

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)
Brentwood Newsletter November 2022

Editor: June J. Staton, Ph.D.



Brentwood Chapter #1697
Established March 9, 1978
Charter Date: September 1, 1980

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)

CHAPTER OFFICERS

June Staton, Ph.D.
President

Deborah Brown
Vice President

Theresa Rodwell
Secretary

Willie Levenston
Treasurer

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Service Officer

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Legislative Officer

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Alzheimer Officer

David Parson
Program Chair

Annette Coleman
Hospitality Chair

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

Dan McGrath
MD Past President

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES – (11/14/2022)

Attendees:

David Parson, Dan McGrath, Jeff Rau, June Staton, Theresa Rodwell, Willie Levenston, Carolyn Collins, Susan Duffy (GEHA representative)

Proceedings:

- The President called the meeting to order.
- David Parson began the meeting with an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The President welcomed all members and introduced Ms. Susan Duffy, Government Employees Health Association (GEHA) representative.
- Ms. Susan Duffy delivered her presentation on “Updates to the GEHA Health Benefit Plans.” (See “Summary of Chapter Discussions” below.)
- The meeting resumed at the end of the GEHA presentation. The new treasurer, Willie Levenston submitted the “Treasurer Report.” (see below).

Announcements:

- The President announced our new Secretary, Theresa Rodwell. The Service officer gave his report.
- The Program Chair reviewed the updated meeting schedule (See “Upcoming Events” below.)
- The Hospitality Chair was absent. She requested a vote on where to have the holiday luncheon. The choices were Monday, December 12 at the Crazy Buffet & Grill or Tuesday, December 13, noon at the Golden Coral Volvo Parkway. The majority voted for Tuesday December 13 at the Golden Coral. The cost to attend is \$5.00 for members and their guests. She will collect the money at the luncheon. Also, Area IV VP, Graylin Taylor will install all officers at the luncheon.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Open Season (BCBS) Health Fair, November 4th was at the Chesapeake convention Center. The following members supported the event: June Staton, Annette Coleman, Deborah Brown, Theresa Rodwell, Dan McGrath, Ray Orland (Suffolk) and Graylin Taylor (Churchland). They completed 47 M-2 prospect cards at the event. The president sent all prospects an invitation to our November meeting. We drew one lucky prospect from the list to receive a free NARFE membership. William Larkins Davis III from Newport News was the winner!
- The President adjourned the meeting.

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

- FEHB Plan Open Season is November 14 through midnight December 12, 2022, ET.
- The 2022 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is 8.7% for CSRS annuitants and 7.7% for FERS annuitants.
- Medicare Part B premiums will decrease to \$164.90. The annual Part B deductible will also decrease to \$226 in 2023, from \$233 during 2022.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance as of March 31/2022	\$ 6925.74
Total Deposits (4/8/22 – 11/14/2022)	418.18
Total Checks (4/8/22 – 11/14/2022)	(371.68)
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2022	\$ 6972.24

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 10/18/2022

- 73 Chapter Members
- 162 National Members in the Chapter Area
- 235 Total

Summary of Chapter Discussions

Government Employees Health Association (GEHA) 2023 Medical and Dental Plans

GEHA consultant, Ms. Duffy delivered the presentation with discussions on the following topics:



- GEHA's five medical plans and how they work with Medicare benefits (Elevate, HDHP, Standard, Elevate Plus and High Option)
- 2023 Rates – compared monthly premiums and the increase in each option.
- Two comprehensive dental plans with a large nationwide network and worldwide coverage.
- Distributed brochures to individuals interested on GEHA Medicare Benefits and Dental Plans.

VFN Membership Training

- Mr. Dillard, President of the Suffolk Chapter invited us to attend VFN Membership presentation by VFN Membership Chair, Frances Boatman at the Holiday Inn Express Godwin Blvd on November 16, 9:00 am. Raymond, June and David attended the informative training.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

- The President and David Parson attended the FBI Open Season November 17th. They collected eighteen M-2 prospect cards at the event. A drawing will be at the Holiday Luncheon to select one lucky prospect to receive a one-year free NARFE membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NARFE Brentwood Chapter 1697 Program Schedule (Tentative):

December 13, 2022	Holiday Luncheon - Golden Coral Volvo Parkway
January 9, 2023	AARP/Tirad
February 13, 2023	H & R Block
March 13, 2023	FBI



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