

## **A Call for Volunteers!**

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Several years ago, the Texas Federation of Chapters had Congressional District Liaisons in several Congressional Districts. Texas was ahead of NARFE National in this endeavor. Unfortunately the Federation didn't provide adequate funding and training.

But it's a new day! We (the Texas Federation Executive Board and myself) are now asking for members throughout the state to volunteer as Congressional District Leaders (CDLs) and Senatorial Leaders (SLs). We need 36 CDLs and 2 SLs to serve in these important positions. Volunteers will be trained and financially reimbursed for travel to congressional and senatorial district offices. CDLs and SLs must live in their legislator's congressional district, preferably near the congressional or senatorial district/state office.

Volunteers must be willing to carry out the duties of a CDL/SL. They will be a vital link in educating senatorial and congressional members and staff about the impact of proposed legislation and budgets. As part of their training, volunteers will receive a copy of NARFE Legislative Officer and Congressional District Leader (CD) Manual, FH-7 (04/16) and other resource materials.

**I am asking for chapter officers to help recruit volunteers.** National members can also serve as CDLs and SLs. The individual selected as a CDL or SL must understand the importance of legislation impacting active and retired Federal employees and their annuitants, understand the importance of meeting on a non-partisan basis while conducting NARFE business, and have a phone number and e-mail address (be computer-literate) so they can react to proposed legislation at a moment's notice. CDLs and SLs will report legislative contacts to the Texas Federation National Legislative Representative and NARFE headquarters.

Let us do together, what we cannot do alone!