Are all chapter funds received promptly deposited in bank or credit union accounts? Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Chapter dues are received from National with a listing of the dues. Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Other funds, such as kitty collections and other donations should be promptly recorded and deposited into the account. Yes ☐ No ☐

Disbursements

1. Are funds disbursed as authorized by the chapter president or other officers as specified in the chapter's bylaws and policies? Yes ☐ No ☐ . If not, what action was taken to obtain authorization for the disbursement: Please *annotate on reverse side.*
2. Do dispersed check match receipts/vouchers: Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Has per capita dues been remitted promptly to the Federation Treasurer . Yes ☐ No ☐ . If not, what action should be taken by the chapter to insure this is done: Please *annotate on reverse side.*

Other Items

- A. Are accurate records kept of all Chapter income and expenses? Yes ☐ No ☐
- B. Is a financial report prepared and presented to the Chapter each Month? Yes ☐ No ☐
- C. Are the financial records and bank statements reconciled each month? Yes ☐ No ☐
- D. Are the NARFE PAC funds kept separate from Chapter funds? Yes ☐ No ☐

This review of Chapter records was accomplished by:

Member: _____ Date _____
Member: _____ Date _____

Note: Audits can be any two members of the chapter with exception of the President, Vice President's, Secretary/Treasurer or Treasurer who should provide all necessary records and any assistance that should be required to conduct the audit.