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**STATUS OF BILLS IN CONGRESS AFFECTING FEDS**

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

**T**here are 18 bills before Congress of interest or concern to NARFE, according to a report by Tom Miller, NARFE's Legislative Chair. About 20% of them relate to health benefits for us FEDS. For example, H.R. 1367 provides the OPM greater authority to control the cost of prescription drugs for the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program. H.R. 1780 would remove FEDS from the FEHBP and place them under the Affordable Care Act. H.R. 3319 requires the OPM to administer a health insurance plan for nonfederal employees under the existing FEHBP.

Another bill significant to NARFE is S. 1486 the Postal Reform Act, which threatens the integrity of the FEHBP by removing postal workers and retirees, cuts workers' compensation benefits and eliminates the FERS pension for new hires. Another postal act H.R. 2748 would eliminate door-to-door mail delivery in favor of cluster boxes somewhere on the street. H.R. 1795, the Social Security Fairness Act, repeals both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The Senate also has S. 896 that would repeal the GPO and WEP. H.R. 4193, "Smart Savings Act," would automatically enroll new employees in the Thrift Savings Plan and deposit their funds in the L (Lifecycle) fund instead of the G fund. Finally, S. 1678 eliminates the defined benefit portion of the FERS system, leaving only Social Security and the Thrift Savings Plan for FERS employees in retirement.

Some of the bills in committee could be good news. Among them is H.R. 3744, which would provide back pay to FEDS who were furloughed as a result of sequestration, and H.R. 4202, which would

require the use of the CPI-E for the elderly instead of the current CPI-W for civilian annuities, military retirement and some veteran's benefits to determine cost of living adjustments. H.R. 4306, Federal Income Adjustment Rates provides FEDS with a 3.3% pay raise in 2015, while H.R. 517 allows FEDS to substitute, for 4 weeks, any available paid leave for any leave without pay available for either the birth or adoption of a child. House Resolution 388 recognizes that work done by federal employees should be honored and respected and outlines ways Congress should not target Federal employees. H.R. 3310 requires appropriate disclosures regarding "pension advance" schemes and caps the interest rates on these advances.

All of these House and Senate bills have been referred to various Congressional Committees. Three have been approved by their committees. Annuitants and active employees can weigh in on these issues by contacting their politicians in Washington. Contact information, by phone or email, is conveniently provided in every issue of this newsletter. There is also a legislative hotline compiled by our NARFE Legislative Department distributed via email and available by phone (toll free) 877-217-8234.

You can also help NARFE respond quickly when Congress threatens to change benefits. Go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), log in, select "Legislation" in the drop down menu for input. Or call toll-free 800-456-8410 to add your email address to your NARFE member record.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE EXTENDED  
THRU DECEMBER  
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**PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

**Chapter 1122**

Robert Doyle  
Robert F. Haas  
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Irwin Neveleff  
Marty Eiband  
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**Chapter 264**

Tom LoJacono



**Chapter Corner**

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following new and reinstated members thru August:

**New Member**

Anna Puryear

**Reinstated Members:**

James Degenhardt  
Jay Edgeworth  
Carleen Kolpa  
Rose Remenick  
Joseph Theis  
Irene Wilhelm

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.

Members are needed to fill vacant slots on the executive board and to participate in other chapter activities. Contact any officer or committee member listed on the front page to volunteer your services.

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

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

***In Memoriam***

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

*Jacob Brickman  
Dwain Livingston  
Bernina McGee-Giese  
J. Anthony Morris  
Richard Myers  
James Puryear  
George Strouse  
Evelyn Thrift*

**A BIG THANK YOU !**

To State Delegate Alonzo Washington, District 22 for updating members on the various legislative issues he supports and has presented as a delegate. It was also refreshing to hear of his accomplishments from his humble beginnings and the adversities he faced during his youth in Prince George's County. He persevered and became a college graduate with a dream of helping others. The chapter members wish him success in his future political endeavors and thank him for his presentation.



**President Richard Bennof welcomes Delegate Alonzo Washington**



**Members listen intently as Delegate Washington gave us some highlights of his early life. He discussed legislative issues and answered questions during his visit.**



The September meeting was enhanced with many first time attendees. Members enjoyed tasty refreshments and a lively social hour after the meeting.



Warren McKay was the big winner of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats Warren! He denoted his winnings to the Chapter's general fund.

If you have suggestions for speakers or topics you think would be of interest to members, let us hear from you. Just email or call any officer or committee member listed on page 1.

**2014 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Recruitment Incentives Extended thru December 31  
Calling All Members! Be a Recruiter!**

- The recruitment incentive has been extended thru December 31. Recruiters will receive \$10 for each new member, current or retired who joins by December 31. (Applications must be postmarked and calls or website sign ups must be received by December 31) Give your potential new member your NARFE ID # (found on the label of your narfe magazine) to submit with their application. For applications go on line at [narfe.org](http://narfe.org) and click the join link; or call us at 800-827-3394; or use the application that appears in every issue of narfe magazine.
- **The Maryland Federation** will also award an additional \$10 incentive. That's \$20 for the recruiter of each new member. (Only if they join by December 31)
- All recruiters will be entered into a drawing (once for each new member they recruit) for a Kindle Fire tablet to be awarded to a randomly selected recruiter.
- Put on your recruiter shoes and chase down all the new members waiting to join!

**ALZHEIMER'S REPORT - Walk to End Alzheimer's (Creavery Lloyd's Walk Page)  
Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair**

**A group team was formed online for a walk to end Alzheimer's. The walk took place on September 27 and emails were sent to members on the email list prior to that date. The walk is over but the donation period has been extended until November 28 so more members can join (the walk team) by donating to NARFE Alzheimer's Research. I ask that each of you consider joining our team and making a donation through the link below or mail your checks to the address listed.**

Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease. We need your support! Please make a donation to help the Alzheimer's Association advance research into methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure for Alzheimer's. For the millions already affected by the disease, the Association offers care, education, support and resources in communities nationwide.

<http://act.alz.org/goto/narfe1122>

**Thank you for joining the movement! The end of Alzheimer's disease starts with you. Please share this with family and friends.**

Lastly, if you prefer to mail your tax deductible contribution --

**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 Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for August 2014		
Balance as of 7/31/2014		\$3,671.28
<u>Income:</u>		
NARFE (Aug Dues)	<u>192.62</u>	
Total Income	192.62	
<u>Expenses:</u>		
US Postal Service (Jun Newsletter Mailing)	<u>59.02</u>	
Total Expenses	59.02	
Balance as of 8/31/2014		\$3,804.88
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer		

**Presidential Quote  
In Observance of  
Columbus Day**

“The promise which Columbus's discovery gave to the world, of a new beginning in the march of human progress, has been in process of fulfillment for four centuries. Our task is now to make strong our conviction that in spite of setbacks that process will go on toward fulfillment.”

**Franklin D. Roosevelt  
U.S. President  
1933 - 1945**



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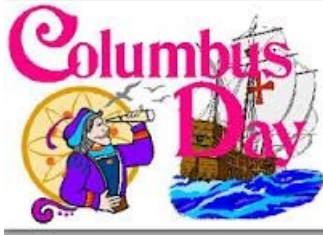


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October 13, 2014

**Upcoming Events**

- October 7  
MD Federation Board Meeting  
Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD
- October 8  
Chapter Meeting
- October 13  
Columbus Day
- October 30  
Federation Training

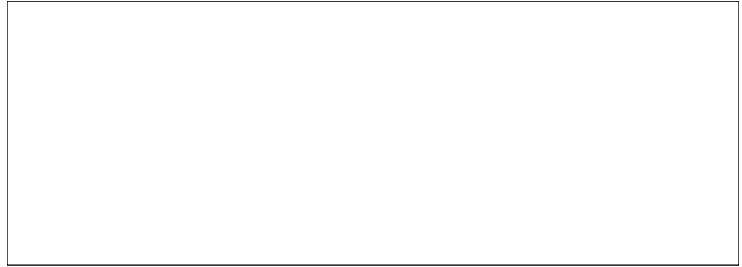
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[www.gov.state.md.us/mail](http://www.gov.state.md.us/mail)

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**CHAPTER 1122 MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, October 8, 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

**SPEAKERS:**

**Michele Nesbit-Johnson**  
Federal Representative  
Blue Cross Blue Shield

And

**Sekou Mitchell**  
Federal Account Manager  
Aetna Insurance

Will speak on changes and updates to the 2015  
Federal Employee Health Benefits Program  
(FEHBP)



All Are  
Welcome

Refreshments  
Served

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Executive Committee meeting will immediately follow regular meeting

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