



## EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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### ***President's Message***

Greetings all! Our nation and our world has experienced a lot since our last newsletter. We have experienced great tragedy, heroic efforts, and now an impending war. Through all of this one thing still holds true, we live in the greatest nation on earth with the greatest people on earth. Our true spirit has never shined brighter. What can you say but, "God Bless America".

Our first meeting on September 11 was very ironic considering the day's events. What an awesome speaker we had in General Fred Forester. Fred spoke for about 15 minutes on the Nine Counties/One Vision initiative. Then, he gave us an update about the terrorist attacks and what we would be seeing in the future. Thank you for your attendance.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Hilton. The Airport Hilton is located adjacent to McGhee Tyson Airport. Our speaker for October is Richard Norment. Richard is assistant to the Comptroller in the Division of County Audit for the State of Tennessee. He also is currently serving as National

President for the Association of Government Accountants. What an honor for our chapter to be able to host a speech by our National President. Please plan to attend and show our support to Richard and his presidency.

Thank you for what you do. Remember that everyday is a gift and make all of them terrific.

If you ever have any questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me or e-mail me. My office phone number is (865)273-5710 and my e-mail address is [dbennett@mail.blount.state.tn.us](mailto:dbennett@mail.blount.state.tn.us).

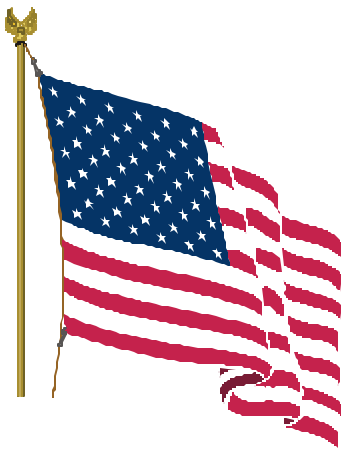
See you at the October meeting,

David R. Bennett, CPA, CGFM,  
President

### **September Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 9th  
Time: 11:30 - 1:00  
Place: Airport Hilton  
Cost: \$5.00  
Menu: Lasagna/Garlic Bread  
Tossed Salad  
Ambrosia Salad  
Parsley Buttered Potatoes  
Green Beans Almondine  
Buttered Corn  
Assorted Desserts  
Coffee and Tea

If you are planning to attend, please notify Susan Gennoe by noon October 4<sup>th</sup> at (865)273-5718 or [sgennoe@mail.blount.state.tn.us](mailto:sgennoe@mail.blount.state.tn.us).



***GOD BLESS AMERICA!***

### **Speaker Information**

#### **Mr. Richard Norment**

Richard Norment serves as the Director of the Division of County Audit and Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury, John G. Morgan. He and his staff of 92 oversee annual audits of the state's 95 counties, with 87 of the audits actually performed by this staff.

Richard is the second member of the Nashville Chapter to hold AGA's highest elected position. He has served as AGA National Treasurer in 1997-1998 and has logged more than 34 years in state government. He is currently serving his third three-year term on AGA's National Executive Committee.

Richard has served as president of the Nashville Chapter, as Regional Vice President, as chair of the membership and PDC host committees and has served on the Finance and Budget Committee for years. He recently completed a term as president of the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association and has been active in the Government Finance Officers Association and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), including a stint as president of the IIA's Nashville Chapter.

Richard has been married for 30 years to his wife Judy. Together they have two children, Brian, 28 and Cristy, 25 who both followed in their father's footsteps and also work in the accounting field.

**Minutes – September 11th**

The first chapter meeting was held Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at the Copper Cellar Restaurant on Cumberland Avenue. Approximately 35 members and guests were in attendance. The luncheon began at 11:30 am and the meeting was called to order by Dave Bennett, President at 11:50 am. Dave recognized Susan Gennoe who led the group in the invocation and blessing. Dave then discussed future meeting plans, dates, and speakers. He requested input from the membership concerning the proposed Riverboat Christmas meeting. An email will be sent to everyone requesting comments.

General Fred Forster, President and CEO of Blount Partnership spoke to the group about the Nine Counties – One Vision initiative. The initiative began in 1999 to establish Knoxville and the surrounding area as a leader in such concerns as the environment, transportation, the arts/culture, green spaces, etc. Various public meetings were held to prioritize and list major ideas and goals for the community. Several task forces have been informed to address each goal established. Gen. Forester then took questions from the group and also spoke briefly about the tragedy that had hit the United States that morning.

Dave Bennett presented Gen. Forester with a gift of appreciation from the chapter and he also

reminded the Executive Committee of a brief meeting immediately after the chapter meeting. The next chapter meeting will be held October 9, 2001 at the Airport Hilton. Richard Norment, National President of AGA, will be the guest speaker. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm.

The second chapter executive meeting was held Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at Copper Cellar Restaurant on Cumberland. The following officers were present: David Bennett – President and Liaison, Carol Malkemus – President-Elect, Mike Blair – Treasurer, Aldena Phillips – Membership Chair, Dana Lamson – Newsletter Editor and Program Chair, Greg Jaynes – Education, Nancy Donahue – Secretary, Robert Harrill – Awards Chair, Amy Paganelli – Historian, Susan Gennoe – Meetings Chair, Suzanne Walker – CGFM and Research Chair and Phyllis Palmer – Webmaster. Absent was Tom Collins Public Service Chair. David Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Phyllis recommended we offer a one year membership to a member. The motion was approved and seconded. Amy has completed the historian's report. Phyllis has reported our website is up and running.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Paganelli, Historian

**Member Profile –  
Andrew Way**

Andrew Way is a new member this year with our East Tennessee Chapter of AGA. He is Auditor III for the division of County Audit for the Comptroller of the Treasury for the State of Tennessee. His office is on Cumberland Avenue in Knoxville.

Andrew has worked for the Comptroller's office since 1997. He recently became a Certified Public Accountant.

Andrew graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1996.

Andrew is a youth advisor and deacon at Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. He lives in west Knoxville and his hobbies are basketball, softball, camping, hiking and renovating his home.

**Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars for December 11<sup>th</sup>, from approximately 11:30 to 1:30 pm for our Christmas lunch meeting on the Knoxville Riverboat. This will be a great opportunity to take time away from our busy schedules to enjoy a cruise on the Tennessee River. Also, at the December meeting an Angel Tree representative will be there to pick up the Angel Tree gifts from our AGA Chapter. The cost of this lunch will be \$10 for members and \$22 for non-members.

We will be handing out the Angels at the November meeting. We hope all will participate!!

**National Events**

October 29-30, 2001  
10th Annual State & Local  
Government Leadership Conference  
Phoenix, AZ

July 7-10, 2002  
Professional Development  
Conference  
Atlanta, GA

Call for Awards Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for our Federal Leadership Awards; categories are as follows:

- The Distinguished Federal Leadership Award
- The Elmer Staats Award
- The Andy Barr Award

Individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. Visit AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org/](http://www.agacgfm.org/) for more information.

**Acknowledgements  
And  
Awards**

The Blount County Accounting Department for the past three years has received all three of the awards of excellence for the Popular Annual Financial Report, Budget Award, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Blount County Accounting is the only county in the state of

Tennessee to receive all three awards. Congratulations to the Blount County Accounting Department for a job well done!

We would like to use this area of the newsletter for any announcements of awards or acknowledgements. Please let Dana Lamson know of any that should be mentioned.

### **Chapter Reports**

For the start of our new year we have 2,732 in chapter points. Mike Blair, Treasurer, reported an ending cash balance of \$7,181.75 on September 27, 2001.

### **In Memory**

There were three Northern Virginia Chapter AGA members listed as missing or presumed dead from the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack on the Pentagon. Please keep the following families in your prayers:

Patricia E. Mickley  
Diana B. Padro  
Janice M. Scott

### **Website**

Don't forget to visit our website. The website address is:  
[www.kornnet.org/etaga](http://www.kornnet.org/etaga).

### **2001-2002 East TN AGA Chapter Calendar**

- 10/09 – Richard Norment  
National President, AGA  
Airport Hilton, McGhee Tyson
- 11/13 – Dave Saxe, Pres. Journal  
Broadcasting  
Copeland's
- 12/11 – Angel Tree Representative  
Tennessee Riverboat
- 1/08 – Joe Ayers, Pres. Cumberland  
Securities  
Tennessee Grill
- 2/12 – Still planning  
Naples
- 3/12 – Still planning
- 4/09 – Frank Crawford and Robert  
Smith on GASB 34  
Pellissippi – all day seminar
- 5/14 – Awards Banquet  
? Don Sundquist  
UT Faculty Club

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