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NARFE-FEE MONETARY AWARDS PROGRAMS

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NARFE is a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA) that offers funds in three programs to help Federal Employees. Since 1995 more than \$1,000,000 has been provided to NARFE members and their families.

- ◆ One of these programs is scholarships. It is open to high school seniors who are children, grand- and great-grandchildren of NARFE members. A total of \$849,000 has been awarded to these children as of 2013. This program is supported by NARFE member contributions and is administered by the FEEA. The next program will begin February 1, 2014 and close on April 25, 2014. Sixty winners will be chosen and will receive a one-time award of \$1,000. And winners will be notified by FEEA in August along with a list of winners and their sponsors on the web and in the December issue of NARFE Magazine. Watch for the official scholarship application in the February issue of NARFE magazine. Members can download the application from the NARFE website at www.narfe.org during February, March and April. Click on Special Programs link at the left of the screen. Members can make a tax-deductible contribution to support this program with a check payable to NARFE/FEEA Scholarship Fund and mailed to: NARFE Scholarship awards, C/O FEEA, Suite 300, 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80227. Further information is available from the National Vice President at: natvp@narfe.org
- ◆ Another is the Emergency Assistance Program available to NARFE members who have suffered injury or incurred property damage during or after a de-

clared natural disaster. On average FEEA makes over 1,000 no-interest loans each year to civilian federal and postal employees in time of unexpected financial hardship. They can be used for basic living expenses such as shelter or utilities. Payments are made directly to creditors, and employees pay FEEA back through payroll allotments. They are intended to provide temporary assistance while insurance claims and other assistance requests are being processed.

- ◆ The third program is for Childcare Services in which your agency will pay a significant portion of your childcare bill for a child in a licensed facility. It is available to full and part time employees whose incomes are lower than average. The employee's agency pays a significant portion of the childcare bill. Congress approved a program allowing federal agencies to use appropriated funds for childcare tuition assistance. But not all agencies participate in this program, so FEEA stepped into the gap by administering dozens of programs for thousands of parents and children. Ask your agency human resources representative or check a list of all programs FEEA administers from the web. To apply for this assistance, download OPM Form 1644. For details go to: www.feeeachildcareservices.com

Active and Retired Feds can also get detailed information about these and many other programs and activities by joining as an eNARFE member rather than as a member of a local chapter. It is an online membership option designed to fit with busy schedules and at the convenience of members.

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
January
762**

Chapter Corner

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following prospective members and one reinstated member for January:

Prospective Members:

Lisa Benavides
Miranda Key
Elenore Sonski
Lisa Wagstaff

Reinstated Member:

Linda Tokarz

New members, reinstated members, prospective members or transferred members your attendance would be greatly appreciated at the monthly meetings. Come hear interesting speakers, and meet and socialize with fellow chapter members.

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

To all February
Birthday Members
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"
from all of us!

WEBMASTER NEEDED

Are you creative? Interested in learning and using web skills? The NARFE MD Federation is seeking a volunteer webmaster to optimize and maintain the new MD Federation WordPress website. This individual should demonstrate an ability to develop and maintain a website; have knowledge of or interest in learning WordPress; and be willing to perform overall general webmaster duties including additions, changes and/or updates to the website. Time involved: several hours a week to begin with but will gradually taper to a few hours a month. If interested or know someone who might be, please contact Linda Adams at: narfe409@hotmail.com.



Greenbelt K-9 Unit Officers

Thank You to the Greenbelt K-9 Unit - Officer Mike Dewey, Officer Rob Defibaugh, Officer Jason Cressman, and Officer Barry Byers for their presentation of their canine companions. They each have dogs that live with them and their families 24/7, they even go on vacations with them; the dogs are German Shepherds imported from other countries because they are more focused to work; they go through 5 months of training in obedience, tracking, building search, area search, and article search; they are trained to hold a violator, but not to kill. Unlike some K-9 units that have male and female dogs, the K-9 Unit in Greenbelt uses male dogs because they are more aggressive. Officer Mike Dewey hid some drugs in the conference room to show how the dogs can detect drugs. The officers also gave some demonstrations outside the building to show how the dogs perform.

K-9 Unit's Dago sits by his handler



NARFE Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for December 2013	
Balance as of 10/31/2013	\$3,380.21
Income:	
50/50 Raffle (Aug-Dec)	45.00
Donations	10.00
12/11 Luncheon	608.00
NARFE (Nov Dues)	<u>176.04</u>
Total Income	839.04
Expenses:	
CHI Centers Inc. (Nov - Dec Newsletter)	221.16
Delores Green (5/6-12/3 Printing)	40.00
Sir Walter Raleigh Inn (12/11 Luncheon)	<u>624.96</u>
Total Expenses	886.12
Balance as of 12/31/2013	\$3,333.13
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer	

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
Northern Prince George's County
Chapter 1122
(Incorporating Chapters 2146 and 264)

Chapter Bylaws

ARTICLE I CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1 – Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month except July and August, unless a meeting is omitted by previous Chapter vote or by action of the Chapter Executive Committee with due and reasonable notice to members.

Section 2 – A quorum for conducting Chapter business shall consist of at least 10 of the Chapter's voting members. In the absence of a quorum, the members present may adjourn to meet on a future date. Notice of the new meeting for voting shall be announced in the Newsletter before the next meeting.

Section 3 – Special meetings shall be called by the Chapter President when necessary or upon written request by 10 of the Chapter's voting members. Written notice should be published in the Newsletter before such a meeting.

ARTICLE II ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 - The order of business at all regular Chapter meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Non-denominational invocation or moment of silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of new members
5. Approval of the minutes (Reading if required)
6. Officer Reports
7. Committee Reports
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Announcements
11. Program or entertainment
12. Adjournment

Section 2 – The presiding officer may alter the order of business as necessary.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Chapter officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer (or a Secretary-Treasurer). These shall be elected in even-numbered years for two-year terms, and may hold office until their successors are duly installed. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive full terms, unless deemed practical. The regular meeting in May in even-numbered years shall be the election meeting.

Section 2 – The President, with the consent of the other elected officers, shall appoint members to fill vacancies in the elected offices. The First Vice President shall be acting President in the absence of the President and shall become President in the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President.

Section 3 – There shall be the following standing committees or positions: a.) Chaplain; b.) Legislative; c.) Membership; d.) Alzheimer’s Chair; e.) Newsletter Editor; f.) Newsletter Distributor; g.) Program; h.) Public Relations; i.) Service Officer; j.) Historian and k.) NARFE-PAC Chair.

- a. The President, with the consent of the Chapter Officers, shall appoint the Chair and members of each Committee. A Chapter officer may serve as Chair or as a member of one or more standing committees.
- b. The Legislative Committee shall keep abreast of all state and national legislative matters concerning active and retired federal employees and make recommendations for action to the Chapter, the Federation and the Association. If appropriate, separate committees for state and for federal legislative matters may be appointed.
- c. The Membership Committee shall have the duty of urging all persons eligible for membership to join the Association. All Chapter members are, by virtue of Chapter membership, members of this Committee.

Section 4 – The President shall appoint such other ad hoc or special committees as may be necessary.

Section 5 – The elected Officers, the immediate past President, and the Chairs of the standing Committees shall constitute the Executive Board of the Chapter. The Executive Board shall conduct such activities as the Chapter may prescribe.

Section 6 – The Chapter may by resolution require the Treasurer to give bond for the faithful performance of the Treasurer’s duties. The expense of obtaining a bond shall be paid from Chapter funds.

Section 7 – The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Chapter President to annually perform an audit of the financial records of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV CHAPTER DUES

Chapter dues shall be established by membership resolution provided that notice of the proposal to change dues is mailed to each member at least ten days in advance of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

ARTICLE V AFFILIATION WITH STATE FEDERATION

Section 1 – This Chapter shall be affiliated with the Maryland Federation of Chapters of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Section 2 – The Chapter President shall serve as the Chapter representative to the Federation. The President shall appoint an alternate or alternates to represent the Chapter at Federation meetings that the President cannot attend.

ARTICLE VI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Subject to the provisions of the Chapter constitution and bylaws and the Association’s articles of incorporation and bylaws, the provisions of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be used as a guide in conducting Chapter business.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

An amendment to these bylaws may be enacted by concurrence of two-thirds of the quorum present at any regular meeting, provided due notice has been given in accordance with Article VIII of the Chapter Constitution. Amendments shall then be approved at National Headquarters before becoming effective.

The above bylaws are certified as having been adopted as of the chapter meeting of _____
Date

President

Secretary

APPROVED at National Headquarters

National Secretary

Date

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Chapter Constitution

Article I. NAME

This chapter shall be known as the Northern Prince George's County, Number 1122 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Chapter members reside primarily in Beltsville, College Park, Glenn Dale, Greenbelt, Landover, Lanham, New Carrollton and Seabrook.

Article II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1 – To support and work toward the objectives of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, as set forth in paragraph 3 of the Association's Articles of Incorporation. In furtherance of these objectives, this Chapter shall conform to the Association's Bylaws. It shall operate in unity with policies established by the Association's national conventions and national executive board, together with such other activities looking toward the preservation of American institutions and ideals as shall be espoused by the Association.

Section 2 – The chapter shall not enter into any activities, arrangements or agreements which conflict with the programs or activities of the Association.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Chapter membership shall be comprised of members in good standing with the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Article IV. OFFICERS

Chapter members shall elect a president, a first and second vice president, a secretary, a treasurer (or secretary-treasurer if the two offices are combined) and such other officers as are designated in the chapter bylaws. All officers, elected or appointed, must be chapter voting members, and shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have been installed. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive full terms, unless deemed practical.

Article V. DUES

The chapter shall fix such dues as necessary to meet expenses of carrying out its business and functions. Any chapter document relating to dues or contributions must contain the statement: **“Dues, payments and gifts or contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.”**

Article VI. NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Delegates to the Association’s national convention shall be elected by the chapter’s voting members in accordance with the national bylaws and federation guidelines as soon as possible after the official count of membership and delegate strength is issued by National Headquarters.

Article VII. BYLAWS

The chapter may adopt such bylaws as are deemed appropriate and necessary. They must be consistent with the chapter constitution and the Association’s Articles of Incorporation and National Bylaws, and they must provide the method by which they may be amended.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

An amendment to this constitution or bylaws may be made by concurrence of two-thirds of the quorum present and voting at any regular business meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment was transmitted to all chapter voting members through the Newsletter before the meeting at which the vote is taken. Amendments must then be approved by National Headquarters before becoming effective.

President

Secretary

Date

APPROVED at National Headquarters

National Secretary

Date



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NARFE NORTHERN PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPTER 1122 BALLOT

Please vote and mail this ballot no later than **March 1** to:

Richard Bennof, President
NARFE Chapter 1122
7353 Green Oak Terrace
Lanham, MD 20706

_____ I **Approve** the Bylaws _____ I **Do Not** Approve the Bylaws

_____ I **Approve** the Constitution _____ I **Do Not** Approve the Constitution

_____ Signature Here

_____ Print Name Here

_____ Date

**Please Read
the enclosed
Bylaws and
Constitution
of Chapter
1122
Sign, date
and mail
your ballot
today!**

eNARFE Chapters for Active Feds

As of November 2013 NARFE eChapter had grown to 19,265 members, 8.2% of voting members. Current employees received a free 6-month membership to the eChapter when they joined during a 5-week promotion period in November. 1700 joined and it is expected some will become dues-paying members thereafter.

On the eChapter website, you will get frequent updates from Capitol Hill, action alerts and weekly legislative hotlines, plus a virtual gathering place for discussion groups and interaction with your peers. You will have access to the latest news coverage related to Feds benefit information and FERS-related information. Once on line you can click on Legislation, Press Room, Donate to NARFE Programs, Member Perks, and Membership Renewal for details.

eNARFE members can attend local chapter meetings as desired. Currently, you can also click on such articles as: Seniors and Disability Groups Rally, Chained CPI Event, 2014 COLA, 2014 Medicare Part B,

Pension Advances, Budget Deal and Archived Releases.

Under the Daily News Feed you can read about Federal Pensions, a Bill that would ensure Blue-collar Feds get 1% increase, Budget ax may fall on Fed Pensions, and Sequestration to Hit Much Harder in 2014. And you can read negative information under the heading "See What's Being Lost."

You can also click on links dealing with a wide variety of current issues such as:

- Change in inflation measure would affect retired feds,
- Group fears fed Pensions are at Risk in Budget Talks,
- Best buys during open seasons,
- Federal and Social Security pensioners beware,
- Obama Health Insurance updates and
- Federal compensation cuts could save billions.



What's Your E-Mail Address?
If you are not currently receiving the newsletter monthly by e-mail and you would like to – we probably don't have your correct e-mail address.
Please update your e-mail address by notifying Membership Chairperson
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NARFE National Website
www.narfe.org



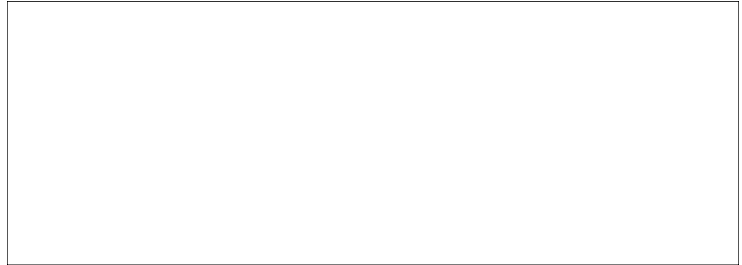
FEBRUARY 17

Upcoming Events

2014

- February 4
MD Federation Board Meeting
in Bowie
- February 12
Chapter Meeting
- February 17
Presidents Day
- March 31 - April 1
Region II Training Symposium

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



See Chapter Bylaws and Constitution Inside
Vote Your Ballot

CHAPTER 1122 MONTHLY MEETING

February 12, 2014 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

Bill Milligan
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

“Emergency Preparedness”

Bill is a volunteer with the Prince George's County Sheriffs' Office Community Partnerships Section. He serves as the executive director of the Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program



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www.mdnarfe.org

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1-800-811-8336
or visit the Web Site
www.gov.state.md.us/mail

Executive Committee Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 5 at Noon
Royal Jade Restaurant, 7401 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 441-8880
In Greenway Shopping Center (Formerly Jasper's)

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