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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 113th CONGRESS: 2013-2014

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

NARFE's legislative program for the 113th Congress (2013-2014) was adopted by the membership at the recent Biennial National Convention held in Reno, NV. It provides extensive and specific enumerations for legislative positions primarily to:

- 1) Protect federal and postal retirees' existing retirement and health benefits from reduction and/or erosion.
- 2) Protect current and future federal civilian employees' pay, retirement and health benefits.
- 3) Protect the viability, stability and standard of service of established federal government functions. The Program is ordered into three categories: preserving existing benefits, enhancing existing benefits and additional key position's.
- 4) The National President has the authority to execute Association policy that makes the final policy and strategy decisions based on guidance from the Legislative Program and counsel from the legislative director and considers the views of the National Executive Board and leaders and members of the Association. The interaction between NARFE members at the chapter and federation levels and their members of Congress is critical in achieving these goals.

NARFE opposes many issues under consideration by Congress including:

1. Reductions in government contributions toward FEHBP premiums.
2. Any action that erodes the solvency of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund and supports full public disclosure of the fiscal stability of the fund.
3. Future reductions in federal pay, retirement or health benefits.
4. Increases in the enrollee copayment for purchase of prescription drugs in FEHBP by annuitants who participate in Medicare.
5. Authorizing health savings account, medical saving accounts, customer-driven or patient-directed plans in the FEHBP.
6. Broadening participation in FEHBP unless separate risk pools are created.
7. Indexing flat payments by the Government for FEHBP premiums.

8. Requiring federal agencies to pre-fund the government /employee's share of post-retirement FEHBP premiums for their current employees.
9. Establishing separately rated health plans for Medicare-participating retirees and survivors.
10. Proposals that would encourage or force annuitants or workers into "cost-conscious" FEHBP plans, such as managed care and "Customer-driven" options.
11. Policies for contracting out of federal jobs that put employees at disadvantage in the competitive process.
12. Proposals that would privatize government functions that do not ensure the continued federal service of current employees.
13. Contracting out the processing & maintenance of federal personnel records.
14. Means-testing cost-sharing requirements.
15. Increasing the Medicare eligibility age.
16. Requiring home health care co-payments.
17. Further limitations on and support easing asset rules which prevent severely disabled persons from qualifying and receiving Medicaid long-term care benefits.
18. Proposals that would give private Medicare plans an unfair competitive advantage over the current Medicare fee-for-service program and undermine the present program's ability to share health care costs over a wide community of coverage, including the premium support demonstration program.
19. Schemes that limit the government portion or reduce its share of Medicare premiums through a formula that does not accurately reflect the updated costs of providing health care to eligible beneficiaries.
20. Investment of Social Security reserves in other than Treasury securities.
21. Replacing any portion of Social Security benefits with private individual accounts.

The report on the three program categories: Preserving existing benefits, Enhancing existing benefits and Additional key positions will be discussed in the next edition of our newsletter.

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Chapter 264

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**Total Chapter
Membership
August**

617

**Chapter Corner**

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following members who joined in September:

New Members:

Meredith Beeg
Regina Cody
Darryl Mahoney
Deborah Peebles-Hodge
Stephen Willis
Stanley Zirkin

Reinstated Members:

Anne Andersen	John Kelly
Beverly Arnette	David Lange
Elaine Bobbitt	Blake Lorenz
Lillie Clark	Angelina Opalski
Michael Collins	Marion Sampson
Lauren Dunn	Derek Stewart
Valerie Grasso	Norma Weetman
Lawrence Harris	John Wolff
Angela Jones	

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

The chapter officially welcomed members of Chapter 264. Pictured on page 3 are members of 264 who attended the September meeting. A total of 265 members of the chapter transferred into Chapter 1122. Welcome aboard to all!

Jana Over announced a correction to the web site for Erma Pellent's memorial:

<http://www.stproductions.org/Erma/Erma.pdf>

The lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing at the September meeting was **Barbara Barron**.

The October Federation meeting in Bowie will be attended by **Richard Bennof, Howard Waterworth, Barbara Barron** and **Melinda Scott**.

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

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



**Dr. Keith Abouchar and Mr. Terrance Taylor
Senior Staff Members to Congressman Hoyer**

We were delighted to have not one, but two representatives from Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office at the September meeting. The guest speaker **Dr. Keith Abouchar** from the DC office (202-225-4131) and **Mr. Terrance Taylor** from the Maryland office (301-474-0419) were well prepared for our numerous questions. If you have additional questions you can contact them at their numbers above.

Many thanks to both of them for refreshing our memories that we need to be diligent in fighting to retain our current benefits and staying abreast of future changes that could affect active and retired feds in the future. A very informative meeting. We look forward to having them back again.

Save the Dates! Nov. 18, 20, 22, 2013

**Congressman Chris Van Hollen's 11th Annual
Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Forums
in cooperation with NARFE .**

Experts on federal health insurance plans and representatives of health insurance carriers will be present at all sessions to discuss various health plan options and the impact of the Affordable Care Act, and to answer questions at the following locations:

Monday, Nov. 18, 2013

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Panel: 9:30-10:30 a.m.)
Holiday Park Senior Center
3950 Ferrara Drive
Wheaton, MD 20906

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Panel: 7:30-8:30 p.m.)
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Friday, Nov. 22, 2013

10 a.m. - Noon (Panel: 10:30-11:30 a.m.)
Calvary United Methodist Church
403 South Main Street
Mount Airy, MD 21771

Have chapter news or articles to share? Email the editor: bsg.smith@verizon.net

WELCOME MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 264



(L-R) Ed Zipeto, Bertha McNeil, Anna Mae Kobbe, Mary Haygood, Jana Over, (Person in cap), Pat Wright-Gaines, Richard Payne and Ruth Fisher

**Alzheimer's Report
Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair**

In talking with kids and teens who have a parent or grandparent with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, as part of the care-giving process it's important for them to know that they are not alone. Following is a message from the Alzheimer's Association:

"When a friend or family member has Alzheimer's disease, you may feel upset, confused or scared. Alzheimer's can be puzzling because a person who has it often doesn't look sick.

Some people with early stage Alzheimer's may forget words or not remember your name sometimes. Otherwise you may not notice too many changes. But, when you spend time with people with later stage Alzheimer's, it is easy to see that something

serious is going on. Some people with Alzheimer's may cry, become angry very easily or behave in ways that embarrass you. Sometimes the person may not remember who you are, even if it is someone like a grandparent who knows you very well.

People with Alzheimer's disease are not acting like this because they don't care about you anymore. Changes deep inside their brains are destroying the centers that control remembering, thinking and feeling. They are losing their ability to make sense out of the world."

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**

Cheerfulness is the best promoter of health and is as friendly to the mind as to the body.

**Joseph Addison
Writer 1672-1719**

**Presidential Quote
In Recognition of
Columbus Day**

Columbus stood in his age as the pioneer of progress and achievement. The system of universal education is in our age the most prominent and salutary feature of the spirit of enlightenment, and it is peculiarly appropriate that the schools be made by the people the center of the day's demonstration. Let the national flag float over every school-house in the country, and the exercises be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duties of American citizenship.

**Benjamin Harrison
23rd U. S. President
1859 - 1893**



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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 Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for August 2013	
Balance as of 7/31/2013	\$3,579.00
Income:	
NARFE Chapter 264 (Final Treasury Funds)	121.58
NARFE (July Dues)	<u>137.62</u>
Total Income	259.20
Expenses:	
CHI Centers Inc. (Printing June Newsletter)	73.74
B. Smith (6/12 Party Favors)	50.00
NARFE (Jan - May Mailing Labels)	50.00
US Postal Service (Mailing Sept Newsletter)	<u>68.01</u>
Total Expenses	241.75
Balance as of 8/31/2013	\$3,596.45
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer	

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Upcoming Events

- **October 1**
Federation Board Meeting
Bowie, MD
- **October 9**
Chapter Meeting
- **October 14**
Columbus Day
- **October 29**
Federation Training Day
- **November 18, 20 & 22**
Congressman Chris Van Hollen
FEHB Forums

NARFE National Headquarters
(Direct Line)
1-703-838-7760

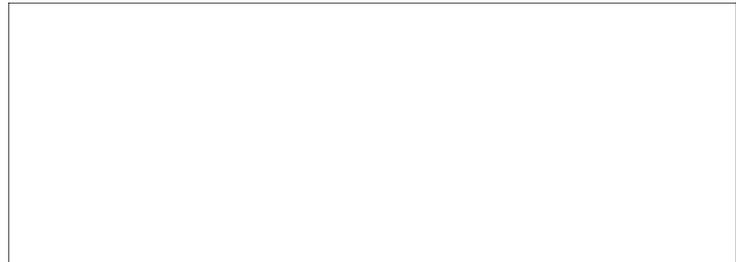
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and Representatives

Call 301-858-3000
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To reach the Governor call
1-800-811-8336
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www.gov.state.md.us/mail

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



CHAPTER 1122 MONTHLY MEETING

October 9, 2013 at 1:30 PM

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

Speakers

Lina Stallings

Jack Booz

Prince George's County Sheriffs Department

Topic - "Safety for Seniors"

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**All Are
Welcome**

Refreshments

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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.