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238-8041

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238-1455

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762-5249

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223-1550

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761-5857

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238-4148

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SUMMER VACATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Happy*

birthday to Don Bielefeld, June Buckles, Willadean Kamm, Clarence Lehner, Becky Rittenhouse and Marie Sawyer. Have many, many more happy birthdays!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: *Happy anniversary*

Don and Marilynn

Bielefeld and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee.

TREASURER: WALLY MITCHELL

Balance Beginning 1 May 2018	\$1,652.97
Receipts	354.80
Disbursements	253.00
Balance Ending 31 May 2018	\$1,754.77

SECRETARY: LANNIE PENDER

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) convened 11:30 a.m., May 10, 2018; President Mary Reed called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Dan Rickman gave the invocation and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Reed extended best wishes to all those with May Birthdays and Anniversaries. She also introduced Mari Potter who will be a reinstated member.

President Reed asked for a motion to approve the minutes, motion made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Dan Rickman, motion passed. She then asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, motion made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Diana Dowling.

President Reed spoke about the State Convention/meeting. She stated that Cindy Blythe, our current state president is running for the District V Chair currently occupied by Carol Ek. Judy Grossnickle from the Manhattan chapter will be our District III Vice President, currently occupied by John Ourada from the Salina Chapter. John will be the new state president. We will also be voting on National By-Laws changes, do NOT

vote for all or reject all; each change must be voted on separately. Ballots must be mailed no later than June 23 to ensure they reach National for counting.

In June the Manhattan Chapter is hosting a Alzheimer's march. Everyone is urged to attend and if you cannot march, perhaps you can donate to the march.

The program was to be a speaker from the American Legion Rider speaking on the Run for The Wall. The speaker was unable to attend. The upcoming NARFE vote for national officers was discussed. The voting either by paper ballot or online was discussed. Complete information is presented in the May and June NARFE magazine. Also there is information NARFE online home page.

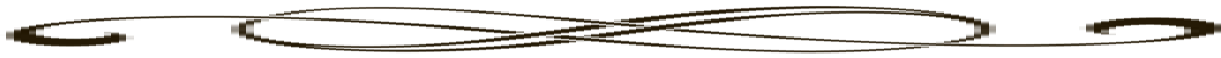
An issue of importance for the Chapter was brought up. Due to the lower attendance for the Chapter meetings, there is no need to pay for both rooms for the meetings. We now have to pay \$80.00 (\$40.00 each) rent for both rooms, but, we can all fit in one room and only \$40.00 per meeting. Madelyn Brown and Dan Rickman are both on the board of the Senior Center, they will check on negotiating the current contract. We will find out next month if this happens. Another cost savings was brought to our attention; since Mary Reed has been President she has furnished the napkins and candy, thank you Mary.

Next month we are requested to bring non-perishable items for the Food Pantry who is in dire need of items.

Sunshine Report: Vonnie Bryant sent a get well card to Karen Brough, who had knee surgery.

Legislative Report: Jim Dodd printed out the latest Hotline Message and copies were on the table. One thing Congress is still considering is major changes to the Civil Service retirement system, it is important to stay abreast of this situation and contact our Congressman.

There were 48 reservations for the meeting and 38 in attendance. We collected \$40.00 for Alzheimer's. Door prize winners were Jim Walker, Marie Sawyer, Kathy Triplett and T.J. Appodacca; the 50/50 was won by Diana Dowling and she donated it back to the Chapter, thank you Diana.



2018 NARFE ELECTIONS Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the voting process secure and fair?

NARFE has contracted with Election Services Co., a leader in conducting elections via print and online, to provide a secure, impartial election. Since 1989, Election Services Co. has successfully administered over 6,900 elections for a wide range of organizations. No one at NARFE will have access to the ballots or participate in the tallying.

2. What does the ballot look like?

The ballot is designed as a postcard. Simply complete the ballot, tear/detach the ballot, affix a stamp and drop it in the mail. It's that easy!

3. I lost/misplaced my ballot. What should I do?

Call Election Services Co. at 1-866-720-4357 on Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern Time. They will be able to assist you with voting. Please do not contact Election Services Co. prior to May 10, when NARFE voting begins.

4. I have an issue with the elections process and would like to voice my opinion!

Barb Sido, Executive Director, will handle questions via email at execdir@NARFE.org - It is very difficult to reach her by phone.

5. When will the election results be announced? How will they be announced?

Election results will be announced by July 6, 2018, via a posting on www.NARFE.org and a series of email messages to the candidates, the NEB, the federation presidents and then all members with an email address on record.

6. Is there a forum where members can discuss the bylaws resolutions, or the candidates?

Members are encouraged to engage in respectful dialogue on the NARFE blog. Visit www.NARFE.org and log in to the members-only section to post. Please review the updated blog policy. Keep in mind that blog posts are moderated and will not appear immediately. If your post does not appear within 48 hours, please contact Precious Dorch-Robinson at probinson@NARFE.org.

7. I need more information about the Bylaws and Resolutions on the ballot. I am not computer literate and cannot go online. How can I get this information?

Members are encouraged to download the 184-page book from www.NARFE.org/2018Balloting. A link to an online order form is available on that page of the website.

Print copies of the Bylaws and Resolutions book are available by contacting Precious Dorch-Robinson at 703-838-7760, ext. 270.

No more than five (5) copies will be mailed to a single address. If a member would like to order copies for their chapter, they will need to ask chapter members to order individually

8. Will there be a forum for candidates to share their views?

These forums require a great deal of resources and staff time and NARFE will not be hosting them this year. Please refer to the March issue of NARFE magazine to read candidate statements. These statements also are available at www.NARFE.org/2018Balloting. Candidates are not prohibited from hosting their own video forums, but those are the sole responsibility of the candidates.

9. Am I eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a member on March 15, 2018, and remains a member in good standing through May 10, 2018, is eligible to vote. Any member who cancels or is dropped for nonpayment of dues after March 15, 2018, will not be eligible to vote.

If someone believes they should have received a ballot, but did not, contact Sandra Lawing at (703) 838-7760, ext. 341 or slawing@NARFE.org.

10. When does voting open?

Online voting opens on May 10, 2018. On that date, an email blast will be sent to all members who have a current email address on file from Election Services Co. Reminder emails will be sent on May 24, June 7 and June 27.

11. When does voting close?

Online voting closes at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Please do not wait until the last minute to vote! Election Services Co. offers voting assistance only on Monday-Friday during business hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern Time. Call them at 1-866-720-4357.

All paper ballots must be received at Election Services Co. by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Please mail your paper ballot 7 days in advance to ensure time for delivery. You will need to detach the ballot along the dotted line and affix a stamp to the ballot.

12. I did not receive an email to let me know about online voting.

Current members who have an email address on file with NARFE will receive an email blast from Election Services Co. with voting instructions on May 10, 2018. If you did not get the email, please check your spam and/or junk folder. If you overlooked this email, a total of three emails from Election Services Co. will be sent prior to the close of voting on June 30, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Please note, the election email blast will be sent to the email on file as of March 15, 2018. If you recently changed your email address, it is not possible to update your email at this time. NARFE and Election Services Co. are not able to determine whether your email bounced or otherwise did not reach your email inbox and cannot send a duplicate email.

The email blast will contain a brief message as well as your NARFE member ID and your unique voting PIN. These are necessary to log in to the secure voting website with Election Services Co. All of the instructions and materials needed to vote will be available on the voting website at <https://www.esc-vote.com/NARFE2018>.

13. I did not receive my NARFE magazine!

The June issue of NARFE magazine was mailed on May 8, 2018. All magazines should arrive by May 22.

14. I did not receive a NARFE magazine OR an email to let me know about online voting.

If you believe that you should have received a ballot but did not, please contact Election Services Co. at 1-866-720-4357 on Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern Time. They will be able to assist you with voting.

15. What about situations in which two NARFE members live in the same household, but opt to only receive one copy of NARFE magazine?

The June issue of NARFE magazine will be mailed to all NARFE members in good standing as of March 15, 2018. NARFE believes that it is in the association's best interest to send a magazine to all members so that they have a print copy of the ballot, regardless of a previously stated preference to receive only one magazine per household. For all subsequent issues, NARFE will continue to honor the preferences of members who have opted out of receiving a magazine, as in the past.

16. What about situations in which two NARFE members (i.e., a husband and wife) share an email address? How will they be able to vote individually?

If the member and spouse each have their own member number, then they will each get an email with their unique voting PIN. A salutation with their name will be included so they know which email belongs to which voter.

Both spouses also will receive individual copies of the June issue of NARFE magazine, with a ballot inserted that has their respective member numbers.

Following the June issue, NARFE will continue to honor any previously stated request to receive one magazine per household.

17. How do I vote online? I am having trouble with online voting, can you help?

If you need assistance with online voting, please contact Election Services Co. at 1-866-720-4357 or email NARFEhelp@electionservicescorp.com. They are available to answer your questions during business hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday.

You may also go to <https://www.esc-vote.com/NARFE2018>. Once you reach that website, please log in with your membership ID number and your unique voting PIN and follow the online voting instructions.

18. How do I vote by mail?

Please carefully review the entire voting instructions before completing your ballot. The voting instructions contain references on where to locate background information related to the ballot. Complete the ballot with dark black or blue ink and make a checkmark or [X] or darken the box to indicate your selection. Ballots will be scanned by Election Services Co., so please mark ballots carefully. Do not put your name or any personal information on the ballot, as this will invalidate the ballot. Please detach the ballot from the magazine along the perforated dotted line. Place a stamp on the reverse side.

19. What prevents a member from voting both online and by mail?

A member will need their unique voting PIN and NARFE member ID to vote in print or online. Once these matched numbers are recorded via a print or online vote, they cannot be used again.

20. What if a member does not complete the entire ballot? Would that ballot be disqualified? Or would the votes completed be counted?

Whatever votes are completed on the ballot will be counted, provided that the ballot is not otherwise invalid (i.e., a name has been written on the ballot or it is damaged/defaced).

21. What happens if a member marks their ballot in error?

Election Services Co. will look for the section the member should vote in and disregard anything else. For example, if an erroneous vote is made in a Regional Vice President election, this will be disregarded.

With regard to the bylaws and resolutions, if box on the first line for "ADOPT ALL" or "REJECT ALL" is checked, this will be recorded. Then, if individual bylaws and resolutions items also are checked, this will be disregarded.

22. I realized that I checked the wrong box on the ballot and messed up. Can I get another ballot?

Please see the prior question with regard to marking a ballot in error.

If you have not voted via print, you may complete the ballot online: <https://www.esvote.com/NARFE2018>. Once you reach that website, please log in with your membership ID number and your unique voting PIN and follow the online voting instructions.

Call Election Services Co. at 1-866-720-4357 on Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern Time. They will be able to assist you with voting.

23. If a second ballot with preferential voting is distributed and a member votes for only one (1) candidate, rather than entering 1, 2, 3, 4 to indicate their preference, will that vote be counted?

Yes, this vote will be counted. However, there's no advantage to not filling out all preferences; all it does is to only vote for one and negate other choices for that voter.

24. The ballot print is too small! I cannot read it!!!

Call Election Services Co. at 1-866-720-4357 on Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern Time. They will be able to assist you with voting.

Prior to calling Election Services Co., please carefully review the entire voting instructions. The voting instructions contain references on where to locate background information related to the ballot.

25. I have low vision. How will NARFE make the ballot accessible to me?

Please go to the voting website at <https://www.esvote.com/NARFE2018>. Election Services Co. designs its voting websites to be compliant with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 508 as well as conforming to W3C standards.

Election Services Co. utilizes XHTML, screen reader friendly text, and navigation techniques to ensure this conformity. They regularly use commercial software, such as Firefox's 508 Validation checker and Freedom Scientific's Jaws, and has in the past worked with the National Federation of the Blind as a resource. The voting website is intentionally kept simple to expedite the voting process, which further ensures that voters with disabilities have the best experience possible.

26. I am blind and cannot read print. How will NARFE make the ballot accessible to me?

NARFE magazine can be heard on the telephone for persons who have trouble seeing or reading the print edition. For more about hearing the magazine by telephone, contact the National Federation of the Blind NFB-NEWSLINE service at 866-504-7300 or go to www.nfbnewsline.org.

Issues of NARFE magazine also are available in audio format through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). For availability, call 202-727-2142 or your local NLS provider.