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MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH SEE YOU AT HARD KNOX CAFE
2448 CLEMENT ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 18 LUNCHEON AT HARD KNOX CAFÉ 12 NOON
APR 15 GRAHAM "DES" DESVERNINE RETIRED FBI AGENT—"ADVENTURES UNDERCOVER"
MAY 20 TOUR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COLUMBARIUM

PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL; 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112; 412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH Hopefully you have received the March national magazine. I hope you will take the time to read the cover article and consider donating to NARFE PAC. There are three components to the NARFE advocacy strategy. They are lobbying, grassroots action, and NARFE-Pac contributions. Federal campaign finance laws prohibit dues money and other general funds from being directed to NARFE-PAC. Thus, NARFE-PAC depends on your voluntary contributions. NARFE-PAC pools individual contributions into larger amounts that are then thoughtfully given to campaigns and politicians who support the mission of NARFE, protecting federal workers' earned benefits and supporting good government and public service. PAC contributions frequently coincide with fundraising events hosted by candidates. These interactions support relationship-building, which aids both lobbying and grassroots actions. The cover on the magazine provides a postage paid envelope and a form for making your NARFE-PAC donation. If you have lost or destroyed your form, you can still contribute to NARFE-PAC. You can go on the NARFE.org site and click on the NARFE-Pac icon and donate online via credit card. Or you can simply make a check out for any amount to NARFE-PAC and mail it to NARFE-PAC, P.O. Box 1518, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-9606. You must be a NARFE member to contribute to NARFE-PAC. Please consider contributing to NARFE-PAC today to strengthen NARFE's influence and help defend your earned pay and benefits.

Don't forget to let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending the California Federation NARFE convention in San Luis Obispo. This is a pleasant central coastal location approximately 3.5 hours from San Francisco. We need to submit registrations by early March. The Chapter will pay the registration of any members who wish to represent the Chapter at the convention. There should be several excellent speakers presenting at the convention. Moreover, there will be discussions on the various issues facing NARFE and all federal employees and retirees.

I would like to invite you, and your guests, to our March luncheon. Put on your picnic outfit and bring a hungry stomach. (The meals are big!). Our NARFE Indoor Southern Picnic Luncheon will be at the very casual Hard Knox Café (2448 Clement St.) in the City's Richmond District on **March 18th at noon**. The Geary 38 and 38 L stop at 25th. The restaurant is 1 block North of Geary and a Half Block West. Muni Routes 1 and 29 also provide transit to the restaurant. There is some parking in the area. You can choose one of four entrees and two sides. Please indicate your choices on the reservations coupon. The meal includes two corn bread muffins and choice of Ice Tea, Soda, or Coffee. (Desserts and other drinks including beer and wine may be purchased separately.) A vegetarian dish is also available (see coupon). Cost for the meal will be \$21, including tip and taxes and worker health care. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Hall (415-412-0488). Seating will be both upstairs and downstairs. View the restaurant's website at www.hardknoxcafe.com.

Please Detach Coupon & Respond NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 10th

For reservations: Make checks **(\$21 per person)** Payable To: **NARFE Chapter 65** and mail coupon and check to Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Av, San Francisco, CA 94112. Lunch will be on Wednesday **March 18th** and begin at **12 Noon**, at the Hard Knox Café, 2448 Clement St (**between 25th Ave & 26th Ave**), San Francisco. **Select one entrée and two sides for each name attending.** Add additional names as necessary. **Select three sides if you prefer vegetarian.** **Each meal is served with two corn bread muffins and your choice of Ice Tea, Soda, or Coffee.** (Desserts and other drinks including beer and wine may be purchased separately.)

1. Name _____ Telephone _____ Entrée _____

(Circle 1) Blackened Snapper, Fried Chicken, BBQ Spareribs, Country Fried Steak
Sides (Circle 2) Cole Slaw, French Fries, Yam Fries, salad, Red Beans & Rice, Stewed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Greens

2. Name _____ Telephone _____

Entrée (Circle 1) Blackened Snapper, Fried Chicken, BBQ Spareribs, Country Fried Steak
Sides (Circle 2) Cole Slaw, French Fries, Yam Fries, salad, Red Beans & Rice, Stewed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Greens

Total Enclosed: \$ ____ Seating will be upstairs and downstairs. Check here ____ if you need downstairs seating.

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

Balance on 01/01/15	\$ 1615.19
Income	\$ 2661.27
Expenses	<u>\$ 2637.13</u>
Balance on 01/31/15	\$ 1639.33

MEMBERSHIP: MIKE CRAHAN, 415-285-2417 - We would like to welcome our new members, **RAYMOND W. KATSANES** and **PAUL MERZ**. Also, thanks to **KAY L. FIKE** and **STEVEN FIKE** for reinstating their membership.

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA 566-7358 - Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **HAROLD W. FERGUSON**, 1377 19th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122-1811 and **Leo Micholini**, 1930 Lane St, San Francisco, CA 94124-4432.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: JON LAMPMAN 925-228-8501 - On February 20, Jessica Klement, NARFE Legislative Director appeared on Federal News Radio with representatives from the National Treasury Union and Senior Executive Service. Ms. Klement initially stated there are no important pending legislative proposals that could impact benefits for active and retired Federal employees. However, the Congressional budget reconciliation process in June could pose significant challenges. Ms. Klement is especially concerned about proposals that will dramatically increase retirement contributions for active Federal employees and significantly reduce the Government's contribution to the Federal Employee Health Benefit program for retirees. We need to closely monitor any NARFE messages about these issues. The following is an archived link to the Federal News Radio program. <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/473/3803569/Federal-legislative-roundtable-discussion>.

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NEW COMMITTEE: Maryann Swazo, Helen Rogers and Joe Mangiameli have been appointed to research ideas for fundraisers to help pay for publication of the monthly newsletter. If you have any thoughts on this please contact Joe at joemangia@comcast.net or 415-359-9644.

APRIL 15th MEETING SPEAKER: GRAHAM "DES" DESVERNINE, Retired Supervisory Agent in Charge, FBI Special Operations Group and pioneer on undercover operations will speak on "Adventures Undercover".

DID YOU KNOW? AARP has a **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) 364-8829 (appointment recommended); (2) Stonestown YMCA 3150 20th Ave. SF open Tuesday-Thursday 11:30AM-3:00PM - phone (415) 242-7135 (appointment required); (3) St Mary's Senior Services at Morrissey Hall, 2250 Hayes St. SF open Friday 10:00AM-2:00PM - phone (415) 750-5530 (appointment required); (4) 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 1-888-227-7669.

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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.