

# NARFE 101 NEWS

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

## Augusta Chapter 101

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# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

June 2010

Wow ... We had a wonderful convention! Thanks to the efforts and dedication of the members of Chapter 101, the Georgia Federation of Chapters 2010 Convention in Augusta was more than successful on every front. And, I can say that everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. All of the planning and working on the details really paid off. We had so very few "bumps in the road" and none that were important.



There were numerous memorable occasions that occurred through the two and a half days of convention related activity. I must say that the Ramada Convention Hotel did a really nice job for us. The food was very good and so was the service. Our meeting rooms worked out very well thanks to Pat and her staff. The hospitality room that was set up in the Jack Nicklaus Suite on the top floor was much appreciated by the conventioners. The members of Chapters 101 and 1634 did an exceptional job of getting everything prepared and serving all of those tasty treats and libations.

The convention kicked off with the Registration Desk being set up. I must say, it was so well organized and so well prepared and so well staffed. There was absolutely nothing that the members couldn't handle at registration. Our opening ceremony with the Fort Gordon Color Guard was such a nice service with Chaplain Knight giving the Invocation and with Holly Shuker, daughter of our member Jennifer Wedincamp, singing the National Anthem. What a great start!

There were so many door prizes, I thought that Bill Richardson and Milton Keene of 1634 would never be able to get all of them out. The Memorial Service was a somber affair and Chaplain Knight did a masterful job filling in for our Louise who needed to stay home. The lovely and talented Ashley Miller a student at USC Aiken sang "Some Where Out There" which was a beautiful and moving conclusion to the day's business.

Wednesday evening featured entertainment by Jeff Matthews who channeled Frank Sinatra and delighted the evening dinner crowd, and when that was finished, the Hospitality Suite was opened for business!

Thursday morning came very early, but our Chapter members were set up and prepared to go! Everything seemed to go so well, from the exhibit and refreshment tables that Laura kept an eye on to

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the availability of information. The agenda was full of actions to be accomplished throughout the day, including the election of Federation Officers. All of the business went so well!

Thursday evening came quickly and it was time for the Banquet. The food was plentiful and tasty! Then, we enjoyed the "Aiken

Heart Throbs" who performed a spectacular show for the crowd. It was so good and so much fun. We closed the day and the convention with the installation of officers and then opened the hospitality room for the final evening of activity.

Again, I salute all of the Chapter 101 members, who did so much to make this an OUTSTANDING event! Thanks to all of you, we set a mark that others will find difficult to achieve.

\*\*\*\*Ralph Angelo, Chapter 101 President



# Kudos!

Lynn Harper, President of Chapter 1417 in Hawkinsville, sent this highly complimentary letter to our Chapter, thanking all for the splendid effort and fantastic results. Lynn was elected Federation Secretary at the Convention. Many others expressed their thanks for a precedent-setting Convention as produced by our Chapter. The Federation Convention of 2010 will long be remembered as an excellent adventure and will likely be emulated in the future !



## Chapter 1417



May 11, 2010  
57 Crab Apple Drive  
Hawkinsville, GA 31036

Mr. Ralph Angelo, President  
NARFE Chapter 101  
P.O. Box 3993  
Augusta, Georgia 30904-3993

Dear Ralph,

On behalf of myself and other members from Chapter 1417 who attended the recent Georgia Federation of Chapters Convention hosted by your chapter, I want to extend our congratulations for a job well done. You and members of Chapter 101 did an outstanding job.

Everyone is to be commended. Hosting a convention is no easy job; however, your chapter made it look easy.

I know that a lot of time and effort went into the planning and execution of the conference. The prior planning and the attention to detail put forth by your chapter was very noticeable from the time of registration to the conclusion of the conference. Chapter members went out of their way to ensure our every need was met. The food in the Hospitality Suite was superb. There are some fantastic chefs in your chapter. The entertainment at the banquet was wonderful!

Please extend our thanks to all your chapter members for a **job well done!**  
Again, thanks for a great conference.

Sincerely,

LYNN HARPER, President,  
NARFE Chapter 1417

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## Alzheimer's Report

*Louise Shay, Alzheimer's Chairman*

We now have a Team Page for NARFE Chapter 101 on the Alzheimer's Association website. This page provides both the goal we set and the donations to date.



Our goal was to have 10 people in the Memory Walk in November. To date, we have 14 who have made a contribution, either to walk or in cash. Everyone is invited to walk or come out to support our team.

I will make copies of this Team Page and provide it to everyone at the July meeting so you can see how we are doing. Have a great month off in June and I will see you at the July meeting.



## Sunshine Report

*Ethel Hollingsworth, Chairperson*

Cards to cheer the sick were sent to many during the last month. The cards expressed our thoughts and get well wishes to a few of our members. They include: Louise Otts, Geneva Tribble, Ethel and William Hollingsworth and Tom Lanier.

A lovely note was received from Tom and read at our last member's meeting.

A card was also sent to the Dorothy Crawford's family expressing our sympathy at her passing.

*"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." ~Author Unknown*

Balance on Hand Last Report: **\$2,695.19**

### Receipts:

VAH Credit Union (Advertising)	\$ 75.00
NARFE (Dues)	324.87
Meals (May Meeting)	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$ 654.87

Total Accountable **\$3,350.06**

### Disbursements:

Newsletter Printing	\$ 143.78
NARFE Labels	30.00
First Baptist Church	<u>245.00</u>
Total	\$ 418.78

Balance on Hand May 31, 2010 **\$2,931.28**

## Treasurer's Report

*Elaine Bollinger, Treasurer*



## NARFE 101 NEWS

Augusta Chapter 101 wants to welcome our newest members. If you know any of these folks, give them a call and come to a meeting together.

LYNNE CHEEK of AUGUSTA, GA

LARRY D, KITCHENS of GIBSON, GA

We also want to welcome back to NARFE, MARGARET E. JAMIR,

LINDA J. JAMISON of EVANS, GA

JIM PENNINGTON of EVANS, GA

# NEW MEMBERS

If you are a Chapter 101 member and have access to e-mail, and have not been receiving meeting announcements from us, please send a message to [ralphinga@comcast.net](mailto:ralphinga@comcast.net) with your e-mail address so that we can include you on our mailing list of meeting notices and other issues that arise at various times. Please also include your preferred telephone number for our directory of contacts. The Chapter 101 web site is available to all at [www.narfe.org/chapter101](http://www.narfe.org/chapter101). There are no passwords, so you can access it from any device with internet access!



If you move, change your address or change your E-Mail address, you can log into the NARFE web site at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) with your last name and NARFE Membership number. Then, simply go to the membership section and use your date of birth and membership number to make the changes needed. You may also E-Mail them directly at their new address: [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org) with any changes.

The toll-free number to Member Records is (800) 456-8410



### Augusta VAH Federal Credit Union

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Members of NARFE 101 are eligible to join  
Augusta VAH Federal Credit Union,  
where people matter most!

Note: The member (main accountholder) must be at least 50 years of age to qualify.  
Limit of one box Freedom 50 style per order. Discount on other check styles available.



## ***NARFE National Convention Grand Rapids Michigan***

Three months from now (September 1) the delegates at the Grand Rapids National Convention will be called upon to determine the course NARFE will take for the next two years (2010-2012). With our declining membership and our present financial situation, it is extremely important that every chapter be represented at the National Convention.

At this convention we will also be electing four National Officers and ten Regional Vice Presidents. Three of the National Officers (President Baptiste, Secretary Brown and Treasurer Ostergren) will not be returning next year. Six of the Regional Vice Presidents (Augie Stratoti #1, Charles Saylor #2, Robert Harrell #3, Jerry Hatfield #6, Martha Leiker #7, and Paul Carew #10) will not be returning to their present Regional Vice President's position. Three of these Regional Vice Presidents will be running for a different NARFE position (Saylor - National Treasurer, Leiker & Carew - National Vice President).

At the convention the delegates will be asked to vote on a "National Dues Increase." Since there are a number of resolu-

tions that have been submitted to increase our "National Dues," the Na-

tional Bylaws Committee will combine similar type resolutions and present one or more resolutions for the delegates to vote on.

Deadlines to register as a delegate - June 30. You must let the Correspondence Secretary, Gail Turner or the President know if you plan to attend the Convention so that you can be a delegate. Please let either know no later than June 15.

Please review all of the submitted resolutions on the NARFE web site. Also look at the candidate statements on the NARFE web site and in the latest issues of the NARFE magazine. It is important that the chapters take the opportunity to tell their delegates or proxy carriers how the chapter wants them to vote on the resolutions and candidates. Again, "**you**" will determine NARFE's future at the 31st National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI on August 29 - September 2. Don't miss the opportunity to let your voice be heard - vote via your chapter delegate.

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Remember, there is *NO Meeting in June*, Summer Vacation !



NARFE Augusta Chapter 101 **July** Lunch Meeting will be at Noon on Tuesday, **July 20** at First Baptist Church of Augusta, 3500 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia, at the rear of the campus in the Activities Building. Come and join us!

Lunch is \$8.50 at the door. Please make checks payable to: "NARFE, Chapter 101" or have the exact change, if possible. Please plan on arriving about 11:40 a.m. or earlier so that you may have paid and are ready to go through the buffet line at Noon.

Reservations are required in order to get a count of the number of meals to prepare. Make your reservations no later than **July 19** at Noon by calling the Recording Secretary: Donna Germany (706) 855-9888 or e-mail her at [dwgermany@yahoo.com](mailto:dwgermany@yahoo.com).

You just need to leave a message or send an e-mail, you will not receive a confirming call back.

