



Lake Mead District

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
A Joint Newsletter for Las Vegas Chapter 423, Henderson Chapter 2031,
Las Vegas East Chapter 2275 and Pahrump Chapter 2276

NARFE's Mission Statement

To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests. To promote the general welfare of current and potential federal annuitants by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations. To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of these general objectives.

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When and Where We Meet

Las Vegas 423 & Las Vegas East 2275 hold joint meetings at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except Jul, Aug and Dec) at the Howard Lieburn Senior Center, 6230 Garwood Ave. Speaker at every meeting. Our next meeting is March 10th. Luncheons are on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Henderson Chapter 2031 meets at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month (except the 2nd Monday in Sep, and none Jul or Aug) in the American Legion Post #40, 425 Van Wagenen St. in Henderson. Our next meeting is on Monday March 7th. Our luncheons are on the third Friday of the month.

Pahrump Chapter 2276 meets four times a year. There is no meeting scheduled for current month. Please contact any of their officers for more information.

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March Luncheons

Las Vegas Chapters 423 and 2275 will meet at the Suncoast Casino March 24th at 12:30.

Pahrump Chapter 2276 will not meet this month.

Henderson Chapter 2031 will meet at Famous Dave's BBQ, 651 Mall Ring Circle, Henderson on March 18th at 11:30. Contact Mary Elms 702-568-5398 for more information.

Guest Speakers for March

Las Vegas chapters: Our guest speaker at our March 10th meeting will be John Oceguela who is running for House Senate District 4.

Henderson Chapter: Guest speaker at our March 7th meeting will be Ms. Deborah Ace of Clear Captions, options for the hard of hearing. She will discuss free caption telephones and caption service. Ms. Ace will stay for the duration of the meeting to discuss this technology with interested parties.

Remember: All members are welcome to any of our chapter meetings and luncheons. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Service Office Can Help

Service Officers are available any Tuesday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 at the Lieburn Senior Center. You may also call Tom Nicholson at 702-396-1974 or your chapter service officer. Or just come by for a visit. *NOTE: This is a temporary phone number.*

NARFE IS HOW OLD???

Did you know that NARFE is celebrating its **95th anniversary** this year!! Happy Birthday, NARFE!

Message from Bill Dwyer, President Nevada Federation

“Weep or WEP”

Victims of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) of the Social Security law have been crying about the injustice of reducing the benefits of federal, state and local government retirees. For the past 30 years there have been bills introduced in Congress to eliminate WEP with no success.

Now, along comes H.R. 711, a bill to *reform* not repeal WEP. The bill would direct the Social Security Administration (SSA) to use available data to improve enforcement of the WEP penalty for individuals who have under-reported their government employment earnings to SSA. The bill would reduce the current WEP penalty on Social Security benefits by a certain percentage; the exact amount will be determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) actuary, based upon the amount of cheaters they catch. By using the now available data and with no increase in manpower, how many do you think they will catch?

H.R. 711 is a ruse designed to divert our attention from efforts to *repeal* the WEP. I will urge my Congresswoman, Dina Titus, to support H.R. 973 to repeal the inequity of WEP. Please attend our March meeting for more information.

NARFE PAC

March is NARFE PAC month and again we need your help. As the election date nears, our politicians will need more funding and your donations will help. Remember, many have directly helped NARFE as well as those non-member Federal employees and retirees.

Harold Baker, PAC Chair, Chapter 2031

Chapter 423 Note

At our last meeting, our members enjoyed Kathy Reardon’s informative talk on Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Medicare. Our guest speakers always have topics of interest and I hope to see more members attend. We can certainly learn a lot.

I would like to remind you to contact me whenever you need to make changes at National level, like corrections to names or changes to membership.

Also, we need to let our representatives in Washington hear from us directly. This is a very effective way of letting them know what’s going on with Fed employees and retirees.

Charlotte Allen, Secretary Chapter 423

Service Officer Needed

Henderson NARFE Chapter 2031 is looking for someone to **volunteer as our chapter Service Officer**. The chapter service officer’s primary duty is to answer members’ questions and needs, particularly questions about federal benefits such as eligibility for survivor benefits under CSRS & FERS, what to do when a retiree or survivor dies, and what to do when a retiree’s spouse dies. Our current Service Officer, Joe Downs, is ready to “retire” from this position after serving for approximately 20 years! Thank you, Joe! If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact Vikki Rennekar at [702-808-8008](tel:702-808-8008) or by email at gillvikk@cox.net and she will connect you up with Joe, who has all the information you will need for this position.

Vikki Rennekar, President Chapter 2031

Message from

NARFE President Richard G. Thissen

“Registration for the 34th Biennial NARFE National Convention opens next week. I encourage all members to join us for this crucial meeting, where we will discuss and ultimately chart the future of our Association. As NARFE enters its 95th year, we want to build on our successes for the next 95. But we

cannot do this unless we continue to evolve. I hope you will consider joining your fellow NARFE members in Reno.”

NARFE 34th Biennial NARFE National Convention

The 34th Biennial NARFE National Convention will be held in Reno, NV, from August 28-September 1. The National Convention is when NARFE members from across the country come together to make to make major decisions that set the future course of the Association.

This year’s theme is **“Progress. Protect. Persevere.”**

Online registration for the National Convention begins Tuesday, March 1. You can register on the [convention website](#), accessible by clicking the convention banner on the NARFE [home page](#). The registration fee for all convention attendees is \$99, if paid before August 1. More information about [fees](#) and the convention [agenda](#) can be found on the convention website. Check back on March 1, when registration officially opens!

For your information:

The 34th Biennial National Convention will take place at the Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second St., Reno NV 89593. Tel: 775-589-200. Volunteer as a delegate! This is a great opportunity to see firsthand how NARFE works for you.

Check out Henderson Chapter’s website: www.narfe.org/chapter2031 . Also check our FACEBOOK group!

Volunteers are always welcome to help assemble the monthly newsletter on the last Tuesday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Lieburn Center. Please contact our editor.



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