

Unless *otherwise* noted  
 Third Friday  
**9:15 am networking**  
**9:30 program & business meeting**

Westside Community Center  
 2932 S IH 35

New Braunfels 78130

Guests welcome!

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Sat. Oct 11,

Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Landa Park, Dance Slab

Registration 8:00 am, Ceremony 9:30, Walk 10:00 am

Join our team, donate, or for more information:

<https://act.alz.org/goto/NARFE>

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Fri Oct 17

RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program

by Patricia Buckley

**Pecan Room, 2nd floor**

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Fri Nov. 21

FEHB Open Season

Carrier Representatives

Three confirmed, 2 pending

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Fri Dec. 12

11:30 am-1:00 pm

Holiday Luncheon

Please pay for your meal as you enter.

Rudy’s BBQ

844 Loop 337

New Braunfels TX 78130

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Next Newsletter

Deadline: Dec 19

## Annual Meeting October 17

October 17 is our annual meeting to elect (or re-elect) officers for 2026 for a 1-year term. Positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Chip Franck agreed to run again for Vice President.

Please consider serving, your Chapter could use your expertise and you’ll benefit, too!

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Meeting.

Officers should be able to send and receive email and work with attachments. Contact the Nomination Committee or current officer for more information on positions which will be sent with the emailed newsletter.

You may nominate yourself. Before you nominate someone else for a position, please assure they are willing to serve.

Contact Nominating Committee Chair, Twyla Vital by email or phone (text/call see page 4) or if you are interested in serving or to recommend someone.

There are also appointed positions which would benefit from your service. Some positions do not require regular meeting attendance, and some can be done remotely.

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Our **summer food drive** raised \$788 which is equal to 7,880# of food, 5,516 meals for hungry families, or \$10,244.00 buying power by the New Braunfels Food Bank! Thank You!!!!

4rd Quarter Oct-Dec 2025

## Government Shutdown Resources

At 12:01 am October 1, appropriations expired for many federal agencies causing a government shutdown.

NARFE has resources to help which will be updated as events change.

**Shutdown resources page:**

<https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/shutdown-central/>

On that page you’ll find several options including frequently asked questions “FAQ”:

<https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/shutdown-central/shutdown-questions-and-answers/>

OPM has information for furloughed employees:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/#url=Shutdown-Furlough>

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## Membership Report Dorothy Creswell

As of September 30, 2025, we have 143 members.

### WELCOME BACK

Mark Smith

### MEMBER PASSED AWAY

Walter Erich Penk

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

If you need further information please use the Contact Membership form.

## Recruiting at JBSA Randolph by Dave Manchester

On September 13th, David Manchester, Rosalyn (Roz) Wise and Maria Preda of the New Braunfels Chapter 0672 represented NARFE at the Military Retiree Appreciation Day held at Joint Base San Antonio, Randolph Air Force Base. There were over 350 attendees at the event where 37 Community Partners & Vendors had tables sharing information with them. NARFE's recruiters talked with 68 of the attendees who were either active or retired military/federal service employees. F-135 brochures were provided to them. A visit by the Commander of the 502nd Air Base Wing. After learning about NARFE he said he would spread the word to his staff. Pictured are Roz and Dave.



## Sunshine Report Patricia Mantor



to all of you celebrating in:

### October

Ruby Abarca  
Patricia "Pat" Brangan  
Joe Cox  
Josephine Keys  
Billie Van

### November

Lynda Batey  
John Blouch  
Maria Montalvo  
Carl D Scott

### December

Gina Hoenscheidt  
Cynthia Hypse  
Jane Keller  
David Manchester  
David G Walchak

If we missed you, contact our **Membership Chair**. Please add to your address book: [cards@jacquielawson.com](mailto:cards@jacquielawson.com)

## NARFE Webinars through December

NARFE webinars are normally held at 1 pm Central, 2 pm Eastern Time. Webinars are free to NARFE members *but you must login to NARFE*, and you need to register to attend a webinar. After each webinar is a Question and Answer session which is also transcribed for the Archive.

After logging in, from the NARFE Home page, select "Federal Benefits Institute" from the menu, then NARFE Webinars. There you can view a description of webinars in the near future. Click the "Register Now" button. If it looks like it wants to charge you for the webinar, you aren't logged in!

**October 9: Investing Strategy / Education for Feds**

**October 23: Medicare: To Part B or Not to B**

**October 30: Medicare Advantage Plans**

**November 4: Open Season Prep**

**November 6: FEHB / PSHB without Medicare**

**November 13: FEHB / PSHB with Medicare**

November 20: Medicare Part D

December 11: Estate for Feds

Missed a webinar? They are normally posted within two business days of the event in the Webinar Archive:

<https://www.narfe.org/federal-benefits-institute/narfe-webinars/>

## Roz Wise—Texas Federation Membership Coordinator



As a Chapter #0672 member since 2013, I have served the chapter in various areas - recruiting at events over the years, on the Audit Committee for several years, spoke on financial programs, attend meetings, programs, etc. and just helped where I could.

I like to spend my time volunteering for various organizations—Since 2015, I am a member of the Houston Junior Forum (HJF) in Houston and have served as

their HJF Membership Directory editor, Membership Database Chair, President's Skirts committee, Scholarship Committee member, host for meetings, and other positions.

Since 2017, I am a member of the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee (SHPC) and served as the editor of Schertz' Magazine's "Looking Back" Schertz historical past stories. Presently serving as Chair for the publishing of the Schertz Historical Landmark calendar for 2026 and chaired the initiative to install historic street signs to recognize two Schertz historic neighborhoods from the 1860s and 1940s.

I recently was appointed by the NARFE Texas Federation Executive Board at the state conference TXFed2025 in April as your new Membership Chair for Texas effective July 1. I have always had a passion to recruit - it is our life blood of the organization - you have experienced the "why" you joined NARFE, you have benefited from NARFE, and now you are here still. You are our story. I ask you to please share your story in FEDHub. If you can't, send your story to me and I will post it. See page 4 for contact info until the Texas website has a contact form for me.

I ask each member to "Just Ask One" person to come and attend a meeting.

I have a recruiting recognition program that I hope you will take advantage of and help get our chapter recognized at TXFed2027. I will be recognizing the Top Recruiters in all of Texas for 2025-2027. Hope to see you at the Top!

Standing Together - With A Purpose

To contact the New Braunfels Chapter 0672 Membership Chair use the contact form on our website at:

<https://www.narfe.org/chapter0672/contact-membership/>

To contact Roz, use the Contact Federation Membership Coordinator form on the Texas Federation website at:

<https://www.narfe.org/tx/contact-membership-coordinator/>

## Maria Preda - Texas Federation District 5 Representative



Hello Texas Federation Members! I assumed the District 5 Representative position serving the greater Austin and San Antonio NARFE on 1 July 2025. One of my duties is visiting chapters and in September 2025, I attended the Austin Bluebonnet Chapter 0228 meeting. I received great feedback and received a very warm welcome. I'm looking forward to a similar experience in October when I visit the remaining chapters in District 5 - Fredericksburg 2111, New Braunfels 0672, and San Antonio 1594.

I joined the New Braunfels Chapter in 2016. On 30 September 2025, I will retire with 45 years of federal service. NARFE and 0672 have been there throughout my federal service. This is reason enough for me to share my knowledge, time, and effort serving District 5. I hope that you help spread the word how great NARFE is for them.

To facilitate contact, the best way to reach me is with the contact form on the Texas Federation website:

<https://www.narfe.org/tx/contact-dr-5/>

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

October 11 is our New Braunfels Walk to End Alzheimer's, but our team can collect donations through December 31, 2025. To donate online go to: <https://act.alz.org/goto/NARFE> and select a team member for fundraising points. The donation amount goes directly to the Alzheimer's Association and counts toward **NARFE's national goal of \$17 million by December 31st.**

Or, make a check to "Alzheimer's Association" and mail to our Treasurer by December 11 (or bring to the October meeting). Use the contact Treasurer form to get the mailing address.

<https://www.narfe.org/chapter0672/contact-treasurer/>

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees

For mailing address use the contact form for “Membership and Editor”

<https://www.narfe.org/chapter0672/contact-membership/>

### Address Service Requested

Chapter <https://www.narfe.org/chapter0672>

Texas: <https://www.narfe.org/TX>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NARFENBTX>

#### How to update address, phone, e-mail, or member type?

- Login at <https://www.narfe.org> then select “My Account”, “My Profile”.
- Or, call Member Records at 1-800-456-8410, option 1, M-F, 8 am-4:45 pm ET.
- Or email [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org) Be sure to include your NARFE ID and full name.
- Or notify our Secretary, President, Vice President, or Membership Chair (info to the right).

**Chapter eXtra:** Pictures and more are in the *eXtra* on our webpage (shown above). It is included with the e-mail version of the newsletter. To be added to the email distribution, contact the Membership/Editor (at right)

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**Computer “How to”:** Most public libraries have computers for use, free or low cost classes and how-to books and videos. Some also help with smartphones and tablets. Another great resource is

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/> — check it out!

### Contacts

If you are reading this newsletter online, please use the contact forms on the [About Us, Officers and Team Leaders page](#).

If there is not a form for a specific officer, use the President form and indicate who you want to reach. More information on the last page of the Chapter eXtra.

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