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Word from Chapter President

We have begun meeting at the Golden Corral on 1025 SE Military Drive. Attendance at our July and August meetings were eleven and 6 members respectively. At August meeting, because we didn't have enough members in attendance, we were kindly asked to sit on the opposite side of the building which turned out fine.

I pray most of you are doing well and for those of you who couldn't attended the last two meetings. I hope you will be able to join us in September. September meeting will once again be at the Golden Corral at 1025 SE Military Drive at 11:00 a.m. on September 15th. We will start with everyone having lunch following by a short agenda that I will post on our webpage.



Gerry Rendon

Chapter Membership



Chapter membership as of September 1st is 97. When renewing your membership, please don't forget to complete the section indicate you want to remain a member in Chapter 1594 for an annual membership fee of \$7.

NARFE Legislative Action Center

The Postal Service Reform Act (H.R. 3076/S. 1720) which creates a new Postal Service Health Benefits (PSHB) program starting in January 2023 moves all postal employees and retirees in the new program. Because retirees without Medicare tend to cost more to insure, this bill risks the chance of increasing premiums for federal employees in the

Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program plans. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82/S.1302) repeals both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Bills have been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance.

The Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act (H.R. 2337) reforms the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) by providing a monthly rebate of \$150 to current beneficiaries (age 62 or older before 2023) and creates a new formula to calculate benefits for future WEP affected individuals (turning 62 in or after 2023). Bill has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Items of Interest

Texas Federation Conference 2021 in San Antonio: This conference is scheduled for October 12-14 at the San Antonio Airport Hilton, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78216. To register, [click here](#).



To B or Not to B: Is Medicare Part B Right for You? will be NARFE's September webinar. It will be Wednesday, September 15th at 1:00 p.m. CT. Tammy Flanagan will give you an in-depth look at your coverage options under FEHB and Medicare Part B, as well as the impact one has on the other when you combine them. This one-hour webinar will help you weigh the pros and cons and determine which option is best for you. You will also be shown how to enroll. Sponsored by Aetna

COLA for Federal, Military and Social Security Retirees: The January cost-of-living adjustment for federal, military, and Social Security retirees is expected to be between 5% and 6%. That is much, much bigger than the 1.3% retirees got in January 2021.

White House Proposes 2.7% Raise for Federal Employees: Federal employees could see a 2.7% average pay increase for FY22 if the proposed raise in the Biden administration's fiscal year 2022 budget request holds. This increase also restores pay parity for federal civilian employees as the rate matches the president's proposed pay increase for military members.

NARFE Membership Dues Renewal: If you are renewing your NARFE yearly dues please remember you must add the \$7.00 Chapter dues to the total. NARFE national dues are now \$48.00 and adding chapter dues will bring your total to \$55.00. If you do not pay the \$7.00 then you are dropped from the chapter and will only be listed as a NARFE national member. There is a Dues Withholding program available and the discounted national fee is \$42 plus the \$7. This \$49 amount is divided into 12 equal payments and deducted from your annuities each month. The chapter has application

forms available for the program. You will save money using the program and your dues are automatically renewed. For your convenience, links to NARFE Dues Withholding forms provided below. Note: If you are reading the newsletter electronically, click on the form number in blue and you will be directed to the PDF fillable form; otherwise, copy the link after the form and paste to your browser's address bar to be directed to it. (Connie Bedock, Membership Chair)

- [DW-2](#) Dues Withholding Application for Retirees. *Updated 01/21*
 (<https://new.narfe.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/dw-2.pdf>)
- [DW-3](#) Dues Withholding Application for New Members (Retirees). *Updated 01/21*
 (<https://new.narfe.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/dw-3.pdf>)

COVID-19 Update for San Antonio as of Friday, September 3, 2021:

New Cases	Total Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths per Metro Health	Hospitalized	Patients On Ventilator	ICU Patients
996	288,377	5	3,941	1,218	223	356

Chapter Officers

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Meeting Information

Upcoming Meetings: September 15th October 20th November 17th

Place: Golden Corral Restaurant, 1025 SE Military Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78214
Date: Every third Wednesday of the month (unless rescheduled)
Time: 11:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting	September 15
September Webinar	September 15*
TXFed2021	October 12-14
Chapter Meeting	October 20
Chapter Meeting	November 17

Birthdays

Isabel Cuellar	September
Fred Eddie	September
Harry Kilgore	September
Keith Click	October
David Cuellar	October
Doris Metzger	October
Johnnie Davis	October
Carmen Dreumont	October
Jesse Gorden	October
Joyce Gorden	October
Gerry Rendon	October
Bonnie Herndon	November
Leonor Perez	November
Mary Salmon	November
Theresa Sanchez	November
Lanita Perry	November

Anniversaries

Theresa & Eduardo Sanchez	September
Mary & Ricardo Salmon	November

Keep Up with Us



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