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This is an update to let you know what is being planned for the 2009 VFC Convention to be held May 1-3, 2009 at the Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel. The convention committee is working very hard to make it one of the best in recent memory. You are encouraged to seriously consider registering as a delegate, alternate delegate, or guest. Convention forms can be downloaded at www.vanarfe.org or you can contact one of the committee members listed at the bottom of this message. The expense is not outrageous and you will be offered many opportunities to learn more about what is going happening in regards to your earned benefits. Following are just a few of the events that will occur.

A Virginia Governor's Candidates Forum is planned for the 2009 Convention. Invitations to participate were sent to: Former Attorney General Bob McDonnell; Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe; Former State Delegate Brian Moran; and State Senator Creigh Deeds. The Forum will be at 6 p.m. on Friday May 1st followed by a Reception. The Welcome Reception is an opportunity to meet the candidates and other NARFE members and to network with attendees from around the state. Meet old friends and make new connections. The reception is open to all attendees and it is a great way to start the weekend.

Congressman Connolly has been confirmed as one of our speakers. Congressman Wolfe, Congressman Moran and Senator Mark Warner have also been invited to speak at our convention.

Mark Keen, who writes the "Managing Money" column in the monthly NARFE magazine, will be presenting a seminar appropriate for both active and retired federal employees. This will be an especially pertinent presentation based on our current economic situation.

OPM has contacted us and requested time on our agenda. They also plan to have a booth. They want to get feed back from our members on a number of things; (1) how OPM can better serve retirees, (2) encourage retirees to go to OPM website to do business, (3) complaints regarding OPM service, (4) etc. OPM had a booth at the National Convention in Louisville, KY last September and it was one of the most popular booths there. Attendees had an opportunity to speak to experts about a variety of issues.

In addition to guest speakers, committee meetings for delegates, area caucus meetings and the silent auction, we will have an exhibit area with a diverse group of vendors. Exhibits showcase financial organizations, health care, insurance and a retirement home. The following exhibitors have been confirmed:

- * BENNETT FINANCIAL ADVISORS
- * BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD
- * DEMAINE FUNERAL HOME
- * GEHA
- * GOODWIN HOUSE
- * GRIP AND GO STAFF
- * LONG TERM CARE PARTNERS
- * NARFE GENERAL STORE
- * NARFE PREMIER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- * RELIV
- *TODAY'S CARGO

The deadline for advanced registration for the 2009 VFC Convention has passed but registrations are being accepted. The cost for late registration is \$20. You can register at the convention but we hope you won't wait until then. Banquet reservations will be accepted until the cut-off date of April 15. The cost for registration and the banquet is \$59. Registration forms are available at the VFC website, www.vanarfe.org

We are still accepting ads until March 15th. Many chapters have already surpassed their goal of selling \$500 worth of ads. We are looking for more chapters to join them. Remember that chapters selling \$500 or more in product or services ads will receive 10% of the chapters' total sales as a rebate.

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