

Transition

Transition: NARFE's world for the past two years and now our Pennsylvania theme for the month of June in York, PA as the Pennsylvania Federation supports two events; these events are combined, back-to-back, this year to save us all time and money while delivering full value for our efforts... as we transition to the future.

The first event is the Region II Training Academy. This event is the re-branded and refocused Symposium of past years. The attached PDF files contain detailed information about the Region II Training Academy and its Registration process. As an added incentive for attending, each of the candidates for National officer positions is expected to attend this event! This will be your chance to meet with them on a personal level.

The second event is the 49th Pennsylvania Federation Convention. In addition to the election of Pennsylvania state-wide officers, this Convention will vote a complete revision of the Federation Bylaws. This revision is necessitated by membership voting at the last National Convention that resulted in fundamental changes in NARFE governance and membership requirements. Starting this year, at the National level, voting will use a One Member-One Vote system instead of the delegate process. We have all seen the effect that optional chapter membership, the other recent change, has had on our chapters. These and other issues will be discussed at the Convention. The new PA Federation Bylaws provide for both nationwide changes and better position our statewide structure to enhance our advocacy efforts with our elected officials at the national and state levels.

Hotel Information for both June events

The Training Academy is being held at the Wyndham Garden York, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17404. The phone number is 717-846-9500. The rooms are \$99.90 per night, with tax, for up to four persons per room. While the 'official' night of the Training Academy is June 11, add one extra day, June 12th, for the PA Federation Convention making a two-night stay for the combined events. (PA Federation Board attendees would also add June 10, 2018 for a three-night stay.)

Say "**NARFE**" to receive the special group rate. Registration for a hotel room at the special rate can be made now and MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN **May 12, 2018** for arrival June 10 or 11th. The room block rate may not be available after May 12, 2018.

Region II Training Academy

Register for the Training Academy now! **BEFORE MAY 26th**, send a completed Registration form (see attached) and a \$90 check payment for each attendee. Checks for the registration fee should be made out to *National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association*, and show "*Training Academy*" in the memo line. Send the Registration Form and class selections directly to Carl Fascio at the New Jersey address listed on the attached form. Note that the registration fee includes the three meals for that portion of the June combined event.

Chapter Member Reimbursement of Registration Fees: Chapters are strongly encouraged to use Chapter funds to reimburse their members registration and travel costs to attend both June events. Chapters may pay for Chapter member registrations with Chapter funds. The Pennsylvania Federation will reimburse each chapter for a minimum of two Training Academy registrations. (Unused chapter allocations will be redistributed to those chapters sponsoring more than two participants once all registrations have been finalized.)

Non-Chapter PA NARFE members in good standing: The allocation for reimbursement for registration fees for National members is established for up to two members in good standing from each of the new Pennsylvania Congressional Districts. Unused allocations may be available for redistribution once all registrations have been finalized. Non-chapter members cannot be assured of any reimbursement of registration fees prior to the completion of all registrations.

All reimbursements will be made after the combined events.

Transition: The 49th Pennsylvania Federation of NARFE Chapters Convention

Our current PA Federation Bylaws will be the governance document for this year's Convention. Over the past several months, while the Federation Executive Board was drafting (and redrafting) revisions to those Bylaws, we proceeded on the basis that this year's Convention would be the first meeting conducted under new procedures and would, in fact, become the first General Membership Meeting. Instead, this June event will likely be the last of the Conventions using the Delegate process.

A formal Call to Convention is to be issued to the Chapters separately. In accordance with the current Bylaws, each active chapter is required to undertake the following actions as soon as possible, but not later than May 26, 2018:

1. Remit the payment of \$2 to the Federation Treasurer for each authorized delegate. This nominal payment is required to keep a Chapter in *Good Standing* and to validate the Delegates or Proxy for each Chapter. Delegates-at-Large get one vote and, accordingly, must submit the \$2 payment to the Treasurer unless they are a Delegate of a Chapter.
2. Submit a list of attending Delegates from each Chapter. Be sure to include the new Pennsylvania Congressional District for each delegate.
3. If no Delegates are attending from your Chapter, the Bylaws provide for you to give your Proxy to another Chapter or to a Federation Officer attending the Convention. Each Chapter is required to submit the full payment due for Delegates even if that Chapter neither attends nor gives its proxy to another attendee. Note that no one individual may carry more than three Proxies.
4. Review the NARFE OAM for the list of Deceased Members in 2016-2017. Unless corrections are necessary, the Chapters need not take any further action on that list. The OAM information will be used to compile the list of deceased members for publication in the Convention program

In lieu of a token stipend to the Chapters attending this year's event, the Pennsylvania Federation will be supporting the meals during the Convention. This support will provide for three meals: the lunch buffet and Banquet on Tuesday and the breakfast buffet on Wednesday. This support will greatly reduce the out-of-pocket cost for attending the convention.

Registration for the Convention:

Chapter members will be automatically registered for the 49th Pennsylvania Federation Convention when their Chapter submits its list of Delegates and Alternates and corresponding payment as noted in the Call to Convention.

Non-chapter members of the Federation are encouraged to attend and participate in the Convention. These members must be in good standing with their national dues and may register for the Convention by sending an email to narfePA18@gmail.com with the following information:

1. Name (with preferred badge first name)
2. Member number (check NARFE magazine label or membership ID if unsure of your number)
3. Your full address and phone number
4. Email address, and
5. Your NEW PA Congressional District (your current CD is noted on the magazine mail label and will likely change with the recent Redistricting.)

All attendees will have to check-in at the event to receive their Convention credentials. Members attending both events will pick-up their credentials on Monday morning.

Transition: Things really heat up in June. Come and join us for both events... as NARFE continues to be THE advocate for your benefits.

June 2018 Snapshot
 Region II Training Academy
 and
 49th PA Federation Convention

	11 Monday	12 Tuesday	13 Wednesday
Breakfast	Sunday Night Hotel Guests' Breakfast (and Travel Time)	<i>Region II Training Academy Breakfast Buffet</i>	49th PA Federation Convention Breakfast Buffet
Morning Activity	PA Federation Board Meeting (2d session) Registration Sign-in	<i>Region II Training Academy Sessions</i>	49th PA Federation Convention Sessions
Lunch	<i>Region II Training Academy Buffet</i>	49th PA Federation Convention Lunch Buffet	On Own and Travel Time
Afternoon Activity	<i>Region II Training Academy Sessions</i>	49th PA Federation Convention Sessions	PA "New Board" Meeting
Dinner	<i>Region II Training Academy Reception w/cash bar Dinner Buffet</i>	49th PA Federation Convention Reception w/cash bar Banquet	

Please see individual event
agendas for more details.