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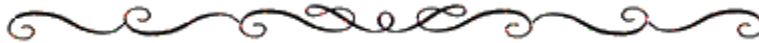
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Region VI Training Seminar in Tulsa



Region VI has announced a training seminar to be held in Tulsa Oklahoma, September 18th to 20th. Information and all forms on the Seminar have been sent to all Chapter Presidents, and are available on the Texas Federation website at <http://www.txnarfe.org> The NARFE Region VI Training Seminar will be a unique opportunity for members to join together to sharpen their skills in an effort to make our NARFE organization better and more effective representing the interests of current and retired federal employees. Among the topics to be covered at this three-day seminar are:

- Reports from the Regional Vice President and the Presidents of the State Federations in Region VI.
- Improving efforts to retain and recruit members to NARFE.
- How chapter service officers can become more effective.
- The history of the NARFE organization and how Chapter Historians can be more active.
- Discussions and recommendations on improving how chapters conduct their operations.
- Reports on NARFE's successes in supporting efforts to aid in overcoming Alzheimer's Disease.

There will be a banquet Thursday night September 20th. A registration fee of \$60 is due by August 20th. Booster sheets and advertisements for the Seminar booklet are due by August 1st. The hotel is conveniently located for those traveling by highway or air. There is shuttle service by the hotel to/from Tulsa International Airport. There are also numerous points of interest nearby. Hotel rate will be \$68.00 per night plus taxes (\$77.20 per day). Be sure to tell the hotel you are with the NARFE Seminar when you make your reservation. Reservations must be made by September 4, 2007 to receive the special rate. Mail Registration, booster form, and advertising for the seminar booklet to: Rubie Hokanson, 3411 E. 72nd St., Tulsa, OK 74136 If you have questions about the seminar call Rubie at 918-492-2317 OR Betty Fritz at 918-369-8743 (e-mail: bjnefritz@juno.com) Forms and details about the seminar are available on the Texas Federation Website at: <http://www.txnarfe.org/R6training.html>

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Excellence in Government Awards Luncheon



The Houston Association of Chapters was represented by Chapter 828 members at the Excellence in Government Awards Luncheon on May 9, 2007. Present to promote NARFE, to recruit active federal employees, and provide information on NARFE were from (left to right) Mary Nell Herring, Gertrude Kubiak, Pat Doehring and Wilbur Doehring.

AARP Gulf Coast Picnic



On behalf of the Houston Association of Chapters, Chapter 2030 members Hazel Hicks, Dave Bloomer and Hester Bain attended the AARP Gulf Coast Picnic to recruit members and distribute NARFE literature on June 9th.

Designation of Representatives & Alternates



Representatives, Alternates and Chapter Presidents are reminded that a letter designating the representatives of the Chapter should be submitted to Secretary Hazel Hicks at the beginning of each year. A new list of Representatives and Alternates cannot be assembled until the information is submitted. Each Chapter should designate two representatives, and at least two alternates. Alternates are to insure that a chapter will be able to exercise its vote should a representative be unable to attend a particular meeting. For example, Chapters are encouraged to appoint their Chapter President and Vice President as representatives and their Membership Chair and Legislative Chair as Alternates. Of course where appropriate others can be appointed. **Although only two representatives and or alternates can vote at meetings, ALL representatives and Alternates are encouraged to attend ALL meetings. This practice will help insure a Chapter is represented at all meetings and help keep more members informed of Association activities.**

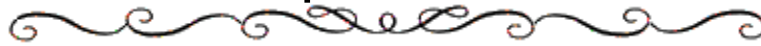
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Chapter News



Each Chapter President has been asked to have their Publicity Chair or Newsletter Editor contribute information on their Chapter two weeks before the beginning of each quarter. Each Chapter has also been advised to update their meeting and event information quarterly for the website. **Was information submitted for your chapter?**

Greater North Houston Chapter 828

Chapter 828 will hold its Summer Social BBQ August 17th at 9:00 AM at Spring Branch Community Center, 1721 Pech Road. All NARFE members welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish.

Montgomery County Chapter 1350

SW Houston Chapter 1375

Rosenberg Chapter 2030

The speaker for the July 11th Chapter 2030 meeting will be former Houston Oiler Coach Ed Biles. Lunch is \$10. Any NARFE member interested in football is invited to join us at 11:30 AM at the Fort Bend Country Club, 2627 FM 762, Richmond Texas.

The September 12th Chapter 2030 meeting will feature a speaker from Fort Bend County on Disaster Preparedness.

Congressman Nick Lampson will be the speaker at the November Chapter 2030 meeting if he is able to get back from Washington DC. **All NARFE members who live in Congressional District 22 are invited to attend the meeting. If you plan to join us for lunch please make a reservation with Chapter President Dave Bloomer at 281-438-2272 so that sufficient lunches will be available.** More on this later.

Gulf Freeway Chapter 941

Houston NASA Chapter 1321

NE Houston Chapter 1349

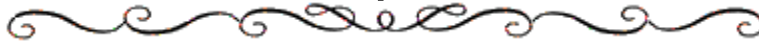
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Duties of Representatives



Beyond attending the quarterly meeting of the Association, Representatives should routinely report to their Chapter President and Chapter members at Chapter meetings, and in Chapter newsletters what transpired at the Quarterly meeting and seek the participation of the members in any events or volunteer needs. Volunteers are scarce - take every opportunity to recruit new volunteers to help.



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