

Alzheimer's Association gives NARFE special access to online Care & Support resources

Since 1985 the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) has supported the Alzheimer's Association as its philanthropic partner of choice. More than 5 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's, and more than 28 million baby boomers are projected to develop the disease by 2050 in the absence of effective treatment and prevention. Sixteen million people are serving as caregivers to family members and friends living with dementia and their ranks, too, are swelling. The national cost of paid care for people with dementia could rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in today's dollars by 2050. A study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* confirms that Alzheimer's is the nation's costliest disease.

"NARFE exists to ensure the best possible future for the men and women who dedicated their working lives to public service, and nothing threatens that future more than Alzheimer's and other dementia," says Ken Thomas, national president of NARFE. "This devastating and relentless disease destroys memories, independence, finances and, ultimately, lives."

Over the past 35 years NARFE has contributed more than \$13 million, making the organization one of the top funders of the Association's research program. Several of the many researchers that NARFE funded early in their careers are now leaders in the field.

While research will always be the cornerstone of the relationship between the Association and NARFE, leaders within the NARFE organi-



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zation also realized the immediate need to provide crucial care and support resources to its members. In appreciation for NARFE's extraordinary vision and generosity, the Alzheimer's Association has created an exclusive web portal that gives NARFE members streamlined access to world-class care and support resources. These include help for caregivers, information about Alzheimer's and other dementia, and help making local connections.

"We are so grateful for everything NARFE has done to provide hope for tomorrow, but we know many of its members need help for today," says Donna McCullough, the Association's chief field and development officer. "We are honored to recognize NARFE's unparalleled support in this way."

Beginning in 2019, all funds raised through either NARFE's National Walk to End Alzheimer's team or through The Longest Day will now count towards NARFE's fundraising goal. All funds raised for The Walk to End Alzheimer's or The Longest Day will be supporting the Association's mission to maximize quality care and support for all affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia, the Walk provides funding for priorities that include raising awareness of the disease and advancing public policies that benefit those facing dementia.

During 2019 NARFE members raised \$75,000 between the national Walk team and The Longest Day efforts towards NARFE's fundraising goal of \$14 million by the end of 2020.