



2013 REGION X CONFERENCE

"BEST PRACTICES"

LEGISLATION / ADVOCACY

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GOAL

We will explore our current legislative advocacy program and determine the various aspects of a successful Legislative Advocacy program in NARFE at the Headquarters, Federation and Chapter level, using a remote broadcast from Headquarters, discussions, PowerPoint presentations and handouts. From this exploration we will develop best practices and useful references.

SYNOPSIS

- Where we've been – What feds/retirees have endured over the last three years (\$114 billion in sacrifices)
- Where we're going – the budget, sequestration, furloughs
- Continued threats as Congress works on a grand bargain – Chained CPI, FEHBP, further pay freezes
- What NARFE members can do to protect their benefits – Protect America's Heartbeat campaign and the 2013 Toolkit
- A survey of the other resources available for those with legislative advocacy responsibilities
- NARFE-PAC – how it works and its role and importance in the legislative advocacy process
- How legislative advocacy is done in Tennessee and North Carolina as well as in the other three Region X federations – what works/what doesn't
- Sample position descriptions for a more formal legislative advocacy process
- Practical goals and responsibilities for those working at the legislative advocacy grassroots level
- The importance of productive relationships – within the legislative advocacy team and with Members of Congress and their staffs
- The keys and a checklist for a successful meeting with a Member of Congress or staff member