

## **25th Annual California Postal Legislative Coalition Event**

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On Sunday, February 4, 2024, the California Postal Legislative Coalition conducted their 25th annual event. This informative get together was held in Sacramento, California. The "Coalition" is comprised of Union and management organization leadership representing California Postal employees and Postal/Federal Retirees. Approximately, 70 people were in attendance, including 12 NARFE members. Included in the NARFE attendees were California Federation President, Ron Griffin, Secretary Sandy Griffin, and District VI Vice President Juanita Pardun. They were joined by local Chapter Leaders and members from Sacramento Chapter 46, American River Chapter 1596 and Sunrise Chapter 1658 along with Postal employees and NARFE members from Redding and Oakland.

A broad range of speakers and guests participated either in person, by zoom or made a video presentation. We were very fortunate to have NARFE Legislative Director John Hatton appear via Zoom. Mr. Hatton provided a broad overview of important issues, which are pending in Congress or have been implemented, that will impact either active or retired Federal employees. This included, but not limited to the Postal Reform Act, elimination of the Windfall Elimination Penalty (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and Equal COLA. He also touched on the recent increases in Long Term Care (LTC) insurance premiums.

Mr. Hatton was then followed by representatives of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), the National Rural Letter Carriers Association (NRLCA), the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU), the National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS), the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA), and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC). Each one added both new and supplemental information to that previously provided by Mr. Hatton.

This event was a very informative opportunity to learn and also network with other Federal employees and it was attended by a very enthusiastic and dedicated group of attendees. This was my second time attending this annual event and I will look forward to the next opportunity in 2025.