



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
PUTNAM COUNTY—COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE
NARFE Works For You**

Chapter 1956 Newsletter

January 2012

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
NARFE
FAMILY**



Looking Forward

We are off to a brand new year, one which none of us have every seen before. With every new year, there comes times of joy and sadness, times of health and sickness, times of excitement and disappointment. May we make to most of these things that we can control and trust in God for those we cannot control.

We have an extra day this year, 2012 is a Leap Year with 366 days. What are you going to do with your extra day?

Let's make this a good year for our chapter and the entire NARFE organization. Many of you will need to renew your membership during the year, please do so promptly and help us remain strong. Thanks for your past and future support.

Notes From Our Christmas Luncheon

It was good to see everyone who attended our Annual Christmas luncheon. It was a great time of food, fellowship and some story telling. Thanks for Clarence who made the arrangements for us to use the Hyder-Burks Pavilion, it is a great place to meet.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and the time together. I know some would have attended but were hindered by one thing or another. Hopefully next time we do this, more will be able to attend. Any suggestions you have or anyone willing to help organize for next year will be appreciated.

Ozzie took some pictures and has said that he will print out some and bring to our next meeting for all to see. The needy family collection was over \$200.

Important Dates Coming Up

- January 16** MLK Holiday
- January 17 Next chapter meeting – *Y'all come!*
- February 2 Ground Hog Day
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 20** President's Day

Please share these newsletters with your spouse

Next Meeting

We will resume the regular meetings. Our next meeting will be January 17th. Remember it falls on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We meet at Shoney's Restaurant in Cookeville. Plan to be there by 6:00p in order to eat, the business part of the meeting begins at 6:45p. We really need more of our members to come out to the meetings. Our meetings are great for meeting fellow members and talking to them over a good meal. We do discuss important chapter matters and speak about the current news affecting us as federal retirees and current workers. Come out and support your chapter this year!

We need to know if you would like speakers at our meetings and who and what subjects you would like us to have. It is difficult to schedule speakers if we only have a few members attending. So help us with this, thanks.

Newsletter Distribution

As customary, this January issue is sent out by postal mail to **all** our members, even those who normally get it by email. This helps us to find members who have changed their mailing address and have not notified us or NARFE Hq., it also helps us identify any of you on our email distribution who have not been receiving the monthly newsletters. All email providers have various ways to filter and block spam and there are cases where our newsletters get blocked and do not reach you. If you have not been receiving the monthly newsletters, I ask that you let me know so that we can work to fix the issue.

Included with this issue is our current membership list. Please review the information and let us know of any missing or incorrect information. And most importantly, do not share this outside of our chapter.

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2 Upcoming Conventions

1) Coming up on April 16-17 this year will be our annual NARFE Tennessee Federation Convention. It will be hosted jointly by these 4 chapters in west Tennessee; Memphis, Memphis Postal, Germantown and Millington. The location will be the Hilton Memphis Hotel. This is the time that chapters take care of the Federation business, elect state officers and it is a good time to meet other NARFE members throughout our state of Tennessee.

All members are welcome to attend and you can take non-member guests with you. Our chapter can send up to 6 voting delegates to the state convention. In recent years we have not had many from our chapter to attend these state conventions, I would encourage you to take part this year. West Tennessee is a good place to visit, so please consider going to this convention.

More information is published in the NARFE Tennessee Federation News which you should soon receive in the mail. All who attend need to register using a Registration Form, delegates must also submit a Delegate Form. We will need to submit the forms for those going as soon as possible. I will have forms available at our January meeting.

2) On August 26-30 this year, the bi-annual NARFE National Convention will take place. The location for this convention will be in Reno Nevada. At this convention we take care of the business that affects all of NARFE and elect the national officers. There will be full coverage of this in the NARFE magazine. Our chapter can send up to 3 voting delegates to this convention. Registration is also required. Watch the NARFE magazine for all the details of the National Convention. Again, all of you are welcome to attend. This should be a great place to visit.

Legislative News

With the coming of 2012 comes an election year. In November, here in Tennessee we will vote for a President, 9 US Representatives and 1 US Senator. I am sure this will have some impact on us and the goals of NARFE. There are many issues to consider when choosing the best candidate for any office, I would encourage you to do what you feel is best for your interest as a NARFE member and what is best for the nation as a whole.

Remember that NARFE is continually working on our behalf in Washington DC and they need our support. We give this by keeping our membership numbers high and making those phone calls and sending those emails on the issues of the day.

WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS

Hope you enjoy our Newsletters, comments welcomed

Membership News

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned that we had some members dropped of non-renewal. We could use more new members. Spouses of federal workers and retirees are eligible for NARFE membership and this is a great way to gain new members. I wish that our National office would make it so that all spouses have automatic memberships, but that is not the case. We already have many in our chapter who are spousal members but we could have many more members in our chapter and nationwide if all spouses of current and retired federal employees would submit their spouses for membership. Would you consider doing this at this time?

I have a few Membership Forms available so some of you that I think to have non-member spouses, should find a membership form included this month. Sorry if I missed anyone or included anyone in error. Do not use this form to renew a current membership, it is only for new memberships.

When filling out the form for your spouse, be sure to include your Membership ID number on the line for the Recruiter. Thanks for helping us with this.

Greater Participation Needed

Our chapter sure could use more of our members to take part in some of the chapter responsibilities. Currently, we do not have enough serving on the various positions or committees and we have some who are serving in more than one area. I will list here all our appointed positions and committees, It sure would be of great help if you would be willing to serve in one of the following areas; Alzheimer's, Legislative, Newsletter, Programs, Public Relations, Service Officer, Sunshine, Telephone, Historian, Social events. There may be other areas besides these as well, but these are the areas we need the most help in. If you have just a little bit of time and a willingness to help and you have an interest or have questions, please let me know. Thanks in advance.

Regional VP Bill Martin

NARFE Region X Vice President, Bill Martin was injured in a car wreck that occurred on December 23rd, in his home state of Virginia. This wreck also took the life of his wife Gail. A memorial service was held for his wife on January 7th. Bill is currently recovering from his injuries. Our sorrows go out to him and his family and wish a speedy recovery. Note: Region X includes these states; Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

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