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JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JUNE 17, 2009 AT FOB, 90 7TH ST,
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; 11TH FLOOR RM 11010
GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM - LOWER LEVEL RM B-040**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN 17 REGULAR MEETING / SF D A's OFFICE, CONSUMER PROTECTION
JUL 15 SUMMER LUNCHEON-MARINE MEMORIAL CLUB-609 SUTTER ST SAN FRANCISCO
AUG NARFE GRASS ROOT ADVOCACY MONTH "CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS"
AUG 19 REG MEETING / JAY GRANT, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, " LIVING BETTER LONGER"
OCT 10 ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK ON TREASURE ISLAND AT 9:30 AM

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE ...

The 2nd Biannual California State Federation of Chapters (CSFC) Convention in Concord was well attended: 296 members from the 96 Chapters in California were present. Chapter 65 was represented by 13 members. Our new CSFC Officers: President-Andrew Morgen, Executive VP- Dottie Schmidt, Secretary-Vivian Nathanson, Treasurer-Werner Gumpert, and District VP-Dee Shallenburger; they were all elected by acclamation. Also, several Bylaw resolutions were proposed and voted upon; some of the speakers were: Lynn Woolsey (Congresswoman District 6), Richard Ostergren (National Treasurer) Dan Adcock (National Legislation Director), Mark DeSaulnie (State Senator - 7th Senate District); all were interesting and desirous of helping preserving NARFE and keeping it vital. Summaries can be emailed to you if you request them from me. A more detailed report of the convention was presented by the various chapter delegates attending the event at our May 20th meeting.

We hope you'll join us on July 15 at our Annual Summer Luncheon at the Marines' Memorial Club in the Leatherneck Lounge. The Marines' Memorial Building is an historic landmark in San Francisco not far from Union Square. (See reverse side for more details) Our guest speaker will be newly elected District V P, Dee Shallenberger. Dee's career included work in the White House as personnel head under both Presidents Clinton and G.W. Bush. We promise an interesting and enjoyable event.

There are so many important issues coming up in this current Congress that affect us as federal retirees. Your participation is very important to us all; we will keep you informed at our monthly chapter meetings and through our newsletter and we will let you know when/how you can help by contacting your congresspersons. We can't afford to "let someone else do this for us." Please get involved.

GUEST SPEAKER

On June 17, our scheduled guest speaker is Ms. Ethel Newlin, Consumer Advocate/Mediator, from the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. The topic of her talk is, "Sweetheart Scams and other Flimflam; Internet Theft and Fraud." We're all looking forward to hearing her, and learning how we all can protect ourselves.

ALZHEIMER'S: JESSE RAMOS, 826-3337

Chapter 65 needs someone to serve as the Alzheimer's Coordinator for the chapter. NARFE is one of the Alzheimer's Association's major supporters through its funding of research projects seeking a cure to this terrible disease. For many years NARFE members have also supported the many services provided by the Alzheimer's Association to those afflicted with Alzheimer's and their families. Contributions from NARFE members are absolutely necessary if these efforts are to continue. I'm sure we all know someone, a friend, an acquaintance, a relative that is a victim of this disease or is caring, to some degree, for someone with Alzheimer's. I'm sure we all realize that we should do something to help. Will you step forward and help by become the chapter's Alzheimer's coordinator? As the chapter coordinator, you'll have an opportunity to publish in the chapter's monthly newsletter your ideas and reasons that you think might persuade chapter member to contribute; you'll try to encourage chapter members to participate in fund raising events such as the Annual Bay Area Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Treasure Island (October 10th); and you'll publicly acknowledge and thank chapter members for their contributions. The Chapter president and other chapter officers will work closely with you, giving their support all the way. Please say you're ready to help in this battle to find a cure for Alzheimer's by becoming Chapter 65's Alzheimer's Coordinator. Give me a call anytime and I'll explain all that you'll need to know to get started. It shouldn't take more than an hour or two of your time each month. You'll be helping to make a difference in the lives of so many.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JESSE RAMOS 826-3337

Balance at 4/1/09	\$5,502.03
Income	\$ 432.52
Expenses	<u>\$ 732.43</u>
Balance at 4/30/09	\$5,202.39

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Among the many subjects Dan Adcock, NARFE National Legislative Director, reported on at the May convention were the Social Security Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provisions. He said it was a goal but a hard sell because Social Security has to currently deal with problems of potential insolvency. The Finance Committee is reluctant to act unless the GPO/WEP is part of comprehensive Social Security reform. However, the latest legislative hotline article dated May 15th takes a much more positive tack. It says that while the annual report of the Social Security and Medicare trustees puts added pressure on policymakers to cut spending in all entitlement programs including Federal civilian retirement, comprehensive reform of Social Security would at least provide a legislative vehicle to which to attach proposals to repeal or reform the GPO/WEP. Before the report's release, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Senate Majority Whip, Dick Durbin (D-IL), and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) held tentative talks on moving a Social Security reform bill as early as this fall if a bipartisan consensus emerges. In anticipation of such a consensus, NARFE members must tell their own Representatives and Senators that it is imperative to address the unfair and arbitrary GPO and WEP in legislation which overhauls Social Security

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA; 566-7358

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of **Peter K Kutulas, Faye Marinkovich, Margherita Schwyter and Matea A Vanhorn.**

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A warm WELCOME to **Edmund W Chong, Richard Ditewig, Richard W Ploe, and John W Roan.**

Currently Chapter 65 has 875 members and we are very grateful to all those members who stay with us year after year. However, we are losing members who drop out after their initial year; it's suggested they feel they are not receiving anything of value. Let us hear from you what makes NARFE valuable to you.

OUR SUMMER LUNCHEON is scheduled for **Wednesday July 15, 2009 at the Marine Memorial Club 609 Sutter**

Street at Mason Street at the Leatherneck Restaurant located on the 12th floor. No Host Cocktails at 11:30 AM with lunch at 12:00 PM. The cost will be \$23.00 and the choices of Entrees are Asian Chicken Salad, Cobb Salad, Petrale Sole, Leatherneck Angus Cheeseburger, or Pasta Primavera. Lunches include: mixed green salad, teas, sodas, Starbucks coffee or hot tea service, raspberry sorbet or vanilla ice cream. **Parking** is usually available at the Olympic Club garage, 665 Sutter Street, fifty yards from the MMC on the same side of the street. MMC has arranged for parking in this garage @ \$4 per hour with a limit of four hours. Have the parking ticket validated at the restaurant. Sutter Street is one way heading west. Public transportation the 2, 3, 4, 9x, 27, 30, 38 and 45 routes are reportedly within two blocks.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY AND USE THE COUPON BELOW!

====CUT HERE ===== HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ===== PLEASE RESPOND BY JULY 8, 2009

MAIL RESERVATIONS TO DORISMARIE HAGOPIAN; 1895 Jackson St. Apt 502; SF, CA. 94109-2882

NAME _____ TEL NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

CHECK CHOICE OF ENTREE: Pasta Primavera _____ Cobb Salad _____ Petrale Sole _____ Asian Chicken Salad _____

Leatherneck Angus Cheeseburger _____ Number In Party _____ @ \$23.00 EACH TOTAL ENCLOSED\$ _____

ATTACH NAMES OF GUESTS AND THEIR ENTREES. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NARFE CHAPTER 65**