

Mississippi Federation of Chapters, Inc. National Association of Retired Federal Employees  
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**President's Message**

As I begin the last few months of this Administration as your Federation President, I have had the opportunity to travel across the State of Mississippi and outside our State. As we begin 2003, take advantage of the upcoming State Federation Convention at Lake Tiak O'Khata. Our speakers will be Chuck Timanus, Director of Public Relations from our NARFE Washington Office, Ken Martin, our Region III Field Vice President. You will meet your new Federation Officers who will begin two years of Networking with new faces who will make a difference.

I want to thank all the Chairpersons and Committee Members who accepted their responsibility and for all your efforts and volunteer service. You have done a great job and I am most appreciative.

I treasure the friendships that I have made, your letters, phone calls and visits will always be remembered. If I can be of help in the future, please feel free to call on me.

I thank you, and may God bless.

*Viola G. Harrison*  
President

**Corrected Information Regarding State Convention**

From Roy Stewart

Information as published in the December Newsletter is not applicable.

Following is corrected information:  
Mississippi NARFE Convention will be held at Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort, Louisville, MS on April 27-29, 2003.

The special group rate for two (2) nights lodging and meals is as follows:

- \$155.40 Single occupancy
- \$107.30 Per person double occupancy
- \$ 94.40 Per person triple occupancy
- \$ 82.00 Per person quad occupancy

This room rate includes two (2) nights lodging, meals Sunday (Supper), Monday (Breakfast, Lunch, DINNER set down), and Tuesday (Breakfast and Lunch), Room & food tax and all gratuities.

Delegates & Guests, who are paying for lodging and meals, registration fee is \$15.00 per person. Delegates & Guests, who are NOT paying for lodging but are having only the Monday night Dinner, registration fee is \$30.00 per Delegate and \$15.00 per Guest. Delegates or Guests, who are NOT paying for lodging, meals nor the Dinner, registration fee is \$15.00 per person. Registration fee may be refunded, if the Federation Treasurer receives cancellation, which is Roy Stewart, by April 25, 2003.

Room reservations & payment for lodging & meals is the responsibility of delegates & guests. The "CUT OFF DATE" for making reservations at the group rate is March 24, 2003. Reservations after March 24, 2003 will be on space availability. The telephone numbers for resort are 662-773-7853 or toll free 888-845-6151. Notify resort you are with NARFE & want the special group rate. Advise the resort of any special needs or requirements you have because of disabilities or physical limitations.

Each chapter Secretary should complete and forward the delegates form & list of guests with registration fee for delegates & guests with check payable to MS Federation and mail to Roy Stewart, 523 Mockingbird Dr, Long Beach, MS 39560 or sooner, if you have delegate form & guest list & registration fee in hand.

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**APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Legislative/State&Natl:** Noel Sumrall, Columbus.  
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**CONTRIBUTOR'S INSTRUCTIONS:** Send news and articles to the Editor at any time, but not later than deadline dates of Mar 15, Jul 15, Nov 15, to be considered for the issues that will be published the month following each of these deadline dates. As much chapter information as space permits will be published.

**Philadelphia, Chapter 1251**

By Mazine Winstead, Federation Chairperson, NARFE -PAC

Our Chapter met at its new location, South Holland Dining, on March 5, 2003 at 11:30 for a luncheon meeting at which time we received 3 new members. Also 3 members transferred their membership to our Chapter from the Leake County Chapter, which has been closed.

Our speaker was Lonnie Graeber, Neshoba County Hospital Administrator, who brought us up to date on the hospital's renovation. There will also be a new 40-bed unit, 20 of which will be allocated to Alzheimer's patients. We received donations of \$100 for the Alzheimer's Fund at the meeting. We also received \$50 donations for NARFE-PAC at the meeting in March.

Our Chapter planted three trees in February in the City Park in memory of the deceased in our Chapter during 2001 and 2002.

We are an active Chapter and are seeking new members. We have gained 14 new members during 2002 and 2003.

**Membership Committee**

By Mary Pierson, Chairperson

The Chapter monthly report, M-12 has a new section identifying prime candidates for dues withholding. This section lists all these annual members who are five months from expiration and are good prospects for dues withholding. Chapter leaders should convince these annual members to convert to dues withholding (about \$2.00 per month), thereby increasing our retention rate.

**NARFE Disaster and Scholarship**

By Helen Thomas, Coordinator, Region III and MS Federation

It is time for the NARFE Scholarship Applications to be completed and filed. These applications must be postmarked by MAY 1, 2003. Application forms are in the NARFE Magazine in the February, March and April issues or may be down loaded from the NARFE Web site. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and stepchildren of ALL NARFE members are eligible to apply. There will be six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded in each region this year.

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The Registration Desk, Convention Meeting Room, Memorial Service & Hospitality Room will be held in the Pineridge Building. The registration desk will be open on Sunday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday & Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Business meeting will be conducted on Monday & Tuesday beginning at 9:00 AM each day.

Memorial service, honoring our deceased members will be held in the meeting room at 7:00 PM Sunday. Chapter Secretaries mail a list of names of your members who have gone to eternal rest since the 2002 convention to Viola G. Harrison, 360 Wild Cedar Pl., Brandon, MS 39042, Phone 601-825-6869, as soon as possible.

Each chapter may nominate one member for each 50 members or fraction to receive a Distinguished Service Award. Submit names and a brief statement regarding his/her service to Viola Harrison, 360 Wild Cedar Place, Brandon, MS 39042.

A 20% commission will be paid to your chapter for selling commercial Ads. No commission is paid for Booster, Chapter, Individual or Memorial Ads. A business card or the information needed to complete an Ad is acceptable. Camera ready is great!! Cost of Ads: Full Page \$100.00, Half Page \$50.00, Quarter Page \$25.00. Exhibit table for

commercial business \$100.00 each table. Booster Ads of \$1.00 per person will record your name & chapter in program book. Ad fees help defray cost of convention plus they help to keep Registration Fee at minimum cost to you. The print shop will work up your Ad on receipt. So, don't hold up your Ad sale, mail Ad and fee the day of the sale or next day to Roy Stewart, 523 Mockingbird Dr, Long Beach, MS 39560.

Chapters wanting to reserve a table to sell articles for NARFE Programs must send a request to Ray Sheehy, PO Box 6234, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

Each chapter is requested to bring two (2) door prizes for drawing to be conducted at intervals during the convention program. Please turn in your door prizes at the Registration Desk upon arrival.

Presidents please encourage all your members to attend the State Convention, it is informative & the Resort is an excellent facility to be enjoyed.

Any questions contact:  
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**The picture below captures all but 3 of the 21 Mississippi Delegates to the 2002 NARFE National Convention held in Greensboro, N.C. September 22-26, 2002**



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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. Retired Federal Employees as well as current active Federal Employees are encouraged to join a Local Chapter, and become involved in helping preserve the benefits we all earned while working as Federal Employees. This listing is updated as copy of Form 7's are sent to the Federation Secretary when new officers are elected or changes are made.

Chapter Listings by Congressional Districts				Congressional Districts			
City	Chap	President	Phone	City	Chap	President	Phone
<b>District 1</b>				<b>District 2</b>			
Tupelo	1369	Betty L. Hammock	662-841-1278	Greenville*	345	Joe Ann Lee	661-334-4303
Senatobia*	1654	Russell E. Smith	662-562-4632	Vicksburg	1501	Jack Fowler	601-636-5475
Oxford	1659	John Arrechea	662-234-9299	Charleston*	1642	Joyce B. Rodgers	662-658-4876
Corinth	1879	Linda L. Hester	662-423-6287	Jackson, South	147	Merlice K. McKay	601-924-3669
Grenada	1149	Clay Blair	662-237-6619	Jackson, North	242	Jean B. Crandall	601-845-8437
Kosciusko	1148	Francois R. Lester	662-289-5373	<b>District 4</b>			
Columbus	1388	Douglas M. Blount	662-329-2904	Blount	209	Mary P. Pierson	228-863-1484
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Starkville	968	Jesse McDonald	662-324-3862	Laurel*	1570	James T. Boggan	(not shown)
Forest	1208	Mary Traxler	601-537-3177	Gulfport	1571	James W. Ownbey	228-896-7565
Madison	1227	Vicant Secty	662-726-4635	Picayune	1600	Russell Foster	601-798-0326
Philadelphia	1251	Eimo M. Winstead	601-656-6359	Bay St. Louis	1729	Charles A. Melson	228-452-9356
Decatur*	1667	Nina McKee	601-635-3616	Ocean Springs	1765	William T. Hodge	228-875-2018
Brookhaven*	1146	Elgin K. Wally	601-833-8824				
Mendenhall*	1796	Charles Williamson	601-847-2694				
Gloster	2240	Charles C. Laird	601-657-4094				

\* Indicates that updated Form-7 not available