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EVENT: CHARLES R. PATTON CHAPTER 156 SEPTEMBER MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

WHERE: RYANS FAMILY STEAK HOUSE, 1000 BREVARD RD., NEAR BILTMORE MALL

TIME: BREAKFAST AT 8:30 AM, MEETING AT 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

This is a meeting you will not want to miss. The Clifton Stansberry family will present a musical program. Clifton is well known in the Asheville area both as a performer and a back up artist. He is accomplished on many stringed instruments but is particularly gifted on the dobo guitar. He and his family perform as individual artists as well as together when billed as the Clifton Stansberry family. They frequently entertain at "THE FIDDLER PIG" and because of their popularity can be seen performing there as often as their schedule allows. See you at the meeting and bring a friend.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT THRU JULY

New chapter members: We welcome the following new members into our Chapter:

New Member –

Janet Yurecka

Members Transferred from another chapter –

Leona Kirby

Dianne Rose

Reinstated Members –

Myron Forward

Mary Smith

Please join us at our monthly chapter meetings announced in each newsletter.

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Judith Haller

Patricia O'connor

Carl Rodgers

Paul Smith

Hilda Williams

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.

Member transferred out of Chapter:

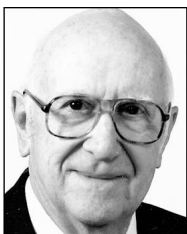
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Member Passed Away:

Charles Patton

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

Charles R. Patton



Asheville - Charles R. Patton, 94, of Ballantree Drive, died Saturday, August 9, 2008, after a brief illness, at Mission Hospital and Asheville Surgery Center.

A native of Franklin, NC, he was the son of the late Robert A. and Mamie Slagle Patton. He was also

preceded in death by three brothers, James D., George E. and Lewis W. Patton; and one sister, Helen F. Patton.

Charlie received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State College in 1935 and took a job with the state highway commission as a surveyor. Later in 1935, he began a 38-year career with the Soil Conservation Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was the first President of the NC chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America in 1951. He was also the district supervisor and chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation of Buncombe County District from 1976-1986 and president of the NC. Association of SWCD in 1983. He initiated and led the implementation Soil and Water '84 Yours For Life and was inducted into the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 2003, at the age of 89, Charlie attained accreditation as a registered Parliamentarian of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Whereas he was one of the principal leaders in the successful struggle to end the unconstitutional taxation by the state of North Carolina of earned federal retirement benefits, Chapter 156 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees resolved in 2004 to be known as the Charles R. Patton Chapter 156 of NARFE.

Charlie's interests were his family, politics and gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years and 11 months, Sarah Gullede Patton; three daughters, Mary P. Shutko and her husband, Fred, of Houston, Anne Patton, of Asheville and Martha Brown and her husband, Erby, of Johnson City, TN.; one son, Charles H. Patton and his wife, Tina, of Memphis, TN.; grandchildren, Allan Reaves, Tina Martin, Candice Burdin and Nicole Shutko; great-grandchildren, Noah, Tatum and Cooper Reaves, Stephen and Kasey Martin and Ava and Colette Burdin. He is also survived by brothers, Mack Patton, of Murphy, NC and Andrew Patton, of McKinney, TX.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, 8/12/08 at Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian, with Dr. Wallace H. Kirby of Central United Methodist Church officiating.

A graveside service was held Thursday, 8/14/08 at Patton United Methodist Church in Franklin, NC.

Memorials may be made to any of the following, Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Meals-On-Wheels, 146 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28802.

A memorial register is available online at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

Charlie's death was a heart-felt loss to his family, his community and to NARFE. To know Charlie was to know a friend, a positive thinking person with a can-do attitude, and a

person who placed a high value on doing the right thing. He was an avid supporter of NARFE and over the years his efforts were felt throughout NC and recognized at the National Level. Charlie, we are grateful that your life's path crossed ours.

Adapted from memorial printed in Citizen-Times, 8/5/08

REMEMBERING CHARLIE PATTON

I was recently cleaning out folders in my file cabinet and discovered a folder from 1998 and 1999 full of communications from the Federal Retiree Tax Equity Task Force, legal documents describing the Class Action and Proposed Settlement of the Bailey, Emory, and Patton lawsuits and letters from Ira Schwarz, Chair of the Task Force, describing the nearly 10-year battle to achieve tax equity for over 250,000 retirees. Charlie Patton was on the Board of Directors of the Task Force and became Director in 1998, when Ira Schwarz, was appointed Director of Settlement Administration by the Court. Almost every envelope and document had Charlie's name on it. Charlie wrote letters and emails, made phone calls, held meetings and twisted arms for more than 10 years to win the battle resulting in a payout of over \$1 billion to retirees. Every year at tax time we should take a moment to remember Charlie's hard work, perseverance and dedication. His devotion saved many of us thousands of dollars.

Frank Quinlan, President, Charles R. Patton Chapter 156

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our National NARFE convention is upon us. This year it is in Louisville, KY on September 7-12. Western North Carolina chapters will be represented by Elaine Hughes, Chapter 156, and Ron Miller, Chapter 1420, who will carry all our WNC delegate votes. Our Federation past president, Paul Carew, is running for Region X field vice-president and our current Region X field vice-president, Joseph Beaudoin, is running for National executive vice-president. We look forward to their successful elections and to their guidance and leadership. There are many issues that are to come before the convention that could serve to move NARFE forward into the 21st Century and improve our waning membership situation. Be attentive to upcoming issues of your NARFE magazine, your Federation Newspaper, and your Chapter Newsletter for results from this year's National NARFE Convention.

AREA I ANNUAL PICNIC

The Area I picnic, hosted by Hendersonville Chapter 214 was a smashing success. We offer a big 'Thank You' to the planning committee of Chapter 214. It was a joy for everyone in attendance, from the food, to the Alzheimer raffle and auction, to the interaction with fellow NARFE members. We were pleased to have elected Federation leaders join us (Elaine Hughes, President; Paul Sams, Exec. VP; Sam Crane, Treasurer; and Freida Terrell, Area I VP), and 4 of the 6 WNC chapters were represented. Special guests at the picnic were Dr. Carl Mumpower, candidate for congress for District 11, NC and Andrew Whalen, campaign director for Heath Shuler, incumbent congressman for District 11, NC.

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

TOP FIVE REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OR JOIN NARFE

1. Your voice on Capital Hill.

NARFE is the only association specifically dedicated to preserving and improving the retirement benefits of active federal employees and retirees.

2. Advanced information on Benefit Changes.

Your federal retirement benefits can change from time-to-time and these changes depend on whether you are CSRS, CSRS Offset, or FERS. NARFE keeps you informed on all major changes affecting your health care and retirement benefits.

3. An Award-Winning Monthly Magazine and Web Site.

NARFE's monthly magazine Web site (www.narfe.org) contain information you won't find anywhere else on national legislation affecting retired and current federal employees, questions and answers on federal retirement and health benefits, financial planning and more.

4. Discounts Listed in NARFE's Magazine and Web Site.

Member discounts on travel services, financial services, Insurance, car rentals, hotels, full service moving, emergency services and more. Check the NARFE perks pages.

5. A Federal Community Network.

NARFE-FEEA Natural Disaster Fund will provide grants to NARFE members for natural disaster losses.

College Scholarships to 60 high school seniors each year who are children, grand- and great grandchildren, and stepchildren of current NARFE members.

National Alzheimer's Research Program has received over \$7 million from NARFE members to find a cure.

Source: NARFE Web site, www.narfe.org

NARFE-FEEA AID TO DISASTER VICTIMS

The NARFE-FEEA Natural Disaster Fund, supported by NARFE members and administered by the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, provides grants up to \$500 per NARFE household to reimburse NARFE members for losses from declared natural disasters. Send donations (tax deductible) to NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund by check to FEEA, 8441 W. Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80123 or by credit card, or call 1-800-323-4140. To request an application for a grant, call 1-800-338-0755.

Source: NARFE Web site, www.narfe.org

SENIOR BUMPER STICKER

**I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs?
She said Depends.**

www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm

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Deadline for the next newsletter – September 25, 2008

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