CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
2011 CONVENTION

1st DAY, SATURDAY – APRIL 16, 2011

CONVENTION IN SESSION

1:00 pm – Andrew Morgen, CSFC President Called the Convention to Order

Clark Minnis, Mt. Baldy Chapter 1497, conducted the Invocation

Fontana High School ROTC conducted the Presentation and Posting of Colors

Forney Lundy, Salinas Chapter #1496, Past CSFC President and Past Region VIII National Field Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Lopez, San Bernardino Valley Chapter # 0073, accompanied by Rufus Fairley, Mt. Baldy Chapter #1497 on his keyboard, led the National Anthem

Congressman Sherman, a NARFE member of Chapter 61, mentioned his support for taxes for rich. He's for elimination of WEP/GPO, supports positions favorable to federal employee. Donated a flag that flew over the capital to NARFE

Andrew Morgen, CSFC President , introduced Congressman Joe Baca, 43rd District, originally from New Mexico, whose career included the military, and local and state offices, before election to the assembly.

Congressman Baca has 100% voting record in support of NARFE, thanked members for service to the country. He said our earned benefits should never be taken away. Shutting down gov't would have affected 22,000 employees in his district. Said need to protect Medicare, Medical, and not privitize Social Security like Congressman Paul Ryan has proposed. Have to deal with deficit, but everybody should pay fair share, including rich and corporations. Need to preserve investment in education. Ryan proposal repeals the healthcare bill, that would help many, pre-existing conditions would deny many from healthcare. Repeal of Wall Street reforms would be wrong. Baca will fight for us, thanked NARFE Pres. Beaudoin for support. Opposed to HR1470, 2 yr. probation for new gov't employees, and HR828, to terminate gov't employees if they have a tax debt but doesn't apply to members of congress. We need policies to encourage people to work for gov't. Redistricting will take place, encouraged us to get involved. Elect those who support you. Andy presented a certificate to C. Baca, who also presented one to the Federation.

Andrew Morgen, CSFC President , made Introductions and Opening Remarks. He introduced Bernice Minnis, Mt. Baldy Chapter #1497, Convention Host Committee Chair. He introduced CSFC Exec. VP Dottie Schmitt, National President Joe Beaudoin, Helen and Lea Zajac, Katherin Hansen, Director Greater Los Angeles Federal Executive Board, CSFC Parlimentarian Ed Treasurer, Vivian Nathanson, CSFC Treasurer Werner Gumpert, Past President H. Ray Harrington, Mary Alice Burkhard from Bernice Minnis, Mt. Baldy Chapter #1497, Convention

Host Committee Chair, Chief Sgt. at Arms Joanne Wiest. He introduced the district VPs. Dan Adcock National legislation, Forney Lundy, Frank Impenna from Colorado Federation, Tom Prettyman, President, NARFE Nevada Federation.

The convention theme is "Enjoy Your Benefits, but Remain Vigilant". Encouraged first time attendees to come back next convention.

Andy introduced Bernice Minnis, President, Mt. Baldy Chapter #1497, Convention Host Committee Chair. She thanked her committee members and welcomed us to the convention. Reminded us to Enjoy our Benefits but be Vigilant to protect our benefits. Spoke of the volunteer work done by retirees. Called all convention committee members forward and introduced them. Andy presented a certificate of thanks to her – and wished her Happy Birthday.

Joe Beaudoin, NARFE National President since Sept. 2010 made the Keynote Address. Has held numerous positions in NARFE after retiring from FAA in 1986. Recognized Region VP Helen Zajac, and past National Treasurer Dick Ostergren.

Joe started with Thomas Paine's words from 1775, "These are the times that try us". Applies today. NARFE not in good financial position, have new treasurer after Charlie ? died. With new dues increase hope to stop spending from reserves.

He said it seems that there is an effort to make federal employees look like we are getting too generous benefits and look to cut them. Each day brings new false attacks. Trying to raise $1 Million to fight back. Federal deficit is growing. NARFE employed a firm to help and promote that federal employees protect the heartbeat of America. We will be part of the solution, but don't want the whole burden. Fed retirees are only 5 million of 300 mil, 2 %, so have to be vocal.

NARFE needs to attract active employees and recent retirees in a new way. Current policy is mandatory chapter membership. Now there is a pilot project in Virginia, an electronic on-line chapter 2363 instead of regular chapter membership. This chapter has 289 members, 87 active employees, but only 25 transferees from existing chapters. 212 joined from website.

NARFE membership had 22,000 new members, but 22,000 left, in addition to 8000 who died. National can recruit new members, but retention is the job of the chapters. Here are many retirees but only 15% join NARFE. National Board has established new committees for Recruiting and Retention to work with chapters.

There is a committee looking at a revision to the National Bylaws. By next year there should be recommended changes for state conventions to decide on. Andy presented Joe will a certificate.

Kathrene Hansen, Director Greater Los Angeles Federal Executive Board, which includes 237 agencies. She is a NARFE member of Chapter 29 (?). Pres. JFK created peace Corp, CFC, and Federal Executive Board. She talked about how NARFE can help with CFC to get access to active employees. Postal employees very supportive of CFC. Certificate awarded.

Mary Alice Burkhard, President (16 years), National Association of Postal Supervisors, Branch 244, United States Postal Employees Legislative Coalition. Works with NARFE on mutual items of interest like WEP/GPO reform.

Federal employees (and retirees) have to work together because we are under attack. Need to make public aware of our contributions. Every day false attack are made. We have to move fast when benefits are under attack – once gone they won't come back. Described financial problems with post office, requiring closings and cutbacks, and cost/labor saving innovations. Certificate awarded.

3:00 pm - H. Ray Harrington, Paradise/Oroville Chapter 0352, CSFC Immediate Past President, Master of Ceremonies, conducted the Eulogy Ceremony. District VPs laid a rose and lit a candle in honor of those passed away. The total number who passed away for 2009-2010 for the Federation is 1726.

Vivian Nathanson, Voting Credentials Committee , made the First Report. As of 11 AM, there were a total of 767 potential voters of a possible 1028. A quorum is present. Report voted approval.

3:15 pm - Forney Lundy, Rules Chair Committee Report , introduced his committee. He reported that there were some clarifications, no real changes. Rule 4 revised to add "go to microphone' when recognized. Rule 7 revised to add "pause". Rule 10, changed "introducer" to "maker of resolution". Rule 17, clarifies procedure when a resolution is considered individually. Pro and con speakers will have equal time. Andrew Morgen, CSFC President, called for a vote, and the Rules of the Convention were adopted.
Andrew Morgen, CSFC President, called for Approval of the Program with minor charge to sequence and song. Program was approved

Andrew Morgen, CSFC President, called for Approval of 2nd Biennial Convention Summary. It was approved.

Tom Prettyman, President, NARFE Nevada Federation, spoke. Their convention is May 9-11 in Reno, National convention next year will be in Sparks.

3:35 pm - Joann Wiest, First-Time Chief Sergeant-at-Arms, replaced deceased long time chief Charles Springer. She announced some room changes for Dist II and District IX and other minor administrative changes.

Vaudis Pennell, San Bernardino Valley Chapter # 0073, Ways and Means Chair, reported that approximately $9000 in raffle tickets were sold. She conducted the daily 50-50 Drawing.

The convention recessed until 9 am Sunday, April 17, 2011

A reception honoring our National Presiden Joseph Beaudoin is planned for the evening.