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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
except July & August

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION, BREMERTON CHAPTER 181**
P.O. Box 5025, Bremerton, WA 98312-0462

September 2022

NUMBER 07-22

General Meeting Date: September 12, 2022 Time: 1:00PM

**Meeting Place: Westside Improvement Club
4109 West "E" Street, Bremerton, WA**

Program: Gorst Panel Discussion with Congressman Kilmer, State Senator Randall, Bremerton Mayor Wheeler and Port Commissioner Strakeljahn; Naval Base Kitsap Captain Massie may attend; Suquamish Tribal Chairman Forsman is unavailable

NARFE is recognized as the association devoted exclusively to serving and protecting the earned entitlements, rights and benefits of all federal retirees, employees and survivors.

Executive Board meetings are held from noon to 2:00PM at the Westside Improvement Club the Wednesday prior to general meetings. Members are welcome to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 September.....Walk to End Alzheimer's
10 OctoberMembership Meeting
Week of 10 October.....WSF Virtual Conference
14 November.....FEHB plan health fair and Membership Meeting
12 December.....Holiday Luncheon

PRESIDENT

Bill Powers

Our chapter is sponsoring a special "Gorst Bottleneck" panel discussion for our 12 September program at the Westside improvement Club at 1:00pm. I encourage all members that can fit this meeting into your September schedule to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well. We will not conduct any NARFE business at this special meeting. However, NARFE newsletters, treasurer's report, magazines, F-100 info and its companion guide, NARFE-PAC info, and membership info will be readily available at our handout table. Plus, we will still have our traditional Alzheimer's drawing, carrot cake, and coffee at the close of this special occasion.

If you would like to know more about the Gorst Bottleneck discussion, look for our Advertisement in the preceding Wednesday, Friday or Sunday issues of the Kitsap Sun or on our district website, www.narfewadistiv.org. You may also attend our executive board meeting on 7 September at noon at the Westside Improvement Club if you desire to get involved.

Briefly listing summer events for our chapter, Ralph and Bea paraded with Whaling Days on 30 July, proudly displaying our new logo on Bea's Highlander.

Bea and I attended a fundraiser for Congressman Kilmer at the Marvin Williams Center on 23 August. Congressman Kilmer pointed out to attendees the importance of NARFE and the work it does.



The election for new NARFE National officers for the next two years closed on 31 August. Results will be announced the week of 7 September.

FEDcon22, NARFE's premier conference, was held August 21 to 23 in Scottsdale, AZ. This conference sets the stage for actions to be taken to prepare for what's ahead. Our chapter did not send anyone to the conference.

Lastly, the annual Alzheimer's Walk will be at Silverdale Waterfront Park at 11 AM on Saturday 10 September. We will have a table and NARFE team that will

participate. If interested, visit our district website to sign up. You can pick the distance you desire to walk.

Hope to see you at our "Gorst Bottleneck" panel discussion.

GOP/WEP President Bill Powers

In June's newsletter I wrote an article concerning GPO/WEP. In that article I explained why the government initiated these unpopular laws. Refer to our district website which lists all prior newsletters if you want to refresh your memory about this article.

The September issue of our *NARFE Magazine* has an article titled "NARFE Continues Push to Repeal WEP and GPO". This is House Resolution 82 and Senate Bill 1302 in our magazine's *Bill Tracker*. The House should have enough co-sponsors before the close of the 117th Congress to force a vote. However, the Senate is the problem. There isn't enough support in the Senate to get this passed. According to GovTracks.us, this legislation only has a 2 percent chance of passing.

As I said previously, the only way this legislation will get passed is compromise. It will be too expensive to pass the legislation as presently written and it would violate the dual entitlement rule.

MEMBERSHIP & MUSINGS V. P. Ralph Sanders

This will be a short report this month. We did have an executive board meeting the first week of August and covered a lot of chapter business. That information will be available at the chapter meeting in September. There will be three separate reports given here, one for June, one for July and one through 24 August.

This is the first report, dated 1 June through 30 June. We had a total chapter membership of 445. We had three members pass away: Kenneth Avery, Jesse Bowen and Donald Hames. Our condolences to their families. Two new members

joined in June: Chester Hembree and Thomas Jurcak. And we had one prospective member; Fred Ray.

The second report is dated 1 July through 31 July. We had a total chapter membership of 443. We had one member pass away: Robert Edwards. Our condolences to his family. We had one prospective member, Glenda Geiger, join in July.

The third report will cover 1 August through 24 August. We have a total of 442 members in the chapter as of this date. There were two members dropped for nonrenewal: Yvonne Collins and Joseph Roberson. One member passed away this month: Kathleen Martell. Our condolences to her family. One member transferred into Chapter 181, Michael Kuhnsman.

“Welcome aboard!” to all our new, prospective and transferred-in members, from Bremerton Chapter 181.

If you have questions regarding NARFE or Bremerton Chapter 181, please contact any one of our board members listed on the back of this newsletter.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Ralph and Linda have moved back to Kitsap County; note the phone number change on the back page of this newsletter. A possible change to their email address is pending.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

The following members have maintained their membership for twenty years. You may contact Ralph Sanders to receive a certificate and pin. Thank you for your continued membership!

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| <i>Wayne B.</i> | <i>Glenn P.</i> | <i>Garry O.</i> |
| <i>Clyde C.</i> | <i>Carol R.</i> | <i>Robert S.</i> |
| <i>Kevin C.</i> | <i>Juliette R.H.</i> | <i>James S.</i> |
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| | | <i>Elizabeth W.</i> |

COLA UPDATE

Steve Ferguson

The June CPI-W value was 292.542. The Jul/Aug/ Sep 2021 average was 268.42066 so inflation was up 8.98 percent from that reference point. Inflation increased 1.569 percent in the month of June. That is an annual inflation rate of 18.828 percent.

On 10 August, the Bureau of Labor and Statistics reported deflation in the month of July of negative .11 percent (one tenth of one percent). I am guessing gas prices coming down helped.

SECRETARY

Bea Bull

Bylaws Revision – Following a review of our current chapter bylaws it was decided to reduce the membership meeting quorum requirements from thirteen members in-good-standing to ten. A few other wording changes are also needed. These changes will be presented and voted on at the October membership meeting. If you have questions or wish to discuss the changes, please contact me.

PROGRAMS

12 SEPTEMBER –Gorst bypass panel discussion.

Please help us advertise this event so we have a good audience!

Masks are not required but, if you feel uncomfortable in a large group, please bring one. On behalf of your executive board, we look forward to seeing you as we resume regular meetings.

10 OCTOBER – Paul Andrews, Kitsap County Auditor, will explain Rank Choice Voting (RCV).

14 NOVEMBER – FEHB plan health fair.

12 DECEMBER – Hopefully, Holiday Luncheon, perhaps at the Elks Lodge.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

As a reminder, this year's Walk will begin at the Silverdale Waterfront Park. Music starts at 10:00am and the ceremony will begin at 11:00am. The Walk route will be through Old Town Silverdale and along the Clear Creek Trail. One-, two-, and three-mile turn-around points will be marked. You can access the link to donate or join the Chapter 181 team via the district website at: <https://narfewadistiv.org/2019-bremerton-walk-to-end-alzheimers> On the Alzheimer's website, click on TEAMS and search "NARFE Chapter 181". I, and perhaps Ralph Sanders, will staff a table at the event so, if you attend, please stop by and say "hello".

VOTING INFORMATION

The following links are from an AARP Bulletin article.

[OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org) – rigorously details how money is raised and spent by candidates and PACs, and who their donors are.

[VoteSmart.org](https://www.votesmart.org) – enter a politician's name to find voting record, past speeches, funding sources and interest-group ratings.

TREASURER

Rex Tauscher

Our income for June to July was \$759.30 with expenditures of \$2,126.88. Expenditures include the 2nd quarter decrease of \$1,385.60 in our Life Member Trust account value. Our net worth as of 31 July was \$35,507.83. A Treasurer's report for August 2022 will be available at our September meetings.

ALZHEIMER'S CHAIR

Secretary Bea Bull

The balance in the Alzheimer's account as of 27 August 2022 is \$123.00. Thank you to Loraine Brockerman, Bill Fuhrmeister, Ralph Sanders and Rex Tauscher for their donations. And thank you to everyone who sends their donations directly to Lorie Bennett!

To make a tax deductible donation to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research fund please make your check payable to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research", write Chapter 181 on the notation line, and mail it to:

**Lorie Bennett, WSF Alzheimer's Coordinator
4310 S. Kingwood Street
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SUNSHINE CHAIR

Lois Barber

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Robert Edwards and Katie Martell. Speedy recovery cards were sent to Steve Ferguson and federation public relations chair, Sam Cagle.

If you know of a chapter member in need of a little sunshine, please contact Lois at 360-297-2671 so she can get a card out to them.

If you have questions or need assistance with this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at tbkbull@gmail.com. Thanks!! Bea Bull

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