

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 Newsletter – Lite

The Chapter 1137 Board decided not to do a formal newsletter for May – June. So this lite version is just the facts with no formalities. We hope this finds our members well. So far those we have emailed or talked with are fine, except for a bit of cabin fever.

We did not meet in April. At this writing **we don't expect to meet in May and June is doubtful**. If something should happen to change those May and June expectations we will let the members for whom we have email addresses know by email. If you have any questions about the meeting schedule call a Chapter 1137 Officer for information. John Ledman phone: 321-639-8972, email: 321jrl@gmail.com

Virus Related Closures and Changes in Working Arrangements – John Ledman

NARFE Headquarters building will be closed through June 10. This is an excerpt from NARFE's notice about this: *On March 30, 2020, the governor of Virginia issued a stay-at-home order that requires individuals to remain in their residences and extends the directive to maintain social distancing and prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people. As a result, NARFE's headquarters building will remain closed through June 10, 2020, unless the governor changes his order. Certain NARFE staff members have been designated as essential and will continue to work remotely throughout the duration the closure. Among them, staff members from the Federal Benefits Institute as well as the advocacy and communications department have been going the extra mile to ensure you stay up to date on how the federal community is being affected by and responding to the coronavirus crisis. We also have staff handling membership functions and other critical core business needs. Use this link for further information: www.narfe.org/status. Membership functions seem to be working normally. I recently changed the address for a member who had moved.*

This is OPM's statement on the Coronavirus: *Retirement Services Customer Service - COVID-19 has not affected Retirement Services' ability to process applications or deliver timely payments. We understand the importance of the payments and services we provide and are standing by to help. We ask that you continue to use our electronic self-service options and information available on [Services Online](#) or email us at retire@opm.gov whenever possible. Thank you for your patience.*

Alzheimer's News - Anita Manka

Anita Manka reported she sent \$1,227 to the Alzheimer's Association. She personally donated \$500 and Ron Norris Honda also donated \$500.

Member News – John Ledman

Member Margaret Porter passed on in March.

Brief Summary of the District 4 Meeting - John Ledman

Our Chapter 1137 hosted the 2020 District 4 Meeting on March 13th. We were fortunate to have scheduled the meeting on that date because shortly after that a great many businesses including hotels and restaurants were closed. Our original date was March 27th which didn't

work out for other reasons. If we had stuck with that date the meeting would not have been possible. As it was, we had a small turnout of faithful Chapter 1137 members and one from Chapter 2255. NARFE Florida Federation President, Terry Zitek, presented a very thorough report documenting the year in review and the future outlook for NARFE National and NARFE Florida. NARFE Florida is doing very well considering the difficulty in attracting volunteers. While NARFE's highest priority legislative goals were accomplished, NARFE National is dealing with financial issues that require tough decisions – some by the National Executive Board and others to be voted on this year by the general membership.

Stay safe. Hopefully we'll see you soon.

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