



Tennessee Federation

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FROM: Linda Heaton, President *Linda*
(on behalf of the 2025 Annual Meeting Planning Committee)

RE: **69th TN Federation Annual Meeting**
April 15 – 16, 2025 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Lebanon (Tennessee)

Greetings to All!

We are a few short months away from this year's TN Federation Annual Meeting. If you have not already done so, PLEASE mark your calendar to join us! This meeting is for ALL TN Federation members--*Chapter and National Only*.

The planning committee (your TN Federation Board) is hard at work to bring you activities and speakers that are informative, engaging, and worth your time and effort to attend this event. ***YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN NARFE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT IS AT THIS TIME! Please come and support your Federation and the NARFE association.***

The following information and attachments should be shared with other members and federal civil service family who are interested in attending the meeting. We are expecting active chapters to send/communicate this information to their membership. For those chapters which appear to be less active, the Executive Board has asked that this mailing go directly to the email addresses Headquarters has on file.

Lodging: We are meeting in Lebanon, TN, which is centrally located in the state, immediately off I-40 at exit 238. A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$110 plus taxes; the reservation deadline is **March 21st**. Refer to the attached Announcement for additional information including the telephone number.

Registration: A copy of the **Registration Form** is attached—**please use this form rather than the form in the February newsletter**. Each attendee must complete a separate registration form. **BE SURE** to fill in the "**Sandwich Selection**" line by selecting a sandwich item (for your box lunch) from the attached Honey Baked Ham menu; failure to do so will result in NO lunch on Tuesday!

Mail check and your **completed** form as directed on the form: **Early Bird** postmark deadline **March 24th**, **Final postmark** deadline **April 7th**.

In preparation for this year's Federation Annual Meeting, please read the **68th TN Federation Annual Meeting Minutes** which you will find on the TN Federation website at <https://narfe.org/tn/>. As part of our meeting we will be voting to approve these Minutes.

Alzheimer's Auction: The auction last year was a huge success considering we had a very small attendance at the meeting. Daniel Koob, our Federation Chairperson, is planning a repeat at this meeting. We *strongly encourage* items be in good condition and of a value worthy of a strong bid. Items brought last year consisted of gift baskets of items (kitchen items, bath assortment items, etc.); wine rack/bottle of wine; quilted Christmas table runners/toppers; handmade afghan; hand-carved wooden items, grocery gift cards, etc. To help Daniel and his "workers", **please email** (cawolf39@aol.com) **OR telephone** (423-309-1389) with the number of items you (or your Chapter) plan to bring. This will help them to have adequate Bid Sheets and space to display the items that will be available.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 10th.

Memorial Service: We will, once again, recognize our deceased members with a Memorial Service planned for Tuesday. Please help Karen by sending her the names of members in your Chapter who have died, along with an obituary and picture if available, of those who have passed within the last 15-months. She is putting together a slide presentation and a Memorial Notebook in recognition of these dedicated members of our NARFE association. *National Only members*, please help us as well! If you know of a NARFE member who has died, send the information described above to Karen Voshel, TN Federation Secretary; 11630 Gracey Herndon Rd; Herndon, KY 42236. She will also accept information by email (kykopp@apex.net). **DEADLINE: April 10th.**

Sponsorship: Last, but not least, we offer you the opportunity to advertise in our Annual Meeting Program booklet. We welcome individual members who have a home-based business to advertise their product, and/or we welcome any monetary support—large or small—to help us offset the costs of the Annual Meeting. See the Sponsorship Form attached. **Deadline: March 10th.**

Chapter leaders, please seriously consider supporting some of your members to attend this meeting to learn more about NARFE! This can be a huge step in grooming future leaders for your Chapter. **National Only** members, come and renew old friendships and continue to see what NARFE is doing for you. We would welcome you to "step up" and become a future Federation officer or chairperson.

On behalf of the TN Federation Board, I thank you for your membership and dedication to NARFE. I cannot stress enough to each of you--Chapter leaders/members and TN National Only members--how *extremely* valuable your membership is at this time. **REGARDLESS of membership category**, NARFE fights daily for each of us to maintain the hard-earned benefits we have earned OR are earning through our service and federal work. YOUR membership is extremely important to the TN Federation and the NARFE association! Your coming to this meeting helps to show you care and support NARFE's work. I hope to see you there!

Attachments: TN Federation Annual Meeting Announcement
2025 Registration Form
Honey Baked Ham Menu
Sponsorship—Chapter/Member