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President's Message

I will soon have served a year as your Federation President and I have learned that the position is not just an honor, but is a working position. I have put together an Executive Board of 20 highly qualified and dedicated people to work with us. I want to thank each one for accepting their respective responsibilities.

If I had a theme for the year, it would be **commitment**. Membership is the Number one goal to gain new members for our Federation. We look forward to our State Convention, May 5, 6 and 7. Mary Pierson, Federation Membership Chair will be our Training Session Chair on Monday, May 6, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and hear: Ray Sheehy, our 1st Vice President will conduct a session on the duties of Presidents and Vice Presidents; Noel Sumrall, our 2nd Vice President will conduct a session on NARFE Legislative Programs in the 107th Congress; Roy Stewart, former Treasurer will conduct a session on duties of Treasurers and their Record Keeping; Helen Thomas, Historian and FEAA Chair will conduct a session on duties of Secretaries and their Record Keeping; Jack Thomas, Pre-Retirement Seminar Chair will conduct a session on duties of Service Officers; Mary Pierson, Membership Chair will conduct a session on recruiting members and what she has been doing for Chapters on the Gulf Coast.

Contact the Cabot Lodge Millsaps, 2375 North State St, Jackson, Phone 601-948-8650 or 1-800-874-4737, for room reservation. You must mention you will be with the NARFE group in order to get negotiated group rate of \$55.00 single or \$63.00 for double occupancy, plus tax. Included is a continental breakfast each morning and refreshments after 5 p.m. for room occupants. Reservations may be secured with a credit card and must be made not later than **April 15, 2002**, otherwise late reservations will be subject to availability and group rate.

Delegate registration fee is \$30.00 per person and includes the Monday night Banquet.

Federation Convention Delegate Credentials Form (F-42) will be used to register delegates. A copy of Form 42 has been mailed to Chapter Secretaries and they can be reproduced as needed if your Chapter Secretary does not have the 3-part form F-42. Or, it can be printed from the NARFE web site (narfe.org) by clicking on "downloadable forms" and scroll to "Form 42." No refund of registration fee for cancellation can be made after **April 15, 2002**.

The proper procedures for "Form 42" are:

- Complete Form 42 in **triplicate**.
- Your **Chapter Secretary** will sign and forwarded the **2nd copy and any checks** to the Federation Secretary. Retain the **3rd copy** for your Chapter Records.
- Take the **original with you to the convention!**
- Delegate's registration fee is \$30, make any checks payable to **NARFE Convention 2002**.

The Banquet Menu for Monday night has been selected with you in mind and we trust you will enjoy it. If you wish to bring a non Delegate to the Banquet, their cost will be \$25.00. Include their name on a check made payable to **NARFE Convention 2002**. Send it with the other Credential Forms.

Chapter Secretaries **must** send me (Viola) the names of any member/s deceased since the last Convention, if your Chapter would like them honored and listed in the Program for the Memorial Service on Sunday night. This is always a special program and we want to honor all members who have passed away during the past year..

Viola G. Harrison
President

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CORRECTION to CONVENTION DATES

The President's Message in Dec 2001 issue of the Federal Retiree showed Federation Convention dates as May 5 - 9, 2002. This should have read **May 5 - 7, 2002**

Chapter 1388 News Notes

From Jackie Newcomer

Johnny Page, President reports that our last three fund raisers for Alzheimers Research exceeded \$2,600. Fund raising projects were two carport sales and McRae's charity ticket sales. There were some large items donated and members were also generous with their donations. The Chapter thanks Johnny and Bobbie Page for all their special efforts in these fund raising projects.



Shown above is Pine Belt Chapter 670 Immediate Past President Nancy Litwiller with Senator Trent Lott.

Chapter 670 Lobbies Senator Lott

From Nancy Litwiller

The Chapter met on August 15th with 20 members present. Eight other service clubs also attended the luncheon in the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Senator Lott discussed economic development in Mississippi. The meeting also provided Pine Belt members an opportunity to lobby for pre-tax annuity dollars to pay for health insurance and other NARFE sponsored legislation.

Presidents Special Request for the Convention

Each Chapter is requested to bring or send at least two door prizes to the convention. Members always appreciate hand made items and crafts.

District V Recruit & Retain

From Bill Litwiller, Dist Repr

The medium size of the NARFE Chapters in District V is 100 members. Four chapters are larger than 100 and four chapters are smaller than 100. Members are lost in two ways; death - approximately 5 to 6 percent per year, and non-renewal of dues, up to 5 to 6 percent each year. In the case of a 100 member chapter, this means that the Membership Chair and other members must recruit at least 10 to 12 members each year just to maintain current membership. Recruiting must be a continuous effort and **every member** should help in this activity. Following are some suggested recruiting activities for chapters:

- Ask members to bring a prospective member to meetings.
- Make personal contacts with Federal Agencies in your area to enlist current workers as members.
- Don't forget the Post Office as a source of members.
- Arrange to make a presentation to Federal Agencies.
- Recruit from large agencies if you have them in your area.
- Follow up on names given to Chapters by the National Office.
- Recognize long time members and new members in some special way.
- Use a telephone tree to remind members of every meeting.

Editor's note: Here are some guidelines to effectively direct your inquiries to the National Office to obtain recruitment material. Different numbers access different specialists so use this reference list before you call:

1-800-627-3394 - PRS kits and information, Member-Get-A-Member, & R&R issues.

1-800-838-3821 - PRS kits and speaker information

1-800-456-8410 - Report address changes, notification of death, chapter transfers, roster updates and corrections.

1-703-838-7760 - For legislative issues and all other calls including Retirement Benefits.

You may use Supply order form (F-18) and send it directly to the NARFE mailroom. You can e-mail orders

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Contact a NARFE Chapter Near YOU for more Information!

Meetings are held in the cities below. Call for information on dates, time and locations. Encourage Federal Retirees as well as current active Federal Employees to join a Local Chapter, and become involved in helping preserve the benefits we all earned while working as Federal Employees.

CHAPTER LISTINGS				CHAPTER LISTINGS			
CITY	CHAP	PRESIDENT	PHONE	CITY	CHAP	PRESIDENT	PHONE
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Charlthage	1642	Mary Harpole	601-647-2001	Mendenhall	1766	Charles Williamson	601-679-2649
Clarksdale	1071	M. Ray Keith	662-624-9491	Meridian	323	Dempsey Broadhead	601-679-8273
Columbus	1388	Johnny F. Page	662-327-4756	Ocean Springs	1765	William T. (Bill) Hodge	228-875-2018
Corinth	1879	Jean B. Crane	662-423-5528	Oxford	1659	Tomnie E. Simpson	662-234-6929
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Grenada	1149	John M. Sutton	662-412-2380	Starkville	968	Helen Thomas	662-323-0369
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