

# CHAPTER 0763 E-NEWS MARCH 2017 (QUICK Version)

DIXIES DINER 12 Noon to 2PM the 1<sup>st</sup> [Wednesday](#) of the Month

Here is the first 2017 E-NEWS for Chapter 0763. I hope to provide ongoing NARFE events & information for our membership as issues develop.

By-Laws & Attacks on benefits:

1. New By-Laws have been drafted for the State Federation to comply with the new National By-Laws & will be sent to the Chapter Presidents for distribution & voting within the next month. Each Chapter is to review & vote on the Revised By-Laws.
2. Chapter By-Laws will also be drafted by each Chapter to comply with the National & State By-Laws & will need to be voted on by each Chapter.
3. Pay close attention to the NARFE.org website & its political counterpart. The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress has many changes planned for Active & Retired Employees. Health Insurance participation, Retirement Deposits, Hiring Freezes, COLA changes, TSP changes. Most of these will lead to a DROP in benefits & pay.

## **NARFE opposes the following proposals**

- Reducing the government contribution towards federal health insurance premiums by limiting the increases to inflation, rather than the cost of health insurance (FY16 House Budget Resolution), with employees and retirees paying more than 50 percent of total premiums.
- Using the Chained CPI to determine cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for Social Security benefits and federal and military retirement annuities.
- Reducing the rate of return on the Thrift Savings Plan G Fund from an average of 2.25 percent to 0.02 percent (FY16 House Budget Resolution).
- Increasing federal employee payroll contributions towards retirement by as much as 6 percent of pay, without any added benefit (FY16 House Budget Resolution).
- Eliminating the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annuity entirely for new hires without an equivalent increase in pay or Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions (FY16 House Budget Resolution; Heritage Foundation's Blueprint for Reform).
- Across-the-board federal employee pay freezes.
- Requiring Postal Retirees to Either Purchase Additional Health Insurance Coverage (Through Medicare) or Forfeit Their Earned Retiree Health Benefits.
- Eliminating, or substantially eroding, due process protections for federal employees.

EVENTS:

## **CHAPTER Community Event Sponsored in Part by Chapter 0763 NARFE**

We have proposed & are setting up Sponsored Meetings & Tours at 2 retirement centers: FAIRWINDS & MORNINGSTAR Living Centers. Morningstar – [April 5](#) Fairwinds – [May 10](#)

All members, Spouses & their Guests may attend the Presentations & Tours & have a Great meal. Please invite anyone you know to come & get acquainted with these facilities. **RSVP REQUIRED. Include number of attendees.**

**The MAY MEETING will be HELD [MAY 10](#) the 2<sup>nd</sup> [Wednesday](#) due to the State Convention**

NARFE State Convention **COEUR D'ALENE [MAY 3, 4, 5, 2017](#)**

**NARFE REGIONAL TRAINING KENNEWICK, WA [JUNE 9 AND 10, 2017](#)**

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