

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006

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We have opportunities for new officers
and committee chairs.

Winter 2024

MEETING. Wed. Feb 21 at the Big Elk Restaurant 707 E Washington St, Sequim, WA 98382. The "no host" lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at noon. You do not have to have lunch to attend the meeting.

AGENDA: Bea Bull arranged for Haley Schanne, District Representative, from Kilmer's Port Angeles office to talk with us about what is happening in the House.

WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS TOMORROW

The Association, since July 1970, has been classified by the IRS as a 501c (5) tax exempt labor organization [not a union]; however, dues, gifts, or contributions to the Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

From President Bob:

Welcome to 2024. As we start the new year, I want to reflect on the lack of participation at our meetings. Last year we had some great speakers but we can't continue to invite people if only a few people attend. Please email me if you have a speaker that would draw you to a meeting or if you think we should just suspend regular meetings.

As of 5 Feb, we now have 307 Representatives signed on for the H.R.82 and 51 Senators for S 597 the Social Security Fairness Act of 2023. If passed, this legislation would eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Representatives Kristina Marie Gluesenkamp Pérez and Adam Smith are the only two from our state to not cosponsor this legislation. If you live in Congressional District 3 or 9, please urge them to cosponsor H.R. 82. The good news is Senator Marie Cantwell joined the cosponsors 10/31/2023. The "GovTrack" website still shows a 4% chance of this becoming law. This is frustrating as the votes are there. Note that the

House bill was sponsored by a Republican and Senate bill by a Democrat.

The chapter will sponsor some members to attend the Washington State Federation (WSF) meeting October 24-26 in Kennewick, WA. Let me know if you would like to apply to be a representative.

The WSF is looking at updating its bylaws. You can review the changes at <https://www.narfe.org/wa/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>. Please submit your comments to Bea Bull at tbkbull@gmail.com; by 30 March 2024.

The Washington State Federation voted to combine Districts II and III as the Western Washington District with Bea Bull as the DVP.

Steve Roy: Region IX Vice President is not running for the 2025/2026 term. There should be additional information on the NARFE website if you are interest in this position.

USEFUL INFORMATION for CHAPTER 1006

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NARFE Website-----www.narfe.org
NARFE Member Records-----800-456-8410
Legislative Hotline-----877-217-8234 [free]
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Senator Patty Murray-----206-553-5545
Senator Maria Cantwell-----206-220-6400
Rep. Derek Kilmer [6]-----360-797-3623
WA State Federation -----www.narfe.org/wa/

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Meeting Notice

RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR NARFE

Membership: Currently we have 90 chapter members. We want to welcome Chris Jones and Nancy Hestback as new chapter members. I regret to inform you that Jack Heath passed away,

Financial: First Federal Checking
Balance as of 12/31/2023 was \$ 4,092.01

NARFE Webinars are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on www.NARFE.org and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. Webinars cover everything from selecting the best health plan to choosing a retirement date and, and planning for the future. If you know any current employees let them know about this resource. It is a wonderful recruitment tool and you will be doing them a service.

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