

Monthly Notes

Welcome to another newsletter. The calendar is moving along for this year. Spring arrived on schedule, but just before we got snow in March. We should have warmed temperatures and longer days going forward. The spring time normally brings storms, so stay safe.

This newsletter is for March and April. I stay busy these days with tax returns, but that will soon be over, except for the late filers.

The Latest Chapter Financial Report .

January beginning balance—\$1,407.96
Dues received in January—\$60.00
Dues received in February—\$6.00

Disbursements—none
February ending balance—\$1473,.96

NARFE Webinars

Here is the list of the latest webinars offered by the Federal Benefits Institute. You can determine which, if any are of interest to you. Remember there are more available besides these.

- **Preparing Retirement Forms: Costly Errors and How to Avoid Them.**
- **It’s Not Magic: Target Your Best Retirement Date.**
- **From Employee to Annuitant: Special Retirement.**
- **From Employee to Annuitant: Special Retirement Considerations for Special Category Employees.**
- **Post-Retirement Tax Planning for Federal Employees.**
- **Leaving Federal Service Before Retirement: What You Need to Know.**
- **Estate Planning: Strategies for Feds.**

These are free to members on the NARFE website, but registration is required to view them live. They will be recorded and can be watched later.

March Is NARFE-PAC Month

NARFE always sets the month of March as a special time to promote NARFE-PAC but donations are gladly received at any time thought-out the year. This is an election year for the US Congress and many candidates will be asking for donations. The NARFE-PAC is aimed at supporting those candidates that support the legislation that NARFE supports. But keep in mind all donations are voluntary.

COLA Watch

As this year progresses, we will monitor the monthly reports as published by the Consumer Price Index.

As you can see, inflation is still on the rise. Here are 2 more reports for January and February. I am sure we will see even higher numbers as oil and gas prices continue to spike.

Month	Month % Change	% Toward 2023
October 2021	+0.92	+1.17
November 2021	+0.55	+1.72
December 2021	+0.32	+2.05
January 2022	+0.87	+2.93
February 2022	+0.96	+3.92

Monthly Membership Report

The chapter activity reports for the first 2 months of this year show that 2 members who renew by annual basis renewed and 6 members who renew by Dues Withholding.

The chapter financial reports of renewing member supplied by the national office always differ from the membership reports, this has been a recurring problem ever since the national office changed the way they report to the chapters.

NARFE FedHub

I mentioned this awhile back, but just to remind you that the FedHub is a place where members post comments on things NARFE related. It is a way that members can ask questions, join in discussions and interact with others. I don’t get much time to go there, but it seems to be very active.

You can get there from the narfe.org home page or directly with this web address: fedhub.narfe.org. You need to be a member to log in.

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When you get your renewal notice, be sure to renew both your National and Chapter Dues.

Member Death

This is a late report, but I just found out that chapter member Marian Overstreet McKay of Celina passed on December 3, 2021. She was one of the members of the old Celina chapter that transferred to our chapter when the Celina chapter closed. I never had the opportunity to meet her but she was a long time member of NARFE and worked with the USDA.



She was age 84 and is survived by her spouse, Herb McKay, 2 daughters and 2 stepchildren. Our condolences to her family at this time.

Legislation News

The Postal Reform Act of 2022 passed in Senate on March 8th. The legislation will improve the agency's ability to remain a public entity providing a crucial service to the American people while simultaneously protecting the earned health benefits of postal and federal workers and retirees. The bill passed with bipartisan support, 79-19.

The legislation gained NARFE's support after it was amended to address our concerns. In particular, changes were made to prevent unintended increases to Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program premiums for federal employees and retirees. And unlike past iterations of postal reform, this bill preserves choice for current postal retirees regarding whether to enroll in Medicare Part B. NARFE is also pleased with included provisions to repeal the burdensome mandate to prefund future postal retiree health benefits and the bill's codification of six-day mail delivery.

The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 now heads to the President Biden's desk where it is expected to be signed into law.

After several continuing resolution bills passed this fiscal year, Congress, nearly halfway through the fiscal year, has passed a \$1.5 trillion comprehensive spending deal for the rest of fiscal 2022.

The Senate voted 68-31 March 10th. to pass a \$1.5 trillion omnibus bill that will fund federal government agencies for the remainder of fiscal year 2022, following in the footsteps of the House, which passed the measure the previous evening. The bill now goes to President Biden's desk.

This seems to be the order of business anymore, It has been years since they passed the regular spending bills which are required each year.

And as always, contact your members of Congress with your concerns, 866-220-0044.

2022 Federation Annual Meeting

The date of the Federation Annual Meeting has been changed to Monday, April 18th. It was set to be on Tuesday of that week. I am not sure why the change. April 18th is the last day of the normal tax season this year and I have to work that day and will not be able to attend.

The meeting will be held online by use of Zoom. I have not seen a start time, but you can read more about it in the February issue of the Tennessee Federation Newsletter that all members should have received. You must register to attend and there is no cost. Those who register by March 31st could win a \$100 Early-Bird prize. Registration closes April 10th.

The registration form is in the Federation Newsletter and on the Federation website.. You can fill it out, then mail it, email it or even take a photo of it to email to the Federation Secretary.

FEDCON 22

This is also the year for the NARFE National Conference, now called Fedcon. It is 2 and a half day event that will take place in Scottsdale AZ on August 21-23, 2022. More information will be included in the magazine as the date gets closer.

Discounts for Seniors

Here are some discounts that I found on a website that may save you some money for eats: Remember these may vary by location. I am sure other restaurants besides these listed give discounts. It never hurts to ask.

- **Applebee's** gives 10% discount to seniors age 60 and over who have the Applebee's Golden Apple Card.
- **Arby's** give 10% off for ages 55+.
- **Burger King** has a 10% discount for ages 60+ and additional discounts on coffee and soft drinks.
- **Chilli's** in 10% oof for ages 55+.
- **Dunkin' Donuts** does 10% off for ages 55+. Or a free donut when buying coffee..
- **IHOP** is 10% off for ages 55+.
- **KFC** well give you a free small drink with a meal if you are 55+.
- **McDonald's** has discounts on coffee and soft drinks for the ages 55+.
- **Sonic** gives a choice of free beverage or 10% for ages 60+.
- **Subway** is 10% off for ages 60+.
- **Taco Bell** is 10% off for ages 65+.
- **Wendy's** is 10% for ages 55+

Happy Spring

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