

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

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More Bills in Congress Relate to NARFE Well Being - An Update Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President and Legislative Chair

In the April issue of our newsletter I discussed some 19 House or Senate Bills that would affect active and future retired Federal Employees. So far none apparently affect already retired Feds. The purpose of these bills is a search for ways to produce a balanced budget and to reduce the ever-increasing national debt. But a lot has happened in Congress since April or may happen with a newly elected Congress. You should be aware of many additional bills in various stages that are before Congress. Once again they address additional ways in which to cut spending on current and future Federal employees and their retirement benefits. The pressure is still on. Some 25 bills were listed in the Federal Diary as of February 29 that would adversely affect Federal employees; more have been added since then.

Among them are several more bills that would reduce the size of the federal workforce by 5% to 15%: H.R. 235, H.R. 408, H.R. 3029, S. 178 and S. 2065. They have been referred to various committees and are likely to be part of deficit reduction talks. House bill H.R. 3835 would extend the pay freeze for another year to Dec 2013. It was passed by the House in February. But senate bill S. 2065 would extend the pay freeze until June 2014.

Senate bill S. 1789 would reduce benefits by 25% at retirement age for ill or disabled workers and eliminate an 8.33% augmented compensation for dependents; it has been passed by the Senate. Senate bill S. 2196 would phase out Medicare and require Medicare participants to enroll in the FEHBP. It also increases eligibility to age 70. It was referred to the finance committee. Health benefits are also being scrutinized to require Feds, retirees, and survivors to pay an increasingly higher share from the current 30% to 43% of their health insurance premiums by 2020. House Bill H.R. 3813 would require Feds to pay 1.5% more toward their retirement and new hires to pay 4% more toward their retirements. It was passed by the House.

Some of the proposed bills may be beneficial to

Feds. For example H.R.4363 and S. 1813 would allow Feds to phase into retirement by working part time and collecting an annuity. It was passed by the Senate in April. A bill passed by the House H.R. 2465 streamlines the claims process, ensures injured workers receive adequate compensation, improves integrity and modernizes benefits. Bills in both houses, H.R. 1332 and S. 2010, would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision. H.R. 1332 has been referred to the subcommittee on Social Security, while S. 2010 was referred to the Finance Committee but is unlikely to be considered. In view of this it appears that GPO and WEP will continue. For more details on these bills see the Legislation Tracker in the August issue of NARFE Magazine, pages 18 - 19.

Bills are processed by a long and arduous process, typically introduced in the House or Senate, reviewed by appropriate committees or subcommittees followed by a recommendation, and finally moved to the two chambers of Congress. Some get sidelined and spend months without action. This is where members of NARFE can influence what happens to these bills.

NARFE members have sent a half million-email messages to members of Congress and the White House since January 2011 usually in response to some 60 NARFE Legislative Action Hotline messages. Members have also made more than 30,000 phone calls to congressional offices according to the NARFE's toll-free line to Capitol Hill. Several State Federations have been especially active with various eye-to-eye meetings with Congresspersons or their service staffs. Now is the time for members of Chapter 1122 to weigh in on any of the above bills by contacting your politicians in Washington.

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2012 Upcoming
Events

September 3
Labor Day

September 22
First Day of Autumn

- October 2
Federation Board
Meeting
- October 26
Federation Fall
Training
- Nov 12 - Dec 10
FEHBP Open Season

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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 in pdf format and full color. To receive a monthly

notice by e-mail that our Chapter Newsletter is available, send an email to: lydon.j@verizon.net. Please include your full name and address with a request to be notified that the newsletter is on the web site at: <http://www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122/>



Chapter Membership

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following members that joined in June, July and August:

NEW MEMBERS

- Rosa L. Hollis Bird
- Pauline I. Edwards
- Jaquelyn A. Gerard
- Tasha Kinney
- Adrienne M. Mason
- Nancy A. Revis
- Elizabeth A. White

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT OF CHAPTER

- George Fleming
- Phyllis B. Sheppard
- Maria Young

REINSTATED MEMBERS

- Earl Glover
- Betty A. Holder
- Murlene Lash
- Wilma J. Lowery
- Mary Anne Patchan
- Stephen Ungar

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

- Dennis Bingham
- Otho Branson
- Betty Gish
- Howard McKinney
- Jerry Weese

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

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

- Michael T. Hartnett*
- Susan J. Jones*
- Irwin Neveleff*

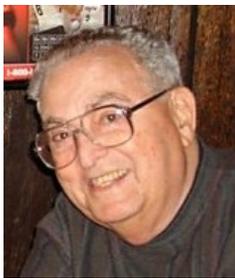
September Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
At 12 Noon

Guest Speaker
Jerome J. McDonald, Ph.D
NARFE Chapter Member
“Waterways of the Czars”

Dr. McDonald’s presentation will describe a river tour on the Viking ship Narkom Pakhomov from St. Petersburg to Moscow. The narrative, accompanied by colored slides, will show Palaces dripping in gold, Historical Sites and Churches, The Kremlin in Moscow, Art Museums, the beautiful Moscow subway, and even more to titillate your fancy.

NARFE
Chapter 1122
Total
Membership
As of
August
2012

611



Irwin Neveleff
6/9/1928 - 6/8/2012

Irwin Neveleff, past president of NARFE Chapter 2146, died on June 8. He will be much missed by the members of this chapter who owe him so much.

NARFE Chapter 1122 was nearly dead, but president, John Fleming refused to bury it. He served as president, treasurer, wrote the newsletter, got it printed, folded it, affixed over 600 mailing labels, and mailed it. His secretary, Rachael Algaze, always attended the meetings along with seven to ten other people.

Along came Irwin Neveleff (Nev), President of Chapter 2146, another dying chapter, who resurrected Chapter 1122 by proposing a merger of these two chapters. Mr. Fleming sent me to a 2146 chapter meeting to explore Nev’s proposal. The meeting, attended by four to six members was at the Neveleff’s home where we enjoyed gracious hospitality. When word of this proposal got to the MD Federation, I received a call from one of the officers advising me that we couldn’t do this. Nev proclaimed that NARFE is a grass roots organization, and he disagreed. Under his guidance I worked out the details with the MD Federation and the National Headquarters.

As members of this chapter we can all thank Nev for that chapter continues today. In addition , I surely thank him for educating me about NARFE and for being such a great friend whom I will sorely miss; but since he is in my memory forever, in some respects he is therefore a part of me.

Robert Haas, Past President Chapter 1122

Chapter Corner

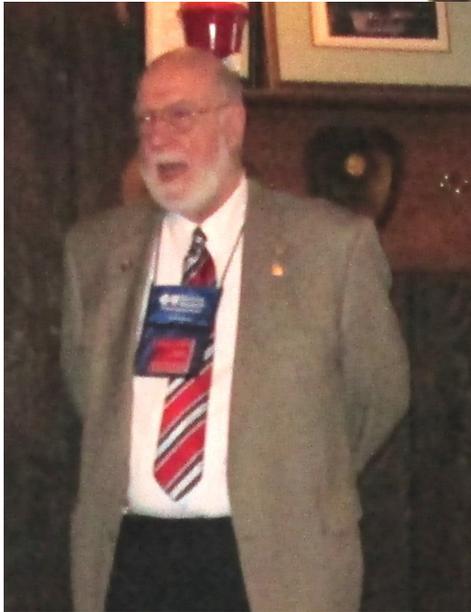
Get well wishes to Warren Wilcox’s wife on her recent surgery and to all sick and shut in members we wish you a speedy recovery. To All July, August and September Birthday members “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” from all of us! Sorry to say that during the months of June, July and August , 22 members were dropped from our chapter due to non renewal. Contact the membership chair to help save membership. We need your help.

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



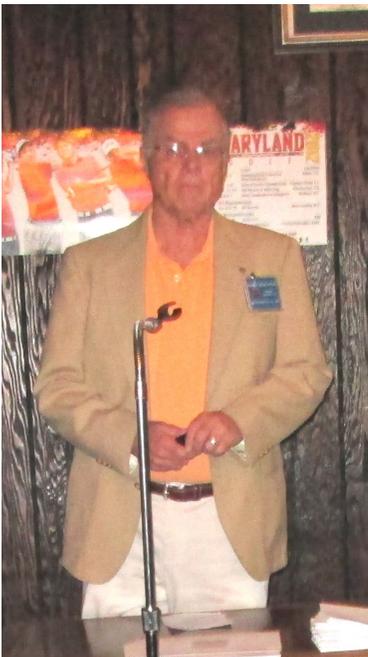
June Luncheon Highlights

Below **Dick Strombotne**, Treasurer, NARFE Maryland Federation addresses members and guests on the importance of membership retention and more.



Pictured at right **Michael Albertson**, new chapter member and **Elaine Cameron**, 2nd VP/Membership enjoy the gathering.

Photos by Odella King



Above **Robert Doyle**, Past President thanks everyone for the gift he received from the chapter.



New Officers receive the Oath of Office

Above from left **Elaine Cameron**, 2nd VP/Membership; **Warren Wilcox**, Treasurer; **Delores Green**, Secretary; **Richard Bennof**, President; **Edward James**, Past 2nd VP and **Dick Strombotne** administering oath. Not present **Howard Waterworth**, 1st VP/Legislation



Members and guests attending the June Luncheon enjoyed good food and good company as they socialized with one another at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn.

Chaplain **Margaret Zanin**, gave the opening benediction and **Bob Doyle**, President, acknowledged the passing of Past President **Irwin Neveleff**. Before lunch was served **Bob Haas**, Public Relations Officer, introduced the guest speaker and got things started with one of his famous jokes. What a laugh we all had. New President **Richard Bennof** presented **Bob Doyle** out-going president with a gift certificate from the chapter for his excellent service. After lunch, lucky winners won door prizes that were donated by **Delores Green** and **Barbara Smith**. If you were not there, you missed a very nice gathering.

Presidential Quote In Celebration Of Labor Day

"In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted – for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things – some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom."

Barack H. Obama
44th U. S. President
2009 -

**NARFE Chapter 1122
Treasurer's Report for
June and July 2012**

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| Balance as of 5/31/2012 | \$3,390.03 |
| Income: | |
| 50/50 Raffle (Mar, Apr & May) | 39.00 |
| Donation | 11.00 |
| 6/13 Luncheon | 675.00 |
| NARFE (Jun Dues) | 251.11 |
| Total Income | 976.11 |
| Expenses: | |
| CHI Centers Inc (Printing Jun Newsletter) | 80.49 |
| Sir Walter Raleigh Inn (6/13 Luncheon) | 718.85 |
| D. Green (Gift Wrap, etc Luncheon) | 30.94 |
| R. Doyle | 25.00 |
| ARC of PG Co. (Neveleff Memorial) | 50.00 |
| Total Expenses | 905.28 |
| Balance as of 7/31/2012 | \$3,460.86 |
| Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer | |

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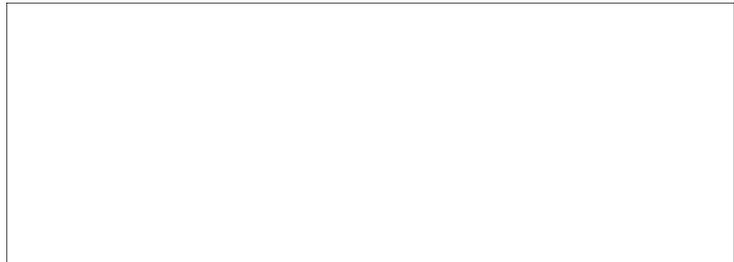
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Labor Day - September 3

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