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Richard G. Thissen is the National President of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, the largest federal employee and retiree organization dedicated to protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. Prior to being elected National President in August 2014, Thissen served as NARFE National Treasurer, a post he had held since 2011.

Thissen spent 27 years in federal service as a civilian employed by the Department of the Army. He worked in a number of locations domestically and internationally in a variety of assignments, including serving as an ammunition inspector with expertise in nuclear and nerve gas weapons. Thissen was an Army Level Career Program Manager from 1989 to 1995 and served as personnel manager for some 700 civilians stationed worldwide. Thissen has extensive background in employee and retiree benefits and regulations.

Thissen has been a NARFE member since 1995, following his retirement from federal service. He has held a number of positions at the chapter and federation levels, including serving as president of the Missouri Federation. He was elected Region V Regional Vice President in 2002. He served in this role on the NARFE Executive Board until he became National Treasurer.

A native of Fort Dodge, IA, Thissen attended Grandview College and Drake University.