

The Heartbeat of the Nebraska Federation

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Alice Stevens, Editor

Notes from the President

I am looking forward to this year's Federation Conference in North Platte May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of 2016. Members of the Federation have done an outstanding job in our efforts in supporting NARFE/PAC at \$4,952 and Alzheimer's at \$3848.09. We have a lot to be proud of.

I will have visited six chapters before the convention May 1, 2 and 3. I have been impressed with the dedication our chapter officers have. It is also clear that we need to develop a strong membership campaign.

Your participation in the Federation Conferences is very much needed to insure our viability as a State Federation. The proposed changes produced from the Strategic Planning Committee if approved will have a negative effect towards Chapters and Federations.

- At present the strategic plan is calling for the appointment of a CEO for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association at our National Office. This would come at a cost to our Federations and Chapters. The dollar amount for a CEO in Washington or Virginia would be around \$250,000 plus. We continually hear of losing members and the income generated by membership. The Strategic Plan is counting on eNARFE to be the membership generator in the future. This is based on the study showing that baby boomers do not want to join chapters but are willing to join eNARFE.
- The recommendation for one member one vote by the strategic plan I feel will insure the reduction of the number of State Federations overtime. The present bylaws state that Chapters have a vote at National with 1 vote per 50 members. This is in our National Bylaws for a reason.
- Changing the number of Regions from 10 down to 5 will continue to dissolve any benefit to being in a Chapter of NARFE.

While these are just recommendation, I need you to be informed on the Strategic Plan and give me guidance as how to Vote in Reno Nevada in 2016. My email is rmoore6@charter.net

Ronald W. Moore
Nebraska Federation President

Notes from the Vice President

I have been Federation Vice President for the year of 2015. During the year of 2015, I have attended all the meetings for the Federation Board, I also attended the Federation Convention in Columbus, Nebraska. I also attended CONC (College of NARFE Knowledge) in Sioux City, Iowa. During 2015, I have sent e-mails to our Representatives on Capitol Hill when asked by NARFE Headquarters, Heartbeat of America. I have also done whatever the President has asked. Also I have worked with the other chapters with their membership.

Pam Swanson
Federation Vice-President

Notes from the Service Officer

During 2015, I volunteered 230 hours at the Retiree Activity Office at Offutt AFB as part of the NARFE Service Center network, we also had a table at the Retiree Day at the Exchange on base passing out about 500 magazines and other materials. I am always ready to answer questions pertaining to applying for retirement, changing address, reporting a death and filling out the paperwork. I also talked to a lot of military personnel about civil service after their discharge.

George Swanson
Federation Service Officer

Notes from the Alzheimer's Chairman

From May 1, 2015, through March 20, 2016, Nebraska Federation chapters have donated \$3848.09 to NARFE Alzheimer's Research. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

The state convention is coming up fast. If your chapter has not done so already, please submit any funds collected for NARFE Alzheimer's Research to Kathy Wright, 4463 A Street, Omaha NE 68105 as soon as possible so a complete donation report can be given at the convention. Also send confirmation that your chapter will be donating a basket or item for the convention Alzheimer's Silent Auction to kawright49@cox.net.

Kathy Wright
Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator

Notes from the District #2 Representative

We have a very good showing of delegates from District #2 for the convention in May at North Platte. We are all looking forward to an informative and fun convention!

Alice Stevens
District #2 Representative

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