



# **NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

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## **ATTENTION ACTIVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

*If you are not a member of NARFE, please consider joining our organization so you can have*

- *A voice on Capitol Hill*
- *Advanced information on changes to your federal benefits and guidance to help you make the best choices pre- and post-retirement*
- *An award winning monthly magazine and exclusive Web site access*
- *Member perks and*
- *Eligibility for college scholarships and disaster relief grants*

*NARFE is an advocate for both active and retired federal employees before Congress and the White House. Our mission is to safeguard and enhance federal employee benefits, retirement benefits, and pay issues for active federal employees and annuitants.*

**Visit the website NARFE.org for more information**

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

**As we move into the new year, there are two items front and center that will have an impact on each NARFE member. The first, and by far the most important to us is the potential impact of the actions that are being discussed in Washington concerning federal employee and retiree benefits. I encourage you to stay attuned to this situation as it progresses thru the many stages of discussion. If we are to weather this latest attack on our benefits and I believe this may be the greatest we've seen, we will not come out of it unscathed without active involvement from each of you. Don't be surprised at the fast track this action will be on as it moves through**

**the Washington bureaucracy. Read all of the NARFE emails and visit the NARFE National website often. The NARFE magazine is the source for detailed information on this subject. These communications will ask you to contact your elected representative in many instances in a short timeframe, so use your own discretion on when and how you respond to this latest effort by politicians to REDUCE our earned benefits.**

**The other item of interest is our Tennessee Federation convention coming up April 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland. I would like to see many of you plan to attend this very important and informative meeting of NARFE members from across our**

**State. It is a good time to meet a lot of new people from Tennessee that share a common cause of preserving what we worked for during our federal career. If you plan to attend, let Dean McAlister (336-2330) or Danny Britt (478-2837) know. We will have more details of the Convention at our February meeting.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10 6 pm at St. Therese Catholic Church in Cleveland. If you haven't attended or have missed some meetings lately, please try to attend. As always, we will enjoy a delicious covered dish meal. Our program will be on Home Fire Safety. Gil Frederick, Fire inspector, with the Cleveland Fire Department will be presenting the program.**

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

**Do you have an email address? Does the National office have the address? If so, are you receiving email message via the GEMS email system? If you have not disclosed your email address to NARFE, please consider**

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**making the address available to us. This is a great way to quickly mobilize an attack against efforts to reduce federal active employee and retiree benefits. Contact Dean McAlister (336-2330) if you have an email address to add.**

### **REMEMBER: RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT**

**Our current membership for Chapter 860 is 49. New membership applications will be available at the next meeting.**

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