



## **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE FEDERATION  
CHAPTER MEETING  
STEAM ROOM GRILL  
JACKSON, MS**

**6 NOVEMBER 2009**

Mississippi State Federation President Noel Sumrall called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Prayer was offered by Tucker Russell

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Noel welcomed the members attending the meeting and opened with the following business:

1. Mark Chaney will be chairing the site selection committee for the annual convention in 2011
2. Chapter 1572 has received the members by transfer from Chapter 247.
3. Recruiting in Region 3 has brought in 3082 new members with 160 new members in Mississippi. Lowndes Chapter has brought in 15 new members from Columbus AFB, making the chapter #2 in the nation for small chapter recruiting.
4. NARFE membership by District:

District 1: 4649

District 2: 4780

District 3: 5331

District 4: 8713

5. Service Officers are:

1. Vicksburg: David Haworth
2. Keesler AFB: Harry Moore
3. Stennis Space Center: Rhett Hamiter and Belinda Clark

6. Noel stressed the importance of meeting with the respective Congressional members as much as possible and inviting them to chapter meetings.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Tom Baroni presented the Membership Report. He will be working with the District reps to review recruiting strategy for the chapters and setting goals to reach by July 2010. One important point is having face to face conversations and using good lead-in statements, such as "Who takes care of benefits and entitlements?" For help, please contact him at 601-638-7370.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Please see attached report)**

Jerry Janci presented the Legislative report. Jerry briefly described the response to various legislative actions/requests to Congress and Senate by NARFE National Office. At this point, only 7000 members who receive information by GEMS have responded to these requests; GEMS has about 45000 members listed out of the total NARFE membership.

Jerry outlined several successes:

1. When the Medicare Part B was due to increase 14% for CSRS employees (those not paying into Social Security), GEMS response was important to push Senate action to pass a special bill to cover this issue and not pass the increase to these employees.
2. Success of the GEMS network is vital for quick response to legislative issues at the local level.

NARFE Chapters also should consider setting up chapter websites. National will help with the technical issues and host the websites linked with the national webpage (for example: [www.narfe.org/chapter XYZ](http://www.narfe.org/chapter)). The cost is \$25.99 a month.

A new handout (P132) is available describing the FEHBP costs for use at health fairs.

Matching funds are available for public relation ads, banners, etc.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

District 1: Tucker Russell

Tucker has continued meeting with chapters.

District 2: Mark Chaney

Mark reported:

1. A very successful open health fair at the Vicksburg chapter with Jack Fowler meeting and recruiting new members.
2. Greenville chapter hosted a watermelon cutting event.
3. Jackson chapter will be installing officers in December and continues talking with congressional staff.

District 3:

James reported:

1. Meridian chapter is very active in legislation issues while filling the legislative chair position.
2. Decatur chapter also needs a legislative chair.
3. Philadelphia chapter attended the legislative meeting in Washington, DC.
4. Mailed a request to the chapter legislative chairs to report activities and contacts with the congressional staff.

District 4: (Please see attached report)

Ellawese reported:

1. Ocean Springs chapter may be merged with another Gulf Coast chapter.
2. Buccaneer chapter presented a program entitled "Sowing the Seeds of Grassroots: Contacting Congress".
3. Gulf Coast chapter will be filling officer positions in January since Mary Pierson has resigned as president.
4. Picayune chapter has 3 members at today's meeting and has worked with Chapter 2345 for fund raising events.
5. Stennis Space Center chapter 2345 participated in the health fair with a number of potential new members interested.
6. Singing River chapter continues with its legislative focus.
7. All chapters were encouraged to vote on the dues issues and to participate in the leadership meeting in Columbus.

Ellawese asked for a moment to recognize chapters.

**ALZHEIMER'S REPORT (Please see attached report)**

Harry and Diane Moore presented a summary of fund raising and donations to date. Our fundraising year is from April to April (convention to convention) differs from National record keeping (July 1 to June 30). So, the first payment to National reflects July 1 to present and was \$6400. Please send checks directly to them for chapter credit.

Lowndes County chapter leads the donation list with Stennis Space Center as a close second. Various chapters send donations as a lump amount at the end of the year.

Last year, the total for the Mississippi Federation was \$24053.33 to Alzheimer's Fund.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED FOR THE VICTIMS AND INJURED AT FORT HOOD.**

**NARFE PAC**

Carlton Brock reported PAC donations were made to 8 candidates during the last campaign election. From January 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4714 contributors made a total of \$127425 to the NARFE National PAC fund; Mississippi had 35 contributions for \$890.

No response from Congressman Harper concerning invitations to chapter meetings or office visits.

**FEEA REPORT**

No report made.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Tom Price asked for all resolutions to be forwarded in the near future in preparation for the next annual convention.

**Note:** The Annual State convention will be 16 to 18 April 2010 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Please see attached report)**

Jimmie Glydewell reported the balance at \$17248.78 at the end of October.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Rhett Hamiter passed out minutes from the 2009 convention and executive board meeting.

**GUEST SPEAKER - DON STEWART (Please see attached report)**

Don is running as a candidate for Region 3 Vice President at the 2010 NARFE Convention election. He has held past positions in Florida as chapter president and state federation president.

His main points are:

1. Run to impact future benefits.
2. Paid for benefits by service, not given.
3. Alzheimer fund support is important.
4. Retention and recruitment are vital to NARFE in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Business having concluded, Noel adjourned the meeting at 1 pm.

**Mississippi Federation of Chapters Agenda**

**November 6, 2009**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Remarks by Federation President - Noel Sumrall**

**Legislative Chair Report - 1st Vice President Jerry Janci**

**Membership Chair Report - 2nd Vice President Tom Baroni**

**District I Activity Report - District I Rep Tucker Russell**

**District II Activity Report - District II Rep Mark Chaney**

**District III Activity Report - District III Rep James Sawyer**

**District IV Activity Report - District IV Rep Ellawese McClendon**

**Alzheimers Report - Harry & Diane Moore**

**NARFE-PAC Report - Carlton Brock**

**FEEA Report - Helen Thomas**

**Other Reports**

**Treasurer Comments**

**Secretary Comments**

**Guest Speaker - Don Stewart, Candidate for Region III Field VP**

**Adjourn**

Mississippi Federation NARFE Executive Board Meeting  
November 6, 2009  
Jackson, MS

Legislative campaign started immediately after the April Mississippi State Convention. At the Executive Board Meeting following the end of the State Convention at Lake Tiak-O'Khata, President Sumrall indicated the importance of legislation and the need to have a Legislative Liaison in each Congressional District. August advocacy month also was discussed.

Immediately following the Convention I contacted each District Representative urging them to get the chapters in their District going on legislation. A list of all Congressional offices, along with the chapters that represented these office areas, and the contact person in each chapter was sent to each District Representative.

On June 2 a Tele-Conference was held with President Baptiste, Bob Harrell, myself and Noel Sumrall along with our NARFE Legislative staff. The importance of advocacy month was discussed along with the need of Legislative contacts by all chapters.

In July, each chapter that has a congressional office in their area was sent the contact information for these offices. Each chapter was again urged to contact their representative or senator by personal contact, phone call, or mail. Any way is better than none. Each chapter was asked to report their contacts to me, President Sumrall, and Regional Vice President Bob Harrell.

Various E-Mail followed. At the start of September and again at the end of September I again contacted all chapters that had not reported their contact and asked for their reports. A total of seven(7) chapters submitted reports out of sixteen (16) chapters that have Legislative Offices in their chapter area.

Every member with a Computer should be on "GEMS" so NARFE can contact us when action is need on any Legislative subject. These actions are often needed in a hurry. A few clicks and you will do your part to make NARFE successful in our legislative program.

Jerry Janci, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Legislative Chairman, Mississippi Federation NARFE





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## 2010 Biweekly Premiums—Fee-For-Service

Plan Option	Code	Total Premium	Gov't Pays	You Pay	Enrollee Increase/Decrease
<b>Blue Cross/Blue Shield</b>					
Standard self	104	\$248.42	\$167.61	\$80.81	\$10.63
Standard family	105	\$561.10	\$376.04	\$185.06	\$20.48
Basic self	111	\$186.02	\$139.52	\$46.50	\$3.84
Basic family	112	\$435.66	\$326.75	\$108.91	\$9.00
<b>Mail Handlers</b>					
Standard self	454	\$244.23	\$167.61	\$76.62	\$16.76
Standard family	455	\$558.94	\$376.04	\$182.90	\$54.24
HDHP self	481	\$143.46	\$107.60	\$35.86	\$1.04
HDHP family	482	\$325.08	\$243.81	\$81.27	\$2.37
Value Opt. self	414	\$110.24	\$82.68	\$27.56	\$6.03
Value Opt. family	415	\$262.82	\$197.12	\$65.70	\$14.37
<b>GEHA</b>					
High self	311	\$247.15	\$167.61	\$79.54	-\$11.95
High family	312	\$562.10	\$376.04	\$186.06	-\$7.72
Standard self	314	\$148.10	\$111.08	\$37.02	\$2.75
Standard family	315	\$336.54	\$252.41	\$84.13	\$6.24
HDHP self	341	\$175.76	\$131.82	\$43.94	\$0.00
HDHP family	342	\$401.44	\$301.08	\$100.36	\$0.00
<b>NALC</b>					
High self	321	\$235.46	\$167.61	\$67.85	\$11.35
High family	322	\$514.38	\$376.04	\$138.34	\$21.97
<b>APWU</b>					
High self	471	\$205.78	\$154.34	\$51.44	\$1.97
High family	472	\$465.30	\$348.98	\$116.32	\$4.47
Consumer-Driven self	474	\$155.40	\$116.55	\$38.85	\$0.00
Consumer-Driven family	475	\$349.60	\$262.20	\$87.40	\$0.00
<b>SAMBA</b>					
High self	441	\$276.37	\$167.61	\$108.76	\$10.87
High family	442	\$650.85	\$376.04	\$274.81	\$30.25
Standard self	444	\$200.50	\$150.38	\$50.12	\$2.83
Standard family	445	\$457.92	\$343.44	\$114.48	\$6.48
<b>Foreign Serv. Ben. Plan</b>					
High self	401	\$211.03	\$158.27	\$52.76	\$4.36
High family	402	\$512.01	\$376.04	\$135.97	\$10.02

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## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. /  Mrs. /  Miss /  Ms.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual/Expected Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #: \_\_\_\_\_

Enroll me in chapter number \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

Check all that apply:  Retiree  Active Federal Employee  
 Spouse  Former Spouse  Survivor  Former Employee

Also enroll my spouse

\$33 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 membership fee # of people total  
 per person enrolling payment

The first year membership fee includes National and Chapter dues.

### Payment Methods:

Check/Money Order payable to NARFE  Bill Me  
 MasterCard  Discover  VISA  AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: (MM) \_\_\_\_\_ / (YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ellawese McLendon  
Mississippi Federation NARFE  
District IV Representative  
November 6, 2009

Some of our chapters in District IV continue to experience difficulties in getting members to make a commitment to serve as officers and other important roles that benefit NARFE.

Chapter 1765 Ocean Springs has been inactive over year now. Mrs. Catherine Fowler has been willing to keep the chapter active but she is unable to get officers and members out to meetings. We can't run the chapter without officers. I will send a letter to all members with a post card to be returned that would indicate their preference on close, transfer, or to reactivate the chapter with officers. Members will have two weeks to return the cards. After the information is compiled a final decision will be made on the status of the Chapter.

Chapter 1729 Buccaneer, Bay St. Louis - (meeting location is Diamondhead) Charles Melson, President stated that is difficult to get members to attend meetings. The Chapter has had some interesting programs from local agencies and organizations. In July I presented a program for the chapter on "Sowing the Seeds of Grassroots: Contacting Congress" using the materials from the Legislative Conference held in Washington.

Chapter 1571 Gulf Breeze, Gulfport is having their chapter meeting to today. They are electing officers, finalizing the dues vote and taking care of other business. President Ownby stated that Harry and Diane Moore are representing the chapter and their mail ballots were in for the dues vote.

Chapter 1570 Jones County - The President James Brogan will visit with Chapter 670 in November to share some of his concerns relating to member involvement, meeting attendance, programs, etc. Chapter 670 will share ideas too. The District Representative will discuss some of the points from the Regional Leadership Seminar. On December 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter 670 will volunteer with the Salvation Army to sort and set up donated canned goods for food boxes.

Chapter 0209 Gulf Coast, Biloxi - Mary Pierson resigned and turned over the records to the chapter due to her major responsibilities with the Pre-Retirement Seminars. I am very hopeful that we will have a slate of officers for 2010. I will attend the next chapter meeting. We appreciate all that Mary has done to advance the cause of NARFE through the chapter. Our goal is to keep this chapter active.

Chapters 1600 Pearl River, Picayune and Chapter 2345 Stennis Space Center worked together on a successful fund raiser collection at a local Walmart Store for Alzheimer's Research. 1600 held a barbecue in preparation for the Garage Sale.

Chapter 2345 participated in the Health Fair at Stennis Space Center Tuesday of this week. Jimmie Glydewell and I worked the NARFE table and a good number of current employees promised to join NARFE.

Stennis Chapter enjoyed a picnic as an avenue for recruitment. The chapter is running the Ad that was developed with Matching Funds in the Stennis News Paper.

The chapter also received the \$100 Alzheimer's prize for the small chapter category.

Chapter 1169 Singing River, Pascagoula June meeting focused on legislative activities.

All chapters were encouraged to get their vote in on the dues referendum and to have their chapter represented at this meeting.

I attended and participated in the Region 111 Leadership Development Seminar October 6-7-8, 2009 in Columbus, Georgia.

# MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION ALZHEIMER'S REPORT

Harry and Diane Moore, Federation Co-Chairs

October 31, 2009

## DISTRICT I

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Total Donations</u>
1149	Grenada	48	\$ 159.00
1369	Northeast MS	74	0.00
1388	Lowndes County	82	2,029.15
1659	Lafayette County	109	114.00
1879	Jacinto	61	322.00
2342	Northwest	52	<u>0.00</u>
			\$2,624.15

## DISTRICT II

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Total Donations</u>
0345	Greenville	65	\$ 100.00
1501	Warren County	246	110.00
1572	North Jackson	389	0.00
1642	Tallahatchie County	16	<u>0.00</u>
			\$ 210.00

## DISTRICT III

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Total Donations</u>
0323	Meridian	78	\$ 0.00
0968	Starkville	209	0.00
1146	Southwest MS	64	153.50

**DISTRICT III (Continued)**

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Total Donations</u>
1208	East Central	43	\$ 0.00
1251	Central MS	76	527.00
1667	Newton County	25	270.00
1766	Strong River	23	0.00
2240	Homochitto	30	<u>0.00</u>
			\$ 950.50

**DISTRICT IV**

<u>Chapter #</u>	<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Total Donations</u>
0209	MS Gulf Coast	124	\$ 20.00
0670	Pine Belt	128	325.00
1169	Singing River	56	200.00
1570	Jones County	43	0.00
1571	Gulf Breeze	229	80.00
1600	Pearl River	65	420.00
1729	Buccaneer	117	0.00
1765	Ocean Springs	72	0.00
2345	Stennis Space Center	34	<u>1,743.50</u>
			\$ 2,788.50

TOTAL COLLECTED YTD	\$ 6,573.15
YTD AMOUNT MAILED TO ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION	<u>\$ 6,400.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 173.15
NEW CHECK CHARGE (START UP NEW ACCOUNT)	<u>— 36.55</u>
BALANCE ON HAND (31 OCT 09)	\$ 136.60

Reconciliation Summary

**BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Previous Balance:			16,847.79
Checks and Payments	0	Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	2	Items	400.99
Service Charge	0	Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0	Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:			17,248.78

**YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Cleared Balance:			17,248.78
Checks and Payments	0	Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0	Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 10/9/2009:			17,248.78
Checks and Payments	0	Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0	Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:			17,248.78

**CANDIDATE FOR REGION III VICE PRESIDENT  
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**LEADERSHIP, NARFE, GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**

**Florida Chapter 1405, 1999 to 2003:**

**President of Chapter 1405: 2001 to 2003; Vice President, 2000 to 2001.**

**Dramatically increased chapter membership and meeting attendance. Insured officer succession with a full slate of dedicated officers. Promoted chapter grass roots support for NARFE legislative agenda.**

**Florida District Seven Vice President 2001-2004:**

**Advanced recruiting in all district chapters. Directed District Pre-Retirement Seminars.**

**Restarted meetings and attendance of Chapter 139 on verge of closing. Reopened Key West Chapter 598, closed since 1991. Regularly visited district chapters promoting NARFE and Federation membership and legislative initiatives. Took part in Region III Training Seminar, 2002. Participated in training sessions newly elected District V.P. Attend 2002 National Convention**

**Florida Federation 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2003 to 2005:**

1. 2005 Federation Convention General Chair.
2. 2004 Federation Convention Administrative Assistant.
3. Vendor Tables and Commercial Ads Chair.
4. Federation Budget Committee.
5. Chaired Federation Chapter Redistribution Committee.
6. Chaired 2005 Convention Agenda.
7. Attended 2004 National Conventions.

**Florida Federation 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2005 to 2007:**

1. 2006, 2007 Convention General Chair.
2. Membership Oversight.
3. Analyzing membership losses
4. Federation Budget Committee.
5. Attended District Mtgs. for Membership presentations.
6. Federation Coordinator, 2007 NARFE/Alzheimer Cruise.
7. Attended 2006 National Convention.

**Florida Federation President 2007 to 2009:**

1. Attended Meeting of Federation Presidents July '07; 2. Attended as guest NEB July '07; 3. Instituted Open Forum Concept into Federation Executive Board Agenda. 4. Invited to attend NEB Meeting in Orlando, Feb. '07.
5. Made Honorary Kentucky Colonel, Feb. '07, FLFED District 11 V.P. James Greene.
6. Attended Meeting of Federation Presidents Sept '08 and attended 2008 National Convention
7. Appointed to Committee on Enhancing NARFE for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Oct. 2008 by National Pres. Baptiste
8. Attended 2009 NARFE Legislative Training Conference; 9. Reappointed to Cttee on Enhancing NARFE Oct. 09;
10. Attended 2009 Region III Training Seminar

**U.S. Department of State, 1964-1971 and 1977-1988:**

**Japanese Language and Area Training; Officer in Charge Yokohama Consular Office; Executive Assistant to U.S. Ambassador, Argentina; Alternate U.S. Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States. Planned, developed and managed \$30 million budget of 5 Specialized and 12 Technical Organizations of OAS. Successfully managed elections of U.S. Representatives to executive positions within the OAS system. Coordinated Congressional and VIP visits. Developed reputation in Yokohama of being the only post in the Far East to repatriate destitute Americans at no cost to the Government.**

**AWARDS: 1985, Superior Honor Award; 10 Meritorious and Superior Group awards.**

**Library of Congress: 1962-1964 and 1971-1976:**

**Editor, Handbook of Latin American Studies, '71-'76; Assistant Editor, '62-'64. High profile management Position with editorial staff of 8 and over 100 contributing editors from universities and academia in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Latin America. Handbook was published annually. Instrumental in scheduling to restore deadlines and meet distribution obligations. Lectured at Regional conferences on Latin American publishing industry. Published a number of articles in professional journals.**

**Military 1954-1966; Active Duty, 1954, and 1955-1957:**

**Lieutenant to Captain: Assistant Beach Commander, DEW Line Re-supply Mission, Alaskan Command; Assistant Provost Marshall, Seattle Army Terminal; Assistant Trial Counsel; Training Officer, 435<sup>th</sup> Transportation Command.**

**Education:**

**Washington & Lee University, B.A. 1951-1955**

**George Washington University, M.A. 1957-1960**

**George Washington University, ABD (All But Dissertation) 1960-1964**

**Family Background:**

**Married, four sons, 3 in the U.S. Army, 1 Col., 2 Lt. Col's; and 1 in private sector.**

**Father, 39 years in the Department of State, Veterans Affairs, and U.S. Army. Awarded Distinguished Service Cross, WWI. Fifth Generation to serve in the U.S. Government.**