



Nashville Chapter 227 Newsletter (AUGUST) 2021 *National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association*

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NARFE's mission has remained the same since 1921, to protect and improve the benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. (Online Zoom Session)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mike Mellish, President, called our August meeting to order. Fourteen members participated. Brad Hoot led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. For the devotional, the group observed a moment of silence.

The guest speakers for our August meeting were Wendy Sturges and Lacy Klasel, Editor and Publisher, respectively, of the Franklin Brentwood Edition of Community Impact (CI) Newspaper. Wendy's walk-through of their annual Senior Living guide provided attendees with a more thorough knowledge of both the availability and options for senior living services and residences in Williamson County. Lacy provided us with some company history, a rundown of the various communities currently served by CI, and detailed information about the Franklin Brentwood edition of CI Newspaper. As Lacy pointed out, the monthly newspaper along with continuous news updates are available totally free of charge at the [CI website](#).

Our next meeting will focus on chapter business and will not feature a guest speaker. In addition to the usual reports from our officers, other issues to be discussed at our September meeting include: recognizing our newly accredited Distinguished Members; firming up the monthly meeting schedule for the rest of 2021; establishing a nominating committee for chapter officer positions for 2022; and any other topics members may want to bring up for discussion.

Members can join our September 8 meeting at 10:30 a.m. by computer or phone. We encourage everyone to "Zoom In" and participate -- all from the comfort of your own home.

Online meeting participation via computer:

Below is the unique link for our September meeting. Depending on how you sign in, you may

be asked to enter the unique meeting ID and passcode.

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID: xxx xxx xxx

Passcode: xxxxxx

Call-in meeting participation via conventional phone call:

- 1) Dial the following phone number: 312-626-6799
- 2) Enter the unique meeting ID for our meeting followed by a hashtag: xxx xxx xxx#
- 3) When asked for Participant ID simply type in a hashtag: #
- 4) Enter the unique password for today's meeting: xxxxxx

While in a Zoom meeting, enter *6 on your phone's keypad to mute or unmute your conversation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pat Hagerty, Treasurer, reported that we have \$2,710 in our checking account. Pat sent Mike Mellish a check for \$31 to reimburse him for the costs of printing and mailing the June and July newsletters. The chapter received \$97 in dues rebates from NARFE Headquarters in July.

Carey Frazier, who is still recuperating from a bout of pneumonia, encouraged everyone who hasn't done so to get vaccinated for protection from pneumonia. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) call attention to two vaccines, PCV13 and PPSV23, that are safe and effective but cannot be given together. The CDC recommends that all adults 65 or older get the PPSV23 vaccine. Those who have certain medical conditions or who want to receive the PCV13 or both vaccines should talk to their doctor to determine if/when it is

appropriate. For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/pneumonia/prevention.html>. Raymond Schmidt and other meeting attendees added that everyone should also consider getting the shingles vaccine and an annual flu shot.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Chapter 227 is happy to recognize and honor nine new Distinguished Members, who were recently certified as such by staff at NARFE headquarters. Our newest members to this club are: Leo Baghdoian, Clarence Bennett, Phyllis Branan, James Childress, Edward Clark, William Hayes, Brad Hoot, Carl Hopper, and Raymond Schmidt. They join twenty of our other chapter members who were previously certified as Distinguished Members of NARFE in October 2017. A Distinguished Member is an individual who has been a dues-paying member for twenty or more years. Our newest inductees were awarded a Distinguished Membership certificate, card, and pin, which were mailed to them during the week of August 23. Their certificates contain the signatures of both National President Kenneth J. Thomas and National Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn E. Hensley.

We appreciate and thank them for their long-term commitment in fighting for both the maintenance and improvement of our federal employee and retirement benefits, and hope that they will be with us for many years to come.

One last note, given that the information contained in the NARFE database is not error free, we are

concerned that we may have missed recognizing some of our members who have been with NARFE for more than twenty years. Please let either Mike Mellish or one of our other Chapter 227 officers know if you feel you may have been overlooked.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report the passing of two long-time chapter members: Alma Moore Smith and Jacque Marie McBride.

Alma was our longest serving member, having joined NARFE in December 1977. She passed away on May 25, 2021 at the age of 99. Following 15 years of employment with the State of TN Health Department, she worked an additional 21 years in the Appellate Division at the Internal Revenue Service, retiring from federal service in 1976. From the many [photos](#) posted online by Alma's extended family, it looks like she enjoyed a full and wonderful life.

Jacque, who joined NARFE in June 2000, passed away on August 20, 2021 at the age of 76. In addition to her years of military service that spanned the years 1967-2005, Jacque worked for Federal Probation and Parole for the Middle District of Tennessee from 1979-1999. She retired from military service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In retirement, she became a social justice advocate giving her time to programs that included Backfield in Motion and the Just Faith Group. Jacque's family shared many nice photos of her truly exceptional life in an online [tribute video](#).