

# NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SAN FRANCISCO



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### AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 2016.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; AT FOB, 90 7TH ST 11TH FLOOR RM 11-010  
GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM AT 450 GOLDEN GATE ARIZONA ROOM (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUG 17 ANN LINDSAY, DOL BENEFITS OFFICER, PRE-RETIREMENT DISCUSSION
- SEP 21 LUNCHEON PORK STORE CAFÉ 3122 16<sup>TH</sup> ST SAN FRANCISCO
- OCT 19 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC) REPRESENTATIVE

**PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112, 415-412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com: GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST...** We had a most interesting program last month presented by dedicated federal employees from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Their presentation made clear both the importance of the agency and the contributions it makes toward making the world and our country safer and healthier. They work with many private, public, and governmental agencies to assist them in planning for the future. I truly believe that Chapter 65 regularly provides excellent 1-hour programs for our members and visitors that are both educational and informative. Please consider attending one and bringing a friend in the future.

On July 22nd, your national president, Richard Thissen, wrote: "It was announced this week that premiums for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program will increase an average of 83 percent. This massive premium increase comes as a shock to the more than 274,000 federal employees and annuitants and their spouses enrolled in the program. They are now faced with difficult choices – pay substantially higher premiums; reduce coverage; or, in the worst-case scenario, drop the coverage some have paid into for more than 14 years. I am stunned at the extent of the increase and angry that this type of financial pressure is being placed on federal employees and retirees." However, NARFE will be evaluating policy options to recommend to Congress that could provide greater predictability in premiums and greater accountability from the insurance company when its actuarial assumptions prove incorrect. If NARFE is invited to testify at any congressional hearings, it will voice the feelings of its members and ask Congress to take steps to keep such large premium increases from happening again. To assist its members NARFE has created a website, to keep members informed on this situation, <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/articles.cfm?ID=4087>. Of course we can contact our legislators and voice our concern by calling them at 866-220-0044, writing to their national office, visiting their local office, or emailing them via the NARFE website. <http://cqrcengage.com/narfe/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=232313>. Saying nothing about important issues is seen as acceptance of situations that are unacceptable and harmful to us all. Speaking out may not change everything the way you want it to be, but it forces a discussion and provides an alternate perspective. A successful Democracy requires participation and it is not effective if we sit back and say nothing. **(CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE)**

Our September 21st luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM at Pork Store Cafe 3122 16th Street (between Valencia Street and Guerrero St., north side of the street, <http://pscscf.com>, a casual eatery in the Mission District. Transportation is conveniently provided by BART, Muni 49, 33, and 14 at 16th and Mission and the 22 bus, which stops at 16th and Valencia, the J Church stops at 16th and Church as well. There is metered parking on 16th and Valencia and 2 hour free parking west on 16th and on Guerrero. There is also a city paid parking lot at Hoff and 16th a block away. Beer and Wine are available for purchase separately from our prix fixe luncheon. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions in regards to the luncheon.

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**RESERVATION COUPON FOR SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON IS ON BACK PAGE. Fill it out and mail today. Must be received by September 14, 2016.**  
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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONTINUED:** A By-law Committee and the Executive Board are in the process of revising (simplifying) our Chapter’s By-laws. We will be voting on these revisions at our regular monthly meeting on November 16, 2016. The proposed revision will be posted on our website [www.narfe65.org/](http://www.narfe65.org/) in September. Additionally, copies of the proposal will be available at the October and November meetings. If you do not have internet access or will be unable to pick up a copy of the proposal, please contact Jerry Hall at 415-412-0488 and a copy will be mailed to you. The major changes include changing terms of office from one to two years, removing items that are not essential or duplicated in the current Constitution, Standing Rules, and By-laws, and combining them into to one document, ensuring that the by-laws are in compliance with NARFE’s national requirements and recommendations. If approved by the chapter, the by-laws will need to be approved and accepted by National NARFE.

I want to publicly thank the members of the Chapter Bylaw committee (Helen Rogers and Roz Itelson) who have simplified your bylaws so that as activities and interests change, the chapter will be able to continue to operate effectively. They have kept the important items, but removed both duplications, unnecessary verbiage, and made them easy to read and follow. Their efforts are deeply appreciated. Please remember that our Executive Board meetings are regularly held as indicated in the newsletter at 10:30 am before our regular afternoon meetings and all members are invited to attend and participate in them.

Finally, I am most pleased to announce that Pauline Jue has volunteered to serve as the Chapter Service Officer. Pauline has been most helpful in assisting at past District V meetings and supports the Chapter by attending monthly meetings and events. My sincere thanks to Pauline in a time when many chapters are unable to find people who care enough about NARFE and its mission to volunteer.

**CORRECTION:** The correct date for the **PIER TO PIER WALK** is Saturday September 17, 2016. For meeting location or questions, contact Juanita Tamayo Lott at 415-292-6221 or email TEAM NARFE at [juanita.tamayo.lott@gmail.com](mailto:juanita.tamayo.lott@gmail.com).

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Balance on 6/01/16 **\$1365.24**, Income \$546.66, Expenses \$478.32, Balance on 6/30/16 **\$1433.58**.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome **Kenneth Earl Nelson** to our Chapter.

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICER:** As most of you may know NARFE endorsed proposed changes in the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) that would provide some relief to current and future retirees eligible for social security. “The changes under the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act weren’t perfect, said Jessica Klement, legislative director for NARFE. But it would have reduced the current WEP penalty by no more than 50 percent for any federal employee or retiree who turned age 62 by 2017, according to the original version of the bill.”

Unfortunately, a Congressional Committee dramatically postponed until 2026 substantial relief. In a July 13 letter to the House Ways and Means Committee, NARFE President Richard Thissen asked the Committee to reconsider and support the original version of H.R. 711. “In its original form, H.R. 711 would have helped mitigate the effects of the WEP by providing some relief for both current beneficiaries, through a reduced WEP penalty, and for future Social Security recipients, by improving the formula going forward. This relief has been a long time coming. Under the substitute, relief for those currently affected is substantially reduced until 2026. While some relief is better than none, the substitute bill is a huge step backwards and NARFE cannot support it.”

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**===== LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 14th =====**

Mail Reservation coupon for the September luncheon with check payable to NARFE Chapter 65 to: Jerry Hall 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Choice of Lunch item:**

- Albacore Tuna Melt Sandwich with cheddar on rye with green salad.
- Cheddar Cheese Burger with French fries.
- California Salad, mixed greens, with grilled chicken, avocado, mushrooms, and tomatoes.
- Barbequed Pulled Pork Sandwich with cheddar on brioche bun with fries.

**@ \$20.00 each, price includes iced tea, coffee, or soda, and a scoop of ice cream for dessert. Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.** Attach names of additional guests and their choice of entrée.