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Dan McGrath

It's hard to believe that it has been almost four years since you first elected me your Federation president. It seems that it was only yesterday that I prepared my first president's message and this is my last. Time flies when you are having fun and feel like you are accomplishing something important. I must thank the members who helped bring success on many fronts to so many efforts to protect our earned benefits and serve Active and Retired Federal Employees. And, as we speak, these same dedicated individuals continue to do more. I can truly say you are the best group I have ever had the pleasure to work with. My second and last term will end at the close of our State Convention on May 2 and our new president, to be elected at the convention, will carry us forward to achieve even greater things in the next couple years. I know we will give our new leader all the assistance we can for the good of our great association.

While Maryland has not solved all its membership problems, compared to the rest of NARFE, we have been doing a little better the last few years. In January, we had gains in both total and national only membership of 59 and 118, respectively. As Jo Anne Groves, First VP and Membership Director, says RECRUIT! RECRUIT! A little more effort and we may be able to reverse the trend of membership loss on a continuous basis.

We have accomplished things but there are still things to be accomplished before the convention. We had a record number of Marylanders at the National Legislative Conference in March, which ended with our Maryland Crusade to Capitol Hill on March 15, during which we visited the offices of all our Maryland Congressional Representatives and Senators. We are also starting a new Federation project called "Profiles in Civil Service." In the latter, we truly need the help of all members. For more information on these Federal legislative initiatives, see Sudha Haley's Federal Legislative Committee Report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Be sure and read Paul Schwartz's State Legislative Committee (SLC) Report on how the SLC is becoming more aggressive in moving Legislation in Annapolis.

Read the BYLAWS reminder John Stackpole and Saj Durrani, Co-Chairs Resolutions Committee, have posted. Come to the convention prepared for

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discussion and voting on new bylaws to bring the Federation into conformance with the New National Bylaws.

I am hearing that a number of NARFE members still have what they consider unanswered questions about changes that are taking place. I am not sure anyone has all the answers as to how NARFE will evolve. We have two national officers and two staffers joining us in Ocean City. I am hoping they will all join us outside the normal convention hours

for informal discussions in the hospitality room. I envision that these sessions will provide the opportunity to deal with what is fact and what is fiction with regard to the future of NARFE.

Dan McGrath

LEGISLATIVE



*Gary Roundtree, Sr., Ph.D.
1st Vice President
Legislative Director*

Dr. Gary Roundtree

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

It's time to Fight Back!

With the one Party now in control of the White House, Senate and House, we are now facing major threats, which are arising out of the 115th Congress and rule changes that could be used to target Feds. Sitting on the sideline and not being engaged is not an option for the grassroots advocacy needed to push back on the attacks to the Fed community. John Hatton, our Deputy Legislative Director at NARFE HQ, has shared these proposals that are on the horizon in the March *narfe* Magazine for the federal workforce and retirees who would be affected.

There are repercussions and consequences for inaction, when it comes to our earned benefits. Remaining silent, while other NARFE members fight the battle with phone calls, letters and meetings with their representatives, is not doing your part. We need **all** of our NARFE members engaged in our grassroots advocacy and at the table for discussion. Many Federation members attended the NARFE 2017 Legislative Training Conference March 12-15,

in Alexandria, Virginia. NARFE/MD members who couldn't attend the conference, met the Crusaders March 15 on Capitol Hill for scheduled meetings with our representatives. This is a prime example of grassroots advocacy in action.

I close with these remarks by President John F. Kennedy – "Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

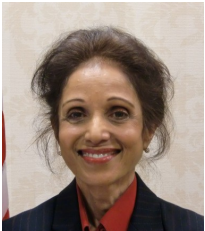


L-R: Congressman Dutch C. A. Ruppertsberger and Dr. Gary Roundtree Sr. at a fundraising event.

YOUR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AT WORK



Front row, L-R: Vice Chair Dr. Bruce Fowler, Dr. Howard Waterworth, Charles Harrison, Chair Dr. Sudha Haley, Kathy Siggins, Fed. Pres. Dan McGrath, Dr. Sambhu Banik. Back row, L-R: Jerry Kursban, Fed. 1st Vice Pres. Dr. Gary Roundtree, Ed Reed, Chuck Thomas [Absent: Dr. Raj Mahajan, Louise Woods, Ron Bowers, Paul Schwartz, Bill Ferguson, Richard Myers, Stuart Sklamm]



Dr. Sudha Haley

Sudha Haley, Ph.D., Chair, Federal Legislative Committee

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (FLC) REPORT

On March 15, following the National Legislative Conference, your Federation's Senate Leaders (SLs) and Congressional District Leaders (CDLs) brought our **Crusade to Capitol Hill**. Your SLs and CDLs directed our delegations to all our Maryland Senators and Congressmen, to address our issues.

We know how unfairly public servants have been targeted. As drastic changes threaten federal employees' and retirees' earned pay and health benefits in the 115th Congress, we met with our lawmakers and discussed our concerns and gained their assurance to champion our issues. Your SLs and CDLs distributed the Lawmakers' meeting schedules to the Federation's chapters under their responsibility, and invited our members to **join us on Capitol Hill on March 15**.

Your Maryland Federation's Legislative Committee (FLC) is moving onward. A few years ago, NARFE Headquarters requested "Blurbs" on our Federal workforce's positive impact on Americans, to gain better leverage and elevate the general American public's attitude to our Active and Retired Federal Employees. We sent NARFE HQ short statements describing how we have kept and continue to keep Americans safe and secure, and improve American lives and living standards.

Your FLC plans to take it a step further. We are proposing cataloging, into a Portfolio, paragraphs of presentations about our workforce's valuable impact on the American public. We will share this Portfolio with our Maryland lawmakers, to help them spread the word to their skeptic colleagues and constituents, and help to improve public opinion about active and retired federal employees.

In this toxic environment, as the challenges grow to our Federal Community, our Portfolio will be patterned, albeit on a minor scale, after the grand work of our President John F. Kennedy, who gave us his "Profiles in Courage." Your FLC proposes

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publishing our **Maryland Federation's Portfolio of "Profiles in Civil Service."** President Kennedy had cited "...A man (woman) does what he (she) must—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of a human morality!" We know our colleagues today and in the past, maintain the highest standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for the public's interest. We continue to work efficiently and effectively to the best of our ability, knowledge, and skills, for our America. Our Portfolio will lay out a vision on how and why government workers strengthen our country. In our Portfolio we will cite our own and colleagues' acts of amazing courage, dedication, contributions, talents, patriotism, and ethical hard work to accomplish our mission. These are lives of normal federal employees, (not the superstars), who daily work for the American public.

We are therefore requesting, from you and your colleagues, current or past, highlights of your life's work as a Civil Servant who helped Americans. Please send us a paragraph for consideration and inclusion in our Federation's Portfolio. Please send all your paragraphs to: sudhabhagwat2002@yahoo.com. ●●



*Paul Schwartz
State Legislative Committee Chair*

STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (SLC) REPORT

Paul Schwartz

Elections have consequences but none more so on the lives and values of every American citizen than the election of 2016. In addition to the onslaught upon the very values America has fought for throughout our history, the attack on the federal workforce and the social safeguards that citizens have come to rely on, the new administration and Congress will place a heavy burden on state governments to fill in the voids created by the

dismantling of the federal government and the programs managed by it.

Medicaid is just one example, and an expensive example at that. Medicaid is already at close to 22 percent of Maryland's budget. If the federal government no longer provides Medicaid funding to the state, Maryland will have to find another \$2 billion to make up the difference. This is a price tag that this state is not in position to easily absorb.

It is for this reason that NARFE testified before the State Senate's Budget & Taxation Committee on behalf of SB 432, which calls for tax incentives for the purchase of long term care insurance. The goal is to extend the period of time before Medicaid reliance kicks in. Moreover, prolonging the period of time a person can receive in home care and delaying the entry into a nursing home will likewise delay the need for Medicaid.

We are hopeful that this bill will finally get out of committee. Not so hopeful with tax relief for seniors. There are currently about three million seniors living in the state of Maryland and, of those, there are more than 850,000 over the age of 65. The senior club does at least one thing better than any other group; they vote. Accordingly, one must wonder why Governor Larry Hogan as well as the Maryland State Legislature have chosen to once again forget this rather considerable constituency when it comes time for some good old fashioned tax relief.

During the 2016 legislative session, you may recall, Governor Hogan did, indeed, put forward a bill to increase the tax exemption for seniors age 65 or older from \$1,000 to \$5,000 over a four-year period. No such bill for 2017. The explanation provided for not reintroducing last year's senior tax relief bill focused on the budget and the shortfalls in both the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. That explanation completely ignored the sales tax offset as well as the increased tax revenue from the small businesses due to increased senior spending, which would make any lost revenue due to this tax break, as Comptroller Peter Franchot indicated to me, "negligible."

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Moreover, bills were introduced to provide tax relief for first responders, hometown heroes and the military. Obviously, the issue is not whether these individuals are worthy of a tax break. The issue is the hypocrisy of saying there is not enough money to offer a tax break for seniors, many of whom are on fixed incomes, and for which there is an offset to cost but, there is enough money, regardless of the budget shortfalls, to offer a tax break to any other group of people, no matter how deserving.

What needs to be done, you ask? Contact your legislators and contact the governor's office and don't ask them IF they support tax relief for seniors; ask them why they DID NOT support tax relief for seniors!

Again, let me emphasize that this is not about our first responders nor is it about our hometown heroes or our military or about the sacrifices they all make. This is about money; it is about hypocrisy; it is about politics; it is about needed tax relief for a key segment of our society; but, most of all, it is about the senior population of Maryland being taken for

granted by our elected officials in Annapolis, every single one of them!

To access the State Legislative Committee homepage and access sample letters and other relative information, please use the link www.mdnarfe.org/the-maryland-federation/committees/legislative-state/

The link will provide you direct access to all of the many documents that serve as the basis of our state legislative program.

Contacting Your Maryland Legislators: To find out who represents you in the Maryland State Legislature go to www.mlis.state.md.us. Under **Contact Your Legislators**, click on **Finding your legislators using a street address or ZIP Code**. Fill in the form with your address and ZIP+4 ZIP Code. You will learn your legislative election district, your Congressional district, and the names of elected officials. Click on each name for a picture and background information. Election District maps may be accessed at the same site. ●●



Jo Anne Groves

Jo Anne Groves
2nd Vice President
Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

These are troubling times. Federal employees and retirees are very anxious about the changes that may be made to our pay and benefits. The best way to support our issues is for us to have a big voice and involve ourselves with our legislative leaders.

In order to do that, we need to continuously recruit new members. We have many valuable tools in our recruitment kit. When you are recruiting, remember to mention:

narfe Magazine. Show the center page of legislation we are following and the perks in the back.

MEMBERSHIP

Webinars. They cover hot button issues such as claiming Social Security, what's your best retirement date, Health Plans, How much money do I need to retire?

Service Officers. Hand-holding and invaluable information for life changes.

NARFE-PAC. Representing us with our legislators.

Brochures and handouts. New and up to date marketing tools.

During these times of uncertainty, we must do all we can to keep our membership strong and make sure our legislators know our concerns.

Spring is here and many opportunities will present themselves for us to go out and RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT. It's up to us to keep a strong NARFE membership. ●●

REPORTS, NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION



*Evelyn Kirby
Region II Vice President*

Evelyn Kirby

REGION II UPDATE

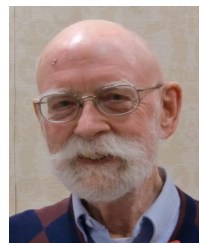
We have met the enemy and it is NOT us! NARFE's job No. 1 will be full time and nonstop this year: Protect and Preserve. The current Administration and Congress have both made it clear that we are in their sights and in trouble—not through any fault of our own. Make your views heard about your earned pay, pension and benefits, including merit system protections you are due if you are a current employee. Do not miss a single opportunity to let your Member of Congress and Senators know you deserve fair treatment. Do this regardless of their past voting records. They need to hear from you again and again. If you don't sound off, they think you are content and don't mind that promises made to you are broken.

To be informed of threats and the occasional pieces of good tidings, sign up for the NARFE Daily News Clips. Do this on narfe.org, at the Legislative Department section. The HQ staff combs media outlets for articles important to us. They usually flag and share about 6-8 items Monday-Friday. All you do is click and read. And, remember to contribute to NARFE-PAC. We need the ammunition your dollars give.

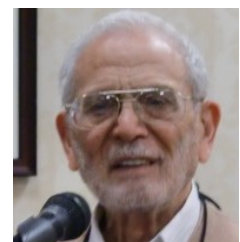
At the Legislative Conference in mid-March 30+ MD activists honed their skills in grassroots advocacy before going on Capitol Hill to speak their minds. Bravo. This is a fine showing, but you must help them carry our messages to Congress. Join these 30+ throughout 2017 in every campaign where we remind politicians of our service. Let's hold them accountable as elected officials to work for everyone to secure the best future for America and not work for just those with large profit agendas.

NARFE has many National members who joined the Association to help fight the battle for fairness, but do not belong to a ZIP Code-based chapter. These individuals are about 25 percent of NARFE's total current membership. They bring strength, revenue and just plain 'numbers' to us—all good. The MD Federation has been a leader for some time in reaching out to National members to attend statewide events, engage in legislative advocacy, and even fill some MD Federation needs, e.g. IT type activities. Go Maryland!

Last topic: The new Strategic Planning Committee, appointed by National President Thissen, held its initial 2017 meeting March 8-9 at HQ. Other work sessions will follow. The Strategic Planning site on narfe.org should be updated as time goes by. Representing Region II is Ms. Jackie Lowe, a past DC Federation President and current DC Federation Secretary. She, and the other nine committee members, will be having candid talks to continue NARFE's overdue evolution. We courageously took big steps to stay in business and enhance value to our members at the 2016 National Convention, using some good ideas from the prior Strategic Planning Committee. We expect strong input from this Committee too. Stay tuned. ●●



John Stackpole



Saj Durrani

*John Stackpole & Saj Durrani
Co-Chairs, Resolutions Committee*

BYLAWS! BYLAWS! BYLAWS!

A reminder: At the April/May Convention, the attendees will be presented with a new (mostly) set of bylaws for the Maryland Federation for consideration, possible amendment, and adoption (or rejection, but let's hope *that* doesn't happen).

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The proposed bylaws — one big “Resolution” — have been distributed to all Board Members, Chapter Presidents, and many others. If anybody wishes to propose an amendment to the text, which could be the removal of words or provisions, or the addition of likewise, (or both at once - a “substitution”), be sure to get the text of your amendments in to Secretary Pat Farmer by the April 11 deadline. The Resolutions Committee will review them and make recommendations to the convention when the time comes. Per our current bylaws, you will NOT be able to introduce any, brand new amendments from the floor of the convention, so do it NOW! ●●

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*Pat Farmer*  
*Secretary*

### **SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Pat Farmer

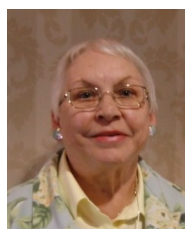
After a lot of work on the February Board Meeting and the Call to Convention, I am looking forward to spring and the Federation Convention in Ocean City. Not that there won’t be work to do there, but it will be a nice change of scenery and a chance to see and enjoy NARFE friends. See you there.

In my capacity as Board member of the Maryland Gerontological Association (MGA), representing the Maryland Federation, I want you to SAVE THE DATE, Tuesday, June 20, 2017, for MGA’s annual conference. This year’s focus is: The Hidden Epidemic: Substance Use, Misuse and Abuse in Older Adults.” The conference will be held at a “new” location this year, The Meeting House, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045.

After the welcome by The Honorable Rona E. Kramer, the Maryland Secretary of Aging, sessions include: Keynote-The Hidden Epidemic Impacting Older Adults; Alcohol: Use and Abuse; Opiates: Use and Abuse; Prescription and OTC Mediations: Use and Abuse; and Case Studies. There will also be an awards luncheon and an opportunity for networking and vendor visits.

For more details, check out the MGA website at:  
[www.mdgerontology.com](http://www.mdgerontology.com). ●●

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Eleanor Kaul
Chair, Federal Employee
Education and Assistance
Fund

Eleanor Kaul

FEEA UPDATE

The NARFE Annual Scholarship Awards Program started February 2017. Each year National awards six \$1,000 scholarships in each region. The Maryland Federation in Region II has received five winners in the last three years. The criteria are for high school seniors with at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on an unweighted 4.0 scale. Now is the time to start the application process. Online-only application and submission is new this year. The essay topic is “Why was the Electoral College System established? Should it now be abolished or modified?” See page 44 of the March 2017 *narfe* magazine for the details. The regional judging panels will examine each application, essay and supporting documents.

There is a new form entitled “NARFE-FEEA Steve Bauer Scholarship Program.” Mr. Bauer is the outgoing Executive Director of FEEA. The official form (F-105)(01/17) can be obtained by sending an email to scholarship@nafre.org or calling Headquarters at 703-838-7760.

Applications must be postmarked no later than that last Friday in April 2017. Winners will be notified by FEEA and the money will be paid to the college. A list of winners and their sponsors will be posted on the NARFE website and published in the December and January issues of the *narfe* magazine.

FEEA Disaster Fund. The FEEA/NARFE has a Disaster Fund to aid federal employees who are victims of declared natural disaster. Cash grants up to \$500 maximum are available to NARFE members in good standing who have been injured, incurred property damage or have other needs during and

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after a declared natural disaster. The grants do not have to be repaid.

Donations. Donations to these two funds are tax-deductible. Use the address listed in the *narfe* magazine to send your contributions. Indicate whether you are contributing to scholarship or disaster funds. ●●



Dick Strombotne
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dick Strombotne

Finances as of End of 2016. At the start of 2016, the Maryland Federation's net assets totaled \$93,422.92. At the end of the year they totaled \$89,941.65 for a net annual deficit of \$3,481.03. The most significant revenues came from ten-percent funds (\$49,300). Chapter per capita assessments were \$6,352.

Expenditures were spread across several major categories (rounded): Federal Legislation (\$13,880), National Convention (\$9,250), Mini-convention (\$8,590), Federation Board meeting (\$6,810), Chapter Assistance (\$6,630), Training (\$5,760), Executive Committee (\$4,940), and State Legislation (\$4,760). Other expenditures came in at \$2,000 or less.

2017 National Legislative Training Conference. Maryland NARFE will reimburse attendees to the NLTC as follows: Members of the FLC will be reimbursed for registration and for one night of lodging or mileage and parking cost up to the equivalent of one night of lodging. For attendees from chapters that don't send a member of the FLC, reimbursement will follow the same policy. The \$175 registration fee covers the costs of several meals, among other things. The cost of lodging for one night is \$194.51 (\$169 plus taxes).

Maryland State Convention in Ocean City. Registration for the convention is \$45 per person and covers the costs of two lunches. The Banquet fee is also \$45. Each chapter should send me separate lists of attendees and banquet reservations. Do not send payments for people that the Federation is covering. Above all, read the Call letter and follow the instructions.

Prompt deposit of reimbursement checks.

Outstanding checks are a problem for the financial accounting system. If you receive a reimbursement check from Maryland NARFE, please deposit it promptly. If you do not want to be reimbursed for an event or activity let me know so I can take you off the list. ●●



Marty Strombotne

Nominations for Federation Officers

Marty Strombotne, Nominations Committee Chair

Election of new officers to serve two year terms will be a highlight of the April 30-May 2, 2017, Maryland Federation Convention in Ocean City. The Nominations Committee needs the help of all chapters in fielding candidates for the offices of Federation President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nomination and information forms were handed out to all members present at the February 7 Board meeting in Bowie. Candidates for the elected offices will be interviewed on Sunday, April 30, at the Convention in the Holiday Inn. In addition, nominations from the floor can be made on Monday, May 1, during the morning session.

Send nominations to: Marty Strombotne, at 310 High Gables Drive #205, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878, telephone 240-632-9881, e-mail- martystrom@comcast.net. Contact her or the other two members of the Nominations Committee, Ron Bowers and Ted Jensen, for more information. See page 2 for their contact information. ●●

In Memoriam

* Our condolences to Oscar Horton and family on the death of our member Mary Ruth Horton, of Chapter 969, St. Mary's County. Mary Ruth was an active member of the State Legislative Committee and a loyal NARFE member.

* Our deepest sympathy to Paul Schwartz, our State Legislative Chair, and his family, on the loss of his son. As the best way to honor his son Jared Schwartz' memory, Paul has set up a GoFundMe account for the care of Jared's six children. Go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/jared-skids>.

*With sadness, we note the death on March 17, 2017, of Elroy Thomas, the Maryland Federation Social Media (Facebook) Coordinator. Elroy was a member of the Electronic Communications Committee as well as Chapter 1936, Northwest Baltimore Metro, having been transferred from Chapter 1990, Catonsville, with the merger.

AROUND THE FEDERATION



**FEBRUARY 2017
FEDERATION
BOARD MEETING**

President Dan McGrath presides at his last Board meeting, Feb. 7, 2017. Dan's last official function will be the biennial Convention in Ocean City, after which he will become Immediate Past President of the Maryland Federation. We wish him well!



Membership Director Jo Anne Groves uses Valentine props to get her message across to attendees - RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!



Larry Lange, Federation Chaplain, gives the opening Invocation at the February Board meeting.

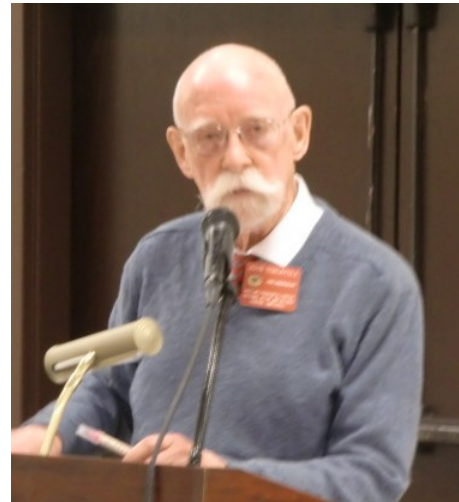


After a time away for health reasons, Immediate Past President Ted Jensen is back in the swing of things at the February Board meeting.

*Photos by Melinda Scott
MD Federation Photographer*



At the February Board meeting, State Legislative Chair Paul Schwartz passionately discusses the lack of support for senior tax relief by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.



Resolutions Co-Chair John Stackpole presents the new Federation One Member One Vote Bylaws at the February Board Meeting. The Bylaws will be voted on at the biennial Convention in Ocean City.

2017 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE & "CAPITOL HILL DAY"



(L-R) NARFE National President Richard Thissen, Congressman Elijah Cummings, Chair Maryland Federation Federal Legislative Committee, Dr. Sudha Haley, and Maryland Federation First Vice President Dr. Gary Roundtree, at meeting with Congressman Cummings during the Maryland Federation's Crusade to Capitol Hill on March 15.

NARFE/MD attendees at the National Legislative Training Conference gather with Congressman Jamie Raskin. (L-R) Maryland Federation President Dan McGrath; NARFE Region II Vice President Evelyn Kirby; FLC Chair Dr. Sudha Haley; Congressman Jamie Raskin; Maryland Federation 1st VP Dr. Gary Roundtree; and Bowie-Crofton Chapter President Jerry Kursban.





National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 30-May 2 | MD Federation 43rd Biennial Convention, Ocean City, MD
(President's Message, page 1; Nominations Comm., page 9) |
| July 10-14 | Federation Presidents' Meeting, Jacksonville, FL |
| October 3 | MD Federation Board Meeting, Bowie, MD |
| October 27 | MD Federation Training Day, Bowie, MD |