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 National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association  
**Dulles Chapter 1241**  
 Serving Current, Former & Retired Federal Employees,  
 Spouses and Survivor Annuitants  
 in the Dulles area of Northern Virginia.  
**June 2010**

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NARFE National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Four new National officers and ten Regional Vice-Presidents will be elected for a two-year term at this Convention and 45 resolutions and proposed National Bylaw changes will be considered. These elections, resolutions, and bylaw changes will have a major and long term affect on the operation and future of NARFE. Bill Schmidt, Bill Boning, and I will be attending the Convention as delegates of Dulles Chapter 1241 and will be casting the 16 votes assigned to Dulles Chapter 1241 in the elections, resolutions, and proposed bylaw changes presented. We need your thoughts and recommendations on how to cast these votes.

Two people, **Joe Beaudoin** (current National Vice-President, past Region 10 Vice President, member of the Virginia Winchester Chapter), and **Dick Strombotne** (past President of Maryland Federation, member of Maryland Gaithersburg Chapter), are running for National President. **Paul Carew** (current Region 10 Vice President, past President of North Carolina Federation), and **Martha Leiker** (past President of Colorado Federation) are running for National Vice President. **David Sullivan** (past National Secretary), **H. Ray Harrington** (past President of California Federation), and **Elaine Hughes** (current President of North Carolina Federation), are running for National Secretary. **Charley Saylor** (current Region 2 Vice President), and **Frank Impinna** (current President of Colorado Federation), are running for National Treasurer. **Bill Martin** (past President of the Virginia Federation and member of the Virginia Louisa Chapter), and **Bill Austin** (past Region 10 Vice President and past National Vice President and a member of North Carolina Charlotte Chapter), are running for Region 10 (which includes Virginia) Vice President. Details on each candidate are listed below on the last page. This information can also be found on NARFE National website at <http://www.NARFE.org> and is available

## PRESIDENT'S GREETING



This month I will address the importance of continuing NARFE in the future, specifically what will be addressed and decided at the

from one of the Dulles Chapter delegates to the National Convention.

The 45 resolutions and proposed National Bylaw changes have been submitted by Chapters and Federations throughout the NARFE organization for consideration at the National Convention and address the following issues:

- Information required to be submitted to NARFE to update membership records (1 submission);
- Recruitment of new members and recruitment strategy (3 submissions);
- Honorary and Distinguished membership (2 submissions);
- Family membership (1 submission);
- Processing of membership applications (1 submission);
- NARFE forms (4 submissions);
- Membership dues (14 submissions);
- Matching funds instructions (1 submission);
- Monetary contributions to NARFE (1 submission);
- Preparation of revised National Bylaws (1 submission);
- Organization and bonding of NARFE National officer positions (2 submissions);
- Regional Leadership Development committees (1 submission);
- Authorization of Councils of Chapters (i.e., caucuses within Regions) (1 submission);
- Protection and calculation of federal pensions (2 submissions);
- Protection of and policies for federal health benefits (5 submissions);
- Voting policies for TSP shares (1 submission);
- Redefinition of the NARFE mission (1 submission);
- Development of National Legislation initiatives (1 submission);
- Monitoring of the new Federal Debt Commission (1 submission); and
- Reconsideration of the number of Chapter delegates authorized to attend the National Conventions (1 submission).

A large number of resolutions and proposed National bylaw changes address dues. Other issues of significance are also addressed. Each submitted resolution or proposed National Bylaw change can be found on the NARFE National website at <http://www.NARFE.org> and a summary of all of submitted resolutions and changes can be obtained from one of the Dulles Chapter delegates to the National Convention. I will also try to post a summary of the submitted resolutions and

proposed National Bylaw changes on the Dulles Chapter web page at <http://www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241.htm>.

Bill Schmidt and Bill Boning will be available at the Dulles Chapter meeting on June 28 to provide additional information and to listen to your comments. However, I will be available via telephone or e-mail in July and August to discuss these issues and the candidates. I encourage you to attend the June luncheon meeting and to bring current and retired Federal employees who are eligible for NARFE membership. Tell them about NARFE and the mission of NARFE, and urge them to join. To assist you in this effort, the Dulles Chapter Executive Committee has authorized the Chapter Treasurer to pay \$8.00 from the Chapter operating budget for the lunch of each of the first 10 guests brought to the June 2010 Chapter luncheon, provided that these guests are:

- Eligible for NARFE membership;
- Accept a NARFE membership application; and
- Consider joining NARFE and NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241.

--Richard Giangerelli, Dulles Chapter President

## June 28th Luncheon Meeting Menu:



- Crab Cake Sandwich with fries and Cole Slaw
  - Meatball & Cheese Sandwich with fries
  - Open-faced Chicken Salad sandwich, with chips, Cole Slaw and pickle
- Soup or Salad, Dessert, Beverage

☎ Please call in your reservations by Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, Louise Rooney, 703-435-3523

The price for the luncheon is \$17. Please make out your check to **NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241**. Or, have the exact amount of cash ready. The treasurer does not have change, and the extra time at the door causes a line to form behind you!

### OUR LUNCHEON MEETINGS MEET AT 11:30!

Directions for Reaching the Amphora Diner Deluxe in Herndon:  
The Amphora is near Elden St. several blocks north of the Dulles Toll Road, and one block north of the Elden Street Giant. From either of these locations proceed north on Elden St. and turn right on the drive leading directly to the Amphora, immediately after the PNC bank entrance. The address is 1151 Elden St.  
You can also access the Amphora from Alabama Dr.

### Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. at officers' homes (usually, but not always, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month)

Dates for 2010:

June 16, September 15, October 13

## Program for June 28<sup>th</sup>

### “The Importance of Family History”

Come hear Veronica Li's presentation on the “Importance of Family History – The Individual's Role in History and the Importance of Leaving One's Legacy to Future Generations.”

This information is based on her book “Journey Across the Four Seas – A Chinese Woman's Search for Home” — a story of her mother's journey to the U.S.

Veronica is a local author living in Vienna who has spoken to several NARFE and AARP chapters within the last several years.

She will have copies of her book available for sale. The proceeds go to charities like the Red Cross and local homeless shelters, in memory of her mother.

### ★ Luncheon Meetings and other dates to put on the calendar! ★

June 28: The Importance of Family History--The Individual's Role in History and the Importance of Leaving One's Legacy to Future Generations—by local author Veronica Li.

➤No meetings in July and August◀

Looking ahead: On September 12, NARFE will again co-sponsor (with AARP), the **Classic Car Show** in Herndon, VA.

September 27 and October 25: meetings will feature incumbents and challengers for Congress.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US!

**Reminder:** if schools are closed due to inclement weather, our meeting will be canceled.



Don't forget the Classic Car Show, on September 12!  
Contact Dick Giangerelli if you are interested in participating at the NARFE booth.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### National Legislation.

For our members some significant legislation currently being considered by the U.S. Congress is the Medicare reimbursement rate bill. This affects all of us who are 65 or over.

Medicare reimbursement rates will be reduced at the end of May 2010 by about 20%. Since by law Federal Employee Health Benefits rates must correspond to the Medicare rates your doctor will be reimbursed at a lower rate than in April. Not many professionals can long sustain a business with a 20% rate cut on services. Those of us on Medicare are already finding it more and more difficult to find doctors willing to take us. A bill to correct this has been submitted, but has had several other issues added and there is no provision to balance the books with a source of funding. Call your Senators and your Congressman.

The selection process is complete and candidates for the local congressional offices are set. In the 8<sup>th</sup> congressional District Incumbent James Moran (D), will be running against Mathew Berry (R). In the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District the Incumbent Frank Wolf (R), will be running against Jeff Barnet (D).

### State Legislation

With the State legislature out of session there is little to report. Several study commissions have been active at the governor's behest. Restructuring Government is one, which is attempting to suggest changes to some of the state agencies. Another group is looking at ways to provide for the additional \$1.5 billion annual cost for Virginia Medicaid patients resulting from the recently passed National Health Care bill.

On June 17 the State Legislation Committee of the Virginia Federation of Chapters of NARFE will meet in Richmond to draft a legislative plan for the 2011 session.

--Bill Schmidt, Dulles Chapter Legislative Chair



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Year-to-date

Income \$6,707.82  
Expense \$8,587.49  
Loss \$1,879.67

May 1 account balance \$10,100.84  
May income \$1,279.78  
May expenses \$3,502.07  
May31 account balance \$7,878.55

To review the Chapter's 2010 approved budget and monthly expenses by line item visit our website at [www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241.htm](http://www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241.htm).

Gene Kupferer, Dulles Chapter Treasurer



## New chapter members for May 2010

Retired:

Gary D. Martin	Robert J. Schmer
Linda R. Deemie	Dr. Ram N. Singh
Alma L. Pinero	Mardell L. Johnson

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*Welcome new member! We look forward  
to seeing you at our meetings!*

## NARFE MEMBERSHIP

What is NARFE membership worth and what does it cost? Don't you think that less than \$3 per month (\$25 per year for current federal employees and \$33 per year for the first year for retired Federal employees) is worth the cost to help protect your rights as a current or retired federal employee? The more members we have, the more powerful our voice will be with our elected representatives.

If you are retired, it could cost as little as \$2.88 each month. That is the amount that would be withheld from your monthly retirement annuity if you sign up for dues withholding. And, you would not have to worry about receiving notices for membership renewal; and having to make a payment for dues on an annual, bi-annual, or tri-annual basis. You do **not** have to disclose your Social Security Number. The only numbers required are your Civil Service Annuity (CSA) number, your NARFE Membership number (which is on the mailing label of the magazine) and your Chapter number (i.e., Dulles Chapter 1241).

It is easy to start the process, and all it takes is a written request to stop it. Please contact Dave LeRoy, Chapter

Membership Chairman, for the necessary forms or use the form printed in the monthly NARFE magazine. Forms are also available at our Monthly Luncheons.

You can join or renew on this website: <http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=1569>



## Will you be attending your local Town Hall meetings?

The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, created by President Obama in February, is scheduled to make recommendations to Congress by December 2010 on ways to reduce the deficit and control the long-term growth in the debt. The bipartisan commission has already started to conduct public hearings. By agreement, the House and Senate would consider the commission's recommendations in an expedited manner on an up-or-down vote without amendments. The current holders of the Congressional and Senate seats, not those elected in November, will make these decisions.

NARFE members are an easy target: During previous periods of entitlement reform, policymakers first discussed cutting the "big three" – Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. However, when lawmakers realized the political realities of cutting a program such as Social Security (40 million beneficiaries) they have turned to easier targets – including the "captive audience" of federal retirees (2.3 million retirees and survivors). During the budget crises of the 1980s and early 1990s, federal retirees and survivors lost in excess of \$50 billion in deferred, reduced and canceled cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). Social Security COLAs were preserved. A stark example was the application of the once-used sequestration process of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, which eliminated civil service COLAs but held Social Security recipients harmless. Federal civilian retirement does not face the same solvency challenges as trust funds that support Social Security and Medicare. Indeed, the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF) is fully funded and actuarially sound. According to the nonpartisan *Congressional Research Service*:

**“Using a 75-year projection period, the Office of Personnel Management estimates that the total value of securities in the trust fund will grow throughout the projection period, ultimately reaching about 4.2 times payroll, or nearly 18 times the amount needed to pay annual benefits. In summary, by definition, under the financing arrangements set out in current**

law, the system is not now and never will be 'insolvent' or without adequate budget authority for payment of benefits. Again, because the budget cost of the system can never exceed the cost of monthly benefits to living annuitants, the cash required from the Treasury or taxpayers will never exceed the cost of those monthly payments."

The cost for annuitants will go down as CSRS retirees diminish in number. While Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will consume two more percentage points of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the next 10 years, civil service retirement's share of the GDP will shrink by 0.06 percent with the decline in the number of annuitants covered by CSRS. The boom in the senior population will not directly affect federal retirement because the

federal retirement population is a function of the size of the federal work force, not the general population.

**Action Requested for Members of Congress:** Can federal/postal workers and annuitants count on you to preserve COLA equity between all federal retirement programs and defend the integrity of a system that provides deferred compensation and benefits to individuals who have dedicated their careers to public service?

*[Note: This article first appeared in NARFE magazine, June 2010 issue, written by Dan Adcock, Legislative Director. It is presented here with some editing, required because of space constraints. See the magazine for the full version. Ed.]*

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## **Officer Candidates for National NARFE to be elected at the August convention.**

### **President:**

**Joe Beaudoin:** current National VP; served as our Region 10 VP and served 4 years as the Virginia Federation Chair. Active leader in Virginia NARFE Activities for many years and is a member of the Winchester chapter.

**Dick Strombotne:** active member of Gaithersburg, Maryland Chapter 581, serving as vice president & president of the Maryland NARFE federation.

### **Vice President:**

**Martha Leiker:** missionary nun in Africa for 17 years; spent 20 years working for the CIA. Served as the Colorado Federation President from 2005 through 2009. Wishes to emphasize chapter importance and develop a consistent and improved recruitment program.

**Paul Carew:** currently serving as Region 10 Vice President and has been the North Carolina Federation president. He feels we need to go beyond the chapter structure to meet the needs of the future.

### **Secretary:**

**David Sullivan:** served as the National Secretary for 6 years giving the job up in 2006. He feels that his experience will permit him to start on day one to restore recruitment and retention policies.

**H. Ray Harrington:** retired from the Post Office with 30+ years of service. Served 2-year term of office as President of the California Federation 2007-2009

**Elaine Hughes:** served as the President of the N. Carolina Federation of chapters. Feels she is uniquely qualified to help our organization to grow by blending the needs and desires of "baby boomer" generation with those of the current generation of members.

### **Treasurer:**

**Charley Saylor:** retired from the Postal Service with 37 years of service. Since 2006 has served on NARFE board as Region 2 Vice President. Has served as a member of the National Executive Board Investment Committee, providing him with knowledge from that committee and the staff in the Budget and Finance office, the Membership Records office, and the Membership Systems Director.

**Frank Impinna:** retired from the Post Office 1999. He is the current President of the Colorado Federation. He has developed an interactive system for NARFE chapter treasurers, which can be found on NARFE web site.

### **Region 10 VP:**

**Bill Martin:** Immediate past President of the Virginia Federation. He served 30 years with the Post Office. Active in the Virginia Federation for many years; filled out the year as VFC President after the death of Dave Smith, then was elected in his own right. Extensive experience in membership training and in the use of the national records system. Served as the Region 10 Chair of the Electronic Communications Advisory Committee and was a member of the National Communications Advisory Committee.

**Bill Austin:** served as Region 10 Vice President 2004-2006. Elected National Vice President 2006, resigned after 2 months of his term for family reasons. He served 35 years with the Post office. Currently president of Chapter 105 in North Carolina. He feels that the loss of so many experienced members of the NEB will create a loss of continuity and his experience will be an asset.

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