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NARFE 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.

California Federation President Linda Ingram



As President of the California State Federation of NARFE I am pleased to welcome all of you to our 2023 Convention in beautiful San Luis Obispo! It is an absolutely perfect time of year to return to the stunning California Central Coast to meet together while renewing old friendships and making new ones! We have returned to this area for a second Convention in a row because our survey results from 2021 indicated that you all really enjoyed the location and the vicinity! I hope you will once again take time to enjoy all there is to see in this beautiful area of our State. After our abundant spring rains, the greenery and wildflowers are spectacular!

We have an exciting slate of speakers planned for your education and enjoyment. Headlining will be well-known expert on Federal benefits, Herb Casey, and our National President William Shackelford. In addition, we will be hearing from several experts from the NARFE National staff. We will also have a selection of workshops for you to choose from. And we have a wonderful reception and two delightful meals planned as well! There will also be time to conduct the business of the Federation including the election of new officers and annual reports from myself and the Treasurer.

I want to thank all of you that have worked so hard to make this Convention a reality! It takes a team to make it all come together and to orchestrate the events during the week. It's a lot of wheels to keep in motion and you do a great job keeping us on track! I also want to thank all of you that take your time to come to the Convention and participate in moving NARFE forward whether it's by providing chapter leadership, Congressional District advocacy, recruitment, or Federation support. We have challenging times ahead and your efforts will be key to our success! As our theme for this Convention says we are "Stronger Together".

2023 CSF Convention Committee



Ron Griffin

Chico Chapter 1245

Convention Co-Chairs



Steve Walter

Redwood City Chapter 544

A lot of time and effort goes into preparing for a Federation convention. About a year ahead of time the date for the convention must be decided, possible sites scouted out, bids from local hotels requested and contracts signed. As the date approaches speakers are lined up, sponsors contacted, and "Save the Date" and registration forms sent to all 11,000 Federation members. Emails go out to all our chapters, requesting them to support the convention by preparing and buying "Ads" for the convention program book, which then needs to be compiled, edited and sent to the printer at least 3 weeks before the convention. Ditto with the artwork for the convention bags that each registrant receives.

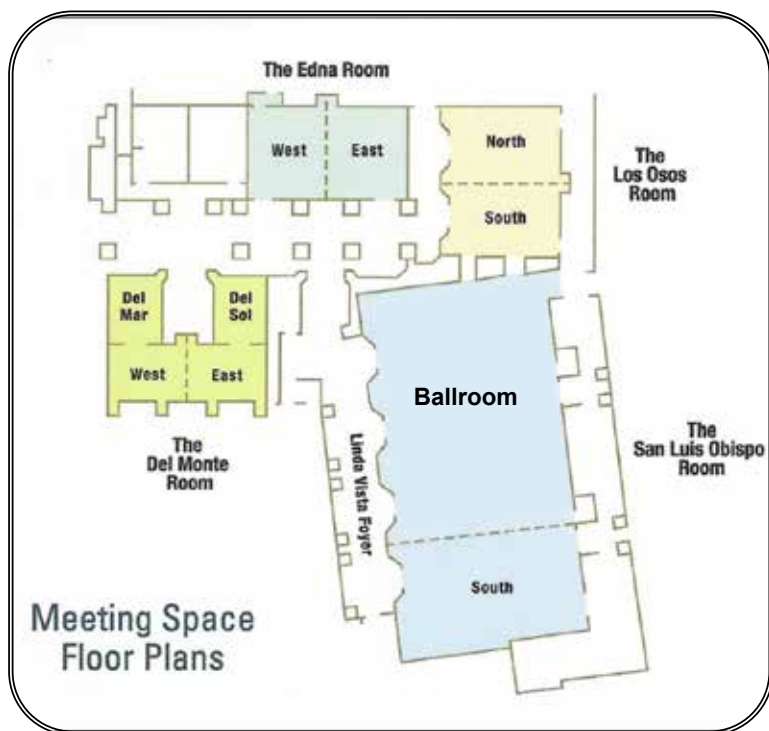
In the end, it comes down to our members stepping forward to do the work necessary to produce a successful convention. Along with input and support from the Federation Board, the following members were the people largely responsible for helping make this year's convention a reality and we thank them all for their efforts. As in much of what we accomplish as an organization, this is an example of how we really are "Stronger Together".

2023 Convention Committee

Co-Chair	Ron Griffin
Co-Chair	Steve Walter
Committee Secretary	Sandy Griffin
Member	Linda Ingram
Member	Jerry Hall
Host Committee	Yvonne Williams
Convention Photography	Nora Marchian
Election Planning	Bob Davidson II
Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Breyer
Ways & Means	Gregg Pericich

Convention Program & Map





2023 Convention Program Monday May 8

8:00 - 5:00	CSF Executive Board Meeting	Del Monte
12:00 - 9:00	Sergeant-At-Arms Storage & Setup	Del Mar
12:00 - 5:00	Registration Table	Main Foyer
12:00 - 5:00	Information Table	Main Foyer
4:00 - 5:00	Nominating Committee Meeting	Del Monte
5:00 - 6:00	Audit Committee Meeting	Del Monte
6:00 - 8:00	Reception Honoring NARFE President William (Bill) Shackelford and Keynote Speaker Herb Casey - Hosted by Kaiser Permanente - Complimentary Appetizers - Drinks from Hotel Bar	SLO South

Tuesday Morning Session

8:00 - 5:00	Registration/Information Tables	Main Foyer
12:00 - 9:00	Sergeant-At-Arms; First Aid	Del Mar
8:15 - 8:45	WarmUp Exercises with Taylor Dirks (RN)	Ballroom
8:45 - 9:00	All members assemble in Main Ballroom	Ballroom
CONVENTION IN SESSION		
9:00 - 9:15	Call Convention to Order CSF President Linda Ingram (Chapter 877 - Antelope Valley) District Vice President Introductions Moment of Silence Presentation & Posting of Colors - Cmdr Larry Mora - American Legion Post 220 Pledge of Allegiance - Forney Lundy - Former Federation President	Ballroom
9:15 - 9:30	Welcoming Remarks San Luis Obispo Mayor Erica Stewart	
9:30 - 9:45	If you only have 48 hours in San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo Tourist Bureau	VIDEO
9:45 - 10:00	Morning Break	
10:00 - 11:00	Keynote - President William Shackelford Q & A with the President	
11:00 - Noon	Keynote Presentation: Herb Casey <i>Transitioning: Finding Your Path</i> <i>To have a purposeful and rewarding life after retiring from your federal career, you must take take steps to prepare for those next chapters.</i>	
Noon - 1:30	Recognition Luncheon: Ron Griffin (luncheon sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield) Master of Ceremonies: Forney Lundy Remembering Past Presidents Eulogy Ceremony Recruitment Awards (Treasurer Jerry Hall) Dues Withholding Drawing	Ballroom

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:30 - 2:00	Reconvene Convention Introduce Hotel Staff Introduce Commercial Partners Explain Afternoon Workshop Options Explain District Caucuses	Ballroom
	MEDICARE WORKSHOPS	Ballroom
2:00 - 3:00	Medicare Advantage Plans Explained - Herb Casey	
3:00 - 4:00	Differences between Medicare Advantage Plans Kaiser - Blue Cross/Blue Shield - Aetna - GEHA	
	NARFE WORKSHOPS	Edna Rooms
2:00 - 3:00	AMS Database: Accuracy, Alternatives & Updates - Martha Raup, CAB Chair	
3:00 - 4:00	Use FEDHub for NextGen NARFE - Martha Raup, CAB Chair	
4:00 - 5:30	DISTRICT CAUCUSES	
4:00 - 4:25	Caucus Instructions	Ballroom
4:30 - 5:00	Caucus for Districts 1 & 3 (Bob Davidson II Moderating)	SLO South
	Caucus for District 2 (Steve Smith Moderating)	Edna East
	Caucus for District 4 (Jerry Hall Moderating)	Edna West
5:00 - 5:30	Caucus for Districts 5 & 7 (Jerry Hall Moderating)	SLO South
	Caucus for District 8 (Gregg Pericich Moderating)	Edna East
	Caucus for District 6 (Ron Griffin Moderating)	Edna West
	Recess until 9 am Wednesday	
5:30 - 7:00	No-Host Social Hour in Hotel Bar	

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WORDS FROM DC

9:15 - 9:45	NARFE Headquarters Legislative Update John Hatton - Staff VP for Policy & Programs	ZOOM
9:45 - 10:15	Legislating in the divided 118th Congress Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA19) - Introduction by Forney Lundy	VIDEO
10:15 - 10:30	Morning Break	
10:30 - 12:15	CALIFORNIA FEDERATION MEETING Federation President's Report President Linda Ingram Federation Financial Report Treasurer Jerry Hall - San Francisco Chapter 65 Results of the District Vice President Elections Bob Davidson II - Palomar Chapter 455 Nominations & Election of Federation Officers Bob Davidson II Bylaws and Resolutions "Old Bob" Davidson - Palomar Chapter 455	Ballroom
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch on your own	

Wednesday Afternoon Session

1:30 - 2:45	Reconvene Convention Federation Meeting Continues President Linda Ingram	Ballroom
2:45 - 3:00	Last chance to view Silent Auction District Baskets Bidding closes at 3:00	
3:00 - 3:45	Workshop: Chapter Leadership & Membership Forney Lundy - Linda Ingram - Jerry Hall	
3:45 - 4:30	Workshop: NARFE's Legislative Advocacy Mission Steve Walter - Redwood City Chapter 544 - Chair, National Legislation Committee	
4:30 - 4:45	Federation Committee Reports Alzheimer's Committee NARFE PAC	
4:45 - 5:15	CLOSING SESSION 2025 Convention - Heads Up! Convention Surveys - fill out your survey & turn it in as you leave - Survey Monkey survey coming soon Announcements - Sergeant-At-Arms Retiring of the Colors - Sergeant-At-Arms Silent Auction Winners for District Baskets	Ballroom
5:15 - 5:30	Adjourn the Convention	
5:30 - 7:00	Social Hour in Hotel Bar	
7:00 - 10:00	BANQUET Master of Ceremonies: Ron Griffin DVP District IV President Chico Chapter 1245 Installation of Officers: Robert Ruskamp Regional Vice President, Region VIII DINNER Music & Dance Rachel & Bobby Santa Cruz (Father Daughter Duo)	SLO South

California Federation Past Presidents

Dates	President's Name	Chapter Name / Number
1950-1952	George M. Preston *	Pasadena / 0010
1952-1953	Frank M. Wang*	Palo Alto / 0052
1953-1954	Frank E. McReynolds*	Glendale Burbank / 0059
1954-1955	Joseph Schiess*	Oakland / 0040
1955-1956	Chester A. Mitchell*	San Fernando Valley / 0061
1956-1957	Benjamin Armstrong*	San Francisco / 0065
1957-1958	Nellie M. Sadler*	San Diego / 0004
1958-1959	J. Harry Wygant*	Sacramento / 0046
1959-1960	Percy J. Parkyn*	Riverside / 0188
1960-1961	Leslie R. Dow*	Vallejo / 0016
1961-1962	Owen Rhodes*	Santa Ana / 0082
1962-1963	Clarence C. Ashford*	San Jose / 0050
1963-1964	Herman C. Snodgrass*	San Diego / 0004
1964-1964	Francis A. Algeo*	Vallejo / 0016 (2 months)
1964-1965	Archie Imus*	Long Beach / 0021 (10 months)
1965-1966	Edward A. Swedenborg*	Redwood City / 0544
1966-1967	Edward Meadows*	San Diego / 0004
1967-1968	James A. Hoskins*	San Jose / 0050
1968-1969	Rex Stanton*	San Bernardino / 0073
1969-1970	Herbert Cilley*	Napa County / 0281
1970-1971	Katherine G. Slade*	Long Beach / 0021
1971-1972	James Gibson*	Palo Alto / 0052
1972-1973	Marion S. Deputy*	Los Angeles / 0003
1973-1974	Henry E. Bertuleit*	San Jose / 0050
1974-1975	James Cox*	Los Angeles / 0003
1975-1976	Donald Maloney*	Marin County / 0400
1976-1977	John M. Early*	South Orange County / 1266
1977-1978	Edgar L. Mayfield*	San Mateo / 1317
1978-1979	John W. Petty*	San Diego / 0004
1979-1980	Alvin W. Smith*	Placer / 0354

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Dates	President's Name	Chapter Name / Number
1981-1982	Robert L. Turnbaugh*	Livermore / 0397
1982-1983	Clara S. Nixon*	Riverside / 0188
1983-1984	Rolland M. Hamilton*	Mt. Diablo / 0531
1984-1985	Glen E. Lackey*	Rancho Bernardo / 1271
1985-1986	John T. McConathy*	Mendocino Coast / 1841
1986-1987	Joseph C. Sullivan*	South Bay / 0465
1987-1988	Richard L. Millington*	Oroville / 1711
1988-1989	Thomas C. Brown*	Saddleback Valley / 1689
1989-1990	Ira Pierce Powers, Jr.*	Hangtown / 1503
1990-1991	Willamae M. Heitman*	San Diego / 0004
1991-1992	Elton L. "Al" Hippert*	Grass Valley / 1335
1992-1993	Sigmund P. Zeitlin*	Palm Springs / 0587
1993-1994	H. Rodney Peery *	San Jose / 0050
1994-1995	Barbara Summit*	Oceanside / 0706
1995-1996	Raymond J. Richetti	Napa County / 0281
1996-1997	Warren G. Lewis*	San Diego / 0004
1997-1998	Donald R. Ross *	Feather River / 2236
1998-1999	Josephine M. Murphy *	Oceanside / 0706
1999-2001	Forney A. Lundy	Salinas / 1496
2001-2003	Lea D. Zajac*	Vallejo / 0016
2003-2004	Kenneth G. Boffin*	Elkhorn / 1680
2004-2007	Helen L. Zajac	Vallejo/ 0016
2007-2009	H. Ray Harrington*	Greater Paradise/Oroville / 0352
2009-2011	Andrew C. Morgen	Palm Springs / 0587
2011-2013	Dottie Schmidt	Grass Valley / 1335
2013-2015	Richard Ostergren*	Salinas / 1496
2015-2017	Dee Shallenberger	San Jose / 0050
2017-2019	Lea D. Zajac*	Vallejo / 0016
2019-2023	Linda Ingram	Antelope Valley / 0877

* - Deceased

*Photos from the
2021 Convention in
San Luis Obispo*



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Honored Guests & Speakers



Keynote Speaker Herb Casey



Herbert (Herb) Casey is a human resource (HR) professional with over 35 years of Federal HR experience. He worked in HR technical and leadership positions at 4 federal agencies. He served in civil and foreign service positions and is familiar with the retirement systems of both. He retired under the CSRS.

Herb has been providing retirement counseling and coaching services to federal employees since retiring in 2013. He has extensive knowledge of federal benefits and has taught over 3,000 employees in pre-retirement planning workshops covering FERS/CSRS, Thrift Savings Plan, insurance programs, Medicare and Social Security.

Herb is also a certified retirement coach which allows him to help assess an individual's readiness for retirement. He's presented talks on retirement transition to large federal audiences and has written articles on this topic.

Herb is a firm believer that retirement is the time to do those things that interest you and continue to explore different paths. Since retiring, he's explored various interests, including pro-bono HR work, adjunct professor, museum docent and creating/presenting career workshops for teens. He's currently working on a graduate certificate in Gerontology and is a hospice volunteer.

Herb is a certified practitioner of the Myers-Briggs type Indicator (MBTI) instrument. He and his wife Josefa have two adult sons and reside in St. Petersburg, FL. Herb enjoys traveling, spending time with his grandkids, playing tennis/pickleball, and roasting coffee.

Welcome to San Luis Obispo Mayor Erica Stewart



Erica A. Stewart was first elected to the City Council in 2018, and has served as Mayor since October 2021. She was the first African American elected in the city's history. Professionally, she is the Assistant Director of Personnel & Marketing for Campus Health & Wellbeing at Cal Poly. Previously, she was the Chief Operating Officer at United Way, and a Human Resources Manager in healthcare, manufacturing, retail, and the Superior Court.

Erica also owned her own wholesale bakery while simultaneously earning her Master's in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

Helping improve people's lives is her passion. She has served as a County Commissioner, President of the local HR Association (HRCC), and a steering committee member of SLO city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce and as President of the Cal Poly Alumni Association board. She believes in creating sustainable programs and services that empower people and support their journey towards equity and self-sustainability.

Rep Jimmy Panetta Congressional District 19



United States Representative Jimmy Panetta proudly serves California's 19th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. His diverse and beautiful district stretches from south San Jose in Santa Clara County, over the hills into Santa Cruz County, down the coastline of Monterey County, and into northern San Luis Obispo County. First elected in 2016, he is serving his fourth term in Congress. He currently serves on the **House Committee on Ways and Means**, the **House Committee on Armed Services**, and **House Committee on the Budget**. He also serves as a Chief Deputy Whip in the 118th Congress.

During his time in Congress, Representative Panetta has fought for affordable housing, immigration reform, the continued protection of our pristine coastline and environment, accessible health care, our agriculture industry and its farmers and farmworkers, the reduction of gun violence, a fairer tax code, major infrastructure investment, sustainable conservation practices, our military installations that are an integral part in our community and our country's security, and the deserved and promised benefits to our veterans.

NARFE National President William 'Bill' Shackelford



William Shackelford is the National President of NARFE, the largest federal employee and retiree organization dedicated to protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers.

He served with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for more than 34 years, retiring in 2006.

Shackelford has extensive NARFE experience. He has been the president and first and second vice president of the Virginia Federation and has served as the service officer, newsletter editor, vice president and president of Fairfax Chapter 0737.

Shackelford holds a Bachelor of Science degree in judicial administration from American University and an associate degree in law enforcement science from Northern Virginia Community College.

Sharon Reese
Regional Vice President
Region VII



Sharon Reese joined NARFE in February 2007 and quickly signed on to the Chapter 182 board. In 2008 she joined the **New Mexico Federation**, holding positions as President, Vice President for Legislation, and Conference Chair. Her Federal career spanned 33 years - 3 years at the Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany and 30 years at White Sands Missile Range.

Robert Ruskamp
Regional Vice President
Region VIII

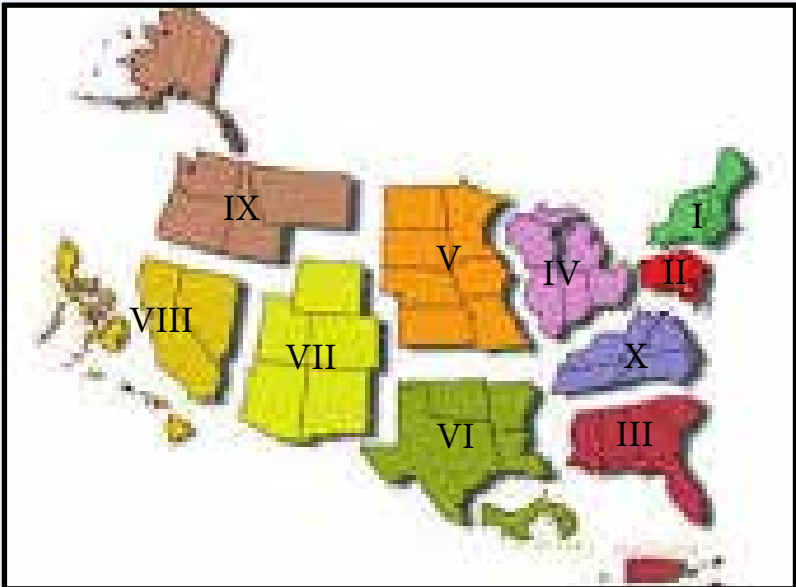
Robert has served as Regional Vice President for Region VIII since 2021. His previous NARFE experience includes serving as a chapter secretary and federation president of the **Nevada Federation**. In his 35-year career with the Federal Government, Robert has worked as an electronics engineer for communications and information systems in the United States and overseas with the Department of Defense,



John Hatton
Staff Vice President
Policy and Programs



As Vice President for Policy and Programs, John Hatton leads both NARFE's Advocacy efforts and the NARFE **Federal Benefits Institute**. John has worked on behalf of NARFE members for more than 13 years and is intimately familiar with the many needs of the federal family in terms of their rights and earned benefits.



NARFE's eight Administrative Regions

California Federation President Linda Ingram

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of the California State Federation the last four years from 2019 to 2023. In addition, for the last several years I have served as the Membership Chair of the Antelope Valley Chapter 0877. In 2013, I was elected District VIII Vice President (DVP). In addition to my duties as DVP, over three terms I worked on a number of special projects including the realignment of Chapters and Districts, evaluation of Federation Policies and Procedures, development of the State Tax Parity Legislation, incorporation of National Only members into the Federation, and the rewrite of our Bylaws. During these two terms we have faced the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic and the aftermath of its effect on our Federation. We persevered by using Zoom to conduct online meetings to manage the Federation and Chapters. More recently many chapters have begun to return to a more regular in-person meeting format with mixed results.



Over my 29-year career with the Department of Defense I had a number of management responsibilities. After receiving an MBA from USC, I became Director of Cost and Business Strategies for the Air Force Flight Test Center (FTC). In that role I developed and directed the Strategic and Corporate Management Processes of the FTC. I also managed the \$750 M/year reimbursement program. In 1998 I attended the DoD Senior Executive Development Program including stints at all the senior military schools and deployments to the Pacific and Korea. After returning to the Center, I directed the Strategic Planning and Innovation operations of the Center until my retirement in 2004.

As retired and active Federal Employees we must stand together to protect our rights and benefits. Our role in Advocacy, particularly Grassroots efforts, is critical to that success. During this same time the NARFE staff organization has been faced with a number of financial and personnel challenges. I have also worked with the other Federation Presidents to build a forum for the Federations to meet and work on our mutual problems and concerns. We have worked to improve communication between the staff and field organizations to ensure they recognize and support our needs. I believe that a strong and healthy NARFE at all levels is necessary to achieve our goal to be an effective organization. It will take all of us working together to make that a reality. I urge you to support these efforts by volunteering your time to ensure that we not only stay relevant, but also grow and thrive in the future!

California Federation Vice President Yoggi Riley



It's been a couple of years that have gone by and life is just poking along. My term of office is coming to an end and I must now step aside due to health issues. I apologize for not being as active as I should be but it has just been so difficult.

My one goal has been to continue to recruit as much as possible for NARFE. This is possible by taking every chance to push the importance of our organization. We need to keep moving forward with the intent of keeping NARFE alive and in the minds of all federal employees and retirees.

Anytime you know of a former co-worker retiring, you should try to introduce NARFE to them, talk to your mail carrier, and talk to your friends or acquaintances at the VA or any other federal facility. We just have to become salesmen for NARFE all the time. You can and you will be rewarded with a feeling of accomplishment as you increase our NARFE family. This has always been my goal while serving as an officer of the Federation.

I wish you all a great conference and an informative future

Yoggi

California Federation Secretary Sandy Griffin



I became secretary when Lea Zajac appointed me to finish a term when health issues caused the previous secretary to have to resign. I was then elected to a term at the 2019 convention, and then again in 2021. I had attended some Executive Board meetings previously since I traveled with my husband who is a DVP. I really enjoyed getting to know the board members so willingly took on the position. There have been some changes

that have caused the responsibilities to increase, but I still feel that this is an important organization for the Federal community and needs people to step up to keep it going. I really appreciate the assistance from Carl Bailey.

The goals and mission of NARFE mesh well with CalRTA, California Retired Teachers, that I am also a member of and have been serving as treasurer for our Butte County Division for about seven years.

We enjoy time with our three sons and their families including six grandchildren so have spent a lot of time at sporting events. At least now we can just go and enjoy watching instead of having the responsibility of keeping things running, which we did enjoy for many years.

It was not long after we moved to Chico that Ron became President of the Chico Chapter that he had transferred to. A bit later I became secretary and then newsletter editor for our Chico Chapter 1245 and I assist Ron with some of his District IV duties, and for this past year, we have included the officers of Districts VI and VII in our newsletter information and distribution, since Ron was helping those districts that did not have an active DVP currently. We include the Paradise Chapter members for our meetings even though we have not officially closed the Paradise Chapter yet. It has been a very difficult few years for them.

I was not the Federal employee in the family but have been adopted by NARFE and understand the importance of keeping the organization strong. We need more members to step up and take leadership positions.

California Federation Treasurer Jerry Hall

My career with the Federal Government involved a rewarding and interesting 29 years with the U.S. Department of Labor. I finished my career as a regional manager. I became actively involved in NARFE shortly after retiring in 2009. I effectively try to recruit at least 5 new NARFE members every year and I am passionate that NARFE is the federal worker and retiree's voice in Washington.



I have been the president of the San Francisco Chapter since 2011. I have previously served as District V Vice President, and I currently serve as your Federation Treasurer. I have participated on the national committees for Recruitment and Retention and the Future of NARFE. I am a strong believer that there is a future for NARFE and it can grow its membership by modernizing and effectively defending earned benefits and championing good government and the contributions of the Federal workforce. Public Service is exactly that and must be valued by the citizenry. It is our responsibility to be excellent public servants and to keep the nation protected and secure. However, we must also actively communicate how government provides valuable and important contributions that are essential to a strong country. A strong pay structure with good benefits is essential to good government. NARFE leads the way in helping our country understand the value of a strong government workforce and the importance of the services and protections federal employees provide. When these public servants retire, the country must keep the promised benefits they worked for if they want to continue to have excellent public servants. As NARFE moves into its second century, we must recommit to NARFE's tireless contributions to Federal Public Service and to our country. We must value volunteerism and realize our responsibilities to value and preserve our investment in those who choose public service. We must tirelessly advocate for federal workers and retirees to keep a respected and effectively functioning government for our country.



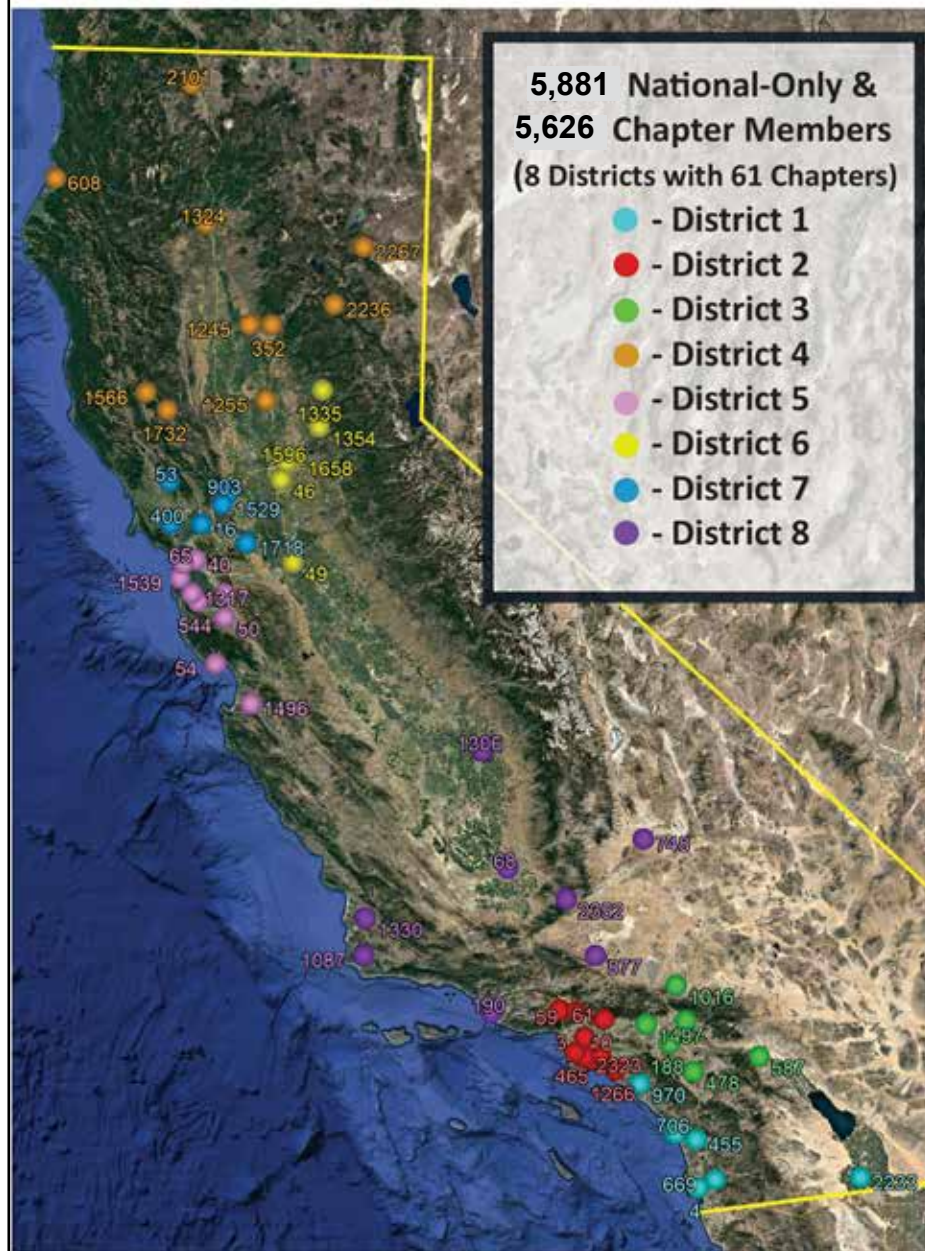
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‘Rachel and Bobby Santa Cruz’
will be playing at our Wednesday evening Banquet

The California State Federation

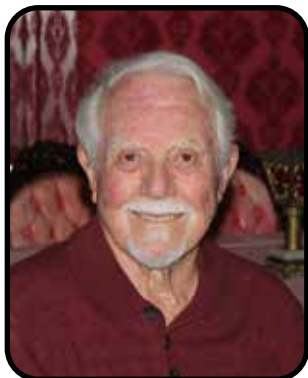
11,507 Members





CSF District I
Robert N. Davidson DVP

**California Federation
District I Vice President
Robert N. (Old Bob) Davidson**



I was told to write a bio for the program book. Here's all you need to know related to NARFE and me.

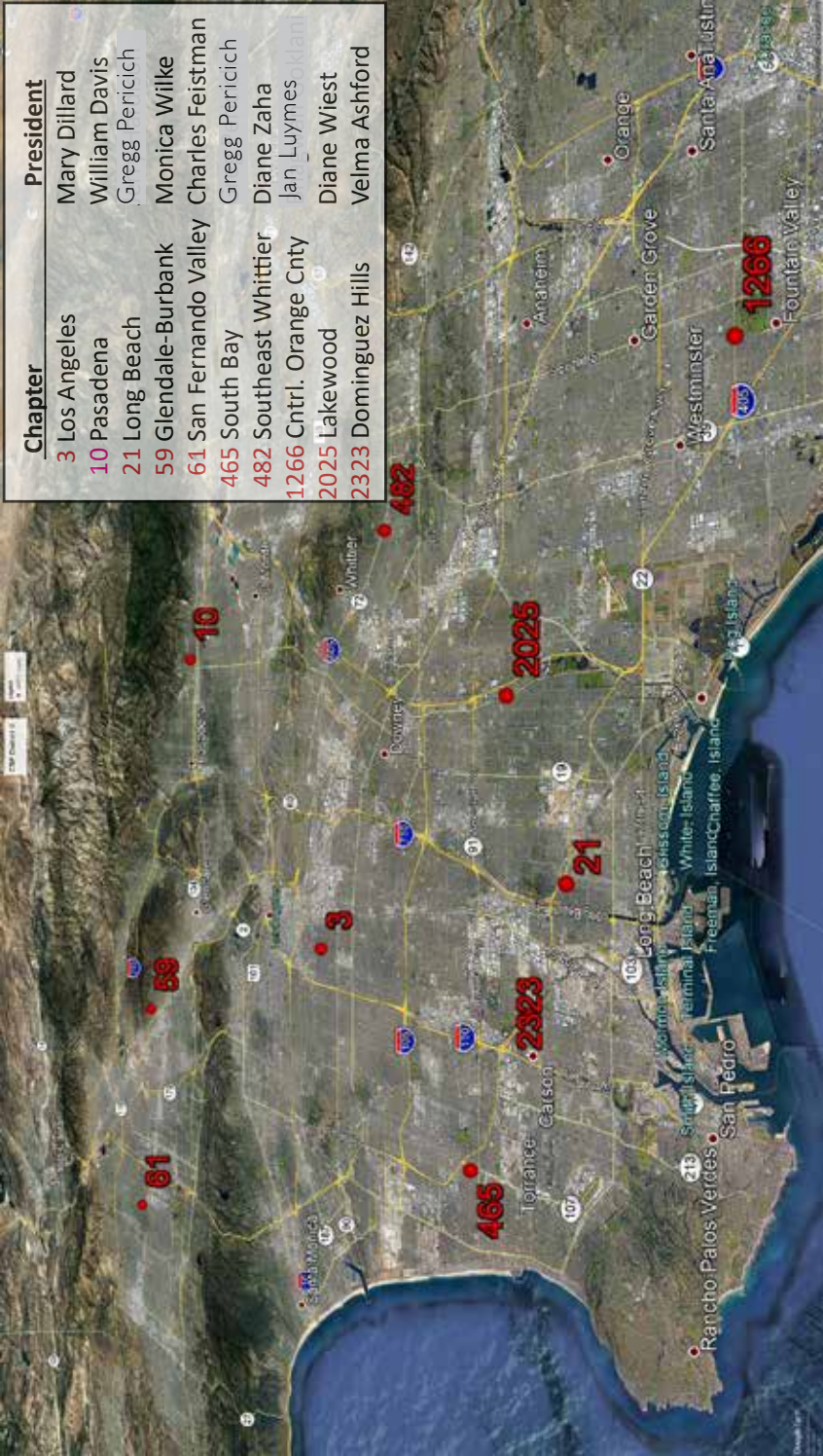
Took a temporary USPS job so I could feed and house a young family after two and a half years in an Asian country in the early 1950's. 30 years later I retired from the Postal Service.

Started as a Substitute Clerk/Carrier, unloaded trucks, distributed mail, carried mail, sold stamps, was president of two local postal unions, negotiated their first local labor contracts, became a first line supervisor, took a demotion to join a two year management trainee program, four months into the program was offered a five level promotion and became the management Labor Relations Rep. in San Diego, the San Diego big boss said she was going to fire me, the Regional PMG made a job for me at Western Regional HQ with a four level promotion, the job morphed into a USPS HQ position billeted in California, offered another four level promotion in DC in Human Resources [Barbara said no-hated snow and the grandkids were in California], and two years later I retired. I consulted for the USPS [doing EEO investigations and other investigations no one on payroll wanted] out of our home for another couple of years then the PMG said all independent contractors had to work out of a post office. Told him to take his job and stick it.

Learned about NARFE and in 1996 attended my first meeting of Chapter 455. Attended my second meeting and was elected 2nd VP and took on the newsletter. Two years later was President of the chapter, then Jo Murphy talked me into the DVP job (kept the chapter jobs). Fifteen ± years later Barbara passed away, so I talked a guy (#1 son, Bob 2) into taking the DVP job. After a while he developed physical problems and had to resign, nobody else wanted the job so I took it back. The rest of my 88 + years was just as boring and routine, and you don't need to know about that. That brings us to the present.

**NARFE IS STILL THE BEST HOPE FOR
THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE!**

Chapter	President
3 Los Angeles	Mary Dillard
10 Pasadena	William Davis
21 Long Beach	Gregg Pericich
59 Glendale-Burbank	Monica Wilke
61 San Fernando Valley	Charles Feistman
465 South Bay	Gregg Pericich
482 Southeast Whittier	Diane Zaha
1266 Cntrl. Orange Cnty	Jan_Luymes
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CSF District II

Gregg Pericich DVP

**California Federation
District II Vice President
Gregg Pericich**



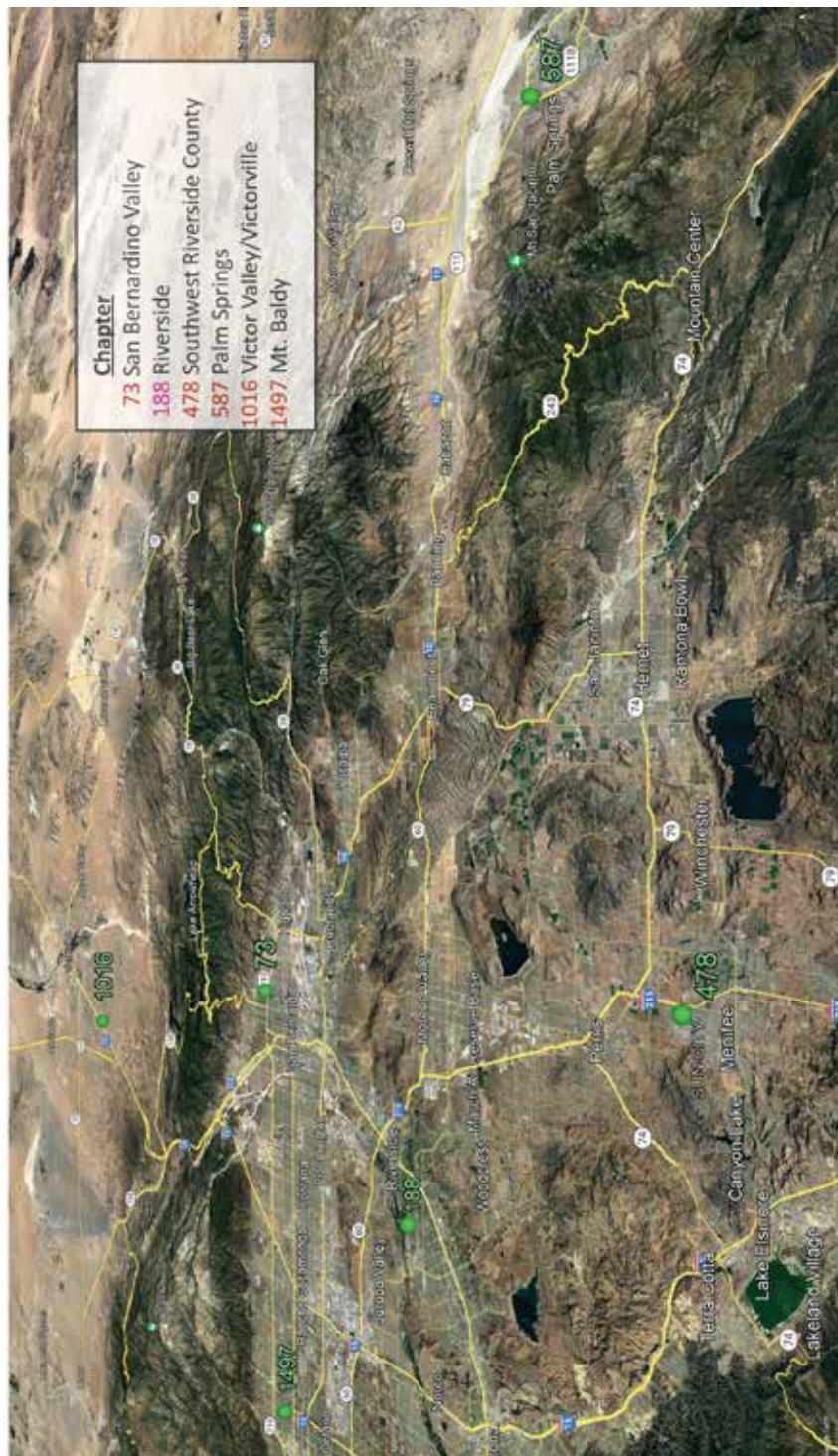
I joined NARFE when I retired after 40 years of Federal Civil Service in 2010. I became President of NARFE South Bay Chapter 465 in January 2012 and I became District II VP for the first time in February 2016. I will have completed my seventh year in office in 2023.

If elected for District II VP 2023-2025, my goal is to increase communication with the 10 chapters in District II. Since Covid 19, it has been difficult for Chapters to meet. It is vital to restart that process as soon as possible. I am working with the Chapter Presidents to accomplish this.

I have lived my whole life in the South Bay. Born and raised in San Pedro, CA from 1950 to 1986. I graduated from Fermin Lasuen High School in 1968 and received an AA Degree in Business Administration from Harbor Community College in 1986.

I moved to Torrance in 1987, Harbor City in 1999 and Harbor Gateway in 2010. I was married to Susan for 28 years and had no children. My Wife passed away September 2015.

I was drafted in 1970 and spent 3 years in the U.S. Army, assigned to ACSI SSG. I was stationed in both Vietnam and Germany. I am a Vietnam Veteran and a Lifetime Member of the VFW, Lomita, CA. I was hired as a Mil-Tech in 1973 by the 63rd Army Reserve Command at Los Alamitos, CA. I had to join the Army Reserve to keep my Civil Service Job. I worked as a Logistician on the Civilian side of the house and a Maintenance NCO on the Military side. I retired a Master Sergeant from the Army Reserve in 2005. In 2010 I retired from Civil Service as a GS-11.



CSF District III

Gloria Deets-Breyer DVP

**California Federation
District III Vice President
Gloria Deets-Breyer**

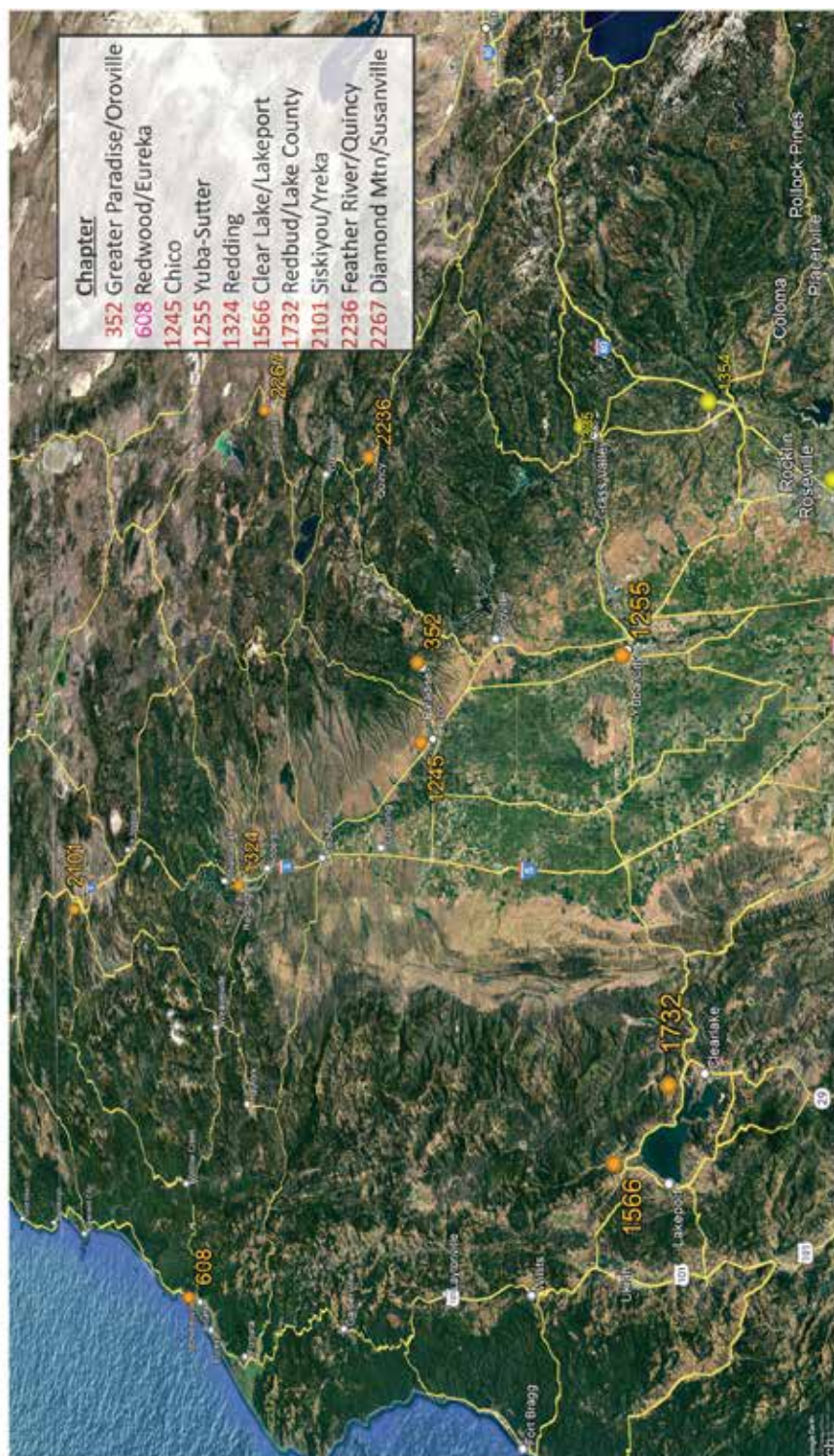


I worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco, CA. I worked various job positions including as Supervisor of the Travel Office for Engineers and personnel employees on the base. I retired from federal employment in 2010 but joined NARFE before I retired after learning about it at a Health Fair held at our facility.

As a member of Riverside Chapter 188 I became Chapter Treasurer of and eventually assumed the duties of Chapter President. I am currently the District Vice President for the California Federation District III.

The more involved I became in NARFE, the more interested I became helping all the chapters in District III. Every time I travel to NARFE meetings and conventions I learn something that I can pass on to my chapters. My husband Joe is also a NARFE member and has served as 'Sergeant-at-Arms' at several conventions, including this one.

NARFE is a great source of information about our Benefits. This was very helpful to me both before and after my retirement and I am glad to be able to share this information with other NARFE members in my chapters.



CSF District IV

Ron Griffin DVP

**California Federation
District IV Vice President
Ron Griffin**



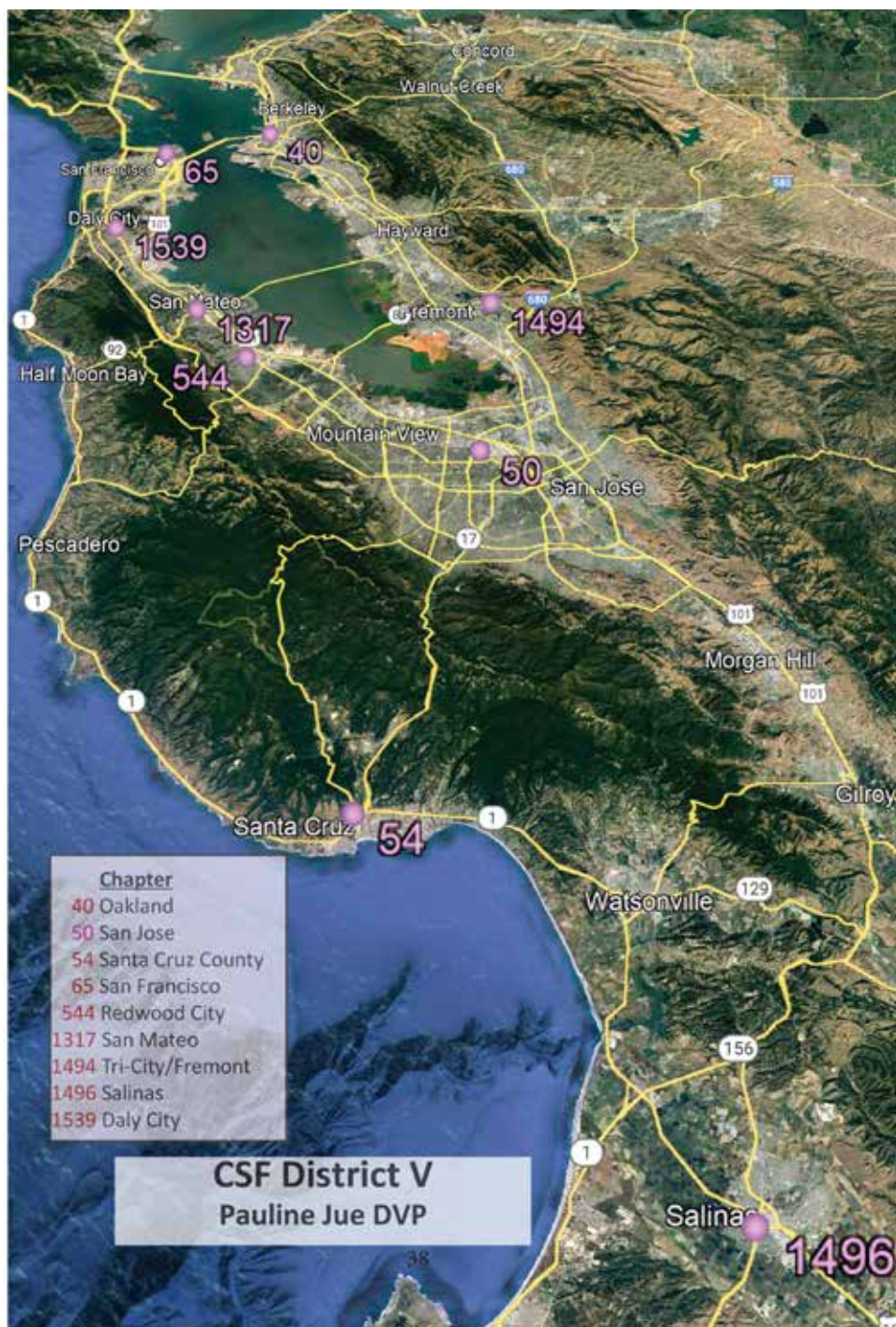
My Federal service was with the Defense Contract Audit Agency for 34 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. I retired in January of 2002. Two years later we moved from the Bay Area to Chico, CA.

My NARFE career started in 2002 when I joined the San Jose, CA Chapter 50. I transferred to Chico Chapter 1245 and began attending meetings in 2004. Two or three years later I became Chapter President and still am.

My mentors were Dick Millington and H. Ray Harrington (Paradise) and I owe much gratitude to them for instilling in me the value, mission, and importance of NARFE. Over the years I have met many great fellow NARFE members while attending eight previous CSFC State Conventions, four National conventions and two NARFE Legislative Conferences. I continue to strongly believe in NARFE's mission of protecting and maintaining federal service benefits.

In 2015 I was elected District X (now District IV) Vice President. I am proud to serve 10 Northern California Chapters that go from Yuba City to Eureka and Yreka and from Clear Lake to Susanville and all those chapters in between. Lately I have been striving to support several of my chapters as they go through the upheaval of the recent wildfires. The Paradise Chapter is in the process of joining with our Chico Chapter because of the Camp Fire in 2018. In the last year and a half I have also been including Districts VI and VII in their need for DVP Support.

We enjoy our three sons, their spouses, and six grandchildren. I am truly blessed and enjoy family time whenever we can get it. I also play golf (not always well), attend San Francisco Giants baseball games, Chico State University athletic events, and volunteer when I can at Chico's local Air Museum.



**California Federation
District V Vice President
Pauline Jue**



I am currently the Service Officer and the Second Vice President of Chapter 65 (San Francisco), as well as the Regional Vice President of District V. As such, I have represented NARFE and Chapter 65 at Pre-retirement classes, recruitment events, and health benefits fairs.

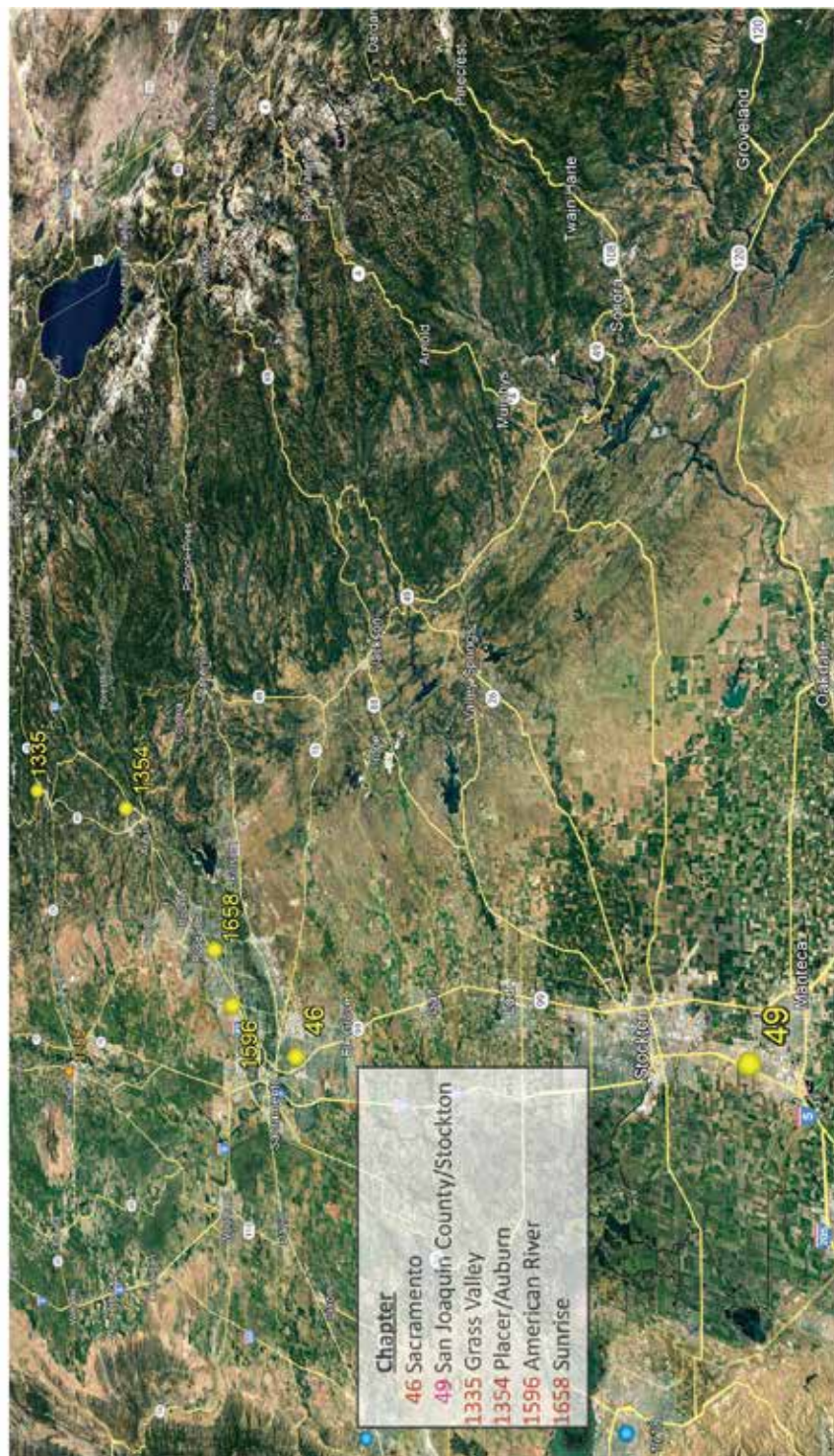
I retired from Federal service after over 37 years with the National Park Service. Beginning my career as a stu-

dent aid, I progressed in various positions: clerk typist, Employee Development Specialist, Regional Training Officer, Regional Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, and retired in 2010 as the Chief of Workforce Management of the Pacific West Region.

I decided to pursue a career in the Federal government because it offered job security and retirement benefits. My sister worked for a large corporation and earned more money and year-end bonuses, but I valued a steady job and working for the public good more than money. While working, I purchased long-term care (LTC) insurance when it was first offered and am now so grateful. My family has had to use these benefits to pay for caretakers and a stairlift for the front of our home.

I enjoy reading mysteries set in foreign countries and have become intrigued (excuse the pun) with espionage novels (trust no one). I have been married to my husband for more than 28 years and enjoy spending time with our large, loud, and happy family and friends. The last couple of years have presented my family with health challenges and opportunities to be thankful for the joy life can present to us.

Being a Federal employee offered me the opportunity to contribute as well as to secure peace of mind. I want to protect the earned pay and benefits for all Federal employees and annuitants. Being a member of NARFE allows my single voice to join thousands of other voices to ensure Federal work is respected and honored.



CSF District VI
DVP Position Open



CSF District VII DVP Position Open



CSF District VIII

Steve Smith DVP

**California Federation
District VIII Vice President
Stephen Smith**



I am married and currently reside in Tehachapi.

I am a retired Aeronautical Engineer. I received a BS degree in Engineering at Lafayette College in PA and an MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Arizona. I spent my career working for the Air Force first at Wright-Patterson AFB In Ohio and

then at Edwards AFB, California. At Edwards AFB I was a flight test program manager. I retired in 1995. After retirement I was hired as an engineering consultant for a small engineering firm doing business at Edwards, and afterward I settled down to full-time retirement.

My wife and I spent two years travelling full time in our RV before deciding to settle in Tehachapi. Having a love for the ocean, we owned a 30-ft sailboat, and spent many enjoyable days sailing the Channel Islands off the California coast. Over the years we continued our wanderlust, traveling frequently, which nowadays is solely on cruise ships.

I Joined NARFE about 5 years ago, and I am the president of the Tehachapi Chapter #2352 and District VIII Vice President.

My other voluntary activities and affiliations are:

- Tehachapi Depot Railroad Museum where I am the President of the Board of Directors as well as the Curator, a volunteer docent, and docent trainer.

- Local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) where I am the Treasurer and Board member.

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National Legislation Committee Steve Walter



2022 was quite a year legislatively speaking. The 2020 census resulted in California losing a Congressional District for the first time ever, dropping to 52 Districts - still the largest state delegation by far (Texas is 2nd with 38). The redistricting scrambled Congressional District boundaries but the overall result wasn't much different than before with a CA delegation consisting of 40 Democrats and 12 Republicans.

At the national level, the Republican wave didn't occur as predicted, though Republicans did win the additional the five seats they needed to take control of the House. As a result homeboy Kevin McCarthy succeeded homegirl Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House. In the Senate, Democrats managed to gain one seat, slightly improving their narrow majority to 51-49, but still nowhere near enough to overcome a filibuster.

As a result, NARFE will be challenged to achieve its legislative goals during this Congress in the face of calls for "smaller government" and "reduced spending" in the non-Defense parts of the budget. Nonetheless, WEP/GPO repeal or reform remains the top issue for the organization. Having nearly gotten the issue to the House floor for a vote in the 117th Congress, we remain hopeful that we can maintain that momentum in the new 118th Congress. The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S. 597 is the current legislation that would fully repeal the WEP and GPO.

A large reason NARFE was able to move WEP/GPO reform last year was because of the efforts of our CDLs who wrote, called, emailed and buttonholed their representatives to co-sponsor the legislation. As the list on the next page shows, we currently have 14 Congressional Districts without a CDL to lobby for our interests. If you live in any of the districts with a vacant CDL position please consider volunteering to fill this important function. If interested, email me at swalter0224@gmail.com.

California Congressional Districts 118th Congress 2023-2024



California Congressional Districts and CDL Assignments

Cong. Dist	Representative	District CDL	Chapter/ Dist.
1	Doug LaMalfa	Ron Griffin	1245/IV
2	Jared Huffman	Bjorn Stumer	400/VII
3	Kevin Kiley	Vacant	IV
4	Mike Thompson	Vacant	VII
5	Tom McClintock	Vacant	VI
6	Ami Bera	Nels Christensen	1596/VI
7	Doris Matsui	Hubert Lechner	46/VI
8	John Garamendi	Helen Zajac?	16/VII
9	Josh Harder	Vacant	VII
10	Mark DeSaulnier	Jim Hiraehara	1718/VII
11	Nancy Pelosi	Jerry Hall	65/V
12	Barbara Lee	Betty Hicks	40/V
13	John Duarte	Vacant	VIII
14	Eric Swalwell	Anastasios Piliotis	1494/V
15	Kevin Mullin	Pat D'Larzelere	1317/V
16	Anna Eshoo	Steve Walter	544/V
17	Ro Khanna	Andrea Heckman	1494/V
18	Zoe Lofgren	Forney Lundy	1496/V
19	Jimmy Panetta	Jean Taylor	1496/V
20	Kevin McCarthy	Randy Scott	877/VIII
21	Jim Costa	Vacant	VIII
22	David Valadao	Vacant	VIII
23	Jay Obernolte	Lenore Manak	73/III
24	Salud Carbajal	David Akey	1330/VIII
25	Raul Ruiz	Jay Lippman	587/III
26	Julia Brownley	George Ramirez	190/VIII
27	Mike Garcia	Linda Ingram	877/VIII
28	Judy Chu	Bill Davis	10/II
29	Tony Cardenas	Yoggi Riley	61/II
30	Adam Schiff	Vacant	II
31	Grace Napolitano	Gloria Gandara	II
32	Brad Sherman	Charles Feistman	61/II
33	Pete Aguilar	Letitia Ochoa	73/III
34	Jimmy Gomez	Vacant	II
35	Norma Torres	Will Patton	1497/III
36	Ted Lieu	Vacant	II
37	Sydney Kamlager	Vacant	II
38	Linda Sanchez	Diane Zaha	482/II
39	Mark Takano	Emilio Garcia	478/III
40	Young Kim	Allan Roberts	1266/II
41	Ken Calvert	Emilio Garcia	478/III
42	Robert Garcia	Vacant	II
43	Maxine Waters	Gregg Pericich	465/II
44	Nanette Barragan	Dennis Niles	2323/II
45	Michelle Steel	Vacant	II
46	Lou Correa	Vacant	II
47	Katie Porter	James Mathews	970/I
48	Darrell Issa	Warren Savage	669/I
49	Mike Levin	Tom Buggie	706/I
50	Scott Peters	Sandra Wetzel-Smith	4/I
51	Sara Jacobs	Stephen Bower	4/I
52	Juan Vargas	Connie Vickers	4/I

**Ads placed by our Chapters
and
Individual Members**



The following section of the book contains Ads placed by Chapters and National-only members of the California Federation. The money raised through the sale of these Ads helps defray the cost of putting on this convention, costs that are not covered by your registrations fees. Without our chapter and member support this biennial convention would not be possible.

This year chapters and members were encourage to share something historical or unique to their location or experience. In sharing these “nuggets” we learn about our common history as government workers and gain insights into those NARFE membes who preceded us.

We hope you enjoy perusing these ads.

Los Angeles Chapter 3

chartered June 1947



The Civic Center neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, is the administrative core of the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and a complex of city, county, state, and federal government offices, buildings, and courthouses. The Civic Center has the distinction of containing the largest concentration of government employees in the United States outside of Washington, D.C. The reason for the high concentration is simple: Los Angeles is the most populous county in the United States and its second largest city, and houses several state and federal functions for the region.

Chapter 3 was the very first NARFE chapter in the state of California and only the third in the nation. It's quite likely that many, if not most, of Chapter 3's early members worked in federal buildings in the Civic Center. How many do today?

Chapter Officers

President: Mary Dillard

Secretary: Yvonne Woodruff

Treasurer: Doris Mitchell

Alzheimer Chair: Nina Maye

Editor & Legislative Chair: Marguerite Coffey Hunt

Vallejo Chapter 16

Chartered: April 1949



October 23, 1965 – **Mare Island** launches the city of Vallejo's namesake, the nuclear ballistic missile submarine **USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO**.

The **Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINSY)** in Vallejo, CA served America from 1854 to 1996, spanning the Civil War, World Wars I & II, Vietnam, and the Cold War. MINSY built 513 craft from a wooden paddle-wheel steamer, submarines, including 17 nuclear-powered submarines, submarine tenders and minesweepers. It later became a repair and overhaul Shipyard after the end of the cold war. MINSY provided the Navy with its first Marine Barracks and Hospital on the Pacific Coast and built the Navy's first interdenominational chapel, which is still in use. In 1911 MINSY built the first aircraft wooden landing platform which evolved into the mighty carrier fleets of WW-II. The real history of Mare Island lies in the individual efforts of thousands of employees who have helped MINSY carry out her mission.

Chapter Officers

President: Donna Lass

Secretary: Helen Zajac

1st VP: Robin Leong

Treasurer: Melanie McCrossin

2nd VP: James Porter

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Long Beach Chapter 21

Chartered July 1949

Long Beach California



Acting President: Gregg A. Perich
Vice-President: Marcella Callahan
Secretary: Jeannie Sprenger
Treasurer: Lurlie Edgecomb
Member-at-Large: Mae Givens

Santa Rosa Chapter 53

Lake Sonoma in Sonoma County serves over 600,000 people with flood control and water supply. It was formed by the building of Warm Springs Dam by the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1983. The Lake is the largest freshwater recreational area in the North Bay.

Chapter 53, the Santa Rosa Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Chartered in 1951, Santa Rosa is one of the older chapters in NARFE.

San Fernando Valley/Van Nuys Chapter 61

Chartered December 1951



Mission San Fernando Rey de España



Mission San Fernando Rey de España, founded by Father La Suen in Sept. 1797, was situated close to the El Camino Real, only a one-day trip by horse to the fast growing community of Los Angeles. The Convento, shown above, served as a guesthouse for visitors. Completed in 1822 after twelve years of construction, a colonnade with nineteen arches borders the full length of the building. This impressive structure, often mistaken by visitors as the actual mission, has over twenty rooms, fourteen on the first floor including quarters for resident priests, a chapel, a kitchen, winery, storehouse, reception hall and guest accommodations. A rich assortment of relics and furniture of earlier days can still be found within these walls.

Chapter Officers

President: Charles Feistman
Secy/Treasurer: Yoggi Riley
Alzheimer Chair: Rebecca Faso

Vice President: Robert Golden
Legislative Chair: Amateo Seno
Newsletter Editor: Erwin Nudel

San Francisco Chapter 65

Chartered November 1951

Happy Birthday to the World-Famous San Francisco Cable Cars!



Join us as we celebrate their 150th anniversary in August 2023.

While SF is known for its urban sights, such as the cable cars and Coit Tower, did you know that there's a national park in this urban environment?

In 1972, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) was established as the second urban park of the National Park System, offering city dwellers the opportunity to experience the beauty and solitude of a natural environment. GGNRA provides a much-needed respite from the hectic urban life and its noisy surrounds.

Just minutes from the busy city center, you can hike a trail in Fort Funston or the Presidio and forget there are thousands of people around you. You'll see birds, sand, trees, and feel the breeze on your face. GGNRA sites include Ocean Beach to the west and Fort Mason and the Presidio further east. The Marin Headlands and Muir Woods are also part of GGNRA and offer additional peaceful surroundings.



Come enjoy the chirping of birds, the ocean lapping along the shore, and rustling wind through the trees in Golden Gate National Recreation Area, located in San Francisco.

Chapter meetings are held every third Wednesday at 1:00 PM, except for July, via Zoom or at the SF Federal Building. All are invited. The monthly newsletter can be found on NARFE65.org with information about upcoming meetings/presentations and events.

Chapter Officers

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2nd Vice President: Pauline Jue

Secretary: Jane Ramos
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Ventura County Chapter 190 - www.narfe190.org

Since 1942, members have worked at **Naval Base Ventura County** (NBVC), composed of Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, and San Nicolas Island. NBVC supports approximately 80 tenant activities with more than 4,800 DOD Civil Service employees and 12,000 military personnel and contractors.

Tenant commands include three warfare centers: Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division and Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center. NBVC is also home to deployable units, including the Pacific Seabees and the West Coast E-2C Hawkeyes.

Chapter Officers

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Newsletter: Vic Johnson

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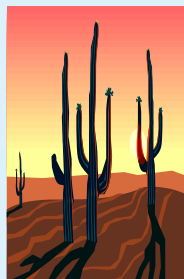
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South Bay/Torrance Chapter 465

Chartered December 1954



Fort MacArthur is a former United States Army installation in San Pedro, Los Angeles, California (now the port community of Los Angeles). The fort is named after Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur. His son, Douglas MacArthur, would later command American forces in the Pacific during World War II.

The fort was a training center during World War I, and the first large gun batteries for harbor defense were installed in 1917. The effectiveness of these fixed gun emplacements was debated for many years, and test firings were extremely unpopular with nearby residents, the concussion shattering windows in buildings and houses for miles around. By the end of World War II the large guns were already being removed, with the last decommissioned in 1948. Battery Osgood-Farley is probably the best preserved example of a United States coastal defense gun emplacement, and it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

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Legislative Chair:	J Delahunt

Southwest Riverside Chapter 478

Chartered December 1954



The Santa Fe Railway Station in Perris, California is housed in one of the nation's few remaining railway depots with architectural and historical importance. To honor this, the National Register of Historic Places listed the building in 1994. During the first half of the 20th Century the depot served both passenger traffic and agricultural traffic associated with the farmlands of Perris Valley. Today it houses the Perris Valley Historical Museum, focusing on the history of early Perris Valley, including an exhibit on the Good Hope gold mine that was responsible for making and breaking the fortunes of many early Perris settlers.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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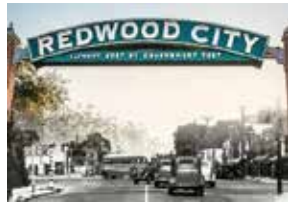
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Redwood City Chapter 0544

Chartered: May 1956



San Francisco area Earthquakes 1970 - 2003



The **U.S. Geological Survey** built its western region headquarters in Menlo Park in 1954. After the 1964 M9.2 “Good Friday” earthquake in southern Alaska, the Branch of Seismology was created to learn the mechanism of earthquakes and maybe even to predict them. The first 15 years were spent installing seismometers all across California. In those early years it would often

take several days to locate an earthquake and months if a swarm were occurring. With the advent of mini-computers in the 1980’s Menlo Park scientists developed systems to detect and locate earthquakes automatically, methods now used by seismologists around the world.

Today, earthquakes can be located and displayed to the web within seconds, allowing both the public and emergency responders to be notified immediately. Recent developments allow people to receive earthquake alerts on their smart phones moments before strong shaking begins, telling them how many seconds before the strong shaking arrives and how intense it will be. While this early warning system is actually much more useful, the ability to predict earthquakes still eludes seismologists.

Chapter Officers

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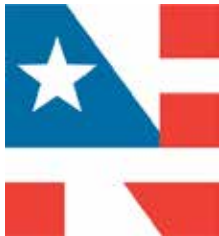
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Palm Springs Chapter 587
chartered January 1957



Palm Springs gained fame in the 1920s when Hollywood movie stars made it their weekend retreat of choice. Within a 2-hour drive east of the Hollywood studios in Los Angeles, the Palm Springs beckoned with reliably warm weather and cinematic desert expanses framed by the San Jacinto Mountains. Celebrities, prominent business leaders, and the famed could escape the spotlight and sip cocktails by the pool.



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Chapter Officers

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Treasurer:	Andrew Morgen	Secretary:	Faye Chow

Antelope Valley Chapter 877

Chartered: September 1963



The Antelope Valley is home to the California Poppy Reserve where we're always hoping for another Super Bloom year. It is also home to Edwards AFB, the largest employer in the valley. Chapter members here may have worked on diverse projects ranging from advanced fighter jets to hypersonic aircraft to rockets that took men to the moon and back. Other members working with FAA may have guided aircraft in & out of one of the busiest aviation areas in the nation.



Chapter Officers

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Sec/Treas – Nancy Bergren	Service – Gary Darcy
2 nd VP, Membership chair – Linda Ingram	

USAF, FAA, USPS, VA, NASA, Forest Service

Chico Chapter 1245

Chartered July 1972



CHICO CHAPTER 1245 GREATER PARADISE OROVILLE CHAPTER 0352

The Chico Chapter has been hosting the Paradise Chapter since the Camp Fire in 2018 which destroyed the town of Paradise, including their meeting place. The members of that chapter were scattered and it has been difficult to locate all of them, but they are all invited to meet with us and eventually that chapter will probably be closed. It has just been hard to do yet.

Chico is home to the beautiful campus of California State University Chico. It was the second state college in California and was originally the Chico Normal School. The first graduating class of 14 students was in 1891. John Bidwell and his wife, Annie, donated land from their cherry orchard to have the first building for the Normal School which was established in 1887, as shown on the college seal. The college motto was created at that time, which is:

"TODAY DECIDES TOMORROW"

That thought would be good for NARFE members to keep in mind today and in the future. The good academic reputation for Chico State has led to many graduates being recruited for government and business positions.

Chapter Officers

President: Ron Griffin

1st Vice President: Dan Turner

2nd Vice President: Leonard Canter

Secretary: Sandy Griffin

Treasurer: Anita Schinnerl

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SAN MATEO CHAPTER 1317

Chartered in December 1973



As in many NARFE chapters, about 1/3 of Chapter 1317 worked for the US Post Office. The Post Office in downtown San Mateo, built during the Great Depression, contains a mural of "Old California" painted by artists employed by the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP).



Coit Tower Mural, San Francisco

The purpose of PWAP was to give work to unemployed artists to embellish public buildings. Those who participated were required to be professional artists and earned \$38 to \$46 per week. A total of 3,749 artists were hired and 15,663 works were produced in public buildings across the country including the White House and the House of Representatives. Artists were asked to paint in an "American scene" style, depicting ordinary citizens in a realistic manner.

Chapter Officers

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Vice President: Judy Lynn

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NARFE Central Coast Chapter 1330



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Tri-Cities/Fremont Chapter 1494

Chartered April 1976



*Newark Slough during king tides at Don Edwards
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge*



San Francisco Bay is the largest Pacific estuary in the Americas. Over the last 200 years, 90% of the Bay's wetlands have been lost due to human activity. Don Edwards NWR was established in 1972 to begin to restore these lost wetlands. Centered in Fremont, CA it spans 30,000 acres in south San Francisco Bay.

Located along the Pacific Flyway, the Refuge hosts over 280 species of birds each year as millions of shorebirds and waterfowl stop to refuel at the Refuge during the spring and fall migration.



Tri-City Chapter 1494 Officers

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1st VP: Don O'Donnell

2nd VP: Andrea Heckman

Treasurer: Al Pittier

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Alz.Chair: Eloise Williams

Secretary: Joy Bryant

Service Ofcr: Bill Daubenspeck

Salinas Chapter 1496 Welcomes you to the
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in San Luis Obispo, CA May 8-10

Enjoy your time together!



Chapter Officers



President: Patrick Maaske

Secretary: Lee Wolfer

1st VP: Jean Taylor

2nd VP: Scott Seggerman

Treasurer: Forney Lundy

Newsletter editor: Jeff Erwin

Daly City Chapter 1539

Chartered: July 1977



Golden Gate National Cemetery is one of 155 national cemeteries located across the United States. It is located in San Bruno, California and was officially dedicated on May 30, 1942. Golden Gate was the first national cemetery to initiate the Memorial Day large flag display. The cemetery contains 145,000 graves including:

- 15 Medal of Honor recipients - most recently Sgt Paul H Foster, US Marine Corps, born San Mateo, CA 4/27/39, died 10/14/67 (age 28) in Con Thien, South Vietnam. Sgt Foster was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1967.
- Fleet Admiral Chester W Nimitz, Commander of Pacific Fleet, World War II
- Congressman Leo Ryan, killed in Jonestown Massacre, Guyana 1978
- Percy Kilbride, actor best known for role of Pa Kettle in the Ma & Pa Kettle film series in the 1950s.
- Edward L. Toppins, celebrated African American World War II fighter pilot, one of the greatest pilots to ever have emerged from the Tuskegee Airmen.
- 44 German and Italian prisoners of war captured in North Africa after the collapse of Field Marshall Erwin Rommel's German Afrika Corps in 1943.

Chapter Officers

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American River Chapter 1596

Chartered May 1978 (Celebrating 45-Years)

In 1848, the discovery of gold occurred just 36-miles northeast of Sacramento. This historic event sparked the beginning of the great California "Gold Rush." Many who came seeking their fortune made the Sacramento area an important destination in hope of fulfilling their dreams.



Sacramento county was incorporated in February 1850, just nine months prior to California becoming the 31st State. Visitors to Old Sacramento will see an impressive tribute statue to the short-lived Pony Express as well as the exciting California State Railroad Museum.

Some say that the most important by-product of the California Gold Rush was the creation of California Agriculture. California is the #1 agriculture economy in the United States, generating \$55 billion in revenue in 2021.



*Chapter 1596 meets on the third Thursday of odd numbered months.
Membership represents a wide variety of different Federal Agencies.*

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Delta Chapter 1718

Mount Diablo State Park and Summit 3,849 Ft.
Delta Chapter 1718 – Chartered June 24, 1980
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Lakewood Chapter 2025

Chartered May 1984

Lakewood is a city ten miles southeast of Los Angeles that in 1950 broke new ground-literally and figuratively-when the Lakewood Park Company started building what would become the nation's first post-war planned housing development, consisting of 17,500 houses on about 3,500 acres. Lakewood emerged from a former sugar beet field to become a model planned community, complete with street lighting and underground wires, assembly-line construction of about 50 houses a day, berms between residential streets and the highway, and a car-friendly prototype shopping area called Lakewood Center.

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Dominguez Hills Chapter 2323

Chartered April 1998



The Los Angeles International Air Meet in 1910 was among the earliest airshows in the world and the first major airshow in the U.S. It was held in Los Angeles County at Dominguez Field in present-day Rancho Dominguez. Spectator turnout numbered approximately 254,000 over 11 days of ticket sales. The Los Angeles Times called it "one of the greatest public events in the history of the West."

Organizers invited pilots of monoplanes, biplanes, balloons, and dirigibles. Cash prizes were allotted for competitive events in altitude, speed, and endurance.

William Randolph Hearst took his first airplane ride at the Air Meet. However, William Boeing, who had been enthused by the invention of the airplane, was unable to get a

ride on any aircraft at the show. Undeterred, he went on to found the Boeing Airplane Company six years later.

Since NARFE Chapter 2323 was chartered in 1998 following the closure of the Naval Complex on Terminal Island, members have made it our mission to promote NARFE as the Federal Benefit Experts and to be strong advocates in support of legislation that protects and promotes the earned pay and benefit of all active and retired federal employees.

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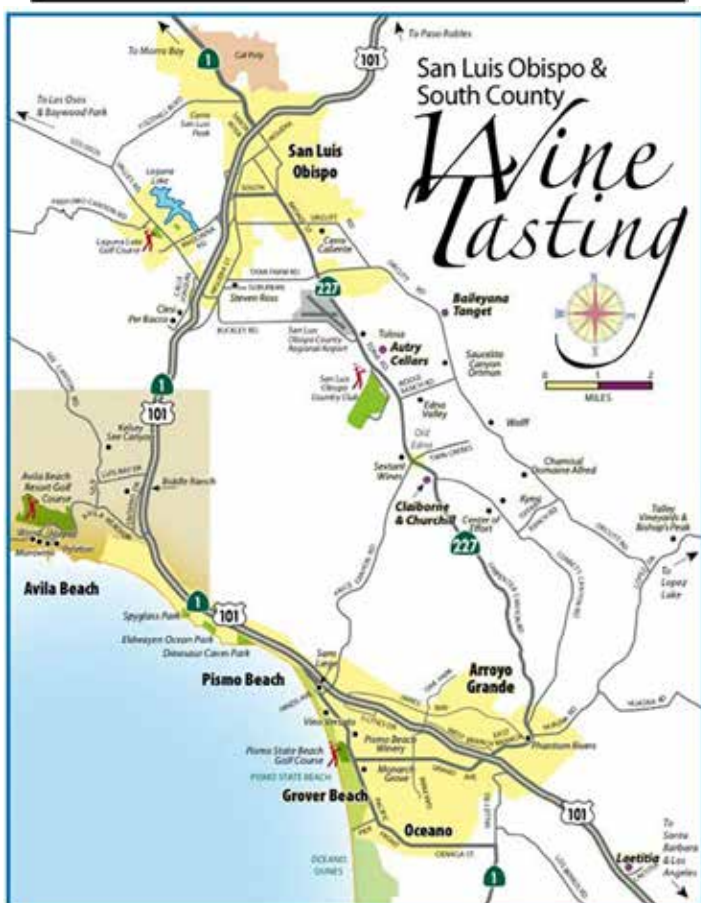


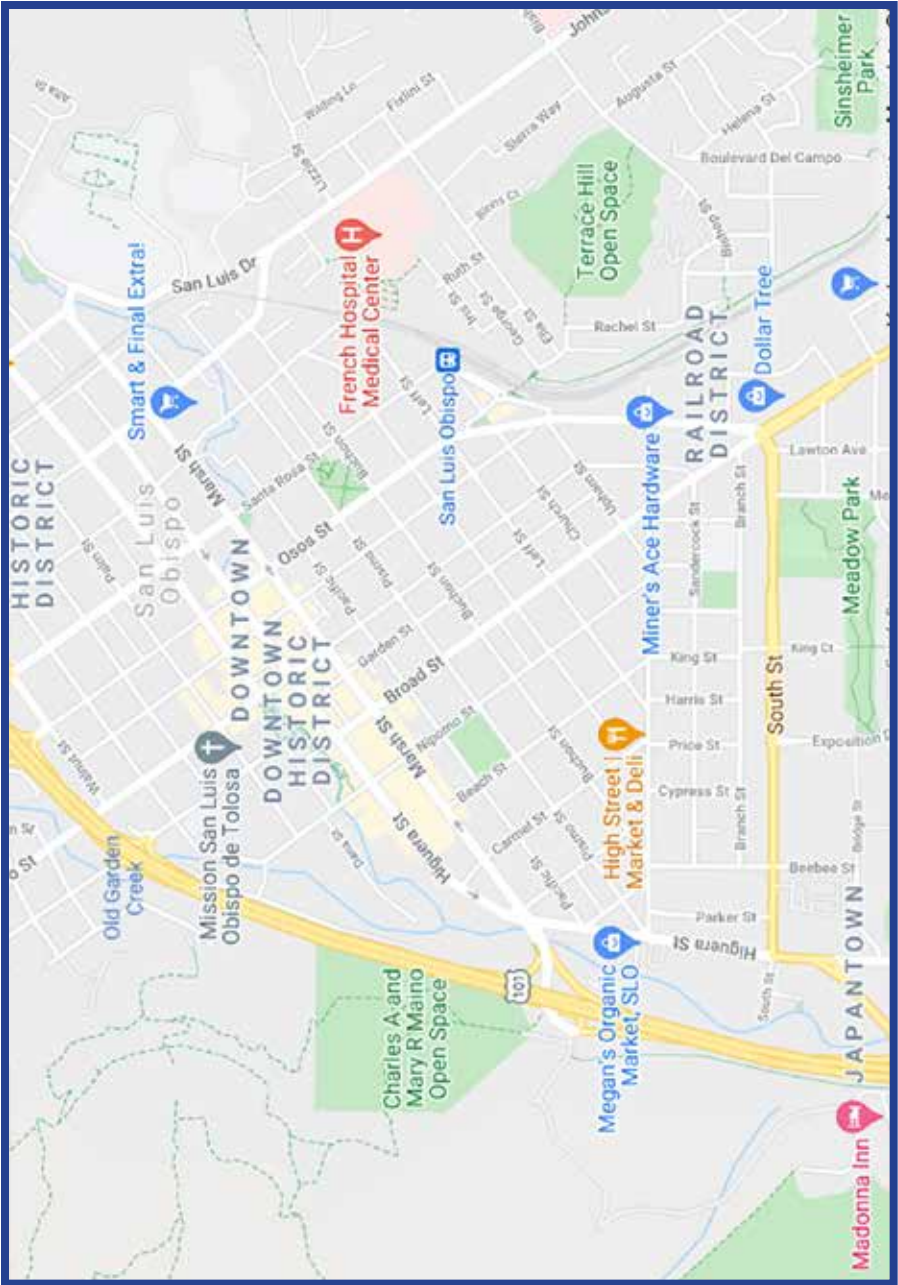
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