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**MAY 2014**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the **DOUBLE TREE HOTEL** in Oak Ridge.

Socializing...12:00 noon Lunch...12:30 pm Cost... \$14.00 per person

Reservations and cancellations are required by noon, **Friday, May 16**

Call Mary Sue Harris 482-4625

**PROGRAM** - Had you opened the Oak Ridge NARFE Chapter website, you'd have learned long ago who our next three program speakers will be! For those who didn't open the website, here is the news! **PUT THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW! BRING A FRIEND. (And reschedule doctor appointments. Remember: doctors work for YOU. You don't work for them!)**

**MAY 20** – Knoxville resident, **Col. Buddy Brown, USAF (Ret)** is one of the very few pilots to have flown the two greatest spy planes ever built; the U-2, designed for the CIA, and the SR-71 stealthy Blackbird, the fastest plane in the world that flies faster than a speeding bullet and goes to an altitude of 85,000 feet. He's one of six pilots still living who flew reconnaissance missions in the U-2 over Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Later, at the White House, JFK said to Brown, "Major Brown, you take damn good pictures." Do you think drones will replace pilots? You believe these planes are in moth balls? Ask Brown. He'll have an answer. And what do you think it would be like to be flying the Blackbird when the boom of the refueling tanker hits your aircraft and you have to eject from the plane – and you break both legs during the ejection. Brown flew 6,000 hours in the Blackbird, but calls the U-2, "The greatest jet ever built" even though it was the most difficult plane to fly! Make your reservations now. Don't miss this one.

**JULY 15 - Colleen Black**, one of the first young ladies to obtain employment in the city behind the fence and whose account of her activities is the subject in the new book, "The Girls of Atomic City, The Untold Story of the Women who helped win World War II" will talk about her experiences in the "secret city." Let Colleen take you back in time.

**SEPTEMBER 16** – We'll be back in the air when **Becky Huckaby, Vice President of Public Relations for the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority, McGhee Tyson**, shares some history and much more about the 77 year old airport that used to be serviced by a mail plane and one plane a week. She'll talk about the recently introduced Aviation Academy that offers a backstage look at the airport operation and plans for tomorrow. What's it really like to run an airport that caters to Military aircraft, a flight school, private aircraft, commercial aircraft and a charter air service? Just ask the affable and vibrant Becky. This is a must. Put it on your calendar. It will be our last meeting in 2014.

**NO SHOWS** - As mentioned in prior newsletters, bills will be sent to those who make luncheon/meeting reservations but do not attend and do not notify Marilyn Wing, Eileen Handler or Mary Sue Harris of their absence no later than Saturday before the meeting.

**UNFORTUNATELY** - Our participation in the Oak Ridge June Fest has been cancelled for lack of member participation. We had 5 people ready to work, but for an 8 or 9 hour day, we'd need more than that for two shifts. Maybe next year. Thanks to Marilyn who bought a tent, Caryl Milton who donated money to pay for promotional gifts for distribution, Clarence and Lynn Juneau who volunteered to set-up and take down the tent, Bill Pryor and Doris Keeling who volunteered to work until they dropped!

**ALL'S NOT ALL WELL-** NARFE applauded news that President Obama has abandoned a plan to use the Chained CPI to calculate cost-of-living adjustments. However, it remains on the table for consideration in budget negotiations. Write or call your representatives in Washington or their local staffs. Tell them, "Our nation's seniors, veterans and federal retirees should never be pawns in the budget." The quote is from NARFE National President, Joseph A. Beaudoin.