



**Federal Education Association**  
**News for Retired Members**  
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**RETIRED**

- 1. Welcome** to the first edition of the newsletter for FEA-Retired! This will be a forum to share information that specifically relates to FEA retired members. If you have information to share with other retired members, send your thoughts/ideas/suggestions to [retiredfea@gmail.com](mailto:retiredfea@gmail.com).
- 2. Hail and Farewell.** After over 3 decades of creating a better environment for educators and students, Mr. HT Nguyen, the *General Counsel/Executive Director* for FEA, will retire at the end of the calendar year. All members have benefitted from his expertise and legal guidance, including our retroactive pay each May, that management tried to withhold from its employees. Many members have had their individualized legal situations resolved directly by Mr. Nguyen. If you would like to share thoughts/well-wishes with HT, send them in ([retiredfea@gmail.com](mailto:retiredfea@gmail.com)). These will be collated and presented to HT.
- 3. NEA-RA.** The NEA Representative Assembly (RA) met in Houston, Texas, last summer. FEA held their annual meeting with updates and sharing on issues in our DoDEA schools. The RA then held 4 days of business meetings. The delegates dealt with over 100 new business items, adopted the budget, shaped the legislative agenda, and finalized the resolution report. There were a number of powerful speeches given. The delegates also passed a change in the NEA Constitution allowing friends (who are not educators in a bargaining unit) who support education the ability to join the NEA. Next year's RA will be in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information on all that was accomplished, visit: [ra.nea.org/](http://ra.nea.org/)
- 4. The annual DoDDS Reunion.** One week after the RA ended, the retired educators met in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to socialize, share good times, hear about health benefit programs, and get an update on DoDEA from the DoDEA director. There were over 700 retired educators present. The opening session featured a local flamenco dance troupe. Next year's event will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, July 15-19, 2020. For more information go to [mydoddsreunion.com](http://mydoddsreunion.com)
- 5. NEA Member Benefits.** Don't forget, as an NEA retired member, you have access to NEA Member Benefits programs. Visit their website at [neamb.com](http://neamb.com) They have a number of great programs to use during your retirement years. Check out their programs on travel and vacation offers, including discounts on car rentals, hotels, and cruises.
- 6. Got a tip?** If you have information that you have found helpful during your retirement, and you would like to share that with your fellow-educators—let others know. Tips from members can be included in a future newsletter. Your colleagues will appreciate your ideas. Send input to [retiredfea@gmail.com](mailto:retiredfea@gmail.com)
- 7. What did you learn when you went through the retirement process?** While going through the retirement process, members may have picked up a few tips that might be helpful to future retirees. For example, one member found out that one needs to spend all funds in their pre-taxed dollars in a health savings account, prior to retirement. Is there anything else that you may have learned? Let us know ([retiredfea@gmail.com](mailto:retiredfea@gmail.com)).

8. **Are you getting FEA Updates?** All retired FEA members should also be receiving the worldwide updates from FEA in Washington DC. If you are not, please send your name, mailing address, email address (and your FEA membership number if you know it to [fea@feonline.org](mailto:fea@feonline.org) This will ensure that you receive all the current information in real time to your private email address.