

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)

Brentwood Newsletter February 10, 2025

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

Jeff Rau
Service Officer

Tina Bracy
Membership Chair

Deborah Brown
Legislative Officer

Annette Coleman
Alzheimer Officer

David Parson
Program Manager

Annette Coleman
Hospitality Chair

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

Dwight Graham
Financial Secretary

Ronald Vance
CO-Service Officer

Alonzo Coleman
CO-Chaplain

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES

Attendees:

Tina Bracy, Jerald Bowser, Deborah Brown, Alonzo Coleman, Annette Coleman, Carolyn Collins, Melodie Graham, Dwight Graham, Willie Levenston, Dan McGrath, Penny McGrath, David Parson, Marion Robinson, Theresa Rodwell, June Staton.

Proceedings:

- The President initiated the meeting, with Alonzo leading the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed the visitors and expressed gratitude for their attendance, wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- David Parson introduced the guest speaker, Sheriff Dave Rosado, and Undersheriff Pascal from the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office.
- Sheriff Dave Rosado introduced his staff members: Undersheriff Christopher Pascal, Deputy Frohnaphel, and Deputy Johnson. The group provided an informative and interactive Senior Safety Class. We learned how to stay safe in everyday life. Each member received "Senior Safety Tips," a Senior Newsletter, and goodies. Everyone signed up to receive the monthly newsletter via email. Their presentation covered topics such as staying safe at home, in your car, out and about and preventing crime by being alert, aware, cautious, and self-confident. The members voted to have the Sheriff's Office return to provide a hands-on self-defense presentation. David will coordinate the event. (See pictures under Highlights).

Officer Reports:

- The Vice President made several trips to Richmond sharing our VFN 2025 State Legislative Plan. Her most recent visits were on January 15th and February 5th; she was the guest speaker at Tidewater Chapter 66 and the Suffolk Chapter 1743 speaker on March 19th.
 - The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. (See details below.). He noted that Lyle Thoburn is listed as a signatory on our Towne Bank Account; however, he is no longer an officer or able to attend meetings. The President designated, Dwight Graham, Financial Secretary, as the new signatory. Dwight accepted the role, and all members agreed. Willie and Dwight will arrange time to go to the bank and have Lyle's name removed and Dwight's added.
 - The Financial Secretary submitted his report. (See details below.)
- The Membership Chair announced the addition of one new member she recruited and gave her report. (See report below).
- The Hospitality Chair reported no birthdays for the month of February, she provided Valentine treats for the members and visitors.
- The Program Manager discussed the Calendar of Events for 2025 (See details below).



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Discussions:

Social Security Fairness Act: The Vice President provided recent updates on the Act. For updates from the Social Security Administration, you can check <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html>.

Badges for Officers: The President will order badges for the Membership Chair, Co-Chaplain, and Treasurer.

2025 Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) Conference: Six members will attend the conference.

- The President will provide the Program Book Advertisement document: the cost for ¼ page is \$35.
- Multiple Supporters: Collection of money, the biggest supporter was the Vice President (\$100 Platinum). The treasurer will submit all donations by 3/15/2025.
- The President will submit the IRS Form 990 for 2024.
- The meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER REPORT

02/10/2025

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

CHK NO	DATE			CHECKING
		Beginning Balance 1/31/2025		2725.62
	01/13/2025	ACH Deposit National ACT2196 Payment	115.88	
	01/14/2025	Alzheimer Deposit	46.20	
	01/13/2025	ACH Deposit National ACT2196 Payment	107.76	
1287	12/09/2024	Annette Coleman Hospitality (Christmas		-127.20
1288	01/1/32025	Annette Coleman Hospitality		-11.68
1289	01/16/2025	Alzheimer's Research	5.00	-41.20
Bank Balance			2856.58	
Outstanding Checks (1285,1287)				138.88
Check Book Balance			2780.38	

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

01/13/2025

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025 = \$2725.62

Dates	INCOME	EXPENSES
01/13 - 16/2025	\$251.64	\$352.34

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 01/13/2025

Total Current Chapter Members	80
Total National Members in Chapter Area	146
Total Chapter plus National Members	226
Current Chapter Members Breakdown	
1 Year	39
2 Year	3
3 Year	9
Dues Withhold	25
Life Members	5
1 New Chapter Members:	

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

- Sabrina Brown

HIGHLIGHTS

Chesapeake Sheriff's Office Senior Self-Defense Presentation Pictures



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2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10	Chesapeake Parks and Recreation
April 6 -9	VFN Conference
April 14	State Legislative Presentation
May	Chesapeake Health – Infectious Diseases
June	Luncheon at Pops Diners
July-August	Summer Break
September	Chesapeake Sheriff's Office – Hands-on Senior Self-Defense
October	BCBS Open Season Health Fair
November	Area II Annual Open Season Health Fair and FBI Health Fair
December	Luncheon at Pops Diner



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

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