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Letter from the President February 2013, Judy Pepperdine

I have met about 1/3 of our members, it would sure be great to meet the rest of you and hoping in the next few months those of you who haven't been making the meetings would sure try and come. There are some important issues that we need to discuss and we need all the members that we can get to help us make these important decisions.

First of all I would like for all of you to know that I know (some of) what my responsibilities are. I am learning these as I go along, trying to read as much as I can as often as I can.

1. be familiar with NARFE's organizational structure.

The National Bylaws.

The Chapter Constitution.

And NARFE policies at all levels.

2. Presides at the Chapter and Executive committee meetings and conducts business in an orderly, impartial manner.

3. Appoints standing and special committees as needed.

4. Ensures that each officer and committee member is familiar with this manual (FH-4) and with his/her duties and follow up to be sure they are operating effectively.

5. Ensures that the chapter Secretary reports to the National Headquarters on Form-7, Chapter Officer Roster, the names and offices of all chapter officers and committee chair, chapter dues, and meeting dates and places at least once a year and more often if changes dictate.

What is "Sequestration"? Definition of Federal Budget

Term: By [Tom Murse](#), About.com Guide

Sequestration is a term used to describe the practice of using mandatory spending cuts in the federal budget if the cost of running the government exceeds either an arbitrary amount or the gross revenue it brings during the fiscal year.

Simply put, sequestration is the employment of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts in the face of annual budget deficits.

Official Sequestration Definition:

The Congressional Research Service defines Sequestration this way:

"In general, sequestration entails the permanent cancellation of budgetary resources by a uniform percentage. Moreover, this uniform percentage reduction is applied to all programs, projects, and activities within a budget account.

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However, the current sequestration procedures, as in previous iterations of such procedures, provide for exemptions and special rules. That is, certain programs and activities are exempt from sequestration, and certain other programs are governed by special rules regarding the application of a sequester.

Sequestration History

The idea of imposing automatic spending cuts in the federal budget was first put in place by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985

Sequestration is largely a deterrent, and a relatively successful one at that. "The prospect of sequestration has thus come to seem so catastrophic that Congress so far has been unwilling actually to let it happen," Auburn University political science professor Paul M. Johnson wrote.

Modern Examples of Sequestration

Sequestration was used in the [Budget Control Act of 2011](#) to encourage Congress to reduce the annual deficit by \$1.2 billion by the end of 2012. If lawmakers failed to do so, the law would have triggered [automatic budget cuts to the 2013 national security budget](#).

A [super Congress](#) made up of a select group of 12 members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate was chosen in 2011 to identify ways to reduce the [national debt](#) by \$1.2 trillion over 10 years. The super Congress failed to reach an agreement, however.

Opposition to Sequestration

Some lawmakers who initially championed sequestration as a method of reducing the deficit later expressed concern at the programs that faced spending cuts.

House Speaker John Boehner, for example, supported the terms of the Budget Control Act of 2011 but backtracked in 2012, saying the cuts represented a "serious threat to our national security and must be replaced."

Exemptions from Sequestration

Sequestration can also occur under the Pay As You Go Act of 2010, with some exceptions. Under that law the federal government must continue to pay out for Social Security, unemployment and veterans benefits, and the low-income entitlements such as Medicaid, food stamps and Supplemental Security Income.

Medicare, however, is subject to **automatic cuts under** sequestration. Its spending cannot be reduced by more than 2 percent, however.

Also exempt from sequestration are [congressional salaries](#).



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Bring your NARFE magazine's to our chapter meetings and I will pass them along as a recruiting tool.

Tom is providing our speakers for the first 5mo. Of 2013. Last month— The Director of Parks & Recreation DENNISH BOWYE, for the city of Twin Falls was our quest. His message about how our parks became possible, by land grants and citizens donations, as well as contractor's setting aside, a partial of land in a new home development. Be sure and attend our next meeting, March 11th.. In Jan our speaker, Jan Mitter, a member of the CSI Board of Trustee, Gave a very interesting talk about Centenarians. There are more of us Centenarians' in the world now than ever before.. We live 9-11 yrs longer. We eat more fruits and vegetables..

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