

ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

CSFC National Legislation Committee

Suggested monthly activity for advocacy

JANUARY – Welcome to Congress. Meet with freshmen Congressmen to introduce yourself to them and to NARFE, our Mission and the role of NARFE Congressional District Leader (CDL). See www.csfcnarfe.org/legislation for documents to take. Leave a NARFE magazine.

FEBRUARY – President’s Budget. Meet with your Congressman’s staff to discuss the impact of the President’s budget on the Federal Community and other issues, as appropriate. Point out an interesting article in the NARFE magazine as you leave it with them. Short meeting of 15 minutes.

MARCH – NARFE PAC month; in odd years, NARFE Legislative Conference (Washington DC). Educate Chapter members on the importance and value of NARFE-PAC. Materials available from <http://www.narfe.org/legislation> Leave your monthly NARFE magazine at district office.

APRIL – Media Outreach. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. Also, consider making an appointment with local staffers to meet the Congressman in August. Meet with staff and discuss NARFE’s legislative agenda for current Congress.

MAY 6-12: Public Service Recognition Week. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper to give thanks to federal employees. Find a letter template at www.narfe.org. Read more at: <http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org>

JUNE – Schedule an August meeting. The Congressional recess in August will be full of district meetings for your Congressman, so schedule your face-to-face meeting now if you haven’t done so yet. Leave the NARFE magazine at the district office.

JULY – Attend a Town Hall Meeting. Check your Congressman’s website for Town Hall (or Tele-Town Hall) meetings. Download talking points and questions at www.narfe.org/legislation.

AUGUST – Congressional Recess/NARFE Advocacy month. Meet with your Congressman or District Office Staff. Download handouts from www.csfcnarfe.org/legislation

SEPTEMBER – Next year’s COLA is formulated. Leave NARFE magazine at the district office.

OCTOBER – Begin new fiscal year/COLA Announcement. New federal budget takes effect. Leave NARFE magazine at the district office, say hello to staff.

NOVEMBER – Pass any concerns to CSFC National Legislation Committee.

DECEMBER – Calendar Year Wrap-up. Summarize legislative accomplishments and recognize outstanding NARFE members for their advocacy engagement. Build grassroots advocacy framework for next calendar year.