



**National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association**  
*(formerly National Association of Retired Federal Employees)*

## **What is NARFE?**

NARFE is a nationally recognized organization founded in 1921 for retired federal employees. Its former name originally reflected this representation but was changed at the 2004 NARFE convention in Reno Nevada. NARFE's name and mission now is to promote the general welfare of active federal employees, current and potential federal annuitants. This is done by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations both at the state and national levels.

NARFE's national office is located in Alexandria Virginia with state federations located in 50 states, the District of Columbia and several overseas locations including Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone. National conventions of NARFE are held in even numbered years.

In Arkansas, some 3000 active federal employees and retirees make up the membership. The state or Federation convention is held every year. Chapter meetings at the local level, are conducted in some 33 chapters. National and state websites serve as one of the sources of information and provide help to members and links to federation and local websites. A **NARFE** national magazine also provides updates and information to NARFE members on a monthly basis.

NARFE is not only active in overseeing the benefits of active and retired federal employees, but also supports local and national programs that would be of interest to active federal employees and annuitants. One such program that NARFE has focused on is Alzheimer's research. The picture at the top of the page shows a NARFE chapter celebrating the results of a campaign to gather funds for Alzheimer's which has produced around \$8,000,000 nationwide.

NARFE chapter members are active in their local communities and provide a reservoir of volunteers for hospitals, community organizations and other such projects in need of helping hands. In 2007, NARFE members in Arkansas volunteered for over 250,000 hours.