

NARFE-PAC Update

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What is NARFE-PAC?

- NARFE-PAC protects member's pay and benefits by raising and spending funds to elect Congressional members who support the federal community
- The PAC works to build solid relationships with lawmakers and sharing NARFE's pressing concerns
- NARFE-PAC is financed through members direct, voluntary contributions
 - Federal law prohibits NARFE-PAC from soliciting donations from anyone other than members and family members

How Can I Help?

- The easiest way to help is by sending in a contribution especially during NARFE-PAC month
- Want to be a Stronger supporter of PAC?
 - Consider becoming a NARFE-PAC sustainer
 - Spread the word about NARFE-PAC and encourage your fellow members to consider contributing
- If you hear of a fundraiser event by one of our Congressional Members, please let me know
 - With proper approval, you and other members can attend—making NARFE’s presence known

NARFE-PAC 4th Quarter 2023-2024 Election Cycle Report

- The PAC raised \$759,282.91 from January thru December 2023
- NARFE-PAC continues to find ways to engage members with lawmakers
 - NARFE is constantly looking for local fundraisers for NARFE members to attend
- Let's Look at the Fourth quarter NARFE-PAC Contribution and Disbursement Reports

PAC Contributions: January thru December 2023

- 13,571 NARFE members contributed \$759,282.91 to NARFE-PAC
 - Average contribution was \$55.95
- Compared to the 4th Qtr of the 2021-2022 cycle
 - Total contributions are down \$143,060.19 (from \$902,343.10)
 - Average contribution up by \$3.45 (from \$52.50)
 - Total number of contributors decreased by 3,618 (from 17,189)

PAC Contributions for Texas

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sustainers</u>
0672 New Braunfels	10	\$ 1,320	5
Texas (Chapter Members)	212	\$ 15,517	21
Texas (Non-Chapter)	268	\$ 14,169	4
National Total:	13571	\$ 759,282.91	597

NARFE PAC Disbursements

Big Picture

- NARFE-PAC disbursed \$503,000 for political purposes:
 - \$237,000 to candidates
 - \$105,000 to non-candidate committees
 - \$161,000 to leadership PACs
- Total disbursements are \$56,500 lower than thru the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 cycle, when NARFE-PAC disbursed \$559,500

2023-2024 NARFE-PAC Disbursements (January-December 2023)

<u>TX District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12	Kay Granger	\$ 2,500
16	Veronica Escobar	\$ 1,000
19	Jodey Arrington	\$ 1,000
20	Joaquin Castro	\$ 1,000
35	Greg Casar	\$ 2,000

How Does NARFE-PAC Make Disbursement Decisions

- NARFE-PAC uses a consultative process to determine which candidates receive NARFE-PAC funds
- Several factors are considered including:
 - The candidates voting record in support of NARFE issues
 - Recommendation of the Federation – local input is provided by the Federation NARFE-PAC coordinator
 - Use me as our Chapter's conduit
 - Influence a legislator can exert in support of NARFE's goals
 - Committee assignments and leadership position
- Bottom Line: Final decisions are made by the NARFE-PAC Board

NARFE-PAC Goals for the 2023-2024 cycle

- Here is our progress so far:
- Raise \$1,600,000: Status is \$759,282.91
- Disburse \$1,200,000 for political contributions:
Status is \$503,000
- Send 125 NARFE members to local fundraisers:
Status is 69 members attended 30 events

What Else Is Going On with NARFE-PAC Update

Call for Member Proposals: Shaping NARFE's Advocacy Positions for the 119th Congress

- NARFE is inviting members to submit proposals for changes to advocacy positions for the 119th Congress (2025-2026)
 - Deadline for submission is June 1, 2024
- NARFE's Advocacy Positions are essential -- they define NARFE's policy stances and guide leadership/staff in supporting or opposing actions taken by Congress or the Administration.
 - An Advocacy Committee reviews the proposals and recommends the final positions for adoption by the National Executive Board.
- To have your voice heard and contribute to shaping our advocacy direction:
- Submit your proposals online; or the Mail-in option by sending a hard copy form which can be requested by emailing NARFE advocacy
- Proposals may qualify for consideration in three different ways: (i) submissions from chapters (receiving support from a majority of those present and voting); (ii) submission from federation boards (receiving support from a majority of those present and voting); (iii) submissions from individuals that receive a recommendation on FEDHub from at least 5 other NARFE members.

2024 Candidate Questionnaire

- In preparation for the 2024 elections, NARFE prepared its [2024 Candidate Questionnaire](#)
 - This Questionnaire is designed to gauge a candidate's position on key NARFE issues, including:
 - Protecting earned federal benefits,
 - Repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and more
 - NARFE also utilized this questionnaire, in combination with other factors, in assessing whether NARFE-PAC should support a candidate
 - NARFE only requests questionnaires from new candidates for office; not current or former incumbents with an established track record
 - NARFE-PAC provides the candidate questionnaire to campaigns, but NARFE leaders may provide it to local candidates as well
 - Once completed, candidates return the questionnaire to the NARFE advocacy department at advocacy@narfe.org, with the subject line “CQ 2024.”

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- Thank you !!!
- NARFE-PAC can't do it without YOU!
- Please consider contributing

