

Bill Austin, Candidate
for
Region X Vice President



I announced at the North Carolina Federation Convention that I will be a candidate for the office of Region X Vice President. I enter this race because I am concerned that we are about to have a severe loss of experienced national and regional NARFE leaders after our up-coming national officer elections at Grand Rapids. NARFE will lose at least three of its four experienced National officers, and five or more of the ten Regional Vice Presidents. This will happen at a time when NARFE is under tremendous pressure politically and financially.

I have a strong desire to serve again as your Regional X Vice President because I believe that my NARFE and postal managerial experience can help steer us through these troubled waters. I will always stay mindful that I must listen intently to our members, chapters and federations of NARFE. The grass roots are where I continue to find the best ideas for improving our association.

As a matter of background, my federal career began by serving three years in the US Army. After an honorable discharge, I began my civilian career as a city letter carrier in 1960. I progressed through ever increasing levels of responsibility, retiring as a District Manager in 1994. I retired from the US Postal Service with 38 years of federal service at the age of 55. Twenty-six of those years were in postal management and executive positions. A friend introduced me to NARFE. From that first day of membership, I have served NARFE in numerous capacities including terms as chapter president, federation president, regional vice president, national vice president covering every level of our association. I am currently serving a second term as Chapter 0105 President in Charlotte, NC.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve again as your Region X Vice President. I ask for your vote, your support, and I thank you for your consideration.