

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

## Brentwood Newsletter April 14, 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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Serving Current, Former, and Retired Federal Civilian Employees -Spouses and Survivor Annuitants

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### MINUTES

#### Attendees:

Jerold Bowser, Tina Bracy, Alonzo Coleman, Annette Coleman, Janet Freeman, Willie Levenston, David Parson, June Staton, Graylin Taylor (Area IV VP), and Mary Taylor (Guest).

#### Proceedings:

- The President initiated the meeting, with Janet leading the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed everyone and expressed gratitude for their attendance.

#### Officer Reports:

- The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report, which includes the following details. The necessary documentation for the F-131 Audit of NARFE Chapter Funds has been submitted to Tina, who, along with Sebrina, will conduct the audit. The reimbursement voucher has been updated with new fields to enhance accuracy and clarity.
- The Membership Chair provided her report, sharing a proposal for a Chapter Membership Drive from April to December. All members are encouraged to participate, with the prize awarded to the individual who recruits the most members (a minimum of 4) during this timeframe. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held.
- The Hospitality Chair announced one birthday in March: Yolanda Hill. She will be sending cards to several members who are unwell or recovering. Our summer luncheon will take place at Hotrodders Café, located at 1457 Mt Pleasant Rd #110, Chesapeake, VA 23322, with a cost of \$10 for both members and guests.
- Alzheimer's Contributions were collected.
- The Program Manager reviewed the Calendar of Events for 2025. (See details below.)

#### Guest Speaker:

- VFN State Legislative Chair, Deborah Brown, could not attend due to a scheduling conflict with her invitation to Congressman Scott's roundtable discussion.
- The President conducted a 20-minute workshop titled "Discovering Your Personality Style Through True Colors." This workshop introduced the True Colors personality test, which categorizes personality styles into four colors: orange, green, blue, and gold. For those interested in finding their True Color, copies of the quiz from the worksheet will be available at our next meeting, or click this link to take the test: [https://home.hamptonu.edu/student-affairs/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2021/11/true\\_colors\\_test-for-mentoring-fillable.pdf](https://home.hamptonu.edu/student-affairs/wp-content/uploads/sites/59/2021/11/true_colors_test-for-mentoring-fillable.pdf)

#### Discussions:

2025 Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) Conference: The Area IV Vice President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Hospitality Chair, Co-Chaplain, and Membership Chair attended the conference and provided feedback to the chapter members. See the Highlights section.

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The meeting was adjourned.

### TREASURER REPORT

4/15/2025

#### DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

CHK NO	DATE		CHECKING
		<b>Beginning Balance 3/1/2025</b>	<b>3034.12</b>
	03/14/2025	ACH Deposit National ACT2196 Payment	30.00
	03/10/2025	Alzheimer Deposit	50.65
	02/10/2025	VFN Conference Supporters	205.00
1293	03/10/2025	Alzheimer's Research	-50.65
1292	03/10/2025	Hospitality -Snacks	-29.59
1294	03/14/2025	Reimburse Car Rental NARFE Conf	-477.85
		Interest Credit	.02
		<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>2556.70</b>
		Outstanding Checks (1285), (1293), (1294)	563.50
		<b>Check Book Balance</b>	<b>3120.20</b>

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Membership report as of 01/13/2025

Total Current Chapter Members	83
Total National Members in Chapter Area	151
Total Chapter plus National Members	234

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2025 VFN 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, ANNUAL MEETING, and CONFERENCE

- The 130 conference attendees included seven guests, five past presidents, four National Only members, four National Headquarters members, and thirty-one first-time attendees.

#### Comments:

- The Honorable Senator Tim Kaine, our expected keynote speaker, was unable to attend.
- The officer reports were quite detailed, including updates from the President, Treasurer, and the NARFE National President.
- Guest Speaker Shawn Smith, the State Director of the Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), delivered an outstanding presentation on "Common Medicare Healthcare Scams and Fraud." Additionally, Keynote Speaker Edna Reid, Ph.D., a retired FBI analyst, provided valuable insights

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in her presentation titled “How Would You React to Cyber Threats?” Our program manager will reach out to both speakers to schedule them for future engagements.

### Discussions:

- Attendees discussed the highlights of the following workshops and training sessions:
  - Members/First Timers
  - Travel Road Scholar
  - Alzheimer's Training
  - State Legislation Training
  - Membership Training
  - Electronics Communications Training
  - True Colors
- Area IV Caucus Meeting: Graylin was re-elected as Area IV VP. Tina Bracy and Alonzo Coleman were selected as the primary and alternate Nominating Committee Chapter Representatives, respectively.

## 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Chesapeake Health – Infectious Diseases
June	Luncheon at Hotrodders Café
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	TBD



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