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JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JULY 17, 2013 AT FOB, 90 7TH ST.
NO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH
GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM – 11TH FLOOR , SKY GARDEN
PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL	16	FIRST DAY OF RECRUITMENT DRIVE LOBBY OF FOB 90 7 TH STREET
JUL	17	ANN LINSAY, DEPT LABOR BENEFITS OFFICER - PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT
JUL	17	SKY GARDEN SOCIAL 11 TH FLOOR
JUL	18	LAST DAY OF RECRUITMENT DRIVE LOBBY OF FOB 90 7 TH STREET
AUG	21	STAFF MEMBER FROM CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY PELOSI'S OFFICE
SEP	03	TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO'S PALACE HOTEL WITH RICHARD HARNED
SEP	21	SF WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S, MISSION CREEK PARK

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY... I want to thank the 39 people who signed up for our June luncheon.

Members seemed to genuinely enjoy the "down home" meals provided by the Hard Knox Café. Your support for our San Francisco Chapter makes it vibrant and gives it meaning. Your San Francisco NARFE Chapter works to ensure you receive your earned benefits, gives you information that assists you in planning your retirement and making retirement a success, and provides you with both social and educational experiences. You are the San Francisco Chapter and you are NARFE. Your membership allows NARFE to be heard in Washington.

We have a number of upcoming activities this summer. We will be doing outreach to the federal employees working in the 90 Seventh Street Federal Building from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Tuesday July 16th, Wednesday July 17th, and Thursday July 18th. This effort regularly recruits new members for our Chapter and the surrounding Chapters. We provide information and materials to prospective members during this event. Additionally, our 1pm meeting on July 17th will have a presentation by Ann Lindsey, a Department of Labor expert in retirement planning. She will provide insights into current changes to federal benefits and answer questions that affect both retirees and active federal employees.

Also on Wednesday July 17th we will have our annual "Sky Garden" event. From 4pm to 6pm, NARFE will provide snacks, soft drinks, bottled water, wine and cheese, and an opportunity for members to come by, to socialize and bring friends and workmates to introduce them to NARFE, provide them with information and an opportunity to join NARFE. All members and prospective members are invited to this social event. There will be no 10:30 am executive board meeting (which is always open to all members) on the 17th.

Our September meeting will be our annual tour event. This year we will tour the **Palace Hotel** in downtown San Francisco. The tour will be conducted by Richard Harned, a NARFE member and author of The Palace Hotel, Images of America. Since Richard was not available for our regular 3rd Wednesday of the Month schedule, this event will take place at **11am on Tuesday September 3rd**. There is a \$10 fee for this event. Our August newsletter will have a coupon in it so you can reserve your space for the tour. Those members who are interested can also partake of the \$25 two-course lunch available in the Garden Court restaurant or you can gather with others from the tour at any nearby restaurant after the tour.

Plan to attend our August meeting on Wednesday the 21st, when we will hold our annual meeting with our political representative. This meeting is your chance to bring up issues, concerns, and questions for those who represent us in Washington.

Finally, your officers and board members are here for you. Feel free to call us to ask questions and make suggestions. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need and the assistance you seek as it relates to your benefits and retirement concerns. Thank you for your membership in NARFE. You can make NARFE stronger by making an effort this year to recruit at least one new member.

Visit OUR CHAPTER 65 WEB SITE: (<http://www.narfe65.org>) for more Chapter information, photos, archived newsletter, etc. NATIONAL WEB SITE: (<http://www.narfe.org>): CSFC WEB SITE: (<http://www.csfcnarfe.org>) NARFE DUES: Currently National Dues are \$40.00 and Chapter 65 Dues are \$8.00 annually. Mail check for the full \$48.00, along with your DUES RENEWAL NOTICE, when you receive it, to NARFE, Membership Services, 606 Washington St, Alexandria, Va. 22314-1914.

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

Balance on 5/1/13	\$2,505.46
Income	\$ 383.80
Expenses	\$ 387.52
Balance on 5/31/13	\$2,501.74

(Please see the treasurer's report on our website, narfe65.org for a breakdown of income and expenses.)

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We THANK *Roger W Fong, Sara Segal, Agnes Sikora and Albert Young* for reinstating their memberships.

It seem very paradoxical to me that as our annuities and benefits are being threatened as never before yet our membership is in decline. With many in Congress willing to forget the promises made to us over the benefits we have earned, I would think our members would be more willing to fight to protect those benefits rather than just walk away from NARFE.

July Membership Recruitment Drive: Members, Support Your Chapter! Let's inform non-members that it's a good deal to join and sign them up. Help us recruit more members during our membership recruitment drive on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 16, 17, and 18. You'll only need to volunteer 1, 2, or 3 hours of your time in the Federal Office Building's lobby, 90 - 7th Street in San Francisco. The Chapter's recruitment table will be in the lobby from 8:30 to approximately 1 p.m. Please contact your Chapter President, Jerry Hall, and let him know which day and the number of hours you'll be volunteering. Any member's help and assistance is always welcome!

Mobilize in Defense of Your Benefits: During July and August, members of Congress will be in their home districts meeting with constituents and attending public events. These "district work periods" provide priceless opportunities to take NARFE's message directly to legislators. In July, members will be home July 1-5, and the summer recess is August 3-September 8. Wear a NARFE shirt, hat or button when attending holiday parades, local festivals, or county and state fairs. When you shake the hand of a legislator, remind him/her of the work federal employees do to protect America's heartbeat, and relate what you do/did during your time of service. Explain that the Chained CPI will hurt Americans like you. Ask your legislator to stop attacking federal employees and retirees in the name of deficit reduction. Summer community events provide an excellent opportunity to take your NARFE legislative grass-roots activity to the next level. Not sure where to begin? Find vital information in the Protect America's Heartbeat Toolkit at <http://www.narfe.org/heartbeat/toolkit.cfm>. The legislative staff at NARFE is eager to supply locations and maps to district and state offices.

ALZHEIMER'S: FRANK MORELLI: 1237 Filbert Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-1713; 563-8361

Thanks to the generosity of the members attending our summer luncheon we collected \$60 for Alzheimer's Research. A special thanks to Leslie Ching and Jane Ramos for their assistance.

We are looking for members who would like to participate in the annual **San Francisco Walk to End Alzheimer's** being held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Mission Creek Park, 290 Channel Street, SF, CA 94158 Registration Opens 8:00am | Walk Begins 9:30am; Raise \$100 or more and receive an official Walk t-shirt. **Contact:** Erin McKenna, 650.962.8111, sfwalk@alz.org

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