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PUTNAM COUNTY—COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE**
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Chapter 1956 Newsletter

July 2018

Monthly Notes

We are now in the hot season of the year, we are cautioned not to get overheated and to drink plenty of water, if we are out in the sun much. This is also the time that many travel and the roads are busy, so be careful in that area as well.

Looking back, the voting time has taken place for the NARFE officers and ballot questions. DID YOU VOTE? It is still early as I type this, I fully expect there to be a run off election for National President. The voting results are said to be available on the NARFE website the week of July 9th. That is after I normally send out these newsletters. I will delay this issue so that I can get that information in another section of this issue.

Looking forward, our next chapter meeting is not till August. I hope to see many of you then. I will have updates to share with you then.

Next Meeting

We are looking forward to having our next meeting on August 21st. Hope to see you all there. We will have many items to go over and discuss. Call other members and encourage them to join you at this meeting.

History of the Federal Government

There is an interesting article in the July NARFE magazine on History@fedgov. It is a good write up about the website Society for History in the Federal Government. You may want to check it out.

Federation Newsletter

If not already, you should soon receive the Tennessee NARFE Federation Newsletter in your mail box. It is now published 3 times per year. The July edition will have news of the recent convention, a list of current officers with their contact information, officer articles and some financial reports. Most people get this my postal mail, but you can opt to get it sent my email if you choose.

There is a reference to a very useful guide that NARFE makes available to members. It is called 'Be Prepared for Life's Events'. Your needed information can be written or type in for a future need.

Meeting Location: Shoney's Restaurant
880 S Jefferson Ave., Cookeville TN
6:00pm to eat, 6:45pm for the business meeting

A Member We Will Miss

We have lost a long time member, Joan Oswalt passed away suddenly on June 23rd. She follows her husband Handley (Ozzie) who died a few years ago in January 2015. Both were faithful to attend our meetings and were active in our chapter. Services were held on June 28 at the First United Methodist Church of Cookeville. She leaves behind 3 children and 9 grandchildren. She had a good life and was age 84.



NARFE Webinars

Below are the upcoming webinars offered by NARFE You are encourage to watch these each month. The dates shown is when they are presented LIVE but they are recorded and can be watched later. To watch live, register before hand and go online by 1 p.m. Central Time on the date shown

You can also go back and watch the past webinars held by the Federal Benefits Institute section on the NARFE website. Upcoming webinars include:

Survivor Benefits: Ensure Your Peace of Mind, July 26.

Retirement Forms: The Devil's in the Details, September 13.

FEHB & Medicare: Understanding Your Choices, October 11.

Health Plans: What's New and How to Choose. November 8.

The December topic has not be released as of yet but I am they have an interesting one planned to that month. Stay turned as they say.

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

NARFE 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

I have the finale results of the recent election for all to see. This will also be published on the NARFE website.

For the office of National President:

Jon Dowie	2,583 votes	19.55%
Steve Lenkart	3,777 votes	28.58%
Ken Thomas	4,979 votes	37.68%
Theodore Van Hintum	1,875 votes	14.19%

For the office of Secretary/Treasurer:

Kathryn Hensley	7,457 votes	56.31%
Richard Thissen	5,786 votes	43.69%

For the office of Region 10 Vice President:

William Shackelford	1,424 votes	70.29%
Charles Talley	602 votes	29.71%

Now the Ballet Questions:

Articles of Incorporation:

YES	11,460 votes	89.06%
NO	1,408 votes	10.94%

National Secretary/Treasurer Salary:

YES	10,718 votes	82.94%
NO	2,204 votes	17.06%

Bylaws and Resolutions On The Ballot:

There were 12 of these that the committees recommended for Adoption and rather than bore you with the numbers, they all passed with more than the required 2/3rd majority. Included was the question on Preferential Voting.

There were 13 others of these that the committees recommended for Rejection, and on these, none of them received the required number of votes to pass and all were rejected.

If you wish to know what any of these Bylaws and Resolutions were about, I will be glad to help you with that. Or if you want to know the actual vote count and do not find it online, let me know. I am not sure if details will be published in the magazine or not.

There were 202,553 ballots sent out, 9,614 members voted by internet, 4,106 voted by mail. The percent of members casting a ballot was 6.77%.

Since none of the 4 candidates for President received at least 50% of the vote, there will be second ballot for them. That ballot will be published in the September 2018 issue of the NARFE magazine and it will be the Preferential vote. So you will need to vote your preference in order. Candidate have a few days to decide if they want to be included in the second ballot.

So this is the latest information that I have on this first time member vote.

Members Take Note

I continue to see that some of our chapter members are being transferred out of our chapter to the National Division. I know that the renewal letters that come in the mail are confusing and some are doing this inadvertently. But it is a big concern. Look carefully and select the option to remain as a chapter member.

Consumer Price Index Watch

In this section of the newsletter, I will be posting the monthly adjustments for the year relating to the CPI-W so that you can see the changes month by month.

- October 2017 **Decrease of 0.15%**
- November 2017 **Increase of 0.04%**
- December 2017 **Decrease of 0.06%**
- January 2018 **Increase of 0.58%**
- February 2018 **Increase of 0.44%**
- March 2018 **Increase of 0.20%**
- April 2018 **Increase of 0.47%**
- May 2018 **Increase of 0.48%**

There are still 4 months to go in the reporting year which determines a possible COLA next January.

Legislative News

NARFE has expressed concerns on the government reorganization plan announced by the White House. The NARFE President will attend a hearing on the plan and he has sent a letter to the committee members sharing NARFE views and concerns. This will be a hot topic to follow.

If you don't already receive the NARFE Legislative Hotline email messages, you can sign up to get them, or you can call 1-800-456-8410 option 4 to hear them.

To send an email to your member of Congress, use the Legislative Action Center section of the NARFE website to do that. To call either of your U S Senators or your U S Representative, call 1-866-220-0044. That is the congressional telephone switchboard which will prompt you in finding the office you want to talk to.

Keep Us Informed About Member Concerns

We know that we miss a lot of notices of members with health issues, family deaths, and even deaths of the member themselves. We would appreciate you letting us know if you yourself is going through something like this or know of someone else.

Hope Everyone Had a Good Forth of July

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