

California Federation Biennial Convention

STRONGER TOGETHER

Hilton Embassy Suites – San Luis Obispo

May 8 – 10, 2023



Spring is the season when the swallows return to California's Central Coast. With good weather and mild temperatures, we hope it will also attract NARFE members to return to beautiful and historic San Luis Obispo for our 9th Biennial California Convention on May 8 – 10. The theme of this year's convention is that NARFE members are "**Stronger Together**" when it comes to defending our earned benefits. Please join us in this common effort.

The convention will open with a reception Monday evening, followed by a 2-day meeting featuring Federal retirement expert Herb Casey, a frequent contributor to NARFE magazine. NARFE's newly elected National President William Shackelford will join us in person with other key NARFE staff presenting workshops via Zoom. Workshop topics include Legislative & Grassroots Advocacy, Medicare & FEHB Programs, Chapter Officer Training, Membership Development, Learning to use FEDHub, Using AMS, Service Officer Training, and more.

We are planning an exciting and informative three days where we can meet old friends and make new ones as we continue to move NARFE forward. Note that Federation membership is open to all NARFE members residing in California, both chapter and national-only, and we encourage all members to attend. As part of our business agenda, affiliated members present will be voting individually for Federation officers, bylaws, and resolutions, as required.

While Chapters are encouraged to attend as a group, members should handle their own Convention registration and hotel reservations. To register, fill out and return the included registration form for each member and any guest attending. The registration fee is \$80.00 each if paid before March 31, and \$100.00 after that. Note that the registration fee includes Monday's reception and Tuesday's Recognition Luncheon (Taco Bar Buffet). Any unregistered member or guest must pay \$45.00 to be included in the luncheon. For the Wednesday closing banquet (Santa Maria BBQ buffet) there is an additional charge (\$50.00) and we encourage everyone to attend. The 2021 banquet was really fun and well attended, including a wonderful band for listening and dancing.

Hotel reservations at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Luis Obispo**, will be handled by the hotel. We have a block of rooms reserved at a rate of \$142.00 (plus taxes/fees) that includes full breakfast, Wi-Fi, parking, and daily happy hour. Rooms at this rate are limited so please reserve early – the room block expires on April 16.

For **telephone reservations** call **(805) 549-0800**, then dial **0** to get the **SLO operator**. Use the same Group Code **XRF** when calling. If you experience problems making your reservation, email Treasurer Jerry Hall at FRITZ1313@HOTMAIL.COM.

We look forward to seeing you in San Luis Obispo in May!

Convention Committee co-Chairs: (rsdgriffin@sbcglobal.net)
and Steve Walter (swalter0224@gmail.com)

**NARFE Member Registration Form
California Federation Convention
San Luis Obispo May 8 – 10, 2023**

NARFE ID # (on mailing label of your NARFE magazine): _____

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE#: _____ **E-MAIL** (very important): _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER (if chapter member): _____

NATIONAL ONLY MEMBER:

UNREGISTERED GUEST(S) NAME(S): _____

REGISTRATION includes the Monday evening reception w/hors d'oeuvres **AND** the Tuesday Lunch (Mexican Taco Buffet).

Early Bird price of \$80.00 if mailed before March 31; \$100.00 if mailed after March 31. \$ _____

Luncheon for **Unregistered Guest(s) (\$45.00 each)** \$ _____

Optional Wednesday evening **Santa Maria BBQ Buffet (\$50.00)** \$ _____

Dinner Guest(s) (\$50.00 each) \$ _____

Note any dietary requirements _____

_____ Total: \$ _____

Make Check out to **"NARFE"** and return along with this registration form to:

**Convention Committee/Federation Treasurer
Gerald Hall
229 De Montfort Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94112-1709**

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY APRIL 15, 2023

Please consider volunteering to help at the convention for any of these activities:

____ Registration Table

____ Sergeant at Arms

____ Hospitality

____ Ways and Means (Silent Auction/other fundraising)