

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)

Brentwood Newsletter Monday April 15, 2024

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: 1 PM - 2 PM

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

Tina Bracy
Membership Chair

Vacant
Legislative Officer

Annette Coleman
Alzheimer Officer

David Parson
Public Relations

Annette Coleman
Hospitality Chair

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

Dan McGrath
MD Past President

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES

Attendees:

Annette Coleman, Alonzo Coleman, Carolyn Council, Janet Freeman, Melodie Graham, Dwight Graham, Willie Levenston, David Parson, Gayle Robinson, Theresa Rodwell, June Staton, Graylin Taylor, Lois Vance, and 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 guest speakers and the following visitors: AVP, Graylin Taylor, Chapter 1273 member, Gayle Robinson, and Coast Guard Finance Center retiree, Carolyn Council.
- David Parson introduced the guest speakers: Undersheriff Colonel Rosado, and Deputy Johnson from the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office.
- Undersheriff Rosado gave a highly informative and entertaining presentation that depicted real dedication to the senior community in Chesapeake. He explained how seniors can stay safe at home, while out, and in the car. He also shared the importance of being alert to potential fraud. He easily connected with the chapter members; we had a wonderful time, and members won prizes from drawings and games. Deputy Johnson took pictures during the sessions. The pictures can be viewed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakesheriffsoffice/>. See the Highlights section for more details. The Program Chair presented a NARFE thank you mug to the Undersheriff and Deputy. The business meeting resumed at the end of the presentation.

Officer Reports/Discussions:

- The treasurer submitted the "Treasurer Report." (see Report below).
- Hospitality Chair: Two upcoming birthdays in May. Cards have been mailed. Since the closing of Golden Coral, we will look for another place for summer and holiday luncheons.
- Program Chair: The guest speaker for next month will be an Alzheimer's representative.
- 2024 VFN Conference feedback:
 - 116 Attendees
 - Excellent Memorial Tribute
 - Willie is a member of the VFN Electronics Communication Board. He provided an outstanding and thorough Zoom Training presentation.
 - The VFN Program Booklet and the Memorial Booklet were passed around for each person to view.
 - Alzheimer Chair, Annette gave updated status on research and drug treatment.
 - Alonzo, a first-time conference attendee provided positive feedback on his experience.
 - Area IV VP provided comments on the "Cyber Security for Seniors" presentation and noted it is recommended that you freeze all three of your credit reports to have the best chance at preventing criminals from opening new accounts. To freeze your credit, you have to contact each of the three credit bureaus — TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian — individually. Placing a credit freeze is free for you and your children, as is lifting it when applying for new credit. A credit freeze lasts as long as you want it to.

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- The President will work with other NARFE Chapters in the Tidewater Area to host shared meetings regarding federal health benefits and a presentation from the Region X Vice President.
- The President and Area IV VP will follow up on merging or closing the Churchland Chapter. Until the merger/closure is finalized, the President extended an invitation to all the Churchland members to attend our monthly meeting.
- The President adjourned the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Report

04/08/2024

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

CHK NO DATE

CHECKING

Beginning Balance	3/1/2024		3475.12
	03/15/2024	ACH Deposit National Act2196 Payment	30.00
	03/31/2024	Interest Credit	0.03
# 1274	01/09/2024	NARFE Alzheimer's	-41.00
# 1276	02/12/2024	2024 VFN Conference	-35.00
# 1277	02/12/2024	2024 VFN Conference	-70.00
# 1276	02/12/2024	NARFE Alzheimer's	-6.00
Ending Balance	02/29/2024		3353.13

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 03/12/2024

- 75 Chapter Members
- 152 National Members in the Chapter Area
- 1 New Chapter Members
- 3 Members Dropped For Non-Renewal
- 1 Members Renewed
- 227 **Total Membership**

HIGHLIGHTS



- Undersheriff Dave Rosado discussed the various senior-based programs offered by the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office: Senior IDs, Senior Seminars, Self-Defense for Senior Workshops, Senior Scams Talk, and Senior Safety Talks.
- He volunteered to provide tickets to the chapter for those interested in attending the 34th Annual "Senior Support Services Seminar" at the Chesapeake Conference Center, on September 10 and September 11.

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- We will schedule the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office Self-Defense for Senior Workshop for our January 2025 meeting.



2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Alzheimer's Research
June	TBA
July – August	No Meeting
September	Welcome – Business Meeting
October	BCBS Presentation
November	GEHA Presentation
December	TBA



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