NARFE Chapter 80 – August 3, 2019 Minutes – Membership Meeting

Members enjoyed refreshments at 11:00 a.m. The business meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m., President Lorna Howerton led the group with Moment of Silence and Flag salute. The Program commenced with introducing Brenda McKenna, Field Representative for Congresswoman Haaland. She gave members some background of what she does and the remainder of time was dedicated to member questions, mostly about the current NARAFE issues; accurate COLA's, eliminating threats to Federal employee and Retiree benefits, Federal Employee pay increase proposal, and Social Security reform specifically WEP. And, she shared other events Congresswoman was hosting during August. Chapter 80 was pleased to welcome Mark Mickelson, Federation VP for Legislation as a guest to the meeting.

No quorum was met with only 10 members attending. The July minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report: As of period ending July 31, 2019, Balance on Hand = \$15,512.57. (Report is attached)

Officer Reports:

President:

- Introduced members to NARFE's efforts to "rebrand", along with the changes made to the LOGO. See article in August NARFE Magazine Pg 44.

- 2019 Bylaw Referendum, refer to August NARFE Magazine pg. 48-49. Also, available to members is white paper written by Region VII Vice President, Rodney Adelman, discussing issues he has with some of the proposals. Voting begins on-line August 20 and ballot will also be in September issue of NARFE magazine. Voting ends September 30.

<u>VP Legislation</u>: The online Legislative Hotline and NewsWatch publications are being replaced with the *NARFE NewsLine*.

VP Membership

- Chapter 80 has 375 members.

- The annual membership drive begins September 1. Members who recruit new members can receive \$10.00 per recruit and also be entered into drawings. Also, changes have been made to the application form to better highlight Chapter Membership.

Volunteer Hours Report: Total hours for July = 1309 Hrs. (Report is attached)

Old Business:

-- Volunteers are always welcome to participate as committee member or for other activities, e.g. Health Fairs coming up for membership drive.

New Business: --None

Alzheimer's drawing: For the second month, 1st and 2nd place winners were Betty Annis and her daughter! Congrats!

Good of the Order: There was nothing brought up. August Birthdays: Marlene Seaton

Next meeting is September 7, 2019 (Program: TBD)

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lorna Howerton, President