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THE FUTURE OF NARFE IN PERIL

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

Unless action is taken now the Future of NARFE is in peril according to a recent National Executive Board (NEB) endorsement of a FON committee report. National President Joseph Beaudoin said that the current NARFE organization was unsustainable and the long-established NARFE mission was in grave danger. Without change, NARFE's survival is in peril. This is due to declining membership and reduced funding combined with many outside competing factors for members' time and money. In today's society people are not 'joiners' and many do not want to assume leadership roles. NARFE's 'brand' may be stale and needs 'rebranding' to be more appealing to current and prospective members. NARFE must be run like a business according to the FON Committee if it is going to survive.

Many of NARFE's practices and functions have been the same for many years even though 'the world has greatly changed' 'therefore change is necessary' according to the FON Committee.

This 12-member Committee was appointed by President Joseph Beaudoin in August 2013 to carry out the NEB's mandate to offer recommendations for our future survival. Accordingly, two unique concepts were proposed which include a transition from a Federation structure to a state advocacy structure and the establishment of a Congressional District Leader (CDL) in each of the 435 Congressional districts. These leaders would be responsible for legislative advocacy with U. S. Representatives within their respective Congressional Districts. All of the CDLs would elect a state Representative to head advocacy with the U.S. Senators, and perform other state level mission work and be paid \$200/ month. The

CDLs would work under the guidance of the NARFE Legislative Officer and Legislative Department of NARFE. NARFE members in their Districts would elect the CDLs. Resources at the current state level would transition to activities that directly support NARFE's core mission—advocacy.

The FON committee did a lot of analyses of other organizations such as NAACP, C of C, National Rifle Association, and Federal Managers' Association to develop the proposals for the "Future NARFE." Several of the recommendations require amendments to the NARFE National By-laws to be presented for consideration at the 2014 National Convention in Orlando. You can read the complete Committee report and NEB's endorsement at www.NARFE.org.

With their approval authority, the NEB agreed for these recommendations to commence immediately:

- ◆ Engage in strategic planning on an on-going basis in order to remain relevant, and appeal to a strong base of members and funding resources.
- ◆ Conduct a study to decide whether the NARFE name should be changed.
- ◆ Consider whether to enhance our mission to include championing good government and public service to improve the public image of Fed employees.
- ◆ Reduce the current 10 regions to five. These 5 Regional VPs will be elected during the 2014 Convention and begin their terms in November 2014.

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
April
732



Chapter Corner

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following new, reinstated, transferred, and prospective members for April:

New Member:
Janette Shell

Reinstated Member:
June Sullivan

Transferred Member:
Diann Howland

Prospective Members:

<i>Debra Beasley</i>	<i>Patricia Beetham</i>
<i>Diane Coleman</i>	<i>Greg Czarnopys</i>
<i>Veronica Edejer</i>	<i>Nat Godd</i>
<i>Michael Hicks</i>	<i>Janet Jagdhane</i>
<i>Rosa Jones</i>	<i>Miranda Key</i>
<i>Althea Milburn</i>	<i>Denise Patterson</i>
<i>Stephen Yusko</i>	

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

In Memoriam

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

<i>Ellen Amber</i>	<i>William Arnold</i>
<i>John Kamowski</i>	<i>Margaret Reed</i>
<i>Fred Schaffer</i>	<i>Donald Smith</i>
<i>William Vaughan</i>	<i>Mildred Vaughters</i>



Photo by Melinda Scott

A Big Thank You To Irving Shapiro and Nancy Shapiro

Irving Shapiro, Service Officer of NARFE Chapter 1127 is at Ford's Theater each week and is an expert on the Lincoln assassination. At the April meeting he briefly touched on events that led up to the Lincoln assassination.

He mentioned what was Lincoln's last public speech when he spoke on his interest in giving African Americans the vote much to the dismay of Booth and an associate, who were listening. Booth told the associate that "this will be the last public speech that Lincoln would ever make." Mr. Shapiro spent most of his time detailing Lincoln's last day and the events of his last night.

Nancy Shapiro described the Road Scholar program, giving examples of what kinds of programs they offer and a couple of events she and Irving have attended.

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

To all May Birthday Members
"Happy Birthday" from all of us!

Spring Luncheon Reservation
Thursday, June 12, 2014
Sir Walter Raleigh Inn

Reservations must be made by June 9th

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Number attending _____
Amount Enclosed _____

Choice of Entrée:

- Prime Rib Au Jus_____*
- BBQ Chicken Breast_____*
- Beer Battered Shrimp_____*
- Jumbo Crab Cake _____*
- Served with: Baked Potato_____ or Rice_____*

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NARFE Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for March 2014	
Balance as of 2/28/2014	\$3,288.05
Income:	
NARFE (Mar Dues)	331.45
Total Income	331.45
Expenses:	
R. Bennof (Mar Refreshments)	10.34
D. Green (Fruit Basket)	73.58
US Postal Service (Apr Newsletter Mailing)	94.44
Total Expenses	178.36
Balance as of 3/31/2014	\$3,441.14
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer	

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The following recommendations must be developed into National Bylaw amendments resolutions:

- ◇ Reduce from 4 National Resident Officers (NRO) to 2.
- ◇ Eliminate the requirement for mandatory local chapter membership.
- ◇ Open NARFE membership to all who support NARFE's mission, such as local & state government employees, family and friends of NARFE members. To be non-voting and known as 'Patriot members.'
- ◇ Open NARFE non-voting membership to Youth up to age 26 at \$10/ year.

By-law amendment to implement the other recommendations will be acted upon at the 2016 National Convention in Reno. We will hear more about these changes in the NARFE Magazine, Federation Newsletters and District meetings. Modern information technology will be a tool used to disseminate information and address questions/concerns members may have.

**Future Of NARFE – What do YOU say to Active Federal Employees?
By Jana Over**

Are you a retired federal employee? If so, what do you say when you meet a federal employee who has not yet retired? Do you ask them where they work, and what they do? Do you ask them if they are worried about the future of their health and retirement benefits? Do you ask them if they know whom to ask if they have questions about their federal benefits? When they say "yes" to the first question, and "not sure" to the second question, do you then ask them if they have joined the ONLY group that advocates for active federal employees, and can help them find answers to critical benefit questions? And when they ask you – what is this group? How do I join? *Tell them to Find NARFE on Facebook, Twitter or at www.NARFE.org and that Chapter 1122 sent them....*

**Presidential Quote
on
Memorial Day**

"I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did. "

**Benjamin Harrison
U.S. President
1889-1893**

Spring Luncheon



*Guest Speaker
Emmett Jordan
Mayor
City of Greenbelt*

"An update on senior services and other activities in the Greenbelt area"

*Thursday, June 12, 2014
At 12 Noon
Sir Walter Raleigh Inn
6323 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights MD
301-474-6500*

*Reservations must be made by June 9th
\$25 per person
Includes tax & gratuity
Officers will be sworn in at Luncheon*

*Entrée Choice
Prime Rib Au Jus
BBQ Chicken Breast
Beer Battered Shrimp
Jumbo Lump Crab Cake
Served with:
Baked Potato or Rice
Open Soup and Salad Bar
Chocolate Mousse Dessert
Coffee, Hot Tea
Cold Tea & Soft Drink
(Alcoholic Beverages Not Included)*

NEW WEBSITE

Take a look at the new Maryland Federation website and access Chapter 1122's web page. It is still a work in progress. So keep watching.
www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122

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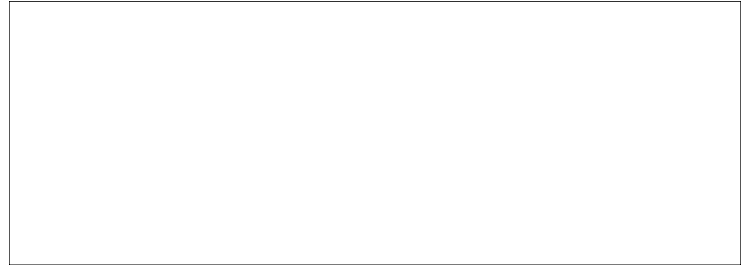
REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day - May 26

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Upcoming Events

- May 5 - 6
Federation Mini Convention
Bowie, MD
- May 14
Chapter Meeting
- May 26
Memorial Day
- June 12
Spring Luncheon Meeting
- August 24 - 28
NARFE National Convention
Orlando, FL

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1-866-220-0044

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www.mdnarfe.org

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www.gov.state.md.us/mail

CHAPTER 1122 MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 1:30 PM

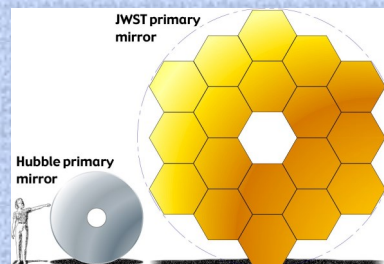
*Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770*

Call office for directions 301-441-1096 Dial 0

SPEAKER

Jonathan P. Gardner, PhD
Chief, Observational Cosmology Lab
NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

**"A Scientific Revolution: the Hubble and
James Webb Space Telescopes"**



All Are
Welcome

Refreshments

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