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From the WSFC President, Dwight Pace

First, our thanks to Tri-Cities Chapter 1192, and especially their excellent planning committee for the very successful 2006 WSFC Convention. Johanna Caylor and Carl Gallion, Co-Chairs, and the WSFC Board, did an exceptional job of putting together a fun, informative, and interesting meeting. Evaluations for each day were generally very complimentary. Any glitches are certainly details that can be worked out next year. I want to discuss a few of them with you.

First, it is a challenge to know how much time to plan for the various issues. I was surprised that there was not more discussion about Resolutions and Bylaws. We have had conventions in which these two items used so much time that other items on the agenda were neglected. A need for training on writing these, and the importance of meeting deadlines, needs to be a topic of training with your district Vice President.

I am extremely pleased with the work of the Newsletter Committee and their judging of the newsletters. However, we failed to explain one important aspect of the judging, namely, the color categories. Every chapter's newsletters were judged according to a score sheet, with each judge working individually. Scores were then tabulated with ribbons awarded accordingly. Chapters with superior scores were awarded blue ribbons, good scores, red, and average scores, yellow. It is my sense that more chapters are doing newsletters and that the quality of chapter newsletters is improving, and I am very pleased.

Finally, your Federation Executive Committee will study the evaluations and incorporate your suggestions in next year's convention. Bremerton Chapter 181 and Convention Chair, Amber VanSantford, are already working toward a super 2007 convention at the Silverdale Beach Hotel (formerly Red Lion) May 16-18. This is also Armed Forces Week, and Bremerton will be having a big, big community event, parades and all. Amber is capitalizing on our convention and Armed Forces recognition. A reminder to all: make your reservations NOW if you even *think* you will attend.

On July 27, 2006 the full WSFC Board will meet at the LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma, starting at 9:00 AM. We have a full agenda as we plan for events of the

coming year. If you have items for the Board to consider, be sure your District Vice President is briefed and carries your message. Members are welcome to attend as observers.

Among items the Board will discuss are the proposed bylaws changes to be voted upon at the Albuquerque convention, namely, (1) one person, one vote by mail vs. representative voting, (2) mandatory chapter membership vs. open membership, and (3) streamlining the dues structure. The Board does not vote on these issues since they are matters for chapters to determine. We remind you, however: if you have opinions about these and other issues, be sure that your chapter is represented, either by chapter delegates or proxy and that they are informed of your chapter's position on the issues.

As we move into the off-year election season, I urge all to stay involved with our NARFE political agenda. We have serious threats to our health care. For one, the administration is proposing that Blue Cross be allowed to offer Health Savings Accounts. NARFE opposes this.

Remember, an old political ruse is to raise one or two value-laden issues and focus much attention on them. This keeps voters stirred up and off balance by creating problems or issues around a single item that is value laden and has been discussed for generations on end at the cost of ignoring other pressing matters. We must focus on our issues –the issues of protecting our earned retirement and health benefits.

NARFE TABLE TOP DISPLAY UNIT

CONTACT SAM CAGLE TO SCHEDULE A NARFE DISPLAY UNIT FOR USE AT AN AGENCY HEALTH FAIR.

Sam Cagle

WSFC Public Relations Chair

360-456-8509 or caglels@comcast.net

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Sam Cagle

The Web Site. The new Federation Web Site is currently up and in operation. Unfortunately, we are still trying to transfer the domain name (NARFEWA) to the site. The temporary address for the web site is www.scagle.net. You will be advised when that changes. You can also go to the NARFE web site, www.narfe.org, and link to the “Washington” listing under “NARFE’s Regional and local web sites” on the lower left side of the main page.

The site contains a number of useful headings, including “Officers”, “Districts and Chapters”, “Federal Reporter”, “Conventions, Meetings and Workshops”, “Public Relations”, “Membership”, and “Legislative”. Other sections will be added as the information becomes available.

Chapters that would like to have a site set up with, or linked to, the Federation web site should contact **webmaster Sam Cagle at (360) 456-8509 or caglels@comcast.net** to discuss the process and content. We should be able to handle both text and photographs in the chapter sites.

Summer – July, August and September – is a great time both for being visible and getting ready.

Being visible. Every community has its public events in the summer – parades, festivals and gathering of all kinds. If there was ever a time to run into both current and retired Federal employees and annuitants, this is it. Is your chapter planning to be out there – by walking in the parades, manning a booth, handing out NARFE material, or helping in many of the volunteer support roles? Will they have something that clearly identifies them as NARFE – a hat, a jacket, a t-shirt? Will informational and recruiting materials be ready and available for distribution? Will your members be primed and ready to talk about NARFE objectives and actions? Are you thinking about how to get local media coverage of your events? Don’t let the chances pass you by. If there are fees for participation, contact me to discuss the possibilities for support.

Getting Ready. Now is the time to be planning and ordering literature for fall promotional activities such as health fairs and pre-retirement seminars. The basic scheduling information is already out there and more will be provided soon, so you have a general idea of the numbers you need. Planning information is also available on the Federation web site.

Displays. As you plan your summer and fall public events, remember that two types of displays, tabletop and “ZAP” pull-up, are available for your chapter use. To schedule or obtain them, contact Sam Cagle at: 360-456-8509 or cagles@comcast.net

Public Relations Funding. There have not been many requests for Federation PR funds to support chapter promotional efforts. These matching funds are available for advertising in targeted publications, booth space rental, or materials supporting awareness activities aimed at CFEs or federal retirees. Policies and procedures for requesting PR funding are laid out in the Public Relations section of the WSFC Web Site. Again, contact Sam Cagle to discuss possible funding.

Olympia and Tacoma Chapters Plan A Town Hall Style Meeting Saturday 10 AM to Noon, September 15th Tacoma AMVETS at 5717 South Tyler

This is the normal Tacoma CFE meeting but it has been expanded to have staffers from the offices of Senator’s Murray and Cantwell and Congressmen Dicks, Smith, Reichert and Baird.

The idea stems from our legislative visits last March. The Senators’ staffers as well as staffers from Congressmen Dicks and Smith are already in the loop. Congressmen Reichert and Baird’s staffers are in the process of being invited. We also plan to have a special mailing to CFE members.

The Presidents of the Bremerton, Federal Way and Puyallup Chapters have been invited to participate.

Are you willing to participate and pass the word to your members? This advance notice will give you time to advertise in your newsletters.

Let me know of your ideas for discussion and whether or not you will participate.

Paul Shell
President, Tacoma Chapter 163
phshell@aol.com



NAVIGATING OUR FUTURE WITH NARFE

Bremerton 181 invites all members of the Washington State Federation to come and navigate their future with NARFE at the **48th Annual Convention, which will be held 16-18 May 2007** at the Silverdale Beach Hotel, Silverdale, Washington.

Next year's event is being held in conjunction with Kitsap County's celebration of Armed Forces Week and we invite you to stay over for the Nation's largest Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, 19 May. We'll arrange group seating so that you can cheer NARFE's entry in the Parade.

Kitsap County's military presence has been around since 1891. Puget Sound Naval Shipyard is the premier maintenance facility on the West Coast, serving a variety of vessels from aircraft carriers to submarines. Formed in 2004, Naval Base Kitsap merged local Navy commands. Kitsap County is also home to Navy Region Northwest, which oversees all Navy operations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

Please come for three busy, fun-filled days in beautiful Kitsap County. Silverdale, the major retail center of Kitsap County, is centrally located between Bremerton, the largest city on the Kitsap Peninsula and the quaint Norwegian town of Poulsbo.

Take time to tour the USS TURNER JOY, a Vietnam-era Naval Destroyer on the Bremerton waterfront, visit the Bremerton Naval Museum or the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport. Admission to both museums is free.

Bremerton 181 looks forward to seeing you next year.

Convention Co-Chairs: Amber VanSantford and Don Palmer

Evergreen Chapter 1801 – Gary Robertson

At a recent chapter meeting, we had two special guest speakers: Rep. Adam Smith (9th District) and NFVP Lanny Ross. At the March meeting, Pete Malsch gave a presentation on the AARP Driver Training Program (we found out about it from another chapter in District II).

One of our chapter members, Betty Strah, is involved in this program. These programs cost about \$10 to attend, but you easily recover the money, as most insurance companies will give you an additional discount on your auto insurance premium.

In Federal Way, the course is given at a library, senior center and retirement housing complex. Pete also gave us another very important tip to improve your driving: by using your rearview mirror to track cars behind you and extending your side view mirrors slightly out (so you cannot see the cars behind you), you can eliminate your "blind spot" which can help prevent an accident when changing lanes.

"To keep the discount on your auto insurance premium in effect, you have to take the course every two or three years (check with your insurance company for their requirements)."

At the February and March chapter meetings, Co-President/Membership Chair Gary Robertson presented certificates and gold membership cards to six new Honorary Members: Leona McConville; Minda Petersen; Evelyn Rensch; Fern Buzard; Dominic and Florence Pirozzi. The chapter also voted to waive chapter dues for these members.

2006 FEHB OPEN SEASON HEALTH FAIRS - Natalie Leath, FEHB Health Fair Coordinator

Each Chapter President will receive a copy of the final health fair calendar of events, a list of FEHB health plan representatives and the list of agency contacts by the end of August.

For chapters not hosting a FEHB health fair, it is recommended that Chapter members attend the nearest agency or NARFE Chapter health fair, listed on the calendar. Please review the calendar to determine the location of a health fair in close proximity to you. Health Fair event locations, time and date, can also be listed in your Chapter newsletter.

If your Chapter would like to represent NARFE at an agency health fair, you MUST contact the agency coordinator for authorization.

The Open Season is a very busy time for the NARFE supply room. If your chapter is hosting a chapter health fair or REPRESENTING NARFE at an agency Health Fair you should order your NARFE materials NOW. It takes 4 – 6 weeks to receive materials from NARFE Headquarters.

It is strongly recommended that Health Plan Representative presentations be scheduled BEFORE you begin your chapter business meeting. That will free up the carriers to travel to their next scheduled health fair.

MEMBERSHIP – Lois Pace

In the last *Federal Reporter* we talked about “**Values and Membership**,” raised the issue of value differences between generations, and posited the idea that we need to be aware of these differences if we are to engage coming generations in NARFE. Before we get to the Gen Xers and Gen Yers, here’s a quick review of the Traditionalists and Boomers.

Most who take an active role in NARFE—attend chapter meetings, serve as officers, attend Federation and National Conventions as delegates—were born before 1945 and carry the name, **Traditionalists**. They grew up with stay-at-home moms, experienced the Depression followed by World War II, rationing, the era of big bands, managed money by saving it, and were glad to have a job. They value privacy, hard work, trust, formality, authority, and things.

Boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, were influenced in their formative years by events of the Cold War, Civil Rights, the Space Race, the Vietnam War, Kennedy’s assassination, and Watergate. Overall, getting a job has posed little problem for them. Generally, this group has not experienced economic hard times. They are good at relationships, want to please, and will fight for a cause.

Now for the younger generations - **Gen Xers** are those born between 1965 and 1981. Events and developments occurring in their growing-up years included Chernobyl, Lockerbie, Starbucks, violence in the schools and on the streets, AIDS, drugs, and concerns for personal safety. Raised on sound bytes, they are resourceful, independent, and count on themselves to get things done. Core values for the Gen Xers include diversity, thinking globally, having fun, informality, self-reliance and pragmatism. They are adaptable, creative, and are not intimidated by authority.

Supportive Behaviors for Communicating with Generation X:

- ◆ Use email as a primary communication tool.
- ◆ Use feedback—ask for their feedback, provide them with regular feedback.
- ◆ Use an informal communication style.
- ◆ Talk in short “sound bites.” (Consider how music in worship has shifted from hymns to choruses!).

The Gen Y group, aka Echo Boomers, Millenials, or Nexters, were born between 1982 and 2003. Older ones of this group experienced the Oklahoma City bombings, Columbine, and 9-11. They are very comfortable with the Internet, IPODs, and electronic gadgetry and use them extensively. As they enter

employment, they are said to be conscientious, skilled at networking, appreciate diversity, and casual dress. Core values of the Gen Y are optimism, civic duty, confidence, achievement, sociability, street smarts, and diversity. Their greatest assets are their tenacity, multi-tasking capabilities, and technological savvy.

Supportive Behaviors:

- ◆ Challenge them with action words.
- ◆ Don’t talk down to them.
- ◆ Use email.
- ◆ Don’t take yourself too seriously.

Volunteer organizations everywhere are facing membership problems. Like all others, NARFE struggles to find the “magic key” to build our enrollment. Traditionalists must be willing to adapt to the needs of Boomers, Gen X and Gen Y if we are to survive. As you ponder the core values, assets, and supportive behaviors of the different generations, consider how you might build on them to recruit and retain them in your chapter. The future of NARFE depends on it!

VICE PRESIDENT – Dale Brighton

This is my first hello to members as Federation Vice President. Having been newly elected to this position at the recent WSFC Convention I have very little to report. First and foremost, my heart felt appreciation to those chapters and individuals who supported me for the job.

I look forward to serving and pledge to carry out whatever duties that are assigned to me to the best of my abilities. Hopefully, I can be helpful in bringing about meaningful solutions and be a part of the stewardship for the Washington State NARFE organization.

Again, much thanks.

ALZHEIMER’S REPORT - Don Palmer, Region IX Alzheimer’s Chair

Sixteen of twenty-five Federation Chapters raised a total of \$9,755.48 this past year for Alzheimer’s research – NARFE’s national project. NARFE’s goal of \$7 million by 2007 will probably be reached before the end of 2006.

A member of the Montana Federation won the NARFE Clock, an Alzheimer fundraiser. The National Alzheimer Committee has asked that each Federation donate a gift, to be raffled at the NARFE

National Convention in Albuquerque.

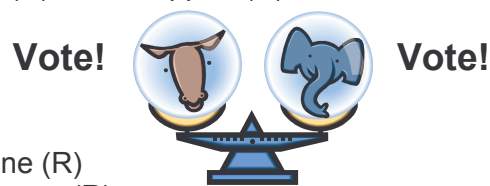
WSFC National Legislative Chair – Natalie Leath

2006 is an off year election. Here are the candidate's running for the U. S. Congress. ***Incumbent U. S. Senate:**

Senator Maria Cantwell (D*) – Mike McGavick (R)

Other candidates: Hong Tran (D); C. Mark Greene (R); Brad Klippert (R);

Aaron Dixon (Grn);



House of Representatives

1st Congressional District: Jay Inslee (D*)

2nd Congressional District: Rick Larsen (D*); Doug Roulstone (R)

3rd Congressional District: Brian Baird (D*); Michael Messmore (R)

4th Congressional District: Richard (Doc) Hastings (R*); Claude Oliver (R); Richard Wright (D)

5th Congressional District: Cathy McMorris (R*); Peter Goldmark (D)

6th Congressional District: Norm Dicks (D*); Doug Cloud (R)

7th Congressional District: Jim McDermott (D*); Steve Beren (R)

8th Congressional District: Dave Reichert (R*); Darcy Burner (D)

9th Congressional District: Adam Smith (D*); Steve Cofchin (R)

The Washington State Primary election is on **Tuesday, September 19, 2006**. All Washington residents have the option of voting at the polls or by mail. Your vote in the Primary election is as important as your vote in the General election in November. For more information on Washington State elections, initiatives, referendums and candidates go to the Washington Secretary of State website at <http://www.secstate.wa.gov>. More election information can be found at Online Guide to Washington State Politics <http://www.politics1.com/wa.htm>

NARFE Legislation

Bill Name: Premium Conversion to allow Federal Civilian and Military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis. Bill Number: H. R. 994. There are currently 333 House cosponsors of this legislation. The Senate has 62 cosponsors for bill S. 484.

Cosponsors: Jay Inslee (D-1st); Rick Larsen (D-2nd); Richard (Doc) Hastings (R-4th); Norm Dicks (D-6th); Jim McDermott (D-7th); Adam Smith (D-9th); Not a cosponsor: Brian Baird (D-3rd); Cathy McMorris (R-5th); and Dave Reichert (R-8th).

On June 13th, NARFE, NTEU and AFGE testified before the Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce Bill H.R. 4859 on Health Information Technology in FEHBP. Their testimony led to the promise of significant changes to the legislation. (This was removing access to the administrative fee and inserting language to provide an alternative method, such as a Call Center, for enrollees to create, access and edit their own Electronic Health Records). President Fallis, in his oral testimony, stressed absolute protection of enrollees' medical records. See the May issue of NARFE magazine, pages 14-16 and full coverage, with photographs, in the August issue of *NARFE*.

NARFE President Charles Fallis praised Senators Wayne Allard (R-CO) and Ken Salazar (D-CO) for introducing legislation S.2801 to allow disabled dependents of federal workers to receive a survivor annuity through a trust without affecting eligibility for Medicaid – just like their counterparts in the private sector.

For purposes of calculating the next COLA, May's index is 2.9 percent higher than the third quarter average base index in 2005 (192.7). The Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) May index, 198.2, is 3.0 percent higher than the December 2005 index (192.5).

The philosopher Goethe once said, "you must conquer and rule or lose and serve, triumph or suffer, be the hammer or the anvil".

NARFE-PAC
Paul Shell, WSFC NARFE-PAC Chair

Questions at the State Convention in Richland posed a couple of issues concerning the granting process about NARFE-PAC that were only partially answered. So, with help from National, here is a short course on what happens to your donation.

Donations are collected from members and their families. These are voluntary, not tax deductible and not from any commercial transaction such as a bake sale. These monies are not mingled with chapter funds but sent directly to National NARFE-PAC by the chapter NARFE-PAC chairs with a list showing the donors' names, addresses and amounts given. The chapter chairs issue pins and National will mail receipts of the donations to the individual donors.

The scenario goes something like this: The political candidate requests a donation from National. They, in turn, contact the State NARFE-PAC Chair (me, for now) for advice. In Washington, I ask the President and/or chapter NARFE-PAC chair for input as to whether or not to recommend the grant. This is sent by e-mail as time is short – usually two weeks.

The chapters should consider the candidate's voting record, stand on Federal employee and annuitant issues, the status of their war chest, etc. Usually you have 2 weeks to get back to me and I'll pass it along to National. If there is no response, I will do my best to check out the candidate and notify National.

The decision as to grant or not resides with the resident officers with support from the legislative assistants and Budget and Finance. Our input has high value but other things must be considered such as their voting record (for incumbents), their legislative influence to support NARFE's issues, the degree of communication with members, chapters and federations of NARFE, their chance to win, etc. Funds can be and are expended in primaries.

National notifies the candidates and expends the funds directly to their campaign people. A legislative assistant contacts me about the grant and if there is a kick-off or other function. I will notify the chapter(s) of the grants and it will be posted on Federation web site. Quite often you will know about these functions before I do. I will request one or more of you to attend the function in behalf of NARFE-PAC, if there is time.

If there is a special situation where you want me to

push the candidate's request for funds with National, please contact me.

"THANKS"FROM THE TRI-CITIES

From the "*Land of Water, Wheat, and Wine*" and the host chapter of our 2006 47th WSFC Convention, we want to extend our many thanks to our wonderful friends from across this great state for coming to the Tri-Cities to make it such a "convention to remember." None of our success could have been possible without the support of our loyal chapter members of 1192 who devoted so much time and effort. YOU ARE THE GREATEST! Special thanks to Anna and Teri from Walla Walla for their faithful support also.

We have some mementos from the convention left. The WSFC NARFE lapel pins are available from Johanna (caylorx2@aol.com or 509-375-0739) at bargain prices (\$4.00 each OR packets of 10 for \$30.00). They are green to represent the Evergreen State and have 25 stars strategically representing each chapter in our great federation. They make excellent recognition gifts for your chapter's hard working volunteers or as recruiting incentives.

For the many chapters and individuals who supported the Federation sponsored Alzheimer's raffle—THANK YOU! We were hoping to have raised more money but we did net \$500.00 towards the WSFC Alzheimer's goal. Thanks to Don Palmer for handling the raffle at the convention. The winners of the Alzheimer's gifts were: The NARFE Clock was won by the Missoula, MT Chapter 459. Lanny Ross delivered the clock while attending the Montana Convention. Ed Saftich of Bremerton Chapter 181 won the Satin Jacket donated by Legend's Casino in Toppenish. Natalie Leath of Puyallup Chapter 1866 won the Anthony's Gift Certificate. Our thanks to VFW friend, Roy Culver, of Post 7952 Richland, who made the clock for us while "snow-birding" in Apache Junction, AZ. last winter.

We hope each of you and your families enjoy a wonderful summer.

Johanna Caylor and Carl Gallion
WSFC 2006 Convention Co-Chairs

DISTRICT I VP -- Bob Elmore

Chapter 32 set up a booth at the Red Lion in Spokane for a **Postal Workers 4-State Convention**. Approximately 100 people attended and free memberships will be given out. Also, they gave me three minutes to talk about NARFE. I received a big applause when I mentioned NARFE helped stop a proposal by Congress to use a five-year high to calculate the federal retirement annuity.

I asked Ken Kaul, who attended his first state convention, what he thought about it and his comments are as follows:

A First Timers' Thoughts on the NARFE 47th Washington State Federation of Chapters Convention

The theme of **“Water, Wheat and Wine”** was chosen to help us reflect on the goodness of the earth and its treasures so that we may all remain good stewards of our land and the benefits it provides to us.

We would like to add a few more “W’s” to the list:

- ◆ **Welcome** – The 40 First Timers’ were welcomed at registration by the members of the Tri-City Chapter, the Federation Officers gave us recognition throughout the convention, and the “Old Timers” introduced themselves and welcomed us.
- ◆ **Wisdom** – What a learning experience! Learning some of the institutional memory of the Federation. Gaining insight into the function, goals and achievements of the Federation and the National Office.
- ◆ **Work** – The time and talent of committee chairs and members that do the hard work at the Chapter, Federation and National levels that keeps the organization functioning. They bring the needs and requests of local chapters to the Federation so that they may be forwarded to the national convention for consideration and action.
- ◆ **Winners** – Gifts for the First Timers’, door prizes and more door prizes for everyone, raffle winners, wine and roses to take home, new friends and acquaintances.
- ◆ **Window to the Future** – The importance of recruitment and retention of members to advance NARFE’s primary goal of maintaining federal employee’s current retirement benefits.

These additional “W’s” are tools of the only strong and viable organization dedicated to the protection

and enhancement of retirement benefits of active and retired federal employees.

DISTRICT IV VP – Michael Kaaland

It has been a great privilege to serve as your District IV VP for the past few years. I know that newly elected Bill Powers will do an excellent job. As Joyce and I will be moving to the Bellingham area in mid September we will miss going to the National Convention in New Mexico. We have already been contacted by the Bellingham Chapter and will be serving there. I wish to give my thanks to the four chapters (Port Orchard, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Port Angeles) that make up District IV and plan to drop by their meetings when I am in the area.

District V VP – Marvin Nelson

The Tri-Cities, (Kennewick/Richland/Pasco) Chapter #1192 of District V was host for the Washington State Convention, May 16 – 18, 2006. It was a very successful convention. A total of 149 members from around the state of Washington attended and enjoyed the event.

Forty members were first time attendees to a convention. Everyone enjoyed the theme of **“Water, Wheat, and Wine”**.

Lanny Ross, Region IX National Field Vice President, provided a brief overview of NARFE from a national perspective.

Congratulations to all members of the Tri-Cities, Chapter 1192 for a job well done. Co-chairs. Carl Gallion and Johanna Caylor provided excellent leadership.

All chapters, Tri-Cities Chapter 1192, Columbia Basin Chapter 856, Wenatchee Chapter 239 and Yakima Chapter 238 have continued their action. All chapters have been contacting their Senator’s and Representative’s.

WSFC TREASURER'S REPORT PREPARED 6/15/2006

by Rex Tauscher, Treasurer

1. BEGINNING BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2005 –2006 AS OF 1 MARCH 2006	\$30,246.75
<u>CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD 3/1/2006 – 5/31/2006</u>	
10% FUNDS (2005-2006)	\$4,434.68
PER CAPITA TAX (2005-2006)	\$2,753.60
PRIOR YEARS DEDICATED DUE TO GENERAL	\$1,090.47
OTHER INCOME – INTEREST ON DEDICATED ACCOUNT CDs	\$56.65
OTHER INCOME – REFUNDS	\$300.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 MARCH 2006 – 31 MAY 2006	\$8,635.40
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE IN CHECKING FOR 2005-2006 AS OF 31 MAY 2006.....	\$38,882.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2006 – 31 MAY 2006	(\$10,270.40)
ENDING BALANCE IN ACCOUNT FOR 2005-2006 AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2006	\$28,611.75

II. BEGINNING BALANCE IN DEDICATED FUNDS AS OF 1 JULY 2005

<u>SUMMARY OF THE DEDICATED FUNDS</u>					
DATE	ACCOUNT DEDICATED YEAR	BEGINNING BALANCE	CASH RECEIVED JUL-MAY 06	FUNDS PRIOR YEAR TO GENERAL	ENDING BALANCE 31 MAY 06
7/1/2005	2005-2006	\$4,059.48	\$0.00	(\$3,838.05)	\$221.43
7/1/2005	2006-2007	\$1,999.34	\$3,084.15	\$0.00	\$5,083.49
7/1/2005	2007-2008	\$0.00	\$1,250.93	\$0.00	\$1,250.93
TOTAL IN DEDICATED FUNDS AS OF 31 MAY 2006					\$6,555.85
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT 6 MONTH \$2,000.00; 12 MONTH \$3,000.00 & 18 MONTH \$1,000.00 SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$200.00 (Required to permit on line banking access)					
TOTAL IN SEPARATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.....					\$6,278.68
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS FROM 3/1/2006 –5/31/2006(INTEREST MOVED TO GENERAL ACCOUNT)					\$56.65
TOTAL INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS FROM 1/24/3006 – 5/31/2006					\$78.68
AMOUNT OF DEDICATED FUNDS REMAINING IN GENERAL ACCOUNT 5/31/2006.....					\$277.17
TOTAL IN CHECKING (GENERAL AND RETAINED DEDICATED FUNDS) AS OF 31 MAY 2006					<u>\$28,888.92</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS (GENERAL AND CDs).....					<u>\$35,167.60</u>

TREASURER REPORT- Rex Tauscher

Chapter incorporation: A check of incorporated chapters on the Washington State Secretary of State web site shows chapters 181, 193, 196, 1006, 888, 1966 and WSFC registered in this state. Chapters 181, 888 and WSFC is listed with "ACTIVE" in the registered name, and chapter 1966 is listed as NARFE. Name change requires an amendment to the yearly filing and directions for the revision are provided on the Secretary of State web site www.secstate.wa.gov.

Per Capita Tax: During the March reporting period National sent out a May advance payment report W-101 instead of April report. The correct report was then mailed out but several chapter used the May report when figuring the 1st quarter per capita tax in lieu of the April report. When sending the 2nd quarter per capita tax, please note if you are making a correction for this advance payment error. Reminder for all chapter treasurers, always check your deposit amounts against the National Reports, A-220, W-101 and M-130, the total deposit should match the amounts from these reports. The members listed on the W-101 report are One-year members and should be included along with the 1-year expiration members on the per capita call form.

Fiscal year for the Federation ends on 30 June 2006, (which is also my birthday); a complete year-end report will be provided in the 4th quarter Federal Reporter.

**WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
2006-2007 BUDGET**

NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	PRESIDENTS EXPENSE	\$1,500.00
2	VICE PRESIDENTS EXP.	\$300.00
3	SECRETARY'S EXP.	\$350.00
4	TREASURER'S EXP	\$100.00
5	DIST I VICE PRESIDENT EXP	\$700.00
6	DIST II VICE PRESIDENT EXP	\$700.00
7	DIST III VICE PRESIDENT EXP	\$750.00
8	DIST IV VICE PRESIDENT EXP	\$600.00
9	DIST V VICE PRESIDENT EXP	\$700.00
10	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT EXP	\$75.00
11	MEMBERSHIP CHAIR EXP	\$900.00
12	NAT'L LEGISLATIVE CHAIR EXP	\$550.00
13	PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR EXP	\$500.00
14	SERVICE OFFICER'S EXP	\$200.00
15	STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR EXP	\$350.00
16	SHIBA REP. EXP	\$0.00
17	ALZHEIMER'S REP EXP	\$50.00
18	EXECUTIVE BOARD COMM. EXP	\$6,500.00
19	OFFICE/MISC EXP	\$4,500.00
20	2007 STATE CONVENTION (EX COM)	\$5,500.00
21	2007 NAT'L CONVENTION (PRES)	\$1,400.00
22	NATIONAL LEGIS. CONFERENCE	\$750.00
23	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT	\$4,000.00
24	INCENTIVE PROGRAM (REBATES)	\$0.00
25	PUBLIC RELATIONS PLANS/PROG	\$1,000.00
26	SERVICE CENTERS	\$400.00
27	FEDERAL REPORTER/EDITOR	\$2,700.00
28	SENIOR LOBBY CONTRIBUTION	\$550.00
29	MANDATED EXPENSES	\$0.00
30	PROGRAM CONTINGENCIES	\$900.00
31	ADVANCE FOR CONV.(HOST CHAPTER)	\$1,000.00
32	CARRY OVER ITEM PRIOR YR EXP	\$400.00
33	NARFE-PAC COORDINATOR EXP	\$75.00
34	WEB SITE	\$250.00
35	STRATEGIC PLANNING	\$0.00
36	PRERETIREMENT SEMINARS TRNG	\$0.00
37	HEALTH FAIR EXPENSES	\$300.00
38	NEWSLETTER TRAINING	\$0.00
39	GIFT MEMBERSHIP (CFE'S ONLY)	\$0.00
40	SPECIAL RECRUITING EXP (06)	\$1,050.00
41	REGIONAL SYPOSIUM	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$39,600.00

NOTE:

Item Number 23 from proposed budget in prior Federal Reporter incorrectly shown and was reassigned as item 41. Item Number 40 added for special recruiting mailing with matching funds from National for dropped members. Additional funding added for Items 21 and 22 to cover expenses for National Convention and Legislative Conference. Items 4, 34, 35 & 36 amount decreased or eliminated. Items 6,7 &25 increased on recommendation of the Executive Board.

ADOPTED BY THE DELEGATES 5/18/2006

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS – David Seesholtz, Editor

NEWSLETTER CONTEST:

Fourteen chapter newsletters were judged at the WSFC Convention in May. Felix Entenmann, Art Reis, Lois Pace and myself did the judging using the criteria shown on the next page. We all need to thank them for the extra time they spent behind the scenes at the convention to get this job completed. They probably would have gotten to socialize more if the judging had been done prior to arriving. Hopefully, next year we will do the judging before the convention. I personally want to thank each judge for a great job.

Every chapter (14 total) that submitted their complete volume of issues for the entire year prior to the convention received a certificate and ribbon. The judges all agreed that every chapter that has a newsletter is a winner and should receive recognition.

We determined the blue ribbon awards by adding up the total points on the judging forms and giving blue ribbons to those who scored 90% of the total points possible. It was possible to earn 75 points and since 90% of 75 = 67.5, those chapters receiving more than that many points were given a blue ribbon. There were 7 blue ribbons awarded.

We gave out 5 red ribbons to those chapters that received more than 80% of the possible points (60 points). The other two chapters were awarded yellow ribbons.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

Some of the comments made by the judges are listed below:

- ◆ You need to include the correct name of the organization
- ◆ Chapter should strive to increase the publication frequency to monthly
- ◆ Include contact information for officers
- ◆ Need contact information for US Senators and Representatives
- ◆ Need more complete information about the chapter meeting
- ◆ Too many font styles used
- ◆ Copied items look like patches
- ◆ Need more input from the elected officers
- ◆ Use the new logo
- ◆ Overuse of text boxes (everything was in a box)
- ◆ Paragraphs were too long

- ◆ Try using two columns once in a while
- ◆ Need more about legislative information
- ◆ Label is located where it damages the text when the newsletter is opened
- ◆ Use more highlighting and or bullets to help the reader find important information

The overall impression of the judges was that the newsletters were better than we had expected. This indicates a continuing commitment by you toward improving your newsletters. We hope that the judging criteria on the next page and the information presented at the newsletter workshop will also help you produce effective newsletters.

Since the WSFC Executive Board doesn't meet until July 27th, I can't say for sure that we will be judging newsletters at the 2007 Convention. President Dwight has made "improving newsletters" a high priority so there is a good chance that we will be giving awards of some kind.

Each chapter that has a newsletter should send me a copy each time it's published. Once we decide to do judging and select about three judges you will also be asked to send them a copy.

NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP:

Approximately 60 people attended the newsletter workshop at the convention. Those present received a printed handout that could help you write, design and layout a successful newsletter. If you are an editor or chapter president and did not receive one of these let me know and I will send you one.



One of the things that I discovered during this workshop is that the newsletter needs to receive more attention from the chapter leadership team.

One suggestion is to make the newsletter an agenda item. At this chapter leadership meeting use the judging criteria to determine how you are doing. Ask the question, "what do I want the readers to do", (come to the meetings, retain their membership and/or contact their elected officials)? Then be honest and talk about whether it is doing what you want.

Also, remember that the newsletter is the only contact that you have with 90% of your members. It's very important that you make them feel that their chapter membership is a good value.

NEWSLETTER JUDGING CRITERIA

Chapter Name & Number: _____

(Assign from 1 to 5 points to each subcategory below)

APPEARANCE:

Organization	Uses short sentences and paragraphs. Bullets, numbering, lettering or indenting are used to make it easy to follow.	
Highlighting	Important information is highlighted by underlining, using bold or italic font, caps or quotation marks, and brackets.	
Layout	Uses a variety of formats; such as, one, two or three columns and/or text boxes and tables.	
Consistent Design	Places the same information in about the same location each issue. Places important dates and upcoming meeting information in a special box or table.	
Logos & clip art	Uses the new NARFE logo and name Uses appropriate clip art and white space to help breakup the text.	

CONTENT:

Chapter meeting	Presents information on the chapter meeting such as the date, time, place and program.	
Other meetings	Lists the meetings that are coming up in the next month or more.	
Officers	Lists the officers and committee chairs with information on how to contact them.	
Elected Representatives	Lists the names and contact information of the US Senators and Representatives serving the chapter area.	
President's Message	Each issue has a message from the chapter president or from the vice president in the event the president is not available. (This is either 0 or 5 points)	
Other contributors	As space allows other officers present information appropriate to the chapter members (legislative, membership, public relations, service and sunshine).	

OTHER:

Relevance of Information	The information presented is new or given with a local spin (rather than a repeat of what was in the NARFE magazine).	
Positive	The information is presented in a positive way. It avoids being critical of national, regional and state officers.	
Political	The information is non-partisan. A good test is could the Senator or Congressman read it without becoming an enemy of your chapter.	
Writer's ID	All information presented is made creditable by naming the writer or source.	

TOTAL POINTS: _____

COMMENTS: Make written comments on the back of this form.

HELLO NARFE FAMILY! – Vic Rohret

Let's get in the mood for SUMMER! Instead of the minutes of the State Convention, I thought I'd write a little article on some of the "ponderables" of the summer vacation my wife and I took a couple of years ago... so these are some of our observations driving down to Newport, Oregon. You may have experienced these yourselves at one time.

Silhouettes from the car in front: we were entertained for a good 15 minutes as we followed a car with an obviously Italian driver who was "manually" talking to a nodding baseball cap in the seat next to her. Another silhouette of a passenger with lovely long flowing hair turned out to be an afghan dog as we finally passed.

We followed a 32-foot class-A motor home-bus with a 250 cc motorcycle mounted over the spare tire... also towing a huge boat. And only one guy visible, the driver... Obviously single!

At Hood River there were hundreds of sailboarders out on the Columbia River. The wind was whipping and the white caps were 2-feet tall. It was a high-wind "training" day since most of the boards were down! And the ones that were up were trying to avoid the boards and boarders in the water!

As we motored through Beaverton, a police car went screaming by, lights flashing and siren wailing! A bit farther down we saw the police car and several others surrounding a service station. They had police tape around the pumps and were interviewing customers and taking fingerprints. Cheryl & I looked at each other knowingly... obviously another out-of-state driver had just been busted for pumping his own gas in Oregon!

Back on the highway again we passed a huge truck transporting ears of corn. At every bump in the road, the entire load of corn would jump about three feet into the air and fall back down. Each bump made us hopeful that we might see some corn bounce out onto the road that we could grab to take along for dinner! (No such luck.)

Across from Stevenson we saw tee-pees set up along the Columbia River near a hotel. We could imagine tourists from the East Coast driving by and saying: "See dear, I told you there were Indians in Washington!"

Then there was the 45 mph construction zone we encountered. We tried to slow down... but the vacuum from the suction of the two semi-trucks in front of us kept us moving along at their speed. Great gas mileage though!

We should have known better driving down on a Sunday. We noticed that many of the old churches had been converted into museums and wine-tasting shops. One of the old churches we dropped in at, actually had a minister delivering a sermon! We left right away before the greeters could get to us. "We're just here for the wine-tasting" didn't seem to be the appropriate thing to say.

We passed the Federal Correction Institution where the highway signs stated "Do Not Pick Up Hitchhikers, - Next 20 Miles!" Duh!

We were camping at South Beach State Park in Newport, Oregon visiting four other families who were doing the real roughing. My wife Cheryl & I were doing our "roughing" in a nearby condo.

Finally, arriving at the campground was a shock to the body. From the land of tank tops and Hawaiian shirts (Naches, 92 degrees) to the land of hooded sweatshirts (Newport, 63 degrees!) Brrr... we hadn't been that chilly in two months!

We also discovered just how much the marvel of modern electronics has infiltrated a family's "camping" experience. Back in the old days it was a luxury just to have electric hookups. Now, nearly every campsite has sewer, water, TV cable and sometimes telephone. Want to sit quietly and watch the campfire burn?... Nah, let's grab one of the other electronic devices affecting the camping experience. The beeping of electronic clocks wakes us up just as surely as crows and seagulls. Check the digital watch to verify the time. Call the office on the cell phone to check on things. Write a few notes on the laptop. Turn on the Walkman or IPOD for a trip down to the beach. Get some money from the ATM at the park office to pay for firewood. Turn on the fluorescent lantern. Call the kids on the walkie-talkies as they zip around on their new electric scooters. Wow! This sure ain't 1960's camping!

However, the six ensuing days were a joy to experience since the essence of camping always remains! Big five-family meals, dogs and kids having a great time! Walks on the beach, jumping the waves, flying kites, trips to town for sight-seeing, coolers full of beverages, guitars and singing round the campfire! These are the things that our kids will always remember and that we treasure ourselves. We are already planning for this year's camping vacation! See YOU there?!

HAPPY SUMMER!

Vic Rohret, State Secretary

FEDERAL REPORTER – Dave Seesholtz, Editor

For the past couple of years, Natalie Leath, who has been the editor of this newsletter, has been trying to convince me that I should volunteer to be the next editor. Natalie has been wearing many hats for the federation, such as Health Fair coordinator, National Legislative Chair and editor. A couple of months ago I finally agreed to become editor if President Dwight was ok with it. So now I'm your new editor.

Natalie has done an excellent job as your editor. During some of the years she served in the position I received copies of the federation newsletters from all around the country. Natalie has shaped our "Federal Reporter" into one of the best in the nation. She will be a hard act to follow.

In the short time that I've been editor, one of the district vice presidents has suggested that the "Federal Reporter" should be sent to all the members in the state at least once a year. This topic will be discussed at the executive board meeting on July 27th. My first reaction to this suggestion is that it is not the purpose of this newsletter. Some of my thoughts are listed below to help everyone understand the situation:

- ◆ The "Federal Reporter" is presently sent to the chapter and federation leaders, a small mailing list of about 240 people.
- ◆ There are about 10,000 NARFE members in the state.
- ◆ The budget for the "Federal Reporter", in the Federation Budget for 2006-2007 displayed

- ◆ elsewhere in this issue, is \$2700. This covers 4 issues, which are sent quarterly. It also covers the editor's expenses to attend district meetings.
- ◆ The printing cost is about \$2.00 per copy and it costs about \$.50 to mail a copy.
- ◆ The cost of printing and mailing 10,000 copies would be more than we could afford. It could be in the range of \$20,000. The federation would have to increase the per capita tax substantially to have the finances to make just one mailing to all the members.
- ◆ The executive committee needs to look at the purpose and mission of the federation. Some of this is in the National and Federation Bylaws. My interpretation is that we presently have our newsletter aimed at the chapter and federation leaders, which is the right readership.
- ◆ Mostly, it is the executive board members that write the "Federal Reporter", with occasional input from chapters. It is important that each person writing for this newsletter understands that our mission is to help the chapter leadership do their jobs efficiently and effectively, not to do their job for them.
- ◆ It is very important that we continue to encourage every chapter to have a successful newsletter. This includes helping chapters who do not have one get one started.

Please be patient with me as I assume the duties of editor. If you have suggestions, or want to write an article, please feel free to contact me.

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