

NARFE Maryland Federation Legislative Committee



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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association's Maryland Federation Legislative Committee (FLC) is comprised of at least two Maryland Senate Leaders (SLs) for each Maryland Senator, and at least two Congressional District Leaders for each of our eight Districts' Congressmen.

Our Mission: To achieve Diversity, Inclusiveness and Innovation among our ranks, continually providing services to our constituent Chapters and members.

Our Goal: To preserve and enhance the FLC's Legislative agenda to defend the earned health and retirement benefits of federal employees and retirees.

Our Actions:

1. To plan our grass-roots lobbying to Lawmakers on Capitol Hill and share information with our Chapters and members, SLs and CDLs shall commit to attend four meetings during 2017.
 - January 10, 2017 to ascertain our Mission, Goal, and Actions
 - March (12-14 TBD), 2017, during the National Legislative Conference in Alexandria, VA for the March 15, 2017 MD Federation's **Crusade to Capitol Hill:**
 - The FLC's SLs shall connect with the two Maryland Senators, procure the time for meetings with them, and inform the FLC Chair, who will advise all the CDLs.
 - The CDLs in each District shall then designate one CDL per District to contact their Congressman's office and establish the meeting time for that day.
 - Each CDL shall next inform the FLC Chair of all the meeting times; Congressman or staff with whom they are meeting; and the meeting places.
 - The FLC Chair shall disseminate to the Federation Board, NARFE Headquarters, and the rest of the CDLs, the times and locations of all the scheduled appointments with our ten Lawmakers, for our Crusade to Capitol Hill.
 - CDLs shall immediately apprise their District-designated Chapter Presidents of this information.

FLC Meeting-April 30-May 2 (TBD) 2017, during the Federation's Convention in Ocean City and

FLC Meeting-October 23, 2017, during Federation Training Day

2. Each District's CDLs (see attached roster of CDLs) will be distributing responsibilities for Chapters within each District. The CDL leading those chapters shall notifying the Chapter President of their designation and be solely responsible to his/her designated Chapters for: ALL dissemination of FLC meeting decisions; gathering from their chapters' members any federal legislative issues and concerns to be brought to our Lawmakers; any forthcoming events with Legislators and speakers; and any Legislation that needs their immediate attention and participation.
3. To empower members, CDLs shall provide continued, clear, well-researched input on the Federation's FLC website page, (go to www.mdnarfe.org then click on The MD Federation; click on

- Committees; and click on Federal Legislative Committee) including their activities with their designated District Chapters, Legislators and Legislation. CDLs shall electronically keep the FLC Chair aware of all their website postings.
4. To generate further awareness and enhance the stature of the NARFE Maryland Federation, CDLs shall, whenever possible, connect to NARFE's coalition partners listed on <http://www.narfe.org/home/articles.cfm?ID=734> and with local media, keeping the FLC Chair aware of this activity.

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