

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

## *Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006*

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**We have opportunities for new officers  
and committee chairs.**

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### Summer 2024

**MEETING. Wed. August 28** 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: Open Discussion and Report on National Conference**

### **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:**

I am still concerned by the lack of participation at our meetings. We can't invite speakers with no audience. I would like to have the estate planning lawyers, financial planning, and senior living reps. Anyone interested in these or other topics, please email me and when I have enough response, I will invite them.

As of Aug, we now have 324 Representatives signed on for the H.R.82 and 63 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). Representative Adam Smith is the only one from our state to not co-sponsor this legislation. If you live in his District, please urge him to co-sponsor the bill. Note that the House bill was sponsored by a Republican and Senate bill by a Democrat. It currently has enough votes to easily pass. No action has been made since the bills were introduced early 2023.

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

**Election** As you know, we are having a general election and the results will affect federal employees. It is important to be informed on who is actually supporting us. NARFE is non partisan and we need to keep that way. We have friends on both sides of the aisle. Also, please also keep things in perspective. I have been through a lot of elections. Each was "the most important" and we all survived no matter the result. Our country is very resilient with lots of checks and balances.

**NARFE Webinars** are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on [www.NARFE.org](http://www.NARFE.org) and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. 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.

**USEFUL INFORMATION for CHAPTER 1006**

NARFE Headquarters-----800-456-5410]  
NARFE Website-----www.narfe.org  
NARFE Member Records-----800-456-8410  
Legislative Hotline-----877-217-8234 [free]  
OPM---888-767-6738 [free] // 202-606-0500 [toll]  
Senator Patty Murray-----206-553-5545  
Senator Maria Cantwell-----206-220-6400  
Rep. Derek Kilmer [6]-----360-797-3623  
NARFE Service Officer - www.narfe.org/sobb  
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Balance as of 7/31/2024 was \$ 3,998.96

NARFE’s mission is twofold. We fight to protect our earned benefits. We are also the best source of information about benefits. Most current employees would greatly benefit having access to advice and the webinars while working.

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**Meeting Notice**

**\*\*\*RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR NARFE\*\*\***

**Membership:** Currently we have 84 chapter members.

**PLEASE PROVIDE or UPDATE BOTH YOUR E-MAIL and MAILING ADDRESS.** This makes it easier for us to provide you with current information. Go to the “members portal” on the NARFE website [www.narfe.org]. Your membership number is on your magazine mailing label.

Sequim Newsletter – August 2024

Bea Bull, Western Washington District VP

Greetings Sequim members! There are two important items for your attention:

1. It's time to nominate federation officers; you will find the fillable form on the federation website at <https://www.narfe.org/wa/> Mouse over the EVENTS tab and click on "Officer Elections." You'll be prompted to log in using your NARFE National login credentials. Deadline for nominations is 31 August.
2. Register for the Region IX Symposium in Tri-Cities, October 24-26. The registration form is on the federation website at <https://www.narfe.org/wa/> Mouse over the EVENTS tab and click on "Region IX Training Conference." You will not need to log in to complete the fillable PDF. Print and mail with your check as instructed. **The first 30 members to register can request a full reimbursement from the federation.** Contact Arlene Patton at the number on the form.