

How to Connect to Virtual Chapter Meetings by Phone

We will continue to have virtual chapter meetings until it is safe for us to resume our in-person meetings at Bullock's. You can call in from any phone and listen to the virtual meetings. No computer, smart phone, internet or wifi necessary. Contact Tom Link at link.thom@gmail.com or 919-383-4586 for the call-in number and access code.

Co-Presidents' Message

Chapter Calendar

NARFE Chapter 566 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month (3rd Tuesday in December) at 11:00 AM normally at Bullock's Barbeque 3330 Quebec Drive Durham, NC
(See Bullock's on Page 2)

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

11:00am

**Virtual Meeting
(See Page 3)**

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Back at Bullock's as soon as we can!



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As we move into the 2nd quarter of 2021 it is with a heavy heart that I am thinking of all our fellow retirees and active employees who are enduring the lack of basic necessities like potable water, adequate plumbing and safe homes after the winter storms in Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama. My sympathy and empathy go out to each and every one of them. If you share these feelings and are pondering how you can help, please consider supporting the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund. Checks can be mailed to NARFE FEEA Fund, 1641 Prince St., Alexandria VA 22314 or see brochure at tinyurl.com/narfefeeabrochure for info on how to donate online.

NARFE disaster funds in the form of cash grants (\$500 maximum per grant per household) are available to all NARFE members in good standing who have been injured, incurred property damage or have other needs during and after a declared natural disaster. Eligible damaged property must be a primary place of residence. Documentation is required to show loss or destruction of property or how the applicant was

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of April 1, 2021

Total Current Chapter Members 153
Total National Members in Area 88
Total Chapter and National Members 241
Dues Withholding 39
Life Members 11
Honorary Members 1
New Members 1
Prospective Members 1

Program Notes



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Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Nancy Mayer
Attorney at Law
Probate

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Michael Honeycutt
Durham Parks & Recreation
Senior Programs

Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Health Consultant
Diabetes

Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Natalie Wood Riche
NC Department of Justice
Scams and Fraud

BULLOCK'S BBQ

We remain in contact with Bullock's. They look forward to having us meet there again when we can all meet face-to-face. They are very supportive of us, and we encourage you to considering supporting them with your business. They are open Tuesday-Saturday from 11:30am until 8:00pm. Call ahead for take-out or to check the operating status of the dining room, (919) 383-3211.

Co-Presidents' Message (continued)

injured as a result of a natural disaster. Grant checks are payable directly to the applicant or to a specific creditor.

History: In 1986, the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) was established to provide emergency grants and loans to federal employees affected by a natural disaster. NARFE's involvement with FEEA began following the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. NARFE chapters, federations and individual members donated \$100,000 to the FEEA's Oklahoma City Fund. NARFE's Oklahoma City donation helped fund full college scholarships for all 200 children who lost a federal employee parent in the bombing of the Murrah Building.

In 1996, NARFE partnered with FEEA to provide emergency disaster assistance to NARFE members who are victims of a declared natural disaster through the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund. The Fund is supported by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and friends of NARFE, and is administered by FEEA. NARFE members have donated some \$375,000 in aid to NARFE members who were affected by Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters. NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997.

Give this some thought and perhaps you can make a donation to this worthy cause.

REGISTER NOW NC FEDERATION MEETING ONLINE MAY 12, 2021

Registration is open for the NC Federation virtual annual meeting on May 12, 2021. Registration is free. You must register to get the link to attend the online meeting and to be eligible for door prizes. Speakers will include NARFE Executive Director Barb Sido, NARFE VP of Policy and Programs (Advocacy and the Federal Benefits Institute) Jessica Klement, and Congressional Representatives. To register and get more information go to

<http://www.tinyurl.com/NCNARFEmeeting>

BY ZOOM!

By Tom Link, Co-President

As many of you know, due to the COVID Pandemic Durham NARFE Chapter 566 has been having its regularly scheduled Monthly Meetings and Programs since March 2020 remotely. We're happy to say that the turnout has been GREAT!

Meeting link opens at 10:30am. Meeting starts at 11:00am. To join via ZOOM go to:

Contact Tom Link at link.thom@gmail.com or 919-383-4586 for the ZOOM Meeting ID and passcode.

Also contact Tom for information on how to connect by phone (voice only, no internet or wi-fi needed).

OR BY PHONE!

By Gail Crowley

Our monthly NARFE meetings have been different for a year now. As a result of "COVID social distancing", we are all missing our usual gatherings at Bullock's and missing chatting over a meal with friends. We have some tech savvy officers who have skillfully arranged "online" meetings that allow for visual and audio connections thru computers or smartphones. Those of us fortunate to have the necessary equipment can fully participate in our meetings. Members who don't have a computer or smartphone can dial in with their telephone to hear the proceedings. **Contact Tom Link at link.thom@gmail.com or 919-383-4586 for information on how to connect by phone (voice only, no internet or wi-fi needed).** Dialing into the meetings isn't the same as our in-person meetings. I have spoken to a few members who have experienced difficulty following the meeting by phone. We hope that we will all be back at Bullock's sooner than later. In the meantime, we welcome members telephoning in for even a portion of the online meetings. There is time for social conversation from 10:30 to 11:00am. The formal meeting begins at 11:00am. We welcome all members participation. We very much want to stay in touch with all chapter members by phone. Call in and also call a NARFE friend!

WATCH PREVIOUS VIRTUAL MEETINGS ONLINE

The North Carolina NARFE Federation has graciously edited and posted our previous Chapter 566 Virtual Monthly Meetings on the Federation Website! So, if you missed a meeting, Legislative Update, or program you wanted to see, they are available anytime you have time to watch. Thanks to Henry Brattlie for making this possible. Here's the link:

<https://ncnarfe.org/chapter-virtual-meetings/>

FEDERAL AND STATE BILLS

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FEDERAL WEP & GPO RELIEF

The Social Security Fairness Act of 2021 (HR-82, introduced by Rep. Rodney Davis, R-IL) would eliminate the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). More info at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/82/actions> The Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act of 2021 (HR-2337, introduced by Rep. Richard Neal, D-MA) would reduce (WEP) for current and future Federal retirees. More info at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2337/actions>

NC BAILEY EXPANSION

NC House Bill 52 (Sponsor Rep. Mike Clampitt, R-Haywood/Jackson/Swain) would make more retired federal employee pensions exempt from NC income tax. Currently under review by the House Finance Committee. More info at <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/h52>

NC House Bill 83 (Sponsor Rep. Diane Wheatley, R-Cumberland) would make more military pensions exempt from NC income tax. This bill cleared the House Finance Committee by unanimous vote and moved on to the next step of the process. More info at <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/h83>

Call or write your US and state reps to show your support. <https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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Meeting Place and Date

11:00 AM – Fourth Tuesday of the month except third Tuesday of December

Bullock's Barbeque
3330 Quebec Drive
Durham, NC 27705
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(Located just off Hillsborough Road near US 15-501)

Visit our websites: www.narfe.org
www.ncnarfe.info



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