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May 2-8 is Public Service Recognition Week 2021 – a time to recognize our local, state and federal government employees and retirees. Reflecting on this past year and its challenges, many public servants have had to step up even more to serve, assist and for some, protect all of us.

As a retired federal employee, I would also like to recognize the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) and its centennial! One hundred years ago in February 1921, 14 retired federal employees met in Washington, DC, to form an association “to unify federal voices and influence legislators with the hope of securing meaningful annuities.” One hundred years later, NARFE is still advocating for the entire federal community, whether at its Alexandria, Va., headquarters, on Capitol Hill, across the country through state federations or locally through chapters such as Tri-Cities Chapter 1192, which also celebrates a special anniversary this year – its 50th!

So, a thank you to all public employees, retirees, and their spouses and families. Know that your service and support is appreciated. A special thank you to NARFE for 100 years of advocacy, and to all current and past Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 members for their support.

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