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NARFE CHAPTER 1594 SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

NARFE Chapter 1594 meeting was held September 21, 2016, at Brookhill Baptist Church Center. The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Zerr at 12:30 pm. Invocation was given by Daid Cuellar. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Cuellar. Twenty-one members were in attendance. President Zerr announced the September birthdays and the wedding anniversaries of Renee and Dan Harris, Theresa and Eduardo Sanchez and Abel and Margarita Hernandez (50).

Membership: Connie Bedock, Membership Chair, reported we have 149 voting and 25 nonvoting members.

A moment of silence was held in honor of departed members in 2016 - Henry Bravo, Leon Clerico, Joyce McCollough, Dagmar Crowley, Bob Koenig, Tommie Bright, Florence Rodriguez, Lena Dees and Connie Friesenhahn.

Gerry Rendon, Chapter 1st Vice President and Assistant Network Coordinator gave a very informative talk on OPM Retirement Services Online and how to access it - (<https://www.sericeonline.opm.gov>). Items discussed were view/print 1099R tax forms, a year to date Summary of Payments, verification of Life Insurance (FEGLI), Retirement Services Reference Card, change Federal Income Tax withholding, change mailing address and various other items. Gerry recommended changing password every six months and to keep everything updated at OPM.

Chapter Reports: Secretary: Shirley Click distributed copies of the August meeting minutes. Abel Hernandez made a motion to accept the minutes as is, seconded by Stella Flores. **Treasurer's Report:** President Zerr said she and Margarita Hernandez (new treasurer) had gone to the bank and changed names on the account, adding Margarita Hernandez and deleting Bob Koenig. The following was reported - savings: \$2,964.42, checking: \$530.06 for a total balance of \$3,494.48 as of September 14, 2016. Abel Hernandez made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sandy Vogel. **Legislative:** Shirley Swift distributed copies of her report. **Sevrice Officer:** Sandy Vogel reported on the NARFE National Convention in Reno, Nevada. Two historic resolutions were passed - Optional Chapter Membership and One Member, One Vote. The National Executive Board voted to end the eNARFE incentive program. Mr. Richard Thissen was re-elected as NARFE National President and Jon Dowiewas re-elected as NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer. The next National Convention will be in Jacksonville, Florida. Sandy also cautioned members that an IRS scam is going on. The IRS never calls so now the scammers are sending letters. If you receive one of these letters take it to your tax person,

President Zerr reminded members of **Recruitment Program** - For each new member recruited during 2016 recruiter's name will be entered into a drawing at the end of the year, a \$25.00 gift card will be awarded to the recruiter whose name is drawn from the pot.

President Zerr encouraged members to sign up for Dues Withholding. TFC is offering a \$20.00 reward to chapter members who sign up between now and May 31, 2017. You or your spouse must be receiving a civilian federal retirement annuity, have a renewal date in the next twelve months and submit your application to the TFC Treasurer. Members save 15% on year's dues by joining Dues Withholding.

Speaker for the October meeting will be from Representative Will Hurd's office. Nominations and election of Chapter Officers will be held at the October 19 meeting. A list of officer positions and appointed positions was provided each member.

The 50/50 was won by Shirley Swift. She donated \$4 to the chapter. Door prizes were given.

The next meeting will be October 19, at 12:30 pm at Brookhill Baptist Church Center. Closing prayer was given. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Shirley Click
Shirley Click, Chapter 1594 Secretary