



## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

### NARFE

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#### NARFE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS WITH CONGRESS Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President and Legislative Chair

**We** are not alone in lobbying Congress to maintain, yes, even improve our benefits. While not all of us are seniors, most retirees are. So we can be grateful for the activities other organizations perform with Congress that are of benefit to active and retired Feds. We know our persuasive powers increase as our number of members increases, and this is being done by joining forces with many other organizations whose objectives are like those of NARFE. We will never be able to determine the magnitude of the benefits NARFE has maintained during these government austerity days that mutual support of the many societies, clubs and coalitions probably has helped.

There are hundreds of these organizations representing every imaginable cause. NARFE founded two national coalitions and also has joined alliances with other organizations to share strategies and strengths and issues of concern. Most coalitions have a national headquarters and many have paid staff to lobby Congress and conduct other strategic services on behalf of their member organizations. You may be interested to know about these "like-minded" organizations and what their goals are.

**National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE)** is a union of about 110,000 blue and white-collar government workers formed in 1917 and is the oldest union representing federal employees. They lobby for the rights of federal employees at home and abroad to insure that civil servants are respected and to advance the social and economic welfare and education of federal workers by organizing units of employees and representing them with Congress. NFFE represents employees in some 30 Federal departments and agencies such as Forest Service, Coast Guard, Army, Marines, Air Force, FAA, BLM, CCC, NPS, etc.

**Federal Postal Coalition** was originally convened by NARFE as the Fund for Independent retirement and the retired officers association to join forces against congressional attacks on federal and military retirement benefits. Today 31-member groups total over 5 million public service employees and retirees. National Postal Mail Handlers Union, Federally Employed Women and National Weather Service Employees are examples.

Also founded by NARFE is the **Coalition to Assure Retirement Equity (CARE)**, comprised of 45 national, state and local organizations for the purpose of addressing the social security pension offset and windfall elimination provision. Like federal annuitants, the GPO and WEP also affect many state and local government retirees.

**Leadership Council on Aging** is a nonprofit organization concerned with the well-being of seniors and is committed to representing their member institutions - political, social, economic and religious - to foster communication and resource sharing, to serve as a source of information on issues affecting older persons, and provide leadership and vision in a changing society. This coalition lists 66 member associations including NARFE.

**Coalition for Effective Change (CEC)** is a non-profit alliance of associations representing almost 600,000 current and retired federal managers, executives, and professionals. It provides a forum for members who assist in re-inventing government and to share their expertise with policymakers. CEC members meet with executive branch officials to discuss ways to improve government. They also share information with and provide recommendations to Congressional committees, OMB, OPM, and others for government-wide changes.

**The Military Coalition** is a group of 34 military, veterans and uniformed services organizations to pursue many goals such as maintaining compensation and benefits for families and survivors and to educate the public on the demands and sacrifices associated with a career in uniformed service. A tradition of cooperation and coordination between military and civic organization continues to benefit both communities. Today NARFE and the other 33 members of the coalition promote premium conversion legislation, work on long-term care insurance, and support pay parity.

In summary, NARFE has a lot of help on our goals, to retain and improve our benefits, for the betterment of others as well.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS DECEMBER 31ST  
SEE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

**PAST CHAPTER  
PRESIDENTS****Chapter 1122**

Robert Doyle  
Robert F. Haas  
John Fleming

**Chapter 2146**

Irwin Neveleff  
Marty Eiband  
Emma E. Barnett

**Chapter 264**

Tom LoJacono

**Total Chapter  
Membership  
November  
684**

**Chapter Corner**

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following reinstated members thru November:

New Member:

**Mary Gathercole**

Reinstated Member:

**Thomas Berge**

New, reinstated, transferred or prospective members: your attendance would be greatly appreciated at the monthly meetings. Come hear interesting speakers, learn more about NARFE, meet and socialize with fellow chapter members. Bring a neighbor, friend, co-worker, family member, active Fed or retired Fed to the meeting with you; they are always welcome.

We wish all sick and shut-in members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon at the monthly meetings.

To December Birthday Members  
**"Happy Birthday"**  
from all of us!

**Richard Bennof, Melinda Scott and Howard Waterworth** attended the Maryland Legislative Training in Bowie, MD on October 30th. A list of NARFE's priorities discussed at the meeting is on page 3.

We are still in need of members to fill vacant positions on the Executive Board. Look at the vacancies on the front page and contact any member listed to volunteer your services today. Anyone with web site knowledge to help set up a new chapter web site is also needed. Or if you are interested in setting up and maintaining a Facebook or Twitter site for the chapter your services would be greatly appreciated.

*In Memoriam*  
*It is with sadness that we extend  
condolences to the family and  
friends of:*

*Victoria Branham*

**Thank You !**

Our November meeting coincided with Veterans Day and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. On Veterans Day we heard a lot about our courageous veterans fighting on the front lines, driving armored tanks, fighting in Naval battles on the high seas, and in many other life-threatening situations. We were fortunate to have chapter member **Howard Waterworth**, an Army Veteran, give us history of the Berlin Wall and speak of some most unusual duties that a few veterans did while on active duty at the Berlin Wall in the 1960s. Military Police (MPs) were assigned to guard some of the Berlin border with East Berlin and retrieve desperate or injured people who jumped over the Berlin Wall. They also guarded Spandau prison in Berlin where some of Hitler's deputies, such as Rudolph Hess, were held for years after WW II ended. Other MP's escorted or served as guards for visiting dignitaries such as Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. It was exciting but potentially dangerous duty. Howard served as a Lieutenant in the Army and was assigned to duty at Checkpoint Charlie at the Berlin in 1963-64. We thank Howard for his service and for sharing his experiences with us. If you were not there you missed a very informative presentation.



**Dr. Howard Waterworth**

Photo by Melinda Scott

**Alzheimer's Donations**

**If you missed the run it's still not too late to donate. Alzheimer's changes the lives of everyone it touches. Please send your tax deductible contribution to help find a cure for this dreaded disease. Make check payable to:**

**NARFE Alzheimer's Research  
(note on check Chapter 1122)**

**Send to:  
Creavery Lloyd, ALZ Chair 1122  
6725 Lamont Drive  
Lanham, MD 20706**

**NARFE PRIORITIES**  
(Excerpt from the October 30th Maryland Federation Legislative Training Conference)

- Improve and protect affordability and choice of Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP)
- Encourage OPM to increase health care providers certified in geriatrics in FEHBP plans
- Change CPI-W to CPI-E as standard for calculating COLAs
- Support Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLAs)
- Oppose Postal Reform Bill (S. 1486)
- Support legislation to relieve USPS of its overly burdensome requirement to prefund over 10 years (2007-2016) future retiree health care obligations
- Support legislation for a 5-year extension of re-employed annuitants provision in the Amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act
- Support re-hiring retired employees without reduction in annuities
- Oppose reduction in Federal Employee Compensation
- Oppose contracting out of federal jobs, federal personnel records, or privatizing government functions
- Support protecting Medicare's guarantee at affordable, predictable prices
- Oppose investment of Social Security reserves in investments other than Treasury securities
- Oppose replacing portions of SS benefits with private individual accounts
- Support tax relief for purchase of long-term care insurance, family care giving, and other long-term care expenses

*"For me, the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree. Therefore, they are equally true, though being received and interpreted through human instruments equally imperfect."*

~ Mahatma Gandhi  
(1869-1948)

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year

Executive Board Members  
NARFE Chapter 1122

 **Holiday Luncheon** 

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 12 noon



*Speaker*  
*Evelyn Kirby*  
*Region II*  
*Vice President*  
*NARFE Maryland Federation*

Sir Walter Raleigh Inn  
6323 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

\$15 per person if paid before December 1

\$25 per person if paid after December 1  
Includes tax & gratuity

All reservations must be made by **December 5**

Choice of Entrée, Open Soup & Salad Bar, Dessert,  
Coffee, Tea & Soft Drink  
(Alcoholic beverages not included)

Make check payable to NARFE Chapter 1122  
mail check & coupon below to:  
Warren Wilcox, Treasurer, 8141 Mandan Terrace,  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-7437 - [wcwilcox@juno.com](mailto:wcwilcox@juno.com)

*Holiday Luncheon Reservation*  
*Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - 12 Noon*

*Choice of Entrée: (Please circle one)*

- \* *Prime Rib Au Jus*
- \* *10 oz Sirloin Steak*
- \* *BBQ Chicken Breast*
- \* *Baked New England Scrod*
- \* *Jumbo Lump Crab Cake*
- \* *Beer Battered Shrimp*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

NARFE Chapter 1122  
Treasurer's Report for  
October 2014

Balance as of 9/30/2014		\$3,743.09
<b>Income:</b>		
Voided Check 1431 (5/19/14)	39.32	
NARFE (Oct Dues)	<u>269.03</u>	
Total Income	308.35	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
D. Green (Replace Voided check 1431)	39.32	
CHI Centers Inc (Printing Nov Newsletter)	80.49	
B. Smith (Oct Refreshments)	37.61	
US Postal Service (Nov Newsletter Mailing)	<u>56.79</u>	
Total Expenses	214.21	
Balance as of 10/31/2014		\$3,837.23



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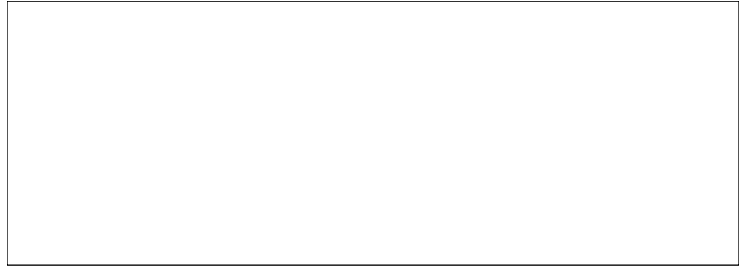
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NARFE National Website  
[www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

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*Peace on Earth*

**Upcoming Events**

- December 10 - Holiday Luncheon
- December 16 - Hanukkah
- December 21 - First day of Winter
- December 25 - Christmas
- December 26 - Kwanzaa
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

**CHAPTER 1122 MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 1:30 PM**

*Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770*

Call office for directions 301-441-1096 Dial 0



*Speaker  
Lee Shields*

*A pioneer resident of Greenbelt, MD*

*Historic Greenbelt Revisited - History still being written !*

*Original Art and Discussion*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Executive Committee meeting will immediately follow regular meeting**

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Inclement Weather Notice! When Prince George's County Schools are closed or opening late, the NARFE Chapter 1122 meeting will not be held.