

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)
Brentwood Newsletter November 2023

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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Legislative Officer

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Alzheimer Officer

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Program Chair

Annette Coleman
Hospitality Chair

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

Dan McGrath
MD Past President

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES – (11/13/23 and 11/20/2023)

Attendees 11/13:

Alonzo Coleman, Carolyn Collins, Janet Freeman, Dwight Graham, Melodie Graham, Willie Levenston, Dan McGrath, David Parson, Marion Robinson, Theresa Rodwell, June Staton, Ronald Vance.

Attendees 11/20:

Carolyn Collins, Dwight Graham, Melodie Graham, Willie Levenston, Dan McGrath, David Parson, Theresa Rodwell, June Staton, Ronald Vance.

Proceedings:

- The President called the meeting to order. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed all members and our guest speaker. The Program Chair introduced the guest speaker, epidemiologist, Ms. Lisa Engle from the Chesapeake Health Department (CHD). Ms. Engle gave a highly informative and interactive presentation on COVID and Influenza updates in the Chesapeake area. She also provided information on available COVID and Flu Vaccines. (See “Highlights” below.)
- The business meeting resumed at the end of the CHD presentation.
- Open season enrollment is November 13 – December 11,
- The 2024 Annual Conference is April 7 – 10 T HE Hilton Madison in Harrisonburg, VA the price is \$107 per night.
- Mr. Juan Valdez, Government Employees Health Association (GEHA) was present at the FBI Health Fair. He volunteered to provide a presentation for our chapter on November 20th at the Deep Creek Community Center. He provided an informative and interactive session on GEHA 2024 Medical Plans, Medicare Benefits and Reimbursements, and Medicare Advantage Plans and its Part B subsidy to the group of nine attendees.



Officer

Reports/Discussions:

- The Blue Cross & Blue Shield Open Season (BCBS) Health Fair NARFE membership recruitment event held on November 3rd was a tremendous success. The Chesapeake, Suffolk, Churchland, Virginia Beach and Norfolk Chapters of NARFE came together at the event for a combined Membership Drive. The group collected fifty-eight prospect cards, and the President submitted the information to Virginia Federation and NARFE Headquarters Membership.
- The FBI Open Season Health Fair was on November 14th. The Chesapeake and Norfolk Chapters sponsored the event. Another successful drive! The event resulted in twelve prospect cards and three applications to join NARFE Chapter 1697.
- Raffle drawings will take place at the Holiday Luncheon for a free NARFE Membership for one lucky prospect from the BCBS health fair and one lucky prospect from the FBI event.
- The treasurer gave the “Treasurer Report.” (see Report below).

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- Hospitality Chair: Our December Luncheon will take place on **December 11, 2023 at 12 noon**, Golden Coral 101 Volvo Pkwy, (see Upcoming Events below). You may pay at the luncheon. The President paid the \$5.00 luncheon cost for Officers as a token of her appreciation.
- Program Chair: See upcoming schedule below.
- Electronics Communication Committee Program: Willie reported that he and Deborah are working hard to give NARFE more virtual visibility with the hope of increasing membership. If you are already on Facebook, please take time to like the following pages: NARFE VFN 1697; vanarfe; vfnnatleg; and vfnvaleg.
- Willie and Deborah are also working on a Twitter presence. They also have the sole responsibility for updating the VFN Calendar for all Virginia Federation chapters. They updated the calendar to reflect all Chapter 1697 meetings.
- Associate Member: Dan volunteered to serve as the Area IV alternate member of the VFN nominating committee.
- The President adjourned the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Report

11/13/2023

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

CHK NO	DATE		CHECKING
	Beginning Balance 9/31/2023		3446.59
	9/15/2023	ACH Deposit National Act2196 Payment	40.00
	9/30/2023	Interest Credit	0.02
	Ending Balance 09/13/2023		3486.61
	Checks Posted 10/1/2023 -10/31/2023		0.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 11/12/2023

- 73 Chapter Members
- 152 National Members in the Chapter Area
- 225 Total

BIRTHDAY SHOUTS FOR NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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Deborah Brown
Willie Levenston



HIGHLIGHTS

Chesapeake Health Department (CHD).



COVID & Flu Vaccines Available COVID

- October through April is flu season.
- New monovalent COVID Booster recommended for ages five & up.
- Commercialization has changed vaccine ordering – now billed through insurance.
- Sill available for free to those without insurance through the bridge program.

Flu

- It is time for seasonal flu vaccination.
- Available through PCP, pharmacies, and other retailers.

Vaccination at CHD

- Both vaccines offered by appointment – call 757-382-8649 to schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11

Time:

Location:

Price:

Holiday Luncheon

(12 Noon)

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

Golden Corral #721

101 Volvo Parkway

Chesapeake, VA 23320

\$5 for each member & guest.

Brentwood Chapter 1697 – 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

December 11

January 08

Holiday Luncheon - Installation of New Officers –

Chesapeake Fire Department

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February 12	H & R Block
March 11	City of Chesapeake Parks, Recreation & Tourism
April 7-10	VFN Annual Meeting/Convention
April 08	TBD
May 12	TBD
June 9	Golden Corral Luncheon (12 noon)



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