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## ***President's Message***

Ideas from Federation President Ray Sheehy

### **The Mississippi Federation. What can you do?**

In our state we have the potential for doubling the size of the NARFE membership. The only problem we have is the feeling of "I like it just like it is" syndrome. To grow, and we do need to grow, this old saying must be put aside and new efforts to recruit new members and establish new chapters must replace it. It is just like the reluctance to use a computer, they are not difficult, and actually they are fun and can be so great keeping in touch with family and friends. Want to know more, ask one of your grand children, any age will do.

This year NARFE has closed many chapters nationwide. But in Mississippi we have established a new Chapter in DeSoto County. New chapters are in the works in Diamondhead and Collins. I hope that by the time I leave office in 2005 there will be seven new chapters in Mississippi. There are currently 30 chapters in Mississippi that will increase us to 36! This is possible, and will happen. Mary Pierson, Federation Second Vice President, and Membership Chairwoman is leading the effort, and is doing a spectacular job. Oh yes she has help, from her driver, Donnie, actually her husband, who works for very little compensation. Each District Representative, Chapter President and chapter officers must. MUST work for this end. If you fail to you fail NARFE.

We have the honor of having our National Vice President Dan C. Galvan, PhD, as our keynote speaker at our convention. He heads up the effort to establish NARFE as a retirement seminar

contractor. Our own Mary Pierson was selected to be the Region III instructor.

Each chapter must prepare for the convention and attend, and send as many members as possible. Roy Stewart has been the lead on this convention. Roy has been doing a wonderful job, I cannot say enough about his great talent and willingness to support NARFE. The Hattisburg chapter, better known as the Pine Belt Chapter is the host for this year's convention. Tom Price is the convention co chair and has the city all set up to welcome us. A tour of the Army museum at Camp Shelby is on tap on Monday afternoon. Make sure you check this very interesting facility out. You will find lots of other information in this issue of the bulletin.

I must add a want add to this article. Most of you know that our past Editor Randall Johnson, had to stop doing his usual excellent job due to illness. He is doing much better, but doing the bulletin is not a good idea. So we are in need of a new Editor, someone out there must have the talent to do this. Your president did this one and I am sure you can see the lack of that needed talent in this issue. Please call me or send me an email. 228-255-6922 of [rsheehy1@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsheehy1@bellsouth.net).

NARFE is not only my organization; it is ours, all of us. We must help it and make it viable and strong. Forget your local thoughts and think about Mississippi and our national programs they are all for us. We need to help where we can. If we do not it will hurt in one very critical area, your benefits.

I hope to greet you at our Fortieth Convention at the Holiday Inn in Hattisburg.

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Send news and articles to YOUR District Representative. They will  
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next issue. Each District Representative is NOW responsible  
for the equivalent to one column.

**Let them know what YOU want published**

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Each Chapter Secretary will mail the registration fees and  
second copy of Form F-42 for each delegate and their guest to:  
Roy Steward, 523 Mockingbird Drive, Long Beach, MS 39560.  
The third copy of each Form F-42 will be retained by the  
Chapter Secretary for the chapter's records.

The registration desk will be in the Holiday Inn Lobby on Sunday,  
April 24, 2004 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday 8:00 AM to  
9:00 AM. and Tuesday 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Business meeting  
will be conducted in the Holiday Inn on Monday & Tuesday  
convening at 9:00 AM each day.

Memorial Service will be held in the Holiday Inn at 7:00 PM  
Sunday, April 24. Secretaries please forward the name(s) of your  
deceased member(s) who have gone to eternal rest since 2003  
Convention to: Roy Steward, via e-mail or letter.

Chapters wishing to reserve exhibit table to conduct raffle  
to raise funds for a NARFE Program must send request to  
Roy Stewart.

Each Chapter is requested to bring Two Door Prizes for  
drawing to be conducted at intervals during the Convention  
Program. Give your door prizes to Registration Desk Volunteer  
in Lobby of the Holiday Inn.

Chapters support the Federation Convention by placing  
Chapter Ads in the Program Book. Ads Cost for a Full Page  
\$100.00, Half Page \$50.00, Quarter Page \$25.00. Don't forget  
the \$1.00 NARFE Convention Booster. This will put your name  
and chapter in the Program Book. If you need help with Chapter  
Ads, we will work up the Ads for you.

Help your Chapter's finance by selling Ads for the Program  
Book. 25% commission will be paid to your chapter for selling  
Commercial Ads & Exhibit Tables. Don't loose Ads because it is  
not camera ready. Take a business card or written information  
and we will complete the Ads for customer. Cost is the same as  
for Chapter Ads.

Dan C. Galvan, Ph.D, Vice President of National Associa-  
tion of Retired Federal Employees will be our keynote speaker  
at the Convention.

MS NARFE Federation Website From Roy Stewart

The address I use to get to the Website is:

[www.msgulfcoast.org](http://www.msgulfcoast.org)

Some of you may need to use: [http://www.msgulfcoast.org/  
federation/content2.html](http://www.msgulfcoast.org/federation/content2.html)

## Pre Retirement Seminars

By Mary Pierson, 2nd Vice President

Pre retirement seminars were conducted at several locations. These seminars have resulted in increases in membership in NARFE and the chapters in the areas. These seminars were held at:

The U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport. On May 26 and 28, 2004; July 7 and 9, 2004.

Keesler AFB, June 9 and 19, 2004.

The Federation was represented at the Health Fair on: Nov 4, 2004 at the FAA in Jackson.

Nov 15, 2004 at Pascagoula NS.

Nov 16, 2004, at Keesler AFB.

Nov 17, 2004, at Stennis Space Center.

On December 2,7,8,9,14,15,16 2004. We had an information booth at Stennis Space Center; we had 150 active employees sign a petition to have their own chapter on site. They will have brown bag luncheon meetings. We are now waiting for the NASA Board to assign a meeting room. The Officers have already been selected, as soon as we get final approval from NASA we will swear them in.

I have been selected as the Region III Pre Retirement Coordinator. I will be going to traveling to Washington for training on Mar 29 – 31 2005. We will then set up formal retirement seminars for any agency that request them. I will be traveling thru Region III as the primary instructor. Their seminars will be funded by the agencies and NARFE will collect the fees. Just what the region and chapters will get from these seminars has not been announce. All new members will be assigned to the chapter nearest their home.

## Poem From Joan Wilson

Ocean Springs Chapter. April 2004

*The thirty-ninth Convention was held in Tupelo  
From all over Mississippi -it was the place to go.  
At first the skies were gloomy and we had some rain  
But as the hours ticked away the sun was seen again.  
A Memorial Service was attended there on Sunday night.  
The blooms to honor those deceased were a lovely sight.*

*Our Hospitality Room was found without too much delay  
We nibbled on some "goodies" and soon were on our way.  
We found our room and settled in and everything was fine  
Then later on we used the car to find a place to dine.*

*Next morning we attended the sessions all required  
The program was of interest to those who are retired.  
The banquet was delicious, the food was really great  
Our speaker was delightful am happy to relate!  
Yet all too soon our meeting had drawn to the end  
Next year we hope to meet again our NARFE to defend.*

## 2005 NARFE Federation

### Convention Information

Submitted by Tom Price, Convention Chair

The Mississippi NAFRE convention will held at the Holiday Inn, 6563 US Highway 49 North, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 on April 24, 25 & 26 2005. The Pine Belt Chapter is hosting this convention.

The Holiday Inn is holding 50 rooms for the convention delegates and guest. The special discount room rate is \$55.00 plus 9% room tax \$59.95 per night for 1 to 4 persons. Confirmed reservation may be made by your credit card or by check. Make your reservations by calling the Holiday Inn at 601-268-2850 by April 10, 2005. Tell the motel person that you are attending the MS NARFE Convention and that you want the special discount rate. Ask for a ground level room. There are 2nd floor rooms but no elevators. Advise the Holiday Inn of any special needs or requirements you have because of disabilities or physical limitations. There are many great restaurants in the Hattiesburg area. Check out the listing at

The registration. The restaurant at the Holiday Inn will be open on the following schedule: Sunday April 24, Dinner 5PM to 7PM; Monday April 25 and Tuesday April 26, Breakfast 6:30AM to 8:30AM and Lunch 11:30AM to 1PM. Delegate credentials and guest registration are available from your chapter president or secretary. The Convention of 2004 declared this convention a "Jubilee Year" Meaning that there is NO fee for delegates. Guest fee is \$10.00, which includes the sit down banquet on Monday night at the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center. Make all checks payable to MS Federation NARFE.

Our registration desk will be opened in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Sunday April 24th from 2PM to 5PM and again on Monday April 25 8AM to 9AM. Business meeting will be conducted at the Holiday Inn beginning at 9AM on Monday and Tuesday. Memorial service will be held at the Holiday Inn at 7PM Sunday. Each chapter is asked to bring two door prizes for drawings that will take place during the convention. Turn in your door prized at the registration desk.

Help your chapter's finances by selling commercial, as well as chapter ads. in the program book. A 25% commission will be paid for each ad you sell. No commission is paid for booster, chapter, individual or memorial ads. Cost of ads is \$100 full page, \$50 half page and \$25 for quarter page. We are asking each chapter to not to forget the \$1.00 NARFE convention Booster ad and to sell at least one (1) commercial ad to support our convention and program.

Finally, a tour of the Military Museum at Camp Shelby is planned for Monday afternoon. So we can plan for transportation, let us know by checking the appropriate box on the bottom of the registration form if it interests you. Security is tight and at least one photo ID is required.

WE ARE PLANNING A GREAT CONVENTION IN HATTIESBURG, SO PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. REMEMBER, DELEGATES PAY NO REGISTRATION FEE.

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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.

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