

# Washington State Federation National Legislative Chairman Report May 21, 2020

## **Activities:**

Since the April 9, 2020, WSF EB meeting, I attended two tele Town Hall meetings with Rep. Rick Larsen, (WA-02); A Webinar hosted by the Washington Policy Center with Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04) as a guest and a Tele Town Hall with Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09). A special NARFE Tele Town Hall was conducted by Rep. Larsen where NARFE members from around Washington state could ask questions. In discussions with NARFE's Advocacy Department, Marsha Goad, no other U.S. House of Representative or Senator has held a NARFE specific Tele Town Hall. I also worked with staff from Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA-01) who sits on the Ways and Means Committee which has jurisdiction over health care to emphasize the impact of COVID-19 on NARFE's members since the majority of NARFE's member fall in the very vulnerable and high risk age group where the virus is having the highest death rates.

## **Upcoming:**

Since the WSF Conference May 19-21, 2020 in Lynnwood has been cancelled, I encourage NARFE members to attend the FEDcon20 in Scottsdale, AZ, August 30 through September 1, 2020. Remember the Federation will pay a generous scholarship of \$500 towards your expenses as Elected Federation/Chapter Officers and \$250 for Federation/Chapter members.

The joint picnic with the Everett, NW Cascades, and Sno-King Chapters which is usually held during NARFE's Advocacy Month in August has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We could always count on representatives from Senator Murray and Cantwell's NW Office in Everett to attend along with Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA-01) and Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02). Now more than ever it is important to use NARFE's Legislative Action Center.

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