

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POSTAL INSPECTORS

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

LUNCHEON MEETING, April 22, 2010

The Memphis Chapter of NARPI gathered at the Majestic Grill, 145 Main Street, Memphis, TN on April 22, 2010. The building where the restaurant is located was built in 1913 as the Majestic No. 1, a silent movie theater. Much of the interior of the movie house remains.

President Nick Cook opened the meeting by talking about upcoming Chapter functions and the Atlantic Regional Reunion June 12 to 15th. He also welcomed back Dan Swindle and John Stinchfield from their recent surgeries. He then recognized the visitors who came to the luncheon. Our Chapter invited current and former Inspection Service employees as well as others to tour the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and the luncheon meeting. The guests included:

Nellie DeAngelo Yelverton an employee of the USPS from 1952 until retirement 1984. She was employed at the Memphis Division from 1972 until 1978.

Leta Bishop worked at the Memphis Division and Regional Headquarters from 1977 until retirement 1992

Carolyn Denton the current support employee of the Memphis Domicile

Keith Morris the Assistant Inspector In Charge in Memphis.

Joanna Waddell the granddaughter of Dick and Judy Day who is finishing her first year of study at the University of Memphis Law School.

Bill Percy is Shirley Moses brother from Las Vegas who graduated from the Memphis State University Law School in the class of 1974

Rudy Brown organized this chapter luncheon and tour of the University of Memphis Law School. Nick closed the meeting, asking Dick Day to deliver the blessing.

Following the luncheon our group walked to the University of Memphis Law School The Law School is located in the U S Customs House and Post Office built in 1886 with additions in 1903 and 1929. Prior to the transfer to the University of Memphis the building was reported to be the second oldest operating Post Office in the country. The building housed the Memphis Division Headquarters from the time it was created in the early 1970's until it became part of the Atlanta Division. The Law School Dean, Dr. Kevin H. Smith, personally hosted a tour of the renovated building. He was assisted by Chelsea Dubey, Coordinator, Alumni and Constituent Relations. Dean Smith informed our group that the State of Tennessee provided 42 million dollars for the renovation of the building. He said the old building on the University of Memphis campus had 60,000 square feet. The Front Street facility provides useable space of 180,000 square feet.

The following members were in attendance:

Nick and Janet Cook, Jan and Al Rochelle, Bill and Judy Goden, Mike and Janet Hesse, Bob Moore, Mike and Mildred Gump, Dick Klenz, Larry Scott, Rudy and Diane Brown, Dick and Judy Day, Bill Stroman, Shirley Moses, Ron and Gail Whitney, Dan Swindle, John Stinchfield, Phyllis and Cliff Vincent, Clyde Arnold

Visitors who attended the luncheon were:

Keith Morris, Leta Bishop, Nellie DeAngelo Yelverton, Carolyn Denton, Joanna Waddell,