



NARFE
 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.
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entertainment and a good holiday meal to enjoy, and the Chapter officers for the 2012 will be installed.

During 2012, we will all have the opportunity to attend the 2012 NARFE Virginia Federation (VFC) Convention to be held in Richmond, Virginia, at which the NARFE Virginia Federation officers will be elected for the following one-year period. In late August, we will have the opportunity to attend the NARFE National Convention to be held in Reno, Nevada, at which the NARFE National officers will be elected for a two-year term and NARFE National Legislative program for the 113th Congress will be developed and approved. Contact any Dulles Chapter officers for more information on either of these two Conventions or view the information for the VFC Convention at www.vanarfe.org, and for the NARFE National Convention at www.narfe.org. The first bulletin announcing the 2012 VFC Convention has come out and is available at www.vanarfe.org. We all have an opportunity to help make this Convention a success. Please consider attending, helping to get ads for the Program Book, and possibly being a financial contributor.

I encourage you to get involved in the 2012 Congressional and Presidential campaigns. In addition to selecting a President and Congressmen, Virginia voters will choose someone to replace Senator Webb, who has chosen to run for another term. I also strongly encourage you to donate to the NARFE PAC, which can be done at www.narfe.org, to ensure that NARFE and NARFE concerns continue to be recognized and supported on Capitol Hill. Since it appears that the financial issues in the country will be a major factor in the Fall elections, we need to be very active to prevent the loss of our earned benefits. NARFE-friendly politicians need two things to continue, money and votes. United, we can provide some funding for candidates who support our issues. And, we will soon know the new boundaries for the Congressional Districts in Virginia and which Congressional Districts our members will be in. All of us can help in choosing

PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Our December meeting will be a celebration of the holidays and, as usual, be earlier in the month. We will meet on December 12, 2011. There will be



the candidates in the Primaries and the office holders in the General Election.

The new VFC Public Relations Chair has said that he will try to convince Chapter members in Virginia to sign up for the NARFE automobile License Plate program. This is an excellent way to get the NARFE logo and name on Virginia license plates. All it will take is 450 members of the approximately 19,000 NARFE members in the State of Virginia to sign up. It only costs \$10 to sign up. We need to get sufficient members signed up by the time of 2012 VFC Convention. An old adage in political circles is that a bumper sticker is worth \$200 in political donations for getting a political name out and before the public. Just imagine what the impact would be if NARFE members displayed the NARFE emblem across the State's highways!

Bill Schmidt, Dulles Chapter President



**Join us for our
Holiday Luncheon,
1:00-4:00pm,
December 12th**

Menu choices:

- Prime Rib
- Salmon
- Turkey & Dressing
Soup or Salad

Warm Bread Pudding w/ Lemon Sauce
Beverage



**Holiday Festivities
Monday, December 12th
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Join in the Chapter Festivities on Monday, December 12th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, in the Banquet Room at the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon.

A delicious holiday meal will be served. We look forward to Ernest Smith again playing favorite holiday music on the keyboard during the meal from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Beginning at 2:30 PM, Chris Edwards will be singing and playing the guitar to hits of the 20's through the 60's, with a sing-along possible.

The newly elected officers and the appointed committee chairs will be installed by Kathy Arpa, the VFC Area X Vice President.

Door prizes will be awarded. If you wish to donate additional door prizes, please bring them to the luncheon wrapped.

**Please note, this will be on the 2nd
Monday of the month, not the 4th.**



 Please call in your reservations by **Thursday the
December 8th**

Louise Rooney, 703-435-3523

Price for the holiday luncheon is \$25. Please make out your check to **NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241**. Or, have the exact amount of cash ready. The treasurer has limited change, and the extra time at the door may cause a line to form behind you!

DIRECTIONS TO AMPHORA DINER

The Amphora Diner Deluxe is located at 1151 Eldon St., in Herndon, Va., several blocks north of the Dulles Toll Road, and one block north of the Elden St. Giant Store. From either location go north on Elden St., turn right immediately after the PNC Bank on the drive leading back to the Amphora. There is also access to the Amphora from Alabama Drive.

Remember!

If Fairfax Co. schools are closed because of inclement weather, Dulles Chapter 1241 luncheon meetings are cancelled.

Future Luncheon Topics

January 23: What is being done to control and prevent gang violence in our Counties and Cities, and Federal involvement," by Claudio Saa of the Herndon Police Dept.

Dulles Sponsored Tour Cancelled

We regret to inform you that the Dulles Chapter Executive Committee has cancelled the proposed tour "Colors of New England." This Chapter sponsored tour was scheduled to commence on October 8, 2012. However, numerous problems were discovered during the planning for this tour, including an erroneous map that did not agree with the itinerary, a missing date for an optional dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, an error in the itinerary that stated a return to a village the tour did not go to, and an erroneous picture that was taken in Acadia National Park (the tour was not scheduled to go to that park). Other changes in the listed Chapter name and the Chapter's local contacts were eventually made



after several requests. It seemed apparent that Collette, the tour company providing the tour, had revised a prior tour of the same name, but had not revised many of the various documents for the tour. With the many questions, and due to Collette's not responding in a timely manner to e-mails pointing out the errors, the Dulles Chapter Executive Committee had concerns regarding the quality of the planned tour, and, consequently, decided to cancel sponsoring the tour.

Bill Boning, Chapter Service Officer

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

National Legislation

Congratulations to Julie Tagen, formerly NARFE's Assistant Legislative Director, who has been named the NARFE Legislative Director, replacing Dan Adcock who left NARFE for another position.



We can expect to see continuous agitation at the National level to reduce federal government spending. With the failure of the deficit reduction super committee, the issue of reducing spending is still an issue. We should expect many of the proposals raised during the committee's deliberations to be raised again. The Super Committee's charge was to reduce future budgets by \$150 billion every year. Since the current budget shortfall is \$1.5 trillion, and this trend was expected to continue, even if the Super Committee were successful, there would be little improvement in the budget deficit. On November 2nd, Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, I-CT, introduced postal "reform" legislation (S. 1789) that, among other things, would reduce by 25 to 33 percent the compensation paid to all federal employees reaching retirement age. Currently a federal worker who is injured and cannot continue working is put on disability status and is paid accordingly. This Bill would reduce disability compensation upon reaching retirement age. NARFE opposes the workers' compensation section of this bill. However, a bigger concern for NARFE members may be the section of the Bill that would require all Medicare-eligible Postal Service retirees to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, requiring payment of the associated Part B premium and limiting their FEHBP options to a new Medigap type plan. NARFE has serious concerns that the new plan would have higher premiums than those plan currently available to Postal Service retirees, and, Postal Service retirees not currently enrolled in Part B would have trouble paying both Part B premiums and FEHBP premiums. We should also be concerned that this policy could very well be extended to apply to non-Postal Service federal annuitants currently covered by FEHBP.

Other legislative efforts may also surface in December. The current Continuing Resolution, that keeps the federal government operating, expires on December 16th and only a few federal Agencies are funded beyond that point. The annual exercise over Medicare reimbursement rates is due to be an issue again. Without Congressional intervention, Medicare physician payments are expected to decrease from 25% to 30%.

It is in our best interests to provide funds via NARFE PAC to Presidential and Congressional candidates who share our interests, and by increasing the membership in NARFE to provide NARFE a stronger influence in the federal legislative process.

State Legislation

With the Virginia State elections over and, thankfully, most of the signs coming down from our streets, the State Legislature will appear dormant for the near future. Behind the scenes, however, the State Legislative money committees have been meeting these last few weeks to gain a view of just what can be expected in the way of financial storms for the next two years. Virginia has been able to maintain a balanced budget these past few years by keeping expenses down and revenues up, because federal employees and contractors have continued to send tax revenues to Richmond. With real federal budget cuts for the Department of Defense and other federal programs, some of this revenue is expected to decrease. The Affordable Health Care Act will soon begin to place a greater burden on the Medicaid program, which is 50% funded by State general fund revenues. The General Assembly will find it difficult to adopt a balanced budget, possibly more so than it has in the past. With a Republican takeover of the Senate, many issues that were defeated in the State Senate last session may be passed in 2012. In addition, there is still one major issue from the 2011 session that has not been settled – the new boundaries of the 11 Congressional Districts in the State of Virginia.



Bill Schmidt, Dulles Chapter Legislative Chair

Help Your Federal Friends Join NARFE – Dulles Chapter 1241

Primarily, NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 is a local group of Active and Retired Federal Employees with similar interests and working to protect their earned benefits. We elect our own officers. We have our own monthly Newsletter and have monthly membership luncheons at the Amphora Diner Deluxe in Herndon, Virginia.

On a larger scale, Dulles Chapter 1241 is linked at State and National levels to the larger NARFE association that is:

- The **only** organization solely dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the benefits of America's active and retired federal employees and their survivors; and
- An advocate for both active and retired federal employees before Congress and the White House

Membership in NARFE totals approximately 300,000 federal employees and retirees.

You're not alone in your concerns about your earned benefits. We're local. We're friendly. We're your neighbors. We're related through federal employment. We're in this boat together. Help NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 where and when you can. Let's continue to increase our numbers by telling active and retired federal employees about NARFE!

Sing up a friend or coworker for NARFE membership, either with the form in the NARFE magazine or on the internet at <http://www.narfe.org/home/member>. Membership applications are also available at the Dulles Chapter's monthly luncheon meetings.

Dave LeRoy, Chapter Membership Chair

Membership Contest

The Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFC) is sponsoring a membership contest. The contest began on August 1, 2010, and will end on March 31, 2012. For every new member you enroll in NARFE, a ticket with your name will be entered into a drawing to be conducted at the 2012 VFC Convention.

The **grand prize** is the use of a time-share for one week during a one-year period following the drawing. The time and location of the time-share will be negotiated between the winner and Ann Collins, who contributed the time-share. The location of the time-share will be limited to the Continental U.S. and must be within the RCI System. Transportation and other expenses will be the responsibility of the winner; however, a stipend of \$200 will be provided by the VFC to help defray expenses.

The **second place prize** is \$100 from the VFC.

The **third place prize** is \$25 from the VFC.

For more information, contact Dennis Martin at 703-451-9481 or dkmartin101@aol.com, or see the contest information on the VFC website at <http://www.vanarfe.org>.

Recent New & Returning Members Welcome !

Retired Federal Employees

Melda H. Boyd	Thomas A. Segars
Mark Ferbrache	John M. Tomasovich
William Kelly	Yuri N. Weinland
Peter S. Montana	Marcia K. Weinland

Active Federal Employees & Spouses

Pamela B. Stokesi

Returning Members

Alda A. Herold Lynn Robinson

**We look forward to meeting you at a future
NARFE Dulles Chapter Luncheon meeting!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year-To-Date

Income	\$13,035.48
Expense	\$12,221.38
Gain/(Loss)	\$814.10

Since Last Report

Nov. 1 Account Balance	\$9,395.59
November Income to Nov. 22	\$1,358.55
November Expenses to Nov.22	\$789.20
Nov 22 nd Balance	\$9,964.94

Richard Giangerelli, Dulles Chapter Treasurer

Need Help?

If a NARFE member incurred property damage during the recent rash of storms in many areas of the U.S A., the member may be eligible to receive a maximum of \$500 per family from the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Relief Fund. In addition, low interest disaster relief loans are available to all federal employees and retirees. Contact the fund at 800-338-0755, feeahq@aol.com, or write to NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund, c/o FEEA, 3333S. Wadsworth Blvd, Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80227. A disaster relief application can also be downloaded at www.feea.org/Disaster.

FEEA is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) agency, primarily funded through contributions to the FEEA CFC Pledge #11185 but also receives funding from NARFE and individual NARFE members, and companies such as GIECO and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Since 1986, the FEEA Emergency Assistance Program has provides more than \$8 million in financial assistance to federal families experiencing natural

disasters such as floods, fires, and hurricanes, and to those experiencing unforeseen personal emergencies such as illness or death in the family. With emergency assistance need already topping \$250,000 since May 1st, donations to FEEA 's Natural Disaster Fund are urgently needed. This is a way of making a contribution to an internal charity, one that stands ready to only helps federal employees and retirees.

Dick Giangerelli, VFC FEEA Coordinator

A \$3 OFFER

Would you like to receive the NARFE Chapter 1241 Newsletter a week earlier than the paper copy that you currently receive in the mail? And get a \$3 discount on one Dulles Chapter 1241 luncheons?

Here are two easy steps you need to take to do that:

1. Update your records on the NARFE National website (<http://www.narfe.org>);
2. Contact Dave LeRoy, the Dulles Chapter Membership Chair, at dhlleroy@aol.com, and request to have your e-mail address added to the Newsletter e-mail list.

“Go Green” and save the Dulles Chapter money!

NARFE Records

Are your NARFE records correct and up to date? Do you know how to check? The following are some easy steps you can follow:

1. On the internet, go to the NARFE National website (<http://www.narfe.org>);
2. Click on “Member” on the top of the page;
3. Sign in with your last name and NARFE ID number (your NARFE ID number is printed on the label on your NARFE monthly magazine);
4. On the left side of the opening page, click on “Membership”;
5. Click on “Update Records” on the pop-up table;
6. Enter the following information, when requested:
 - NARFE ID number;
 - Your birth date;
7. Update the information listed;
8. Back out of the system and log off;
9. Go back in, following the above steps, and make sure everything was accepted and is correct.

Election of Dulles Chapter Officers

At the Dulles Chapter Luncheon meeting on November 21, 2011, the following were elected for a one year term beginning in January 2012::

- **President** **William A. Schmidt**
- **1st Vice President** **Barry Walsh**
- **2nd Vice President** ... **David H. LeRoy**
- **Treasurer** **Joseph Irwin**
- **Secretary** **Patricia M. Wolfe**

Still Need to make Charitable Contributions Before the End of the 2011 Tax Year?

Consider making contributions to NARFE Alzheimer’s Research and/or NARFE FEEA Disaster Fund

To get more information on how to make these contributions , contact:

- Art Brophy for NARFE Alzheimer’s, and
- Richard Giangerelli for the NARFE FEEA Disaster Fund

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