



NARFE Chapter 870 Newsletter

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A message from the Chapter President

Greetings to our some 193 chapter members including, especially, our over 30 new members. Our chapter is truly honored to have so many new members and I extend a cordial and sincere welcome to each of you.

It's really exciting to be a part of such a fast growing and active chapter. We have many opportunities for involvement and all members are urged to attend chapter meeting and to participate in as many other activities as possible.

Our upcoming annual chapter dinner is an event most members can attend. Those attending will share fun, food and fellowship with members, friends and, hopefully, many potential new NARFE members.

Arrangements are being made for some great food and entertainment. We are planning to invite a number of special guests and speakers.

In closing, let me extend KUDOS to –

Toni Andersen, Charles Gardner, Milton and Robbie Miracle and JC and Lora Whitney for representing our chapter at the recent NARFE state convention in Knoxville.

JC Whitney for his outstanding membership recruiting success and recently being recognized as the top quarterly recruiter in Tennessee.

Lora Whitney, Priscilla Sommars and Ronni Reid, our outstanding newsletter editorial staff.

Milton Miracle for many years of chapter leadership and service who currently is our Legislative Officer

All members for realizing their NARFE membership is an investment in their future financial security.

Let the Good Times Roll At Our Annual Dinner

Chapter 870 will hold its Annual Dinner at Hilldale Church of Christ, 501 Highway 76 (between Walmart & Exit 11), Clarksville, on August 16, 2007. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. The menu will include Barbeque Pork, Chicken and all the fixins. Cost of the dinner is \$8.00. Reservations must be received NLT August 10, 2007. Checks should be made out to NARFE Chapter 870 and can be mailed to our treasurer, Gracie Miller, 1219 Dotsonville Rd, Clarksville, TN 37042. You may also pay for the dinner at our June or July meetings.

Welcome To Our New Members

Jeanette Anderson	Jean Anglea
Wanda Barnhill	James R. Bell
Denny Boguskie	Louis Boyd
Shirley Kay Calvert	Janice Deloach
Lois N. Garton	Leonia A. Hairston
Marie Heath	Bernice Hirsch
Betty J. Jones	James D. Long
Lorraine H. Mars	James P. McDonald
Doris D. McGilloway	John Messamore
Connie S. Meyers	Chandra B. Owens
Herb Paugh	Brenda F. Russom
John Sack	Douglas E. Shelton
Mary Louise Snider	Ida L. Suiter
Kalepo Tilo	Sandra B. Watson
Murray Dale Watts	Ruth Wright

TN Federation Convention

The Tennessee Federation Convention was held in Knoxville on April 16-17, 2007. Delegates from Chapter 870 were Joe Couch, Toni Andersen, Charles Gardner, JC and Lora Whitney, Milton and Robbie Miracle.

Federation President John Hicks called the delegates to order at 9:00 AM on April 17. Speakers included NARFE National President, Margaret L. Baptiste and Mr. David B. Leaverton, field director and representative for Senator Bob Corker. Ms. Baptiste discussed the future of NARFE and moving NARFE into the 21st Century. Ms Baptiste announced that as of February 28, 2007, NARFE has raised more than \$6 million for Alzheimer's research.

After the Federation officers gave their reports, delegates voted on one resolution which was to continue having the convention every year.

The 2008 convention will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park in April. The 2008 National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY, in September 2008.

Top Federation Membership Recruiter



Our membership would like to congratulate our own, JC Whitney, who was named the Top Federation Recruiter for the 1st quarter of this year. We are very proud of JC and appreciate his efforts to help Chapter 870 grow.

What is NARFE?

NARFE is an association of nearly 350,000 federal workers and retirees united to preserve the economic security and well-being of federal employees in retirement.

NARFE sponsors and supports legislation to protect the earned retirement benefits and the general welfare of members.

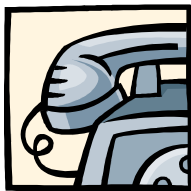
NARFE operates nationwide service centers staffed by volunteers who provide assistance to federal employees, annuitants, and survivors.

Membership Report

Our Chapter's membership stands at 193; 190 voting members and 3 National Only Members. Recruiting members is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility. More members give us a better voice in Congress. Any civilian employed by or retired from any federal agency is eligible to join NARFE.

If you know anyone who is retired, getting ready to retire, or is still working and would like to join NARFE, please provide JC Whitney, 931-358-4855, the name and phone number of these potential members. JC will phone them as well as mail a packet that includes a "Thanks for your Interest in NARFE" letter; a copy of our NARFE Magazine; a Membership Application; a copy of our most recent newsletter, and some information on dues withholding.

Also, if you know anyone who has recently joined NARFE (through their own means), please provide JC their name and when they sent in their application. He can contact NARFE Headquarters to ensure that the application was received and they are assigned to the correct chapter.



Telephone Committee Needs Volunteers

Each month our Telephone Committee calls Chapter 870 members to remind them of our meeting time and speakers. This committee is also used to pass on other pertinent information. If you have not been receiving a reminder call or would prefer not to receive a reminder call, please contact Toni Andersen, 931-920-5549.

Also, we need volunteers to make the calls. Each volunteer normally has about 7 or 8 members to call. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Toni.

Have Breakfast with our Senators

Planning a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit our nation's capital? Senators Alexander and Corker invite you to have breakfast with them. The Senators host an informal breakfast for Tennessee residents every Tuesday morning when Congress is in session. To make reservations you may call (202) 224-3344.



NARFE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this quarter is on Milton (Milt) M. Miracle. Milt has been a member of NARFE since 1983 and has enthusiastically supported our Chapter. He served as Chapter President 2003-2006 and 1999-2001. In 1992 and 2006 the Tennessee Federation Convention was held in Clarksville and Milt was the driving force behind both conventions.

Milt has also been a vital member of the Tennessee Federation. He served as the Area 6 Representative for 5 years, District 7N Legislative Officer for 3 years and as 3d Vice President for 2 years. He has attended the Federation Convention every year since 1991 as a Chapter 870 delegate and served on various committees.

Milt was born in Central Kentucky, attended school and graduated from Crab Orchard High School. He is proud of his perfect attendance record for all 12 years of school. After serving in the Philippines during World War II and a tour in Germany, he settled in Clarksville in 1950. He worked for the Ft Campbell Signal Communications until his retirement in 1981.

Milt has been married to Robbie, who is also a NARFE member, for 59 years. They will celebrate their 60th anniversary on December 22. They have two sons, Ronald and Timothy, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Scheduled Meetings and Guest Speakers

June 14 – Speaker: Sheryl Lowell, Wings of Liberty Museum Historical Foundation

July 12 – Speaker: John O'Brian, Division Historian, 101st Airborne Division

August 16—Annual dinner –join us at the annual dinner and you'll be delighted with our "Surprise Guests".

Members We Will Miss

Mrs. Ollie Hilderbrand passed away on February 20, 2007.

Max Kikendall passed away April 12, 2007.

We extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

Legislative Update.....

On March 6 Senate Bill S.773, Premium Conversion, was introduced to allow federal and military retirees to pay their health insurance premiums with pre-tax annuities. If passed, it will save retirees approximately \$450 annually. Active federal civilian employees, including Congress and the Senate, already have this in effect. The House version of this bill is H.R. 1110.

Bills H.R. 82 and S206, Repeal the Government Pension Offset & Windfall Elimination Provision, which would repeal the Social Security off-set, would benefit many retired public workers.

These four bills should be of major concern for federal retirees. We should contact our Senators and Representatives to encourage them to vote in favor of these bills.

How to Contact our Representatives and Senators

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Honorable Bob Corker
3322 West End Ave, Suite 610
Nashville, TN 37202
Phone: (615) 279-8125
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Honorable Marsha Blackburn
1850 Memorial Dr
Clarksville, TN 37043
931-53-0391

Honorable John Tanner
Room B-7, Federal Building
Jackson, TN 38301
Phone: 931-503-1777 (Local)

Congratulations to our Members

Best wishes to our members who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions during June, July and August. Please come to our meetings and let us know about your special occasions so that we can congratulate you in person.

Know the Difference: Alzheimer's vs Memory Changes

The following chart was found at the Alzheimer's web site. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, you may contact the Alzheimer's Association for information, referral and support at 800-272-3900 or e-mail info@alz.org

Difference Between Alzheimer's and Normal Age-related Memory Changes	
Alzheimer's disease symptoms	Normal age-related memory changes
Forgets entire experiences	Forgets part of an experience
Rarely remembers later	Often remembers later
Is gradually unable to follow written/spoken directions	Is usually able to follow written/spoken directions
Is gradually unable to use notes as reminders	Is usually able to use notes as reminders
Is gradually unable to care for self	Is usually able to care for self

What You Can Do For NARFE

Our theme for this quarter's newsletter is membership. Here are the 5 top reasons to encourage your family and friends, who qualify, to join NARFE --

1. Let Congress hear you! NARFE is your special interest group. NARFE's power and reputation enable us to influence legislative decisions that affect your life.
2. Learn about changes. Your federal retirement, life insurance, health benefits and other benefits can change from time to time and NARFE keeps you abreast of those changes.
3. Get valuable information. NARFE'S monthly magazine contains information affecting retired and current employees.
4. Get membership discounts – valuable savings on auto, long-term care, dental and supplemental insurance plans, car rentals, moving services, hotels, etc.
5. Qualify for scholarships. NARFE sponsors 60 scholarships a year.

The editorial staff for this newsletter is Lora Whitney (931-358-4855), Ronni Reid (931-648-4393), and Priscilla Sommars (931-645-3936). Please contact us with your suggestions and opinions.

Chapter 870 gratefully acknowledges the following businesses who are generously supporting our Newsletter. If you know of any businesses who would like to be included in our Newsletter, please have them call Priscilla, Ronni or Lora .



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