

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Northern Prince George's County Maryland Chapter 1122

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NARFE is the only association solely dedicated to safeguarding and improving the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal employees. A team of government relations professionals in Washington tracks congressional action and agency proposals that affect your federal retirement benefits. NARFE's Legislative Department works simultaneously to preserve and enhance civil service annuity and health care benefits.

## NARFE COALITION PARTNERS INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS WITH CONGRESS

**Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President and Legislative Chair**

As we know large numbers of people from as many Congressional Districts as possible increase our persuasive powers with members of Congress. For that reason NARFE has joined forces with many other State and National organizations over the years with similar interests and goals. We may never be able to determine the magnitude of the benefits NARFE has maintained, even improved, as a result of mutual support among these numerous societies, clubs and coalitions. But we do know that we have held onto our benefits, perhaps even gained some, in spite of ongoing pressures to cut our benefits from many sources. There are literally hundreds of these organizations representing every imaginable cause. NARFE has founded two national coalitions and also has joined alliances where the member organizations share strategy and strengths on 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 and clubs. You may be interested to know something about these coalitions.

**Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (lcao.org)** is a coal-

ition of national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well being of older people and committed to representing their interests in the policy-making arena. The strength of the coalition lies in the diversity of its member institutions - political, social, economic, religious - to foster communication and resource sharing, to serve as a source of information about issues affecting older persons, to initiate joint advocacy strategies as appropriate, to provide leadership and vision in a changing society, and to ensure that they support the causes of America's aging society. This coalition lists 66 member associations including NARFE.

**The Military Coalition** ([themilitarycoalition.org](http://themilitarycoalition.org)) is a group of 34 military, veterans and uniformed services organizations in joint pursuit of many goals such as maintaining compensation and benefits, including members' families and survivors and to educate the public on the demands and sacrifices associated with a career in uniformed service. While no formal alliance exists between federal and military organizations, a tradition of cooperation and coordination continues to benefit both communities. Today NARFE and the other 33 members of the coalition

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2012 Upcoming  
Events

May 19

Armed Forces Day

- August 26-30  
National Convention  
Reno, NV
- September (TBD)  
Alzheimer's Walk  
Bowie
- October 2  
Federation Board  
Meeting
- October 26  
Federation Fall  
Training

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### Newsletters on Line John Lydon, Newsletter Distributor via Email

Join your fellow members by receiving your newsletter on line. It typically arrives earlier than the one delivered by mail. This helps our chapter save on postage when you elect to receive the electronic version of the newsletter in pdf format and full color. To receive a monthly notice by e-mail that our Chapter

Newsletter is available, send a message to: lydon.j@verizon.net. Please include your full name and address with a request to receive notification that the newsletter is on the web site at: [www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122](http://www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122).



### Chapter Membership

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following members who joined in April:

#### NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Cameron  
Judith Holland

#### MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT OF CHAPTER

Chester F. Michewicz  
Agnes Newman

#### DROPPED MEMBERS (NON RENEWAL)

Victoria Branham  
Francis L. Brown  
Dalton Downs  
Earl Glover  
Tom H. W. Loomis  
Ellen Sealey  
Patricia C. Seaman  
Anne O. Stamper

New, reinstated, transferred and prospective members please attend the meetings. Meet fellow members and enjoy the refreshments.

**NARFE  
Chapter 1122  
Total  
Membership  
As of  
March  
2012  
647**

### Chapter Corner

The June luncheon has been finalized (see the notice on this page for details). The slate of candidates for new officers will be voted on at the May meeting. Try to attend - your vote counts - and sign up for a committee position while you are there. The chapter is in need of a Service Officer, Historian, Alzheimer's Chair and a Hospitality Chairperson.

We had a moving good time at the April meeting thanks to CJ Onyeji, Physical Therapist and his associates Tara and Rosalie from Professional Sports Care & Rehabilitation Associates. Not only did they show us how to exercise but had us doing exercises as well. What an enjoyable meeting.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing at the April meeting was Elaine Cameron, our new member.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all sick and shut-in members. We wish you a speedy recovery.

To all May Birthday Members, Happy Birthday from all of us.

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

Thomas J. Gore  
Margaret Miller

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2012  
at 1:30 pm

#### Speaker

**Gene Lester, MS, PhD  
Research Plant Physiologist  
Food Quality Laboratory  
USDA Agricultural Research  
Service**

**"Food as Medicine:  
What Melons Offer"**



**Note - Executive Board Meeting**  
Immediately following the  
regular meeting

**Greenbriar Community Building  
Terrace Room  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt MD 20770  
Call the Office for directions  
301-441-1096 Dial "0"**

### June Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, June 13, 2012 At 12 Noon

Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, 6323 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740, (301) 474-6500

**Guest Speaker  
Dick Strombotne, Treasurer  
NARFE Maryland Federation**

Newly Elected Officers Will Be Sworn In By  
Guest Speaker! Door Prizes!

\$25 per person includes tax & gratuity  
Choice of Entree, Open Soup & Salad Bar,  
Sandwich Wraps, Chocolate Mousse Dessert,  
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks  
(Alcoholic beverages not included)

Entree (Select One)  
Prime Rib, Hawaiian Chicken Breast,  
Crab Cakes or Beer Battered Shrimp

**Please make reservations by June 6. Make check  
payable to NARFE Chapter 1122 and mail to:**

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8C Plateau Place  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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**THANK YOU**



**IN MEMORIAM**

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promote premium conversion legislation, work on long-term care insurance and support pay parity.

**Federal Postal Coalition** was originally convened by NARFE as the Fund for Assuring an Independent Retirement (FAIR) and the Retired Officers Association to join forces against congressional attacks on federal and military retirement benefits. Today's member groups represent over 6 million public service employees and retirees. The 28 national member organizations work to protect the economic and health security of their members. Examples of member groups are: National Postal Mail Handlers Union, Federally Employed Women, and National Weather Service Employees Organization.

**The Coalition to Assure Retirement Equity (CARE)** also founded by NARFE in 1991, CARE is comprised of more than 45 national, state and local organizations for the purpose of addressing the Social Security Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision. Like federal annuitants, the GPO and the WEP also affect many state

and local government retirees. Examples of member organizations are: American Federation of Teachers, the FOP, Air Traffic Controllers Association, and Gray Panthers.

**Coalition for Effective Change (CEC)** ([effectivechange.org](http://effectivechange.org)) was formed in 1993 as a non-profit alliance of associations representing almost 600,000 current and retired federal managers, executives, and professionals. Its goal is to provide a forum for members to assist in re-inventing government and to share their expertise with policy-makers. CEC members meet with executive branch officials to discuss efforts to improve government. They also share information with and provide recommendations to Congressional committees, OMB, OPM, and others for government-wide changes.

As you can see NARFE has a lot of help on our goals and to retain our benefits and for the betterment of others as well.

**Presidential Quote  
In Honor Of  
Armed Forces Day**

"It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world."

**Dwight D. Eisenhower  
U. S. President  
1953 - 1961**

**NARFE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN**

NARFE Headquarters is now accepting photos for the next NARFE Photo Calendar Contest. These photos will be used for the 2014 NARFE Calendar. As was done last year, the rules have been waived that once you have a photo published in any NARFE Calendar, you are ineligible to enter again. So, this means that all NARFE members are invited to submit a photo. The only exception is that members who work as professional photographers are not eligible.

All photos must be 8" x 10" or 8 1/2" x 11" horizontal size. Each entry must have the following information on a piece of paper stuck or taped to the back of each photo: name, address, chapter number, and phone number or email address. Any photos not adhering to these rules will not be considered. As in the past, the photos can be whatever you think makes a good picture. No photos of pets or children, please. Neither email nor Polaroid pictures will be accepted.

Only the work of amateurs will be accepted, and all photos submitted become the property of NARFE and will not be returned. Please limit your submissions to no more than five photos, so send us the ones you consider your best.

Send your photos to NARFE Headquarters, Public Relations Dept. 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314. If you have any questions, call NARFE PR, 703-838-7760, ext. 268; or email: [pubrel@narfe.org](mailto:pubrel@narfe.org).

Photos will be accepted until **February 15, 2013**.

NARFE Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for March 2012	
<b>Balance as of 2/29/2012</b>	<b>\$3,496.56</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>NARFE (Dec &amp; Jan Dues)</b>	<b><u>166.28</u></b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>166.28</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
<b>CHI Centers Inc. (Printing Feb Newsletter)</b>	<b>84.96</b>
<b>U.S. Postal Service (Mailing Apr Newsletter)</b>	<b><u>55.03</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>139.99</b>
<b>Balance as of 3/31/2012</b>	<b>\$3,522.85</b>
<b>Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer</b>	

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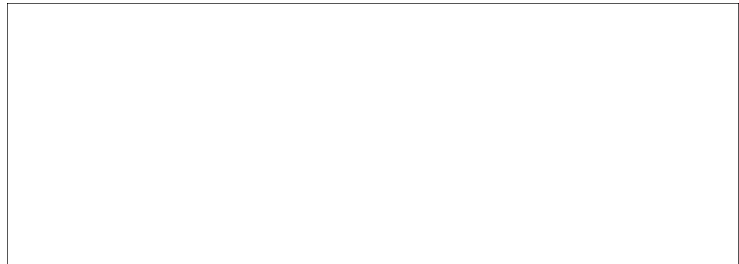
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Armed Forces Day - May 19

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