

# WORDS OF WISDOM FROM REGION III



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# GOV'T SHUTDOWNS AVERTED



## 4 FY 24 Shutdowns Averted

- NARFE kept members/non-members informed

## On 4<sup>th</sup> Continuing Resolution

- Deadline #2 (March 22, 2024)
- Encompasses spending bills related to DoD, Homeland Security, Labor, HHS, Educ, Legislative Br, State & Foreign Ops, Fin Svc & General Government Deal reached at last minute

## CRs differ from Normal Appropriation Bills

- Main Distinction – The Duration each is in force

## Shutdowns didn't exist prior to 1980

- “Invented” by Benjamin Civiletti, President Carter’s AG
- Longest one was Dec 21, 2018– January 25, 2019 (34 Days)

## Possible gov't shutdowns are “political grandstanding”

# FEDCON24



- **August 18-20, 2024**
- **Hyatt Regency St Louis  
At The Arch - \$130**
- **NARFE's premier  
training event**
- **Early Registration - \$299**
- **Aug 18 – 2:15-4:45 PM –  
Annual Business Mtg**
- **Go to NARFE website  
and click on Events**

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



- Annual celebration in March that honors remarkable contributions of women to history, culture, and society.
- In 1980, President Carter issued first Presidential Proclamation designating the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week.
- 1987 – Expanded to encompass the entire month of March

# NARFE 2024 ELECTION TIMELINE



- 4/10** Notice of Adverse Bylaws Committee Decisions to Submitters
- 4/29** Appeals to Bylaws Committee
- 5/10** NEB Appeals of Bylaws Committee Rejection, if needed
- 5/15** Bylaws Committee Info Published in June/July NARFE Magazine
- NLT 6/1** Publication on Website of Amendments and Posting on FEDHub for Member Discussion. **No Revisions**
- 8/18** Candidate Forum and Bylaws Discussion(s) at FEDCon24

# NARFE 2024 ELECTION TIMELINE



- 8/20** Online Voting Begins after end of FEDCon 24 and Receipt of PIN
- 8/25** Synopsis of Bylaws Discussions Published
- 9/1** Ballots (with PIN) in September NARFE Magazine
- 9/30** Voting Ends
- 10/1** Results Posted on Website, Magazine, and any Other Media
- Results announced in the Dec NARFE Magazine



# WEP/GPO REPEAL



- **Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82 and S.597**
  - **H.R. 82 still hasn't passed; never added to the House Consensus Calendar**
  - **Has 308 Cosponsors**
  - **Reported out of House Ways and Means Committee without recommendations.**
  - **Bill did not receive further consideration on the House Floor**
  - **S.597 held in the Senate Finance Committee**
  - **Contact your member of Congress and your Senators and ask them to support this bill.**





# PSHB PROGRAM



- **Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 signed into law by President Biden – April 6, 2022**
- **New, separate program within FEHB Program to provide health insurance to eligible Postal Service employees, Postal Service annuitants, and their eligible family members.**
- **Will be administered by OPM**
- **Begins January 1, 2025 (2024 Open Season)**
- **Separate risk pool, with different plan rates**
- **The law will require all newly Medicare-eligible USPS annuitants and their Medicare-eligible family members to enroll in Medicare Part B to maintain their postal health coverage.**
- **Those already eligible and not enrolled in Part B will be able to do so without paying the late enrollment penalty**

# RECENT ISSUES ADDRESSED



- **Incorrect Member ID# on NARFE Magazine Label**
- **Update of Member Application Form**
- **Error on Member Application Form in Magazine**
- **Revising Member Renewal Form**
- **Elimination of Special Dues Incentive Dues for AFEs**
- **Dues Category Reduction Project**
- **Valid NARFE E-Mail System**

# SPECIAL PROJECT



- **Dues Category Reduction Project**
  - Joint MAC and CAB Project
  - Explore Feasibility of Reducing the Number of Dues Categories
  - Currently 35 Different Categories
  - 22 Categories Associated with Life Members
- **Discontinue Enrollment in Life Membership**
  - Current Life Members will be Grandfathered
  - NARFE Losses Money with Life Memberships
  - Need Policy on Collection of Chapter Dues for Life Members
- **Conduct Survey to Ascertain Federation and Chapter Officers' Understanding of the Various Financial Reports and How they would Like the Reports Changed**



# CURRENT SITUATION???



# WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT OUR DECLINING MEMBERSHIP?



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Must “think outside the box” relative to the 3-R’s – Recruiting New Members, Retaining Current Members, and Reinstating Former Members

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NARFE’s organization construct must meet expectations as a modern, savvy organization, which is made more severe by the aging of our members.

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Need to contract with a top-notch professional Recruiting Organization to develop a membership plan and then have them do recruiting for NARFE along with NARFE members

# MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT



- Jan 23 140,816
- Feb 23 140,750
- Mar 23 139,824
- Apr 23 139,654
- May23 137,621
- June 23 136,711
- July 23 136,454
- Aug 23 135,963
- Sept 23 135,201
- Oct 23 135,504
- Nov 23 135,632
- Dec 23 135,140

**TOTAL 2023 NET LOSSES 5,676**

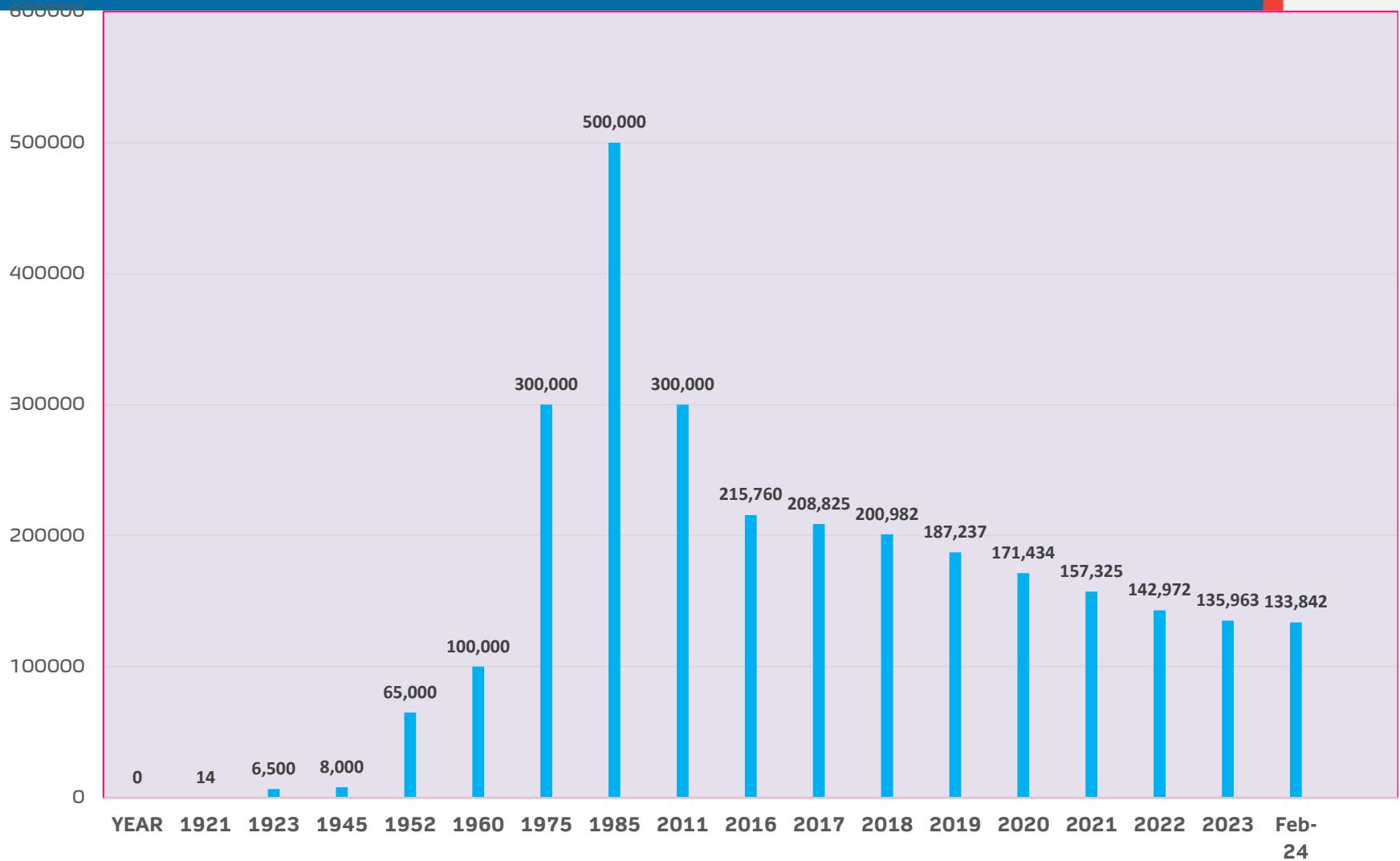
- Jan 24 134,336
- Feb 24 133,842

- **LOSSES FOR Jun, Jul, and August slowed down due to the Acquisition Mailing to Lapsed Members and Prospects.**

## FEBRUARY 2024 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	Total Members	National Only Members	National + Chapter members
International	257	257	
Region I	10,566	5,931	4,635
Region II	22,062	11,358	10,704
Region III	16,818	8,970	7,848
Region IV	14,542	7,606	6,936
Region V	11,363	5,509	5,854
Region VI	10,204	4,974	5,230
Region VII	8,230	5,755	2,475
Region VIII	13,260	7,144	6,116
Region IX	7,972	4,639	3,333
Region X	18,568	11,052	7,516
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133,842</b>	<b>73,195</b>	<b>60,647</b>

# NARFE MEMBERSHIP HISTORY





**WE WANT NEW NARFE MEMBERS**



# MEMBERSHIP



- **The core audience for everything NARFE does**
- **Our members are our Top Priority**
- **The people you can count on**
- **Members make NARFE's mission**
- **They are NARFE's biggest fans**
- **They are NARFE's greatest advocates**
- **Membership dues account for approx 62% of Operating Funds**
- **Without members, there would be no NARFE**





Federal Benefits  
Information from  
NARFE



## Affairs in Order: Benefits Guidance for Survivors of Federal Annuitants

0322

# ON-GOING ACTIONS



- March is NARFE-PAC Month
- 2024 NARFE Strategic Planning Committee –
  - What Changes will it Propose?



- Submission of 990-N – Due May 15, 2024

# NEB MEETING



- **NEB BOARD (Via Zoom)**
  - ✓ **March 21-22, 2024**
  - ✓ **10:00 am – 5:00 pm**
  - ✓ **Must Register to Attend**





*“Success is a product of effort...  
Stretching beyond your limits little  
by little will get you there.”*



**Thank  
You**