

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association *Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 Fall 2025*

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We have opportunities for new officers and committee chairs

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**MEETING.** Wed. May 20 at the Big Elk Restaurant 707 E Washington St, Sequim, WA 98382-3815. 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.

## **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.

**Agenda:** Diane is working to get a speaker on Ageing Services on the Olympic Peninsula  
**FedCON and Region IX Symposium**  
**Elections for National and Federation Officers**  
**Discussion Open**

### **From President Bob**

As it seems to be coming up more, I want to address why NARFE is nonpartisan.

The first reason is that NARFE is laser focused on federal employees and their benefits. Partisan politics focus on a party's policies on many issues. This distracts from our focus. A lot of people may ignore the fact that federal wages are being frozen if the party they have chosen, supports a social policy they agree with. This is one of the problems the federal labor unions have had. We have to always and only look at the laws and policies that effect federal employees.

The second reason is if we pick one party over another, we alienate a large portion of our supporters. Both parties have people that support us and people who do not. By picking a party, we lose supporters from the other party and end up supporting people that vote against federal employees benefits and protections.

### **From District VP Bea Bull**

The National Special Referendum passed by about 85 percent of members voting and cost \$29,120. Beginning in 2028, all National Executive Board (NEB) members (President, Secretary/Treasurer and

Regional Vice Presidents) may run for two consecutive three-year terms.

REGION IX VP – Region IX VP Steve Roy is not running for re-election.

FEDERATION ELECTIONS – The federation continues to search for candidates for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Please consider stepping up. Contact me for more information.

FEDcon26 – Registration is now open for this event; go to <https://fedcon.narfe.org/>. The early-bird rate (now through 5/22/2026) is \$225.00. For WSF assistance with the cost of registration and travel, please contact WSF President Tony Merola at [TIGER7565@AOL.COM](mailto:TIGER7565@AOL.COM) and copy WSF Treasurer Arlene Patton at [apatton1202@outlook.com](mailto:apatton1202@outlook.com).

REGION IX SYMPOSIUM – This event in Ellensburg, Washington, October 1 -3, 2026, will be held on the Central Washington University campus. For more information, visit the Region IX website at <https://www.narfe.org/region09/meetings-events/meetings/symposium2026/>. Again, the federation has funds available to help 30 members attend this event by contacting Tony Merola and Arlene Patton (see above instructions) can apply for a reimbursement of their registration fee.

**USEFUL INFORMATION for CHAPTER 1006**

NARFE Headquarters-----703-838-7760 toll]  
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. Emily Randall [6]-----360-373-0975  
NARFE Service Officer - www.narfewadistiv.org  
WA State Federation – www.narfe.org/wa

**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.

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**Meeting Notice**

**RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR NARFE**

If you are in contact with a Federal employee, at the post office, social security office, etc. Be sure to tell them about NARFE. I can provide you with blank applications. Email me: robert-rust@hotmail.com

**NARFE PAC** is an important part of our efforts to influence Congress and protect our benefits. Legally only money given directly to the PAC can be used for PAC purposes. This is a nonpartisan effort and is based strictly on the candidate’s support of NARFE issues and benefits.

**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

**Membership:** Currently we have 72 chapter members

**First Federal Checking Balance:** \$3,321.54