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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is the only association dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the benefits of America's active and retired federal employees, and their survivors.

**EVENT: CHARLES R. PATTON CHAPTER 156 JUNE MEETING
WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009
WHERE: EAST ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
TIME: 8:45AM**

JUNE PROGRAM

Travel Trends, Temptations and Tribulations

Our featured speaker will be Helen Preston, owner of Get Outta Town Travel Agency, who will inform us about what's going on in the world of travel, and how to get the good deals and avoid the bad ones. Helen was Director of Sales for Leisure Travel for Fugazy Travel before starting her own agency five years ago, and now books more than \$1 million per year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We have just celebrated in our own way our Memorial Day Holiday, marked the Indianapolis 500 Race, and in some cases family gatherings around good food and fellowship, short trips to see relatives or friends, and visits to cemeteries in remembrance of deceased family members and friends.

More importantly, Memorial Day highlights one important reason we still live in this great nation "The United States of America". We remember and lift in high honor those men and women that served our country in time of war and died in that service protecting the freedoms we so much enjoy today and that we pray that those coming after us will enjoy. Our freedoms are something we cannot take for granted. Sandy and I have a grandson who will be deployed to Iraq in a few weeks. We pray for his safety but at the same time we are proud that members of our younger generation still see the importance of freedom for people in our nation and around the world. I'm sure we are not alone in experiencing the emotions associated with seeing a family member enter active duty in our armed forces.

Just as we take time off to remember and honor those who have fallen in defense of our country and celebrate our freedoms, be assured that our leaders of NARFE are dedicated to serving us as active and retired federal employees. And be assured that your support as a member of NARFE is hard at work defending our rights and benefits as promised for our choice of serving in the civilian service of our government. Be sure and read the details in your NARFE magazine that reflects the constant vigilance of our leadership about the many issues that come before the congress that affect our rights and benefits. Although the activities of NARFE do not reach the level of honor and breath of recognition for which we celebrate on Memorial Day, it does represent people working together to achieve a common goal, and that in itself is

one of the great characteristics of the land we call the United States of America.

Hope to see you at our Chapter meeting June 14, 2009.
Theron Rumsey, Chapter President

BENEVOLENCE REPORT THRU APRIL

New chapter members: We welcome the following folks:

Susan Cahoon Marvin Koch
Dean Little Lewis Rogers
Robert Simon

Please join us at our quarterly chapter meetings announced in our newsletter.

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Pauline Rector Jeannette Robinson

We ask any member acquainted with these folks to give them a call and encourage them to reinstate their membership. They are important to us and to NARFE as NARFE is to them.

Members Passed Away:

William Patton

We offer prayers for the families of the deceased. The memories of William will live on within our NARFE community.

COFFEE CLUSTER (EAST)

An informal coffee cluster for NARFE members and potential members has been established for the East Asheville area (Riceville Community) This Eastside NARFE cluster meets the first Thursday of each month; 10:30 AM. The next session will be held on June 1st at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge shopping center. Please come! This is just a time for NARFE members in a local area to gather, chat and stay in touch. Ted Mathis (298-4400).

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

Our Coffee Cluster for the northern area of Asheville will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next cluster will be at Home Folks Café on June 18th at 9:00 am. This is a good time to chat with fellow chapter members or to bring a prospective member and introduce them to fellow retirees. Drop in and stay in touch over a cup of coffee or maybe breakfast. We would be delighted to see you.
Theron Rumsey (828-658-2131).

