

2nd Quarter Apr-Jun 2026

New Treasurer

We're happy to announce that David Manchester will serve as our new Treasurer and Chapter Alzheimer's Chair, while continuing as Chapter NARFE-PAC Chair. Thank you Dave!

Our previous Treasurer, George Rotblut, served an amazing eleven-plus years, and is looking forward to his “retirement.” Thank you, George! Plus, he was Treasurer for NE San Antonio 1407 for several years prior.

Below: David Manchester, Treasurer, after being sworn in by Texas Federation Southwest Area VP Dorothy Creswell.



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Proposed Bylaws Change May 15

This is notice to all chapter members that the May 15, 2026, chapter business meeting will discuss and act on approval of new chapter bylaws.

Please try to attend.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and standing rules is being sent to all members along with this newsletter at least 30 days prior to that meeting as required by our current (and proposed) bylaws.

The proposed bylaws replace the current bylaws and make two major changes:

1. The current bylaws approved January 16, 2018, are in error because they have multiple references to sections in the National Bylaws that have since been removed or changed. **Note**, the proposed bylaws use the most current template provided by NARFE for its chapters.
2. A chapter dues increase from \$7 per year to \$12 per year, or \$.42/month.

It's unlikely that anyone needs help understanding why the first change is needed.

The need for a chapter dues in-

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Unless *otherwise* noted in *italics*

Third Friday
 9:15 am network/snacks
 9:30 program & meeting
 Westside Community Center
 Pecan Room, 2nd Floor
 2932 S IH 35 Frontage
 New Braunfels 78130
 Guests welcome!

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Fri. Apr 17
 “NARFE-PAC”
 David Manchester
 NARFE-PAC Chair

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GARAGE SALE

April 22-24

See page 2 for details

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Fri May 15
 “Reverse Mortgages”
 Chip Franck

Vote on proposed Bylaws

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May 25 Memorial Day

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Fri Jun 19
 11:15 am-1:00 pm
 “Spring Luncheon”
 Rudy's BBQ Party Room
 844 Loop 337
 New Braunfels TX 78130

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Newsletter Deadline: Jun 22

Membership Report Dorothy Creswell

As of April 1, 2026, we have 147 members.

NEW MEMBERS

Karen Anderson
1222 Pelican Place
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Janet Martin
772 Riviera Dr
Canyon Lake, TX 78133-4375

Janice Quiroz
413 Turnberry Way
Cibolo, TX 78108-4336

Ruben Quiroz
413 Turnberry Way
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PASSED AWAY

Arline Moehrig
2246 Gruene Rd
New Braunfels, TX 78130-3413

Please keep Arline and her family in your prayers.

Do you know a prospective NARFE member? Invite them to a future meeting. Ask me for a membership brochure to share.

Garage Sale

Our annual garage sale will be Wednesday-Friday, April 22-24 at 1771 Oakmont Cir, New Braunfels TX 78132.

4/22 Wed. 10 am-4 pm: setup and drop-off day.

4/22-23 Thur.-Fri. 8am-1 pm is the sale, with clean-up following on Friday.

Use our Sign Up Genius page at <https://bit.ly/NBSale26> to volunteer to help. Contact Membership Chair with questions or to arrange a different drop-off time.

Sunshine Report Marth Sanchez



to all of you celebrating in:

April

Linda Browne
Lynn Geyer
Alan Gibbs
Kathy Gibbs
Diane Schaule
Homer F Williams
Shirley Williams

May

Don Brooke
Donna Cyr
Lee Ellis
(Alvah) "De" Kuykendall
Keven Lomax
Twyla Vital
Bonnie Walchak
Pam Williamson

June

Barbara A Dalrymple
Jerry Finke
Maureen McConnell
Juan Tristan

If we missed you, contact our **Sunshine Chair**. Please add to your address book: cards@jacquielawson.com

Remember



NARFE Webinars for April

One of the great resources from the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute is the wide array of webinars available to members on the NARFE website. Go to the NARFE website, select **Education**, then **NARFE Webinars** for future events. Be sure to login as a member and register to attend at no charge. All are at **1 pm Central Time**.

April 1: Tax Planning for Retired Feds

April 9: The Future of NARFE Depends on Who We Develop Today: Building Leadership Pipelines Through Succession Planning

April 16: Putting Your Affairs in Order: Covering Benefits Available to Your Family After Death, and How to Preserve Them.

April 23: Family Benefits: Marriage, Divorce, and/or Remarriage

April 30: Retirement Planning for Feds

Within two business days after a webinar the webinar recording along with the Q&A transcript are available.

Choose On-Demand Webinars for the archive. A wide range of topics are covered: Estate planning, retirement strategies, sorting out the options during agency care RIFs, TSP, tax planning, Medicare and FEHB, and so many offerings from Open Season for FEHB and PSHB with customized versions for active, and for retired federal employees. For retirees there are options for those who have Medicare and those who don't.

Bylaws Change (cont.)

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crease also may be obvious.

We don't know when the chapter last increased their dues, if ever, but a poll of long-term officers identified dues have been the same since the late 1990s. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$1 in 2000 is equal to \$1.94 in February 2026. Our \$ 7 dues in 2000 equate to \$ 13.55 today.

Why \$12? NARFE has suggested chapters voluntarily change their annual dues to one of four annual amounts: \$0, \$6, \$12, or \$18. We believe \$12 is the best choice for our chapter.

Some background: NARFE National Headquarters has a very complex membership system they are trying to simplify. Over the past two years NARFE has managed to reduce the number of variations in National dues from 33 different categories (many for Life memberships) to 11. But, across the country, chapters charge 29 different annual rates for chapter dues. This complexity causes about a third of renewal payments to need manual correction due to errors which lead to more staff time being needed.

Our 2026 budget distributed to members in March is a deficit budget. It has no estimated income from the garage sale, because income depends on weather and the "inventory" donated by you, our members. Also, we can cut from the budget member services like entertainment at Spring and/or holiday luncheons, the newsletter, and/or member education.

The Executive Committee felt reducing member services would be contrary to our NARFE mission

New Braunfels City Shred Day

April 24, 8 am-noon at City Hall, 550 Landa Street. City residents can bring up to 3 bank-box-sized containers for free shredding on site. Bring state ID plus current utility bill. Enter parking lot from Laurel Lane and exit onto Walnut. No metal objects, binders, clips, CDs. Details on the city website at:

<https://newbraunfels.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=11352>

Turning Point: Where Do We Go from Here?

By Maria Preda

Texas Federation District 5 Representative

Many of you would agree NARFE is a great organization, it's the only non-profit organization that is dedicated to federal and postal annuitants and employees, and survivors. The core mission of NARFE is to advocate for our retirement benefits, educate on opposition to these benefits through legislation, and unite us as a community. A community that can be heard through greater numbers.

NARFE needs our help. As District 5 Representative I am seeing membership numbers are not increasing at a rate that will help NARFE continue our fight. For instance, District 5 reveals the most recent membership drive did not produce results needed for future growth. The drive also revealed significant concerns. For instance, election of new officers is the current officers, officers holding more than one position, and an absence of volunteers. I believe many of you are aware of this and like myself we do not have an answer.

Chapter leadership recognized "NASA we have a problem." I have seen chapters try to reinvent themselves in order to adapt to change. Chapters offered evening meetings in order to attract new members, hold chapter meetings via Zoom to also attract new members, participate in recruitment fairs, and speak at federal agencies. Yet these activities have not produced the results to show a turning point.

I'm confident that we know why we struggle. The question is greater, what is the solution to turn us around? Chapters have good intentions, but will it be enough? You have the key and to turn it around we need everyone to step up and to do their part. We know better that absent a strong chapter. it is only a matter of time. Recruitment is a yearlong effort. For more information check out the webinar: "New NARFE Member Welcome" located on the NARFE homepage under the Education tab after logging into NARFE. The webinar is presented by Nora MacDonald, Senior Director of Member Engagement and John Hatton, Staff Vice President, Policy and Programs.

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

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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 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)

Please add to your email address book (contacts or approved senders): cards@jacquielawson.com
noreply@narfe.org and noreply@narfe.net

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 Secretary form and indicate who you want to reach.

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| President | Carl Englerth |
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