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Word from Chapter President

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is doing well and ready to start meeting soon either via Zoom or in person. I plan on getting a Zoom account where up to 100 of us can participate in a virtual meeting. Members will have the option of meeting via video and audio or audio only. Using the audio mode should give members with fear of their homes being viewed by nonmembers and/or hackers capable of spying on our homes peace of mind. I hope many of you will be open to this idea. Oh by the way, if you do not have a computer, no problem. There is a Zoom application for smartphones.



Gerry Rendon

This step is necessary as COVID-19 continues to mutate and is becoming more contagious and deadlier. There are people who continue to believe this is a flu virus and do not budge on this thought. These are the folks who scare me because they are the likely ones who can cause a complete shutdown of our country all over again. We need to find another alternative to meet to be ahead of the game if things worsen. Zoom is new to me as well. We will encounter issues and we will overcome them. I firmly believe this is the best way to meet for now.

Chapter Membership



Chapter membership as of June 1st, 2021 is 103.

NARFE Legislative Action Center

June/July Action Alert: Members are urged to use NARFE's Legislative Action Center found at www.narfe.org to personalize a message to members of the House of Representatives to cosponsor the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act (H.R. 2337). This is legislation to reform the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). This long standing provision reduces the Social Security benefits of nearly 2 million people nationwide.

Items of Interest

Texas Federation Conference in San Antonio: This conference originally scheduled in April will now be held in October 2021. Additional information to be provided in later issue.



“Discover the True Cost and Value of CSRS/FERS Survivor Benefits” will be NARFE's July's webinar. It will be Tuesday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Tammy Flanagan will help you understand your survivor benefits under CSRS/FERS. Learn what survivor benefits are optional and what's automatic, who gets what and when under the federal order of precedence, exceptions to the rules, and much more. Understanding the benefits your loved ones can count on in the future will give you and them the clarity and peace of mind you need to enjoy life now.

LEGcon21, June 21-23, 2021 (Virtual Event): Grassroots advocacy is one of the most effective catalysts for change in Washington. Federal employees and retirees are tired of having their benefits threatened to pay for other priorities, and are eager to learn how to defend what they've earned. Advocacy is NARFE's core mission, and attending LEGcon21 is the opportunity for NARFE members to learn the most effective ways to connect with their members of Congress, organize at the grassroots level and effect change.

Join NARFE members across the country at this virtual training event, which will help you:

- Learn how to make the most of virtual meetings with your legislators
- Hear from grassroots experts and learn bold ideas to improve your advocacy skills
- Learn how to become a more influential advocate by building and sustaining relationships

Dues Withholding Reward: The Executive Board voted to extend the dues withholding rebate program through June 30, 2021. A member that enrolls in the dues withholding program will receive \$20.00 once verified, and the member's chapter will receive \$5.00. Contact Connie Bedock at 210-673-2290 or email conniebee@satx.rr.com and she will send you a dues withholding form. Only retirees receiving a federal civilian

annuity can apply for dues withholding. Active federal employees, Life Members, and Honorary Members are not eligible for dues withholding. This offer applies to members who are or will be members of a Chapter in the Texas Federation or a national only member with a Texas address and whose completed application is sent to the TF Treasurer at: NARFE TF Treasurer, 361 Tobin Dr., Buda, TX 78610-3745. (Connie Bedock, Membership Chair)

NARFE National Membership Dues Increase: During the 2020 elections, NARFE members were sent a ballot on which they were given the opportunity to vote on the national dues increase. Increase was approved by greater than the required two-thirds margin. New dues rates went into effect on January 1, 2021. Members with membership expiration dates after December 31, 2020 will be billed at the new dues levels. National membership increases from \$40 to \$48 per year. Our chapter dues remain at \$7 per year. Annual dues for members who pay dues via the Dues Withholding program pay a discounted fee of \$42. This amount is divided into 12 equal payments and deducted from your annuities each month. The \$7 chapter dues are added to the national dues. (Connie Bedock, Membership Chair)

COVID-19 Update: On June 2, 2021, CDC reported about 51% of Americans had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and about 41% were fully vaccinated. These percentages were are behind the 70% - 90% experts believe is needed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Upcoming Events

- Chapter Meeting June 16 *
 - LEGcon21 (Virtual) June 21-23
 - July's Webinar July 20
 - Chapter Meeting July 21*
 - Chapter Meeting August 18 *
- *Not in person meetings. Plans are for virtual meetings via Zoom.

Birthdays

- Jane Garcia June
- Earl Harris June
- Georgia Lindinger June
- Ofelia Olivares June
- Dolores Rutledge June
- Henrietta Horton July
- Guillermo Olvera July
- Lynda Guzman August
- Mary Kilgore August
- Frances Marthiljoni August

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Adeline McAdams August
Connie Jo Popham August

Anniversaries

David & Isabel Cuellar June
Antonio & Carmen Dreumont June
Jesse and Joyce Gorden August

Keep Up with Us



Chapter Officers

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Meeting Information

Upcoming Virtual Meetings: June 16th July 21st August 18th

Place: Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ln., San Antonio, Texas 78223
(Current Location). In person meetings hopefully this fall.
Date: Every third Wednesday of the month (unless rescheduled)
Time: 12:30 p.m. regular meetings & 11:00 a.m. lunch meetings in June and
December (restaurant selected month prior to meeting)

**If you need a ride to the meeting or are interested in giving a member a ride,
please let one of the officers know.**