

Members of Region VIII,

As you may know NARFE Headquarters has appointed a Strategic Planning Team and a Strategic Planning Committee as approved by the delegates at the 2014 National Convention. The purpose of the committee will be to use the Future of NARFE (FON) Report as the foundation for developing an ongoing plan for the Association that addresses problems and issues noted in recent years and to ensure that NARFE can continue its mission well into the future.

If you wish to review the FON report as presented in the Special Edition of the NARFE Insider, with its 35 recommendations, click on this link:

http://www.narfe.org/pdf/narfe_insider_0314FON.pdf.

NARFE welcomes your feedback as the Committee begins its work. **Comments and ideas may be submitted to stratplan@narfe.org**. Now is the time to provide your comments and ideas, as the plan is being developed. They will be collectively reviewed and considered on a regular basis but the committee will not be able to provide individual responses.

The committee success criteria include:

1. Creation of a Strategic Plan that will provide the path for the continuing viability of NARFE and will be revised at least every two years as experience and member feedback warrants.
2. Develop strategy to insure the future financial security of NARFE to enable funding of the NARFE mission/operations.
3. Determine the best overall structure to sustain and improve NARFE mission accomplishment.
4. Insure that the NARFE advocacy program mission is maintained as strong and respected and that grass-roots efforts are enhanced.

The plan developed by this Team and Committee will result in a series of recommended changes and actions that will be presented for approval. Sabatier Consulting has been retained to facilitate the work of the Team and Committee and add independent process guidance.

Members of the Team are: Jon Dowie, National Secretary/Treasurer; James Crawford, RVP Region I; Evelyn Kirby, RVP Region II; Bridget Boel, Marketing Director.

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Attached is the NARFE Strategic Planning Process which clearly states there will be two-way communication with the membership throughout and there is an ongoing communication plan that will ensure that the committee provides regular updates on this process as it moves forward.

The National President has stated that the only way to develop member support is to insure the entirety of NARFE understands what the committee is doing; that there are no hidden agendas and the process is totally designed to implement the success criteria shown above.

Please take this opportunity to send your comments and ideas to stratplan@narfe.org.

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