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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings NARFE members and Prospective NARFE members!

As I reflect on 2021, I couldn't be more grateful for the support from our chapter members. You have made an incredible difference in the lives of so many families in the federal community. By taking part in our monthly meetings, you provide both federal workers and retirees with the clear, reliable, and accessible resources, information, discussions, and speaker presentation on key issues to make critical decisions and gain confidence in a secure future. Thank you!

I hope the first few weeks of 2022 has been good for all of you! We are getting ready for another exciting year. On the legislative front we are hoping to see resolutions for the reform or repeal of the WEP and GPO and a new COLA formula that more accurately reflects seniors' spending.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, on February 14th.

Best Regards,
June Staton, Ph.D.

MEETING LOCATION:

Deep Creek Community Center
2901 Margaret Booker Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23323
Phone (757) 487-8841

TIME:

Executive Committee Meeting: 12:30 – 1 PM
Regular Meeting: 1PM - 2PM

Second Monday of the Month
(Unless that falls on a Federal Holiday
in which case the meeting will be on the
third Monday of the Month)

Brentwood Chapter #1697
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

MINUTES – (01/10/2022)

Attendees:

June Staton, Lyle Thoburn, David Parson, Deborah Brown, Annette Coleman, Ella Anderson, Charles Goings, Vincent Graham, and Willie Levenston.

Proceedings:

The President called the meeting to order.

Treasurer, Ella Anderson led the group with an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

- Our Alzheimer presentation for this month was cancelled. All Alzheimer presentations will be virtual due to COVID restrictions.
- Ms. Gabrielle Planke from H & R Block will be our February Guest Speaker.

Business:

- Hospitality Chairperson, Annette Coleman thanked members for their participation in the December Luncheon. The attendance was excellent and so was the food, entertainment, and fellowship. January birthday shoutouts and birthday cards were presented.
- Programs Chairperson, David Parson led a discussion on potential topics for upcoming chapter meetings that included wills, long-term health care, identity theft, and presentations from financial institutions, senior assisted living and retirement communities, OPM, the fire department, and the FBI.
- Discussions: The Chapter President shared information on creating a NARFE account by visiting narfe.org website. Members were encouraged to create an account and explore the wealth of information on the website, officers were encouraged to explore the Officer Portal and run various reports (**see page 6**).
- Alzheimer Chairperson, Lyle Thoburn briefed members on the different ways to make contributions to support Alzheimer's Research. You can make cash or check donations at chapter meetings. All check should be made payable to Alzheimer's Research. You can also use the coupon from the monthly NARFE Magazine (p.43) to mail with check or credit card.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 11/11/2021

- 81 Chapter Members

PLEASE NOTE: To reinstate your membership, complete the M-1 card that is accessible by clicking: [this link: http://www.vanarfe.org/Membership/Reinstatement%20Form.pdf](http://www.vanarfe.org/Membership/Reinstatement%20Form.pdf).

TREASURER REPORT

Summary of Account for December 1, 2021:

Beginning Balance	\$ 7084.30
Deposits	\$ 124.00

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Interest	\$ 0.06
CHECK NO 1174	\$ -335.72
CHECK NO. 1173	\$ -172.88
Payment	\$ 89.92
Ending Balance	\$ 6789.68

ALZHEIMER'S REPORT

November – December 2021

➤ \$48.00

Summary of Chapter Discussions

Vice President Deborah Brown ended our meeting with a discussion on “Finding Your Family’s Roots” based on the article from the January/February 2022 NARFE Magazine. She shared her experience and education on genealogy. She encouraged members to read the article and remember the big takeaway is to subscribe to the **free website**, www.familysearch.org. FamilySearch is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping all people discover their family story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NARFE Brentwood Chapter 1697 Program Schedule (Tentative):

February 2022	H&R Block Tax Update
March 2022	Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Presentation
April 2022	Federal Retirement Presentation
May 2022	Social Security Administration Presentation
June 2022	Luncheon at local Restaurant
July 2022	No Meeting
August 2022	No Meeting
September 2022	Welcome-Back – Business Meeting

NARFE WEBINARS

From Employee to Annuitant: Special Retirement Considerations for Special Category Employees

Thursday January 20 | 2 p.m. EST

Post-Retirement Tax Planning for Federal Employees

Wednesday, February 16 | 2 p.m. EST

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Webinars are free for NARFE members, but you must register at www.new.narfe.org and click Federal Benefits Institute.

Like you and me, some things are just meant to be. Hope your Valentine's Day is full of hugs, kisses, wine, and chocolate – not necessarily in that order!



I would like to hear what is important to you. Your enthusiasm and contributions to our newsletter is highly valued. Send questions, suggestions, topics, or articles for our newsletter to the Newsletter Editor (hillipj@cox.net).

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