



# Advocacy Update

California Federation

June 2018



# Agenda

- **NARFE Legislative Accomplishments**
- **NARFE Legislative Priorities**
- **Grassroots Advocacy**
- **NARFE-PAC**
- **Questions**



# **NARFE's Legislative Accomplishments**

- **TSP Modernization Act of 2017**
  - Expands and creates more flexible withdrawal options
  - Creates more options for participants
  - Should reduce full transfers out of the TSP
  - Signed into law November 17, 2017



# NARFE's Legislative Accomplishments

- **Two-year bipartisan budget agreement**
  - Raised sequester caps by \$300 billion
  - Offsets of \$100 billion
  - Federal benefits cuts were **NOT** included
  - NARFE message is resonating!



# **NARFE's Legislative Accomplishments**

- **TSP Modernization Act signed into law**
- **Harmful federal benefits cuts were not included in tax reform**
- **2-year budget deal didn't use Feds as offset**
- **After 8 years, federal retirees haven't lost anything!**



# **NARFE Legislative Priorities**

- **Trump FY19 Budget - \$192 billion**
  - Eliminate COLAs for FERS retirees
  - Reduce COLAs by 0.5 percent for CSRS retirees
  - Increase retirement contributions for FERS by 6%
  - Eliminate the FERS annuity supplement



# **NARFE Legislative Priorities**

- **Trump FY19 Budget - \$192 Billion**
  - High-3 to high-5 for future retirees
  - Reduce rate of return on TSP's G Fund
  - Freeze federal employee pay in 2019
  - Reduce total paid time off



# **NARFE Legislative Priorities**

- **Trump FY19 Budget – What Does it Mean?**
  - Indicates President’s policy priorities
  - FY19 budget process uncertain
  - Pay attention to “pay fors” in other legislation
  - Election year = less time in Washington





# **NARFE Legislative Priorities**

- **2019 Federal Employee Pay Freeze**
  - President has authority to set federal pay
  - Three-year pay freeze 2011 – 2013
  - \$98 billion lost over 10 years
  - Voice your concerns to Congress!



# NARFE Legislative Priorities

- **Postal Reform Act**
  - NARFE opposes
  - Mandatory Medicare enrollment for *current* and future postal retirees
- **Precedent setting:**
  - Breaks a promise
  - Changes benefits in retirement
  - Removes choice previously enjoyed



# Grassroots Advocacy

- **Why Grassroots Advocacy is Important**
  - Personal stories influence legislators
  - Power in numbers
  - Positions NARFE as the go-to resource on Feds



# Grassroots Advocacy



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## First Phone Script

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## Grassroots Advocacy

- **Congressional District Leaders (CDLs)**
  - 37 of 53 CDLs, 1 SLs covering both Senators
  - Responsibilities
    - Coordinate activities
    - Maintain relationships with Members and staff
    - Report congressional interactions



# Grassroots Advocacy

- **Building Relationships with Legislators**
  - Take advantage of all meet-and-greet opportunities
  - Respect each staff member
  - Building trust takes time





# Grassroots Advocacy

- **State Advocacy**

- New area of opportunity
- Increases NARFE's presence among lawmakers
- Contact the Advocacy Department with state issues



## What is NARFE-PAC?

- **NARFE's political action committee (PAC)**
  - The political arm of NARFE
- **What it does:**
  - Provides NARFE staff access to information
  - Keeps NARFE relevant
  - Builds and strengthens relationships
  - Supports fed-friendly candidates

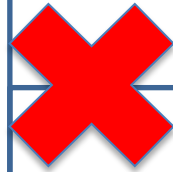


# What NARFE-PAC Is Not

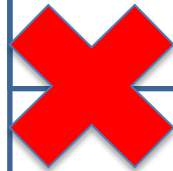
**NARFE-  
PAC is not:**



**Partisan**



**Used in presidential  
races**



**Calendars or notepads  
from NARFE**



**A "connected fund" of  
NARFE**



## NARFE-PAC Goals

Goal	Progress
Raise \$1.5 Million	\$1,058,024.29
Disburse \$1 Million	\$572,700
Increase Sustainers by 50%	28%
Send NARFE Members to 100 Events	58



# Contribute to NARFE-PAC Today!



Make a one time contribution:

\$25

\$50

\$100

\$250



## Become a Sustainer!

\$10 or more per month via  
automatic credit card payment





# Questions?

Contact [advocacy@narfe.org](mailto:advocacy@narfe.org)

1(800) 456-8410 (option 3)