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 National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association  
**Dulles Chapter 1241**  
 Serving Current, Former & Retired Federal Employees,  
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 in the Dulles Area of Northern Virginia.  
**January 2012**

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## **PRESIDENT'S GREETING**

Lets hope that 2012 will offer better things than 2011 did for us. We have recently completed the State election cycle, and now the federal election cycle is upon



us. The public, including NARFE members, has an opportunity to send a message to change the course of the government policies and to repair the damage that has been done in the last several years.

I have been reviewing our Chapter's history in preparation for the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Dulles Chapter 1241. Looking at the minutes of past meetings makes me realize that it is often best to step back and look at the big picture. Our Chapter is currently holding its own as far as membership numbers go, which is rare among NARFE Chapters; however, in the past there were periods of great concern for the Chapter's continued existence. The old minutes indicate that Dulles Chapter has been consistently working and discussing the affect that Congressional action would have on the benefits of federal employees, retirees, and annuitants. The Chapter and the NARFE National office have worked hard to fill the role of advocate for our earned benefits. The pressure to reduce federal benefits is not new and has been faced squarely our Chapter and by the NARFE National office. We have weathered storms and conflicts before; but we cannot sit back now and hope for the best. It is very important for you to remain in the fray by contacting your Congressmen and Senators to let them know the affect their actions would have on the future. We must continue to prevail. Keep up the good work.

Each of us must also be willing to stand up and be recognized as a member of NARFE. The NARFE Virginia Federation's Public Relations Chair, Gaston Gianni, is trying very hard to have a NARFE License Plate approved for issuance by the Virginia DMV. The Virginia Federation needs at least 450 members to sign up for the automobile license plates. This will be great advertising to get NARFE recognized in the State of Virginia and to reach out to the approximately 140,000 federal employees in the State that are not NARFE members. We are facing significant attacks on our earned benefits within the halls of Capitol Hill and we need the support. This is an inexpensive way to get

NARFE recognized. You do not need to give up your current license plate numbers. You can request that they be transferred to the special NARFE license plate issued just like every other vanity plate available from the Virginia DMV. The cost will be the same as other vanity plates, \$10.00 per year. Please log into the NARFE Virginia Federation website, at <http://www.vanarfe.org>, for forms and more details.

**Bill Schmidt, Dulles Chapter President**



## Join us for the first Luncheon of the New Year

Our Speaker will be Officer Claudio Saa of the Herndon Police Department. He will discuss what is being done to control and prevent gang violence.




### Luncheon Entre choices

- Tilapia with Hollandaise Sauce & Vegetables
  - Classic Pot Roast with Vegetables
  - Linguini with Tri-color Peters & Sausage
- Soup or Salad  
Beverage & Desert

Or you may also order from the restaurant standard menu at the current menu prices.



 Please call in your reservations by **Thursday, January 19th**  
**to Louise Rooney, 703-435-3523**

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 has limited change, and the extra time at the door may cause a line to form behind you!

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### 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 Eldon St. Giant Store. From either location go north on Eldon St., turn right immediately after the PNC Bank into 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

**February 27:** “Are You Prepared? What to do before and after natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes.” The speaker will be Marcelo Ferreira of the Office of Emergency Management, Northern Virginia Region 7, Fairfax.

### Officer Training

In February and March 2012, the Virginia Federation will be conducting training sessions at four locations in the State of Virginia for Chapter officers and other NARFE members who may be considering a Chapter officer position in the future. This training, which is conducted on a biennial basis, will provide an understanding of how the organization works and of the functions and responsibilities of the various positions. The training dates and locations are:

- February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond;
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Crown Plaza at Fort Magruder, Williamsburg;
- February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Inn Roanoke Airport, Roanoke; and
- March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Manassas Battlefield, Manassas.

All sessions will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided and the Virginia Federation will pay mileage for a car carrying four attendees. Contact Bill Schmidt, at [billschmidt39@yahoo.com](mailto:billschmidt39@yahoo.com) or 703-968-5837, as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

### Future Events

Two important NARFE events will be held in 2012, the annual Virginia Federation Convention and the biennial NARFE Convention. Dulles Chapter will be authorized to send 33 delegates to the Virginia Federation Convention, which will be held from April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond. Registration forms and other information for the Virginia Federation Convention are available at <http://www.vanarfe.org> or from any Dulles Chapter officer. Dulles Chapter will be authorized 17 delegates to the NARFE Convention, which will be held in Sparks, Nevada from August 26<sup>th</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration

forms and other information are available at <http://www.narfe.org> or in the NARFE magazine.. If you would like to participate on one of the Convention committees, please contact Bill Schmidt, at [billschmidt39@yahoo.com](mailto:billschmidt39@yahoo.com) or 703-968-5837, as soon as possible. Dulles Chapter has funding to partially reimburse Chapter attendees expenses for these two Conventions.

## Not Good News

Shortly after 2:00 pm on Friday, December 23, 2011, Bill Martin and his wife, Gail, were involved in a one car accident near their home in Bumpass, Virginia. Bill survived with life threatening injuries, but Gail did not. Bill suffered a broken neck, cracked sternum, cracked ribs, a broken pinky on his left hand, and numerous bumps and bruises. After extensive treatment at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Bill was moved to a rehabilitation facility; but recovery will take many weeks.

For those who did not know Bill and Gail, they were active members of the NARFE Louisa Chapter and Bill is the past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and President of the Virginia Federation and the current Regional Vice President of NARFE Region X, which covers a 5-State area, including Virginia.

A "Celebration of the Life of Gail Martin" was held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Anna Rescue building.

Please keep Bill and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Richard Giangerelli, Virginia Federation 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

### National Legislation

Congress is back in session, and federal employees, retirees, and annuitants should expect their earned benefits to be the focus of the efforts to fund the extension of the payroll tax reduction for the full year. While NARFE is working very hard to mitigate the damage to earned federal benefits, it is also in our interests to get the federal budget in balance. Since 2012 is an election year, many members of Congress and candidates for Congressional seats will be proposing and promising significant budget reductions to appeal to the voters, frequently at the expense of federal employees, retirees, and annuitants. I encourage you to donate to the NARFE Political Action Fund (NARFE PAC) that NARFE uses to support election campaigns of NARFE supporters, to support the NARFE



Heartbeat of America, and to communicate with your Congressman and Senator.

Your Congressional District may be changing. We do not know yet what the Virginia Congressional District boundaries will be for the coming election. The redistricting process must be completed early in the year, as there are a lot of steps that the election boards and the prospective Congressional candidates must follow to prepare for the June Primaries. Stay informed.

If you wish to vote in the Virginia Presidential Primary this March, the following are some dates that will be of interest to you. Please note, there is not expected to be a Democrat Primary, and only two candidates are currently approved for the Republican Primary. And, since voters in Virginia do not register by Party, all eligible voters can vote in the Primary.

- Presidential Primary date is March 6, 2012;
- Last day for voter registration is Feb. 13, 2012;
- In-Person absentee voting, where available, will begin Jan. 20, 2012;
- Last day to cast an in-person absentee vote is March 3, 2012;
- Absentee voting by mail will begin Jan. 20, 2012;
- Last day to apply for an Absentee ballot by mail is Feb. 28, 2012; and
- Absentee ballots must be received by the local electoral board by 7:00 pm on March 6, 2012.

In June 2012, there will also be a Primary for Senate and local Congressional seats.

## State Legislation

The 2012 Virginia Legislature session opens on January 11<sup>th</sup> and will again be dominated by budget issues. While Virginia has fared better than most States during the recession, significant future cuts in federal expenditures are anticipated. These cuts will affect the revenue that Virginia receives from taxes on workers and on businesses that do business with the federal government. Virginia utilizes a 2-year budget and, to keep the budget in balance, the State uses very conservative estimates of future revenue.



One issue remains from the last Virginia Legislature session, redrawing the 11 Congressional Districts boundaries within the Commonwealth of Virginia. With the change in the makeup of the State Senate, where the control is now in the hands of the Republican members, since the current Republican Lieutenant Governor will cast tie-breaking votes on most evenly divided Senate bills and resolutions, the Congressional redistricting

situation should be settled in short order. The Lieutenant Governor has issued a memorandum stating his views concerning what types of issues he can use his tie-breaking vote on. Lieutenant Governor Bolling, after consulting previous rulings on the matter, indicated his understanding of the Virginia Constitution is that he has the right and duty to cast a vote on most matters that come before the Senate and result in an equal division of the vote. He has also stated that the exceptions would include bills that must pass with a majority vote of the General Assembly, such as appropriation bills, tax bills, Constitutional amendments, the election of judges, and the creation of new State offices. There will certainly be court challenges; but the General Assembly session is short and the courts appear reluctant to interfere in the State Legislative process.

Many issues that passed the House and failed in the Senate will likely be resurrected this session, as a result of the change in the control of the Senate. The Castle Doctrine, which states that a person is free of liability if he injures another person in the defense of his home, has been submitted as House Bill (HB) 14. Delegates Comstock and Hugo have introduced HB33, which would prohibit project labor agreements for State funded infrastructure projects. Delegates LeMunyon and Keam resubmitted a resolution to list, online, the votes cast by every member; but changed it to only address House members and not Senate members. Authorization for the State to issue \$130 million in bonds for higher education has been submitted as HB54. Senator Martin has introduced Senate Bill 1 which specifies that persons unable to provide identification at the voting poles will be required to vote a provisional ballot, which will only be counted on the following day if the electoral board decides the ballot eligible.

Many Virginia Legislators have held and continue to hold Town Hall meetings to get your thoughts, advice, and opinions on needed State legislation. The following are some Town Hall meetings in the Northern Virginia area that you may want to consider attending:

- Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon;
- Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Fox Mill Elementary School Cafeteria, 2611 Viking Drive, Herndon; and
- Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling.

**Bill Schmidt, Dulles Chapter Legislative Chair**

## REACHING OUT

Thanks to all who contacted me during the last few weeks. The following cards were sent out:

- Sympathy Card to NARFE Region X Vice President Bill Martin and his family after the death of his wife Gail Martin;
- Thinking-of-You Card to Barbara Harding after her fall;
- Get Well / Thinking-of-You Card to NARFE Region X Vice President as he recuperates from an automobile accident and surgery; and
- Get Well / Thinking-of-You Card to Virginia Federation Webmaster Stan Palen's wife as she recovers from surgery.

Do you know of a Dulles Chapter member who is ill, facing surgery, or may not be able to get out of the house? Do you know of a Dulles Chapter member who recently passed away or who may have lost a close family member? Do you need or know of someone who may need a ride to a Dulles Chapter luncheon meeting? Do you know a Dulles Chapter member who has made a major contribution to his or her community and deserves our thanks or congratulations? If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, please contact me as "Your" Chapter Sunshine Committee Chair at [wolfepatriciain@aol.com](mailto:wolfepatriciain@aol.com) or (703) 449-1582

**Patricia (Pat) Wolfe, Chapter Sunshine Chair**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Year-To-Date	
Income	\$15,016.37
Expense	
\$13,914.88	
Gain/(Loss)	\$1,101.49
Since Last Report	
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> Account Balance	\$9,629.44
December Income	\$1,935.31
December Expenses	\$1,312.42
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> Balance	\$10,252.33

**Richard Giangerelli, Past Dulles Chapter Treasurer**

## **NEW YEAR COMES WITH CONCERNS ABOUT EARNED BENEFITS**

### **Your Defense Involves Signing Up New NARFE Members!**

You're not alone un your concern 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. Lets continue to

increase our membership numbers by telling **Active and Retired Federal Employees** about NARFE.

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

- The **only** association solely dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the earned benefits of America's active and retired federal employees, and their annuitants.
- An advocate for both active and retired federal employees before Congress and the White House.

Membership in NARFE currently totals approximately 300,00 federal employees, retirees, and annuitants. But the number could and should be larger!

Sign up a friend or co-worker for NARFE membership either with the form in the monthly NARFE magazine or on the internet at <http://www.narfe.org/home/member>. Membership applications are also available at the Dulles Chapter 1241 monthly luncheon meetings.

**Dave LeRoy, Chapter Membership Chair**

### Recent New & Returning Members Welcome !

#### Retired Federal Employees

Mary D. Battle      David E. Sheese  
Birina Lizardi      Corrine B. Willis

#### Returning Members

Robert H. Davis      William S. Sanger

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

### Membership Contest

The membership contest sponsored by the Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFC) is coming to an end. Don't miss out!

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](mailto:dkmartin101@aol.com), or see the contest information on the VFC website at <http://www.vanarfe.org>.

### Help Needed

Your help is needed to increase the power of NARFE on Capitol Hill. Your monetary contributions are needed to fund the NARFE PAC (Political Action Committee).

NARFE PAC is a separate, segregated fund comprised only of voluntary contributions from NARFE members for the specific political purpose of helping politicians who support NARFE issues to remain in office. These contributions help fund the political arm of NARFE. Consider making a contribution to this fund and use the form included on the NARFE website at <http://www.narfe.org> or in the monthly NARFE magazine.

### Need Help with Future College Expenses?

The time for high school seniors to apply for NARFE-FEEA college scholarships is quickly approaching. If you believe that a \$1,000 scholarship for your child or grandchild will be useful, look for the announcement in the monthly NARFE magazine for information on the application process and the deadlines.

**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](mailto: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!

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