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The Heartbeat of the Nebraska Federation

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Alice Stevens, Editor

Notes from the President

During the month of July, I went to Reno for the **Federation Presidents Meeting**. I want to remind all chapters that the **2016 National Convention** next August will be at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. Every Chapter needs to make arrangements to attend. Decisions that will affect the future of our National and Federation future will be made in Reno, Nevada. In addition I attended Region 5's college of NARFE this August, at both meetings, it has been made clear that the **Strategic Plan** is still a work in progress. It is clear that **NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE**. Recommendations should be out this fall. To hear more information go to <http://www.narfe.org> enter on the members' page and click on "2015 Federation Presidents Meeting." This is in the Resource Library Section. I must add that I felt that most federation presidents were NOT happy with the **Strategic Plan** proposals. This is contrary to what you will read at the website.

OPM Cybersecurity Incident: No Notifications yet in second breach to my knowledge. The Data Breach at OPM is a concern for all of us. If you receive a contact by phone, US Mail or the Internet, before you respond check with a trusted source to be sure it is not a scam. In NARFE, we have that trusted source. Go to <http://www.narfe.org> and click on "OPM Security Breach Updates."

Our primary focus should be on legislative action by Congress. Every member needs to be on the email list from our Legislative Department in Washington. NARFE Legislative Department leg@narfe.org. In doing so, you and your members will be well informed to express your concerns and or views with your Congressman and Senator.

This August, I encouraged contact with your Congressmen and Senators and asked for a report. I did not get any report other than a few of us attended town hall meetings held by Senator Sasse and Senator Fisher. We have to do better.

I have not agreed with the proposals floating around on the Strategic Plan regarding

Congressional Delegate Leaders (CDL). One of our primary missions in NARFE is to be strong advocates for Federal Active and Retired employees. At the same time I see membership drop due to deaths and unwillingness for members to step up into a chapter officer's roll. If we are unable to increase our membership and be strong advocates for Federal Employees active and retired, then I am afraid that the CDL proposed method may be the only way to go.

Or, we can get more members to fill our ranks. The National Office is offering \$10 to each member that brings in a new member to NARFE. Four new members will give you \$40 back to you or your chapter.. Sounds like a challenge.

We have to participate individually, as a chapter and as a federation in being a legislative advocate, support the service officer's positions and support for studies to cure Alzheimer's.

If you have concerns or questions feel free to contact me at (308) 672-3626 or my email at rmoore6@charter.net.

Ronald W. Moore

Nebraska Federation President

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Notes from the Vice President

There are 2 chapters that did very well as Legislative Chairs - Chapter 144 in Omaha and Chapter 1239 in Norfolk. The rest of the chapters made sure that they mentioned Legislation in the news letters. Both George and Ron kept their Chapters informed where the senators were located for their meetings so the senator could be visited with their questions.

I had a very good experience at College of NARFE. Chapter 144 went. In the month of October we are bringing the results of the meeting (College of NARFE) back to our Chapter 144.

Pam Swanson

Federation Vice-President

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Notes from the Service Officer

As Federation Service Officer, I encourage chapters to appoint a Service Officer and to assist them in developing a strong and responsive program. I have, for the last five years, headed the service committee at the Federation Convention and given each chapter a packet of materials to help their program. Every member should have a copy of "Be Prepared for Life's Events" to help in organizing personal and financial information in one location.

I hope that all members were able to talk to their Congressmen during the August recess period. If not, I hope you are keeping up with the NARFE bill tracker and contacting your Congressmen about the bills of concern such as HR 3351 concerning CPI-E (see the article on page 8 of the October NARFE magazine).

There are 27,838 Active and Retired Federal and Postal employees in Nebraska and we have 1.594 NARFE members.

Do not forget to voice your feelings to your state senator. Many are holding town hall meetings now. During the legislative session, you can get print updates by calling 402-471-2788.

George Swanson

Federation Service Officer

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Notes from the Alzheimer's Chairman

From 7/1/14 through 6/30/15 the Nebraska Federation raised \$4895.05 for Alzheimer's research. This is a commendable amount and I want to thank every member for their donation/donations and every chapter for their fundraising efforts. However, in our Region V, we ranked seventh out of seven states and in the country we ranked 33rd out of the 50 states for money raised. I'm hoping during the next 12 month period we can increase our ranking.

Donations collected by chapters should be sent in on a regular basis. All donation checks must be written to **NARFE Alzheimer's Research** with your chapter number noted. To insure each chapter gets credit for their donations, please send checks to **Kathy Wright, 4463 A St, Omaha NE 68105**. These chapter checks are then sent in with a form on a monthly basis to the Alzheimer's Association. For tax purposes, donation checks from individuals should be handled in the same way. If you have any questions, please contact me at kawright49@cox.net or call 402-558-2677.

Kathy Wright

Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator

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Notes from the Historian

Each NARFE Chapter should have a historian. Keeping accurate accounts of your activities on a monthly basis is important for your Chapter. Pictures or news articles are great assets for your Chapter. Ten years from today, someone will be asking for information that happened at your Chapter. Displaying your Chapter Charter at every meeting will help members look into history.

Bob Vorboril

Federation Historian

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Notes from the District #3 Representative

NARFE State Convention is MAY 1, 2, & 3, 2016, in North Platte at Quality Inn and Suites. For room reservations, call 308- 532- 9090.

WE ARE PLANNING A GREAT CONVENTION!! HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE!!

Roger Eggleston

District #3 Representative

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