

Joseph A. Beaudoin, Candidate for National President

On September 1st, NARFE members will elect their National Officers for the next two years. As a candidate for National President, I would like to share with you my NARFE experience and the reason I believe that you should vote for me. Note: I will discuss my qualifications now and my platform in my second GEMS message.

I joined NARFE in 1986 and have been an officer in NARFE since 1987 (23 years). In each position in which I have served (Chapter VP/President, Federation VP/President, Region X VP, Convention Bylaws Committee Chair, Convention Credentials Chair and, now, National Vice President: see my brochure for additional information), I have attempted to gain as much knowledge as possible about NARFE so that I might best assist you, the Members, and my fellow Officers. In my present position as your NARFE NVP, I have had the distinct pleasure to work with President Baptiste and the other National Officers and staff at headquarters. Since November 1st, 2008, I have worked with the headquarters staff in order to improve the services that are provided to our members/chapters/ federations. I have accompanied President Baptiste to a number of meetings with our coalition partners (ex.- NLPM, NAPS, NAPUS, FMA, etc.) where I have had the privilege to meet their leaders and establish a rapport with them. Being able to personally contact the leaders of various organizations and get to know them on a first name basis is very important to the success of our 'legislative agenda'.

At the 2010 National Convention, three of the National Officers will be leaving. New National Officers will be elected and will undergo an orientation period. NARFE headquarters will be faced with new officers who will spend a significant amount of time familiarizing themselves with the operations of headquarters, as well as their new job responsibilities. If elected as your National President, I will not require any training since I have been working at headquarters for the past 22 months. In short, on November 1st, I will be ready to immediately assume the responsibilities and duties of the position of National President, and I will be able to assist the other newly elected National Officers in transitioning to their elected offices. Therefore, on September 1st, I hope that you will cast your vote for Joseph Beaudoin as your next NARFE National President.

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