



NEWSLETTER

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**OUR JUNE 15, 2007 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK
{Meeting/Program 10:00 AM - Coffee }**

May 18, 2007 Program: Mr. Robert Wilson
"The History and Construction of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC".
During the design and construction of the World War II Memorial, Gilbane Building Company was the Construction Manager for GSA. One of the projects that I supervised during that time was the WWII Memorial. My background includes 23 years with the Civil Engineer Corps, US Navy, 25 years with Gilbane Building Company and 2 1/2 years with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Now retired for the third time and just relocated to Flat Rock NC.

June 15, 2007 Program:
Discussion of summary, prepared by our President, Paul Boudreaux, on his receipt of your responses to his April Questionnaire mailing. Please return your response as quickly as possible.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
Life's events can be unpredictable, but our preparedness for contingencies should not be. Take for example the recent losses to our Chapter membership. We, individually, often ask, "What can we do to help?" There is often a bewildering barrage of bureaucratic documentation that is required when an annuitant or spousal dependent passes away. Sometimes the dependants don't even know that certain documents have to be filed. Human nature often delays attention to these preparations because we don't like to think about such things. NARFE, as an organization, has specific aids prepared to help the survivors negotiate these events. Our Service Officers are the first line of defense in these situations. Bill Hickling and George Butler are always there to help. In addition, NARFE has an excellent free pamphlet "*Be Prepared For Life's Events*," Form F-100, available to anyone who wishes to request it. It is also

available on the NARFE website. It contains all the essential details, phone numbers, addresses and forms any retiree would need to file.

This month we are meeting at the Village of Flat Rock's Village Center Hall. This is partly due to our speaker's need for a state-of-the-art computer projection system and the management of the Golden Corral's recent statement that if 100% of the NARFE attendees at the meeting don't eat lunch there, then the organization would be charged \$100.00 for the use of the room. Since I regarded this as an untenable situation which was never mentioned in our negotiations, I requested that we use the Village Center of Flat Rock's Village Hall at no cost for our next meeting. It has no lunch capability, but we can serve ourselves coffee and refreshments through the use of their kitchen facilities. In the meantime, we can continue to use the Flat Rock facilities until we choose to do otherwise.

I have received some returns on the Questionnaire included in last month's Newsletter. I would urge anyone who has not filled it out to do so and return it in the self addressed envelope as soon as possible. Thus far, I have received better than a 30% response in the returns - not bad. I am in the process of compiling and digesting all the excellent comments I have received. Next month I will give a complete summary of the results while maintaining the anonymity of responses.

Finally, a thought to consider: Charles Kingsley (1819-1875), the English Clergyman, once said, "We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about."

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Senator Dianne **Feinstein** (D-CA), sponsor of S 206 has a total of 26 cosponsors. Representative Howard **Berman** (D-CA), sponsor of H.R. 82, has a total of 297 cosponsors. [(Both of these NARFE supported Bills call for repeal of both the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)] Representative Tom **Davis** (R-VA) sponsor of Premium Conversion legislation, H.R. 1110, now has a total of 159 cosponsors. Senator John **Warner** (R-VA), sponsor of the Senate companion bill, S. 773, now has a total of 26 cosponsors.

"The June issue of NARFE magazine Pages 18-21 ... are devoted to the listing of the 'Unpersuaded' Members of Congress. Readers will easily find their delegations and their cosponsor status."

NARFE chapter #214 President Paul Boudreaux has asked me to write an update on NARFE's newest publication F100,

"Be prepared for Life's Events". F100 replaces Form 75 and is much more comprehensive. Make yourself a Survivors Notebook and include telephone numbers relative to your Federal employment. Form 100 will give you or your executor the necessary information to do the paperwork for reporting deaths of the Federal annuitant, spouses and survivors. These new forms are FREE and hopefully we can get one for everyone. I suggest you also read your NARFE magazine and the NC NARFE Federation publication for more information.

Bill Hickling, Service Officer

Q: What to you call a frightened scuba diver?

A: Chicken of the sea!

"Everybody needs a hug. It changes your metabolism" -- Leo Buscaglia

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FYI: Anyone with change of address/telephone, please call 1-800-456-8410 and let NARFE/Hqs know. Also please inform Lenelle Perry (696-9490).

CALLERS: Please note below changes on your caller lists.

New Members: Nancy George, 55 S. Crab Meadow Dr, H'ville 28739-8475 (698-5568).

Gary M. Annunziata, 227 Willow Place Cir, H'ville 28739-8018 (Phone No. is unpublished)

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE: You may be eligible for an "Honorary Membership" if you are 85 years old, or older, and you have been a NARFE member for at least 20 years. If you fit into this category, please contact Frank Coperich or NARFE Member services at memsrvcs@narfe.org

REMINDER:

Combined
August 18
Picnic @ Lake
Julian.

IN MEMORIAM
James J. Kenny died Sunday,
March 18, 2007
We mourn his passing.

**WANT TO SEE Y' ALL AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK
OFFICIAL VILLAGE HALL, 110 VILLAGE CENTER DR - JUNE 15, 2007**

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