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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is the first month that I served as President of NARFE Laurel Chapter 422. I think we had a great meeting with Mr. Jim Cross as our speaker on DNA and family research; thanks to Pat Farmer for securing him and for the introduction on behalf of Sara Waiser, the Program Officer.

September is also a time for the kids to return to school, so continue to be careful out there on the roads as we view the changing of the leaves this time of year. Also, we remembered the 9/11 terrorist attack with the dedication in Pennsylvania at the Flight 93 National Memorial site. I hope you remembered to take a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives and those still suffering from the effects as well as their family and friends.

Samuel J Raines, Sr.
President

NARFE Chapter 422 October Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, 1 p.m., Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707, The Laurel History Boys (Richard Friend, Kevin Leonard and Pete Lewnes) will do a presentation on "POWs at Fort Meade during WWII."

SAVE THE DATES: Congressman Jamie Raskin's FEHB Forums:

Mark your calendars for this year's two FEHBP Forums:

* Tuesday, November 13, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Holiday Park Senior Center,
[3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, MD 20906](http://www.holidaypark.org)

* Monday, November 19, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Executive Office Building,
[101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850.](http://www.rockville.org)

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Please **VOTE** in the upcoming U.S. general election, **Tuesday, Nov. 6.**

You can vote **early** during the period **Thursday, October 25 through Thursday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at an election center near you.

Election centers closest to Laurel and the appropriate county follow:

Prince George's County: Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707; Bowie Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716.

Anne Arundel County: Odenton Regional Library, 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD. 21113.

Howard County: Ridgely's Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD 20974.

For additional early voting centers by county, go to:

elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/2018_Early_Voting_Centers_web.pdf.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Edward Zipeto, Assistant Legislative Officer

For legislative advocacy on the Federal level, a group of House Republicans are organizing a letter to President Trump asking him to reverse his decision to freeze federal employees' pay in 2019. The letter, which lawmakers will send to the White House, has bipartisan support, and led by Rep. Scott Taylor, R-Va. It follows a similar letter from a group of House Democrats addressed to congressional leadership, asking for legislative action to ensure at least a 1.9 percent raise for civilian workers.

The overriding efforts of both state and federal NARFE volunteers in every district is to get out the vote. There are many groups that are planning postcard campaigns, neighborhood canvassing events, phone bank gatherings and candidate informational parties to speak to those registered voters who failed to vote in 2016. Talk to your friends' relatives and neighbors.

HELP WANTED!

Opened positions in our Chapter include: Service Officer and the Point of Contact (POC) for Active Federal Employees. We need our Chapter Members to step up. Please consider filling one of these positions.

TREASURER REPORT – Stew Saphier, Treasurer

At the time of this publication, the Chapter had a balance of \$2,067.29 in the bank, which includes \$123.00 for the Alzheimer's Association.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dave Walser, Membership Officer

As of August 31, 2018, we had 223 members in our Chapter. Specific statistics were as follows: one member passed away: RICHARD B. PAYNE; no new members; one member was dropped for non-renewal; no member transfers into or out of the Chapter; three members were sent second notices to pay dues; and we had FOUR prospective new members.

The Annual NARFE Membership Drive is underway with great incentives for you to invite new members. For each new member recruited from now until December 31st, you will receive \$25 which includes \$10 from National, \$10 from State, and \$5 from your Chapter 422. Do your part to increase membership and reap these benefits. Please make sure to include on the membership sign-up form, your Chapter number 422 as well as your Membership number. The latter can be found on your membership card and on the address label of your NARFE magazine. Thank you for doing your part.

SUNSHINE REPORT – Theresa Murray

The Chapter sent Sympathy cards to the families of members Gordon P. Anderson, Silver Spring, and Richard B. Payne, Greenbelt.

NEWSLETTER – Bill Stoner, Editor

All Chapter Members: If you would like to submit an article or information of interest to our members, please forward to me at my email address shown in our Contact information at the end of this newsletter. Submissions from the Board for the November newsletter are requested by 11 October 2018.

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