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MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

NO EXECUTIVE BOARD OR REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH

SEE YOU AT SF STATE'S VISTA ROOM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 17 ST PATRICK DAY LUNCH AT SF STATE VISTA ROOM (\$15)
APR 21 PROGRAM ON TRAVEL AND TRAVEL OPTIONS
MAY 19 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS - HOW CPI IS CURRENTLY COMPUTED
JUN 16 EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS
JUL 21 SUMMER LUNCHEON AT THE CAFE BELLA VENEZIA (at Post/Jones)
AUG 29-SEP 2 NARFE 31ST BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH.... One of the pieces of legislation that was part of the Defense Authorization Bill was a NARFE supported issue about Re-employing Annuitants. It allows federal agencies to re-employ federal retirees on a **limited, part-time** basis without an offset of their annuity. Some agencies have already begun limited part time hiring of federal retirees under this program and more will surely follow. This is good for both the agency and the retiree. The agency gets an experienced worker for needed work and pays no benefits. The retiree finds part time employment with only the mandated tax deductions and earns money for a rainy day. If you are interested, you might want to contact your agency's human resource office and find out whether the program is being used and if it would be available to you.

At our April meeting I intend to have a discussion with those in attendance about programs, interests, and activities in which you would be interested in participating. I hope that some Active Federal Employees will attend at least the first part of the meeting to give input about activities they may be interested in. We could do after work activities as well as our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month activities. NARFE is your organization and my goal is to have it provide the membership with meetings and events that the members want. I see our NARFE Chapter as both an educational and social organization.

Don't forget to make your reservation and send in your \$15.00 payment for the St. Patrick's Day NARFE luncheon on Wednesday March 17th at the San Francisco State Vista Room at 11:45. See section below about the luncheon.

ST PATRICK DAY LUNCHEON: You still have time to make your reservation for the three course meal at the SF State VISTA Room at 11:45 am where we will hold our brief March 17th meeting. Please call Jerry Hall (415-412-0488) or email him (fritz1313@hotmail.com) by March 2nd if you wish to attend. The meal includes a choice of soup or salad, three entrees (prime sirloin roast, wild sea bass, or baked manicotti), and a choice of coconut cream pie or fresh fruit. Coffee, tea, milk or soda, taxes, and tip are included in the \$15.00. Your checks made out to Gerald Hall should be sent to 229 De Montfort Av., San Francisco, CA 94112. The restaurant is located in Burk Hall on the campus of San Francisco State in Room 401 (fourth floor). Burk Hall is located right behind the student center and bookstore in the main campus area. It is approximately one block from the bus and Muni stops (28, 29, 17, and M) at 19th and Holloway Ave. It is approximately two to three blocks from the Stonestown Galleria parking lot (where the M, 17, 28, 29, and 18 stop). The full menu, a map of the surrounding area showing the VISTA Room location, and information about the university program that operates the VISTA Room can be found on our website: <http://www.narfe65.org/>. **Click on the meetings button** and go to March 17th and you can select **SF State Vista Room** for general information, select **Menu** for the full menu, and select **Burk Hall** for the map. *Seats are limited. Please call Jerry to confirm availability before sending your check.* Also you can call me at 415-412-0488 if you have any questions about this March 17th event.

NARFE-PAC: NARFE is an advocacy organization created as such in 1921 and remains true to its roots by focusing on the unique interests of federal workers and annuitants. NARFE continuously enlists the time and energy of every member to defend the retirement and health benefits federal employees earned through a lifetime of service to our nation.

Your voluntary contributions to NARFE-PAC are an important tool of NARFE's advocacy efforts. In the 2 year period 1/1/07-12/31/08, 155 Chapter 65 members contributed \$4,555. At the half way point in this new cycle, 14 Chapter 65 members have contributed \$710. What happened? I know we are in a recession but now is not the time to suspend your contributions to NARFE-PAC. I'm sure we can improve on this performance; I suggest all members, who haven't done so yet, contribute \$20 to NARFE-PAC. The **NARFE-PAC coupon** is on page 22 of the March issue of NARFE magazine. You'll be glad you did!

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AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM: From February 1 through April 15th each year, the AARP Tax-Aide program offers free one-on-one counseling, as well as assistance on the telephone and internet to help low income and senior individuals prepare basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules.

There are several Tax Aide sites around the city where you can make contact to receive tax help. **(1) Federal Bldg 450 Golden Gate Ave.** SF located in the lobby, Turk St. side open Monday - Friday 9:00AM-1:00PM - phone (415) 522-4307 (no appointment required); **(2) Stonestown YMCA 3150 20th Ave. SF** open Tuesday-Thursday 11:30AM-3:30PM - phone (415) 242-7135 (appointment required); **(3) Chinese American Citizens ALNC 1044 Stockton St. SF** open Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM-2:00PM phone (415) 771-9745 (no appointment required); **(4) St Mary's Senior Services 450 Stanyan St. SF** open Monday 9:30AM-1:30PM - phone (415) 750-5800 (appointment required); **(5) Aquatic Park Senior Center 890 Beach St. SF** open Tuesday 9:30AM-1:30PM - phone (415) 775-1866 (appointment required) **For locations outside the city call 1-888-687-2277**

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA; 566-7358

Our prayers and condolences to the families of: **Gene Foppiano and Preston L Roundtree.**

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A warm WELCOME to: **Fred W Davis, Phillip De Andrade, Mary M Filippini, Danny Fong, Donald L Jerryson, Anita Keyak, Joycene Knox and Ronald J Sribnik.** We also WELCOME **George A Nolley** for reinstating his membership.

LEGISLATION: BEATRICE BERTWELL, 650-834-7493

NARFE President Margaret L. Baptiste says she is concerned about a plan to force onto the retirement rolls federal workers sidelined by workplace injuries or illnesses and currently receiving workers' compensation. She is relieved that there are no plans to cut civil service retirement and health benefits. "Still," she said, "we remain concerned that federal workers and annuitants could be in the crosshairs of a targeted effort to reduce deficits, which have exploded as a result of actions unrelated to civil service pay and benefits. Many lawmakers have called for sacrifice and responsibility as the nation grapples with unparalleled economic upheaval and an unprecedented \$1.4 trillion budget deficit and \$11 trillion national debt. President Baptiste said patriotic federal workers and annuitants want to do their part, but not if it means they are singled out for budget cuts while others are not asked to make similar sacrifices,"

The President said she was also happy that the administration had proposed restoring equity between federal civilian and military personnel by recommending that both groups receive the same pay increase in 2011. After all, civilians and uniformed military personnel often work side by side in defense of our country, and it will be especially difficult for lower income civilian employees and military personnel to pay higher living expenses on the proposed 1.4 percent raise.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DIANNE JOSEPH; 179 CHILTON AVE, SF, CA 94131; 334-6380

Balance on 1/31/10	\$ 6,077.37
Income	\$ 521.72
Expenses	\$ 828.79
Balance on 2/18/10	\$ 5,770.30

On January 31, 2010, I set up on-line banking for our NARFE Chapter 65 account, making it possible to track the daily balance. Included, is a "check card" to pay for purchases by directly debiting our account, and giving us "flex perks" cash rewards (1/4%) which can be re-deposited! This should enable us to save some money on the purchase of printed checks, stamps and envelopes.