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Patronage capital

MONEY BACK FOR YOU, OUR MEMBERS



With the holidays just around the corner, there's no better time to show our commitment to our members than through the disbursement of patronage capital.

Longtime members of Noble REMC have benefited from receiving cash back over the years. For our newer members who aren't as familiar with our cooperative principles, let me help explain one of the most tangible ways we set ourselves apart from other utility companies.

WHAT IS PATRONAGE CAPITAL?

As a not-for-profit business, patronage capital is our way of returning our profit back to you over time. Some years, we're left with a margin, or a difference between the money collected from our members and our operating expenses. Since we belong to the members we serve, this margin is invested in the cooperative, and then returned to our members with the board of directors' approval.

WHICH MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING PATRONAGE CAPITAL THIS YEAR?

Members from the following years will receive cash back: 1988, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2017. More than 11,700 checks will be sent out — totaling approximately \$789,000 — and the amount each member receives is based on how much power the member used in those years.

HOW WILL IT BE DISBURSED?

Members will receive a check for the amount allocated to them. Due to the expense of processing printed checks, members will only receive a check if the amount is \$10 or more, but patronage capital will accumulate over time and be returned when the balance reaches the \$10 threshold.



WHY IS PATRONAGE CAPITAL IMPORTANT?

There are a few reasons why patronage capital matters to you as the member:

- Patronage capital reflects each member's stake in the cooperative and shows the positive difference from investor-owned utilities, which pay dividends to their shareholders, who may or may not be customers of the utility.
- It follows our cooperative principle of "members' economic participation," which requires members to help pay a share of building infrastructure but also receive any margins the cooperative generates.
- The ability to return these margins to our members shows our strength and financial stability.
- It's money in your pocket.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact our office at 800-933-7362 with any questions you may have regarding patronage capital.

RON RAYPOLE
President/CEO

Veterans from World War II, as well as the Vietnam and Korean Wars, give a salute during their trip to Washington, D.C., which was provided through Honor Flight Northeast Indiana. The organization provides the trip free of charge as an opportunity for local veterans to see the memorials dedicated to their service.



Saluting sacrifice and service

Northeast Indiana veterans from World War II and the Vietnam and Korean Wars were recognized in October for their service and sacrifice with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials dedicated to them.

The trip was provided through Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, which has hosted more than 2,200 veterans on such trips since the program began.

Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices and service. The organization, with the help of many individuals and community supporters, makes it possible for these heroes to fly to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at the memorials built to honor their service.

Following breakfast at the Fort Wayne National Guard base, veterans and their guardians boarded the flight that took them on their journey. In D.C., they visited several memorials including the World War II, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, Air Force and Women's War memorials.

At Arlington National Cemetery, the group witnessed the changing of the guard and the laying of the wreath at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Honor Flight participants were transported back to the Fort Wayne International Airport around 9:30 p.m., where thousands of patriotic fans, family members and friends welcomed them home and thanked the veterans for their service.

Noble REMC Marketing Coordinator Nic Engle had the privilege to travel with the group to document the day through photographs, including the ones featured here. Sponsored by the REMCs of northeast Indiana, the photos will be featured in a book each veteran will receive to commemorate the day.

"Honor Flight is not only a great organization that gives veterans an opportunity of a lifetime, it also treats them like royalty for a day, which they certainly deserve," Engle said. "It was truly humbling to see a couple of the veterans find the names of their friends who paid the ultimate price on the wall."

Engle said he would encourage

every veteran, who is able, to go on an Honor Flight, as it will be an experience he or she will never forget.

Noble REMC honors the sacrifice these veterans made for us, and we're proud to stand behind them and support them. Honor Flight is a well-deserved tribute to our veterans who bravely defended our country.



Army veteran Harold Hurst places a hand on the memorial made in his honor, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, during the Honor Flight trip.

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WITH STUDENTS
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AROUND THE STATE

- ★ See the Senate in action.
- ★ Tour the Statehouse.
- ★ Pass your own legislation during a mock bill activity.

APPLY BY JAN. 11

AT INDIANAEC.ORG/?P=287

REQUIREMENTS: You must be available **Jan. 23** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.



Growing energy efficient with POWER MOVES

It's not just residential or commercial members who benefit from Noble REMC's POWER MOVES® rebates.

Prairie Dairy Farms owner Lowell Stoltzfus recently received a \$4,000 POWER MOVES check for the installation of two variable-frequency drives for the irrigation system on his farm ground southwest of Ligonier, a project he had planned before realizing the opportunity for money back. It was a

nice surprise to Stoltzfus, who thanked Noble REMC Energy Advisor Brian Hawk for working with him to get money back on the investment.

If you're planning new construction or improvements to your home, business or farm, a quick call to Hawk at 800-933-7362 can save you money now and over time by investigating and choosing energy-efficient options for your project.



Prairie Dairy Farms owner Lowell Stoltzfus and Noble REMC Energy Advisor Brian Hawk stand in front of one of the variable-frequency drives installed on Stoltzfus' farm ground.

Noble REMC directors and employees wish you the happiest of holidays and a safe and blessed New Year!





Noble REMC's Operation Round Up recently awarded funding to the Albion Fire Auxiliary. Pictured from left, are Albion Fire Department Firefighter and Paramedic Bob Brownell, Operation Round Up Chairman Kevin Dreibelbis, Fire Captain and Fire Prevention Coordinator Phil Jacob, and Fire Chief Bob Amber.

Making a difference

Concern for the community is one of the strongest principles of Noble REMC and our members. This is tangibly seen through the Operation Round Up Trust Fund, which distributes grants to local nonprofit organizations from donations collected from participating members each month.

This quarter, your generosity amounted to more than \$11,000 in contributions to local schools, health programs and missions.

More than 80 percent of our members participate in the program, allowing their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar each month.

Those pennies per month are then placed in a charitable trust, overseen by its own volunteer board of directors. This money is then awarded to nonprofit,

community-based organizations in Noble, DeKalb and adjoining counties.

Organizations awarded funding from the October distribution of the Noble REMC Operation Round Up Trust include:

- **Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society** — school group tour program, \$500
- **McMillen Health** — preventative health education program, \$1,000
- **West Noble Primary School** — author/illustrator presentation, \$800
- **East Noble School Corporation** — emergency safety vests, \$1,500
- **Albion Fire Auxiliary** — fire safety and prevention programs, \$1,000
- **Noble House, Inc.** — accommodations for homeless families, \$2,500

- **Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana** — Noble County Farm Wagon, \$1,500
- **Churubusco Jr.-Sr. High School** — Business Professionals of America, \$500
- **Multi-County Medical Outreach Clinic** — client medical needs, \$1,250
- **St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc.** — transportation vouchers, \$1,000

To be considered for the next cycle of grant disbursements, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to fill out and return an application to our office by Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Applications are available now at the Noble REMC office in Albion or can be downloaded from nobleremc.com.