

# NARFE Calvert County Chapter 1466

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# **Membership Meeting**

Jun 21st 1200 Picnic Cove Point Park Lusby MD

Lunch, drinks, setups provided - bring side dishes, desserts

# **Executive Board** Meeting

Aug 27th 10:30 am @Southern Pines SC Lusby

# Future Member Meeting

Sept 20th 1:00pm @Calvert Pines, Prince Frederick

**Active and Retired** Federal Employees are invited! Come to a Local **Chapter Meeting** Or Luncheon

Change of Address? Winter Address? **Email Newsletter?** 

Membership? (410) 326-9024 MAXMUNGÉR@VERIZON.NET

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# It's summer and picnic time!

The annual chapter picnic is June 21st. YA'LL COME to Cove Point Park, Lusby. 1200 noon, at the Pavilion. Lunch, drinks, setups provided. Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Parking, accessibility, bathrooms.

Family and friends are invited, but let us know how many are coming.

Call GREG STOTTLEMEYER (410) 610-8069 GREGSTOTTLEMYER @COMCAST.NET

# NARFE Voting ends June 30th.

Member votes are needed on (1) National HQ and Regional VP candidates (see March edition of NARFE magazine), (2) Bylaws changes, and (3) Resolutions. The chapter and the MD Federation recommend adopting only 10 of the HQ issues. (See page two for the recommended list)

# Secretary

**Bob Oszajca** 

Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2018 Greg gave the opening remarks, introductions and led the Chapter in a moment of silence before the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 members in attendance. The location was the Southern Pines Senior Center in Lusby.

The presentation was "Better Senior Living Choices." Barry introduced the speakers, Richard and Ellen from Care Patrol. They both talked about finding safe reliable and affordable Senior Care Options. The website is www.carepatrolbaltimore.com

Care Petrol is a nationwide organization. In Maryland, they are in every county. Richard talked about the financial paper work needed for senior care. Documents include the power of attorney, a will, and advance directives. If your estate goes thru probate, it can get very complicated.

Most people now are out living their live expectancy. People should talk to their kids to let them know what their life choices are and about the future of aging. Document your life choices for your family.

Care Patrol is a navigator for aging. They try to help find a perfect match. Care patrol is free. They have established relationships with home health organizations. Typically, it costs between \$2000 and \$3000 per month for assisted living in Maryland. This covers food, lodging and 24-hour care. Care Patrol can help with veteran's benefits for assisted living.

While their services are free for the individual they are paid finders fees from their partners. The real message is; you don't have to go through this alone. They can help your family find the resources needed.

### Legislative report:

The latest federal legislation includes requests to cut federal pay. Shelly listed other cuts congress will attempt in the coming year. See the June NARFE Magazine for more details.

### **Programs:**

Jul-Aug-Summertime! No meetings Sep- a speaker from Asbury. Oct- FEHP representatives

# Membership report:

There are presently 119 members. Since January 1st there have been 12 perspective members. Six members were sent 2<sup>nd</sup> dues notices and four have paid so far.

### Treasurer's Report:

The premium for the annual liability insurance is \$100 and will cover the period from Jun 16, 2018 to June 15, 2019.

### **Old Business:**

The MD Federation Convention met in Bowie Maryland on April 30 and May 1, 2018. Three chapter members attended Barry, Lauretta and Bob. Lauretta provided a summary of the meeting. In 2019, the federation will hold its annual convention in Ocean City MD.

There was a discussion on voting for the candidates for National Office and for voting on the by-laws. The recommendation was to vote along with the federation. These recommendations are repeated on page 2. Voting is now open to all members by either paper or electronic ballot. See the June NARFE magazine for your ballot. Voting closes June 30th.

The 50/50 raffle prize of \$19 was won by Max with the remainder \$18 dollars going to the Alzheimer's Fund.

### **President**

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# 2018 BALLOTING INFORMATION

NARFE members must diligently read their May & June NARFE magazine and do research on candidates, bylaws and resolutions ahead of the balloting process. <u>Click here</u> for the 2018 Balloting Information where you can find all of this information and more. To request a print copy, please <u>ORDER ONLINE HERE</u> or call (703) 838-7760 Ext. 252

The Maryland Federation has made its positive recommendations in the table below. The MDFed rejects all other resolutions. The Executive Board has no recommendations on candidates for office.

NBR	Subject	Action/Rationale of Committees' Recommendations
1803	Federations	Defines Federation membership/organization.
1804	Committees	The NEB already creates committees; removing the term "special" matches current practice.
1805	Proxies	Disallows proxies on NEB under the District of Columbia Code.
1807	Access to Lists and Labels	Defines labels for federation candidates. a candidate for a federation office should have access to the labels of the members who will be voting for that office.
1813	Reallocate Chapter Dues	This equalizes the revenues retained by (HQ) for recruiting a new member into a local chapter or into National NARFE alone. It eliminates one financial reason that diminish the number of chapter members.
1818	Clarify National Membership	Replaces the word, "national" with "association" in Article IV, Section 5.D., to match the rest of the bylaws.
1820	Publication of Roll Call Vote	Requires publication of board votes on policy changes. It is necessary for members to know how their elected representatives vote on important issues.
1827	Changes to Regions	Requires a 2/3 vote to change regions. Current region structure has worked well.
BC02	Regional Vice President Term Limits (1812/1817)	Restricts Regional Vice Presidents from serving more than three consecutive terms (a total of six years). Currently, regional vice presidents have no term limits.
BCR- 01	Membership Forms (1832R/1833R/1834 R/1836R/1845R)	Requests review and possible redesign of membership forms. The NARFE membership form is confusing to many of our members, who as a consequence failed to renew their chapter membership when they renewed their annual membership. Redesign is needed.

You may vote conveniently online or by mailing in the paper ballot in the June NARFE magazine. We must emphasize that each NARFE member must take the initiative to fill out his ballot and vote.

Please VOTE! The voting deadline is midnight June 30.

**Help Wanted:** Sgt @ Arms to maintain custody of flags and banners and set up at meetings! Contact Max.

A volunteer is needed for participation with United Seniors of MD and also the MD Federations Legislative Committee. Contact Shelly.

# NARFE IS BETTER THAN "DAYS OF OUR LIVES" !!

By Barry P. Grier

That's right, folks, while you may be watching "Days of Our Lives" every third Thursday at 1 PM, your fellow NARFE members are hearing the latest regarding our retirement benefits and important state and federal legislation that may impact our livelihoods as seniors.

For instance, last week, while you may have been watching "General Hospital" at 2 PM your fellow NARFE members were presented with a couple of fantastic guest speakers from the "Care Patrol" organization who specialize in our senior needs and activities. They presented us with the latest information on "Senior Living Choices" in Maryland.

We have approximately 119 members in our chapter but we only seem to have around 15 to 20 attending our meetings. We are not unique. St. Mary's 'and Gaithersburg chapters each have over a thousand members, yet they have less than ten percent of their members attending their meetings. Soap Operas are killing them as well!! LOL.

Rather than singing the Blues, we are working on a few suggestions for increasing attendance at our meetings. We are now negotiating with local restaurants to contract with our chapter for our third Thursday meetings every month instead of the senior centers. Every week the executive committee is calling around town for good guest speakers on topics that relate to our membership. However, we also do not cherish the idea of having these guest speakers come from far and wide just to talk to eight to ten people!! That can be slightly embarrassing to say the least. As your chapter Vice President, one of my responsibilities is to book some of these speakers. So, help me look good and come on out and join us for some real good info that may hold your interest much better than MAURY!

Did you know that attending our meetings may put money in your pockets??. THE PRICE IS RIGHT AINT GONNA DO THAT NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU WATCH IT. However, our fifty/fifty drawing certainly might. You can't beat that with a stick!! Therefore, we want to see you at our next meeting. And, by the way, the June 21st meeting will be at Cove Point for our annual picnic.

Now let's face it, how can the "BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL" BEAT THAT??





Treasurers Re	ob Oszajca	
Bal Apr 23	Treasury 2243.10	(Alzheimers) 102.00
Newsletter	(60.60)	
Mugs	(149.50)	
Liability Ins	(100.00)	
NARFE Dues	149.46	
50/50	18.00	18.00
Bal May 29	2100.96	120.00

### **Membership**

Prospects	12	
New	1	
Reinstated		
Transferred		
Total Voting	119	

## **OPM Retirement Services**

www.opm.gov Email retire@opm.gov Phone: 1-888-767-6738 or (hearing impaired) TTY 1-885-887-4957 or TTD 1-800-878-5707

### **NARFE Federal Benefits Institute**

Useful Webinars on timely subjects www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsI nstitute

### **Federal Services and Benefits**

800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636)

# **NARFE Store - Apparel, Badges** www.narfe.org

### NARFE's 24 x 7 Hotline 1-877-217-8234

You can call this number anytime to find out the latest news about what is happening.

### **Maryland Community Services**

Over 9000 social, health and criminal justice resources. http://www.mdcsl.org

### **United Seniors of Maryland**

A coalition of individuals and organizations with a common interest in preserving and enhancing the mental, physical, and financial well-being of Maryland seniors. www.unitedseniors.net

# **NARFE Legislative Action Center** review Congressional legislative details, quickly and easily send letters to members of Congress on a variety of NARFE issues, sign up for action alerts, and track

ACCESSING THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER -- NARFE members are urged to use the <u>Legislative Action Center</u> (LAC) as the hub to send <u>letters</u> to members of Congress and track Federal NARFE-related <u>bills</u> and votes. NARFE frequently updates the LAC, so check back often.

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS**

- May thru June 30, NARFE HQ elections, bylaws, Resolutions! (See JUNE NARFE magazine)
- Prince Frederick Coalition, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 pm. at the HEBCC, 901 Dares Beach Road. (Shelly Ziman)
- Region II training academy will be June 11-12 in York PA (Bob Oszajca)
- MDFED Sudha Haley and Dr Gary Roundtree will be making a presentation at the Bay Area chapter June 27th.
- NARFE FEDcon18 on **August 26-28** in Jacksonville, Florida. Visit <u>FEDcon18</u> today for registration details.
- 2019 MD Federation Convention Ocean City MD

# **Chapter 1466 Meetings**

Chapter meetings are on the <u>third Thursday of each month</u> (except July and August). A short business meeting follows our special program or guest speaker. Executive Board meetings are the <u>fourth Monday</u>. Active and retired federal employees, non-members, spouses and guests are always invited.

(See page 1 for actual meeting dates and locations)

Chapter Lunches and Meetings are canceled ONLY WHEN Calvert County Schools are closed all day.

See us on Face Book at NARFE Maryland Chapter 1466 Calvert County

# **About NARFE**

Since 1921, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the only organization exclusively devoted to protecting the earned benefits of active and retired Civil Service employees and their annuitants and survivors. Membership is open to civilians in any agency of the Federal government, including retirees, current employees, spouses of current employees or retirees, and survivors of those eligible to join NARFE.

www.NARFE.org and www.mdnarfe.org

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