

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Seattle Chapter 0043

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We have opportunities for anyone who like to be an officer or committee chair

SPRING 2025

MEETING: The meeting will be a Lunch Meeting on May 15, 2025 at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant, 18411 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133. The no host lunch will start at 11:30 and business and presentations by noon.

AGENDA: Curtis Price, Everett Chapter President and Federation Secretary, will provide a presentation. He is involved in the Federation website and training.

We will also have an open discussion on the status of Federal Employees. We want to focus on the real issues and what we can do assure Federal workers are treated fairly.

WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS FOR TOMORROW

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From President Bob:

At this time we need to be vigilant at assuring that Federal workers are treated fairly. It is also important to sort the bluster and accusations out from the facts. Remember in this time of hyper partisan behavior, truth and rational thought are the first casualties.

The key is that important missions are maintained and not jeopardized due to a lack of knowledge and misunderstanding. Also, due process must be applied to treat workers fairly during work force reductions. We must be sure that there is a clear understanding of why the Civil Service laws are in place to protect the workers and the nation as a whole.

From Bea Bull, Western Washington District VP

Hello Seattle chapter members, There's still time to register for the virtual LEGcon25 event, scheduled for June 9-11, 2025 with a "Know Before You Go" session on June 3rd. Registration is now \$160.00. The federation will reimburse \$100.00 and your chapter may reimburse the remainder. Please contact me if you're interested so I can explain the reimbursement process.

I need to know what would entice you to attend an in-person federation conference in the Lynnwood area in September 2026. Who would you like to hear speak? What activities would you enjoy? Please reach out to me with your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing some of you on the 15th!

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Please welcome new members include: Carrie [redacted], Jo [redacted], Christopher [redacted], Diana de [redacted], Catherine [redacted], Julie [redacted], Dylan [redacted], Stephen, [redacted], Rosalind [redacted], Elsie, [redacted], Jennifer [redacted], Vicki [redacted], Julianne [redacted], Ruth [redacted], Rob [redacted], Dean [redacted], Stacy [redacted], Jon [redacted] and Justine [redacted]. Many of these are transfers from other chapters that closed. Sadly, Ilene [redacted] passed.