

**Maryland Federation's Crusade to Capitol Hill**  
Feedback to NARFE HQ Legislative Department

The **Maryland Federation's Crusade to Capitol Hill** was a resounding success, thanks to all the training our participants received at the Conference. All our delegates on the Hill were thrilled that **Senator Chris Van Hollen** met us in person. Also in the Congressional District meetings, **Congressman Elijah Cummings** (joined by NARFE President Thissen and Legislative Director Jessica Klement) and **Congressman Jamie Raskin** met with their District delegates in person. Photos are attached of highlighted meetings with our Lawmakers.

1. When, Where and Whose Office we met:

Attachment 1 Maryland Federation's Crusade to Capitol Hill Agenda

2. Which NARFE members attended these meetings:

Attachment 2 lists the delegates and their Districts

3. What issues did you discuss:

Every Senate District Leader (SL) and Congressional District Leader (CDL) shared the material we received at the Legislative Conference, with our hosts. We discussed the

top Legislation priorities underscored at the NARFE Legislative Conference. We discussed our concerns and gained the assurances of the Senators' and Congressmen's Legislative Directors and the Lawmakers themselves that they would continue to champion our issues and protect our earned health and retirement benefits. Several Congressmen's staffs requested to be placed on their District's NARFE Chapters' Newsletters' mailing lists.

4. Were you able to meet with your Legislator directly?

The Lawmakers who attended the meetings in person were **Senator Chris Van Hollen**, and **Congressmen Elijah Cummings and Jamie Raskin**.

5. Is there anything else you would like to tell the Legislative Department about the meeting.

Lawmakers and their Legislative Directors' spoke of the current toxic environment, and the challenges growing to our Federal Community. They emphasized how the federal workers' worth is daily diminishing in the eyes of the American public and especially many of their colleagues across the aisle.

We described to them our Maryland Federation's next exciting Project. All the Lawmakers were enthusiastic and wanted us

to send them our publication soonest They want to share it with their skeptic colleagues.

Our next Project is to publish our **NARFE Maryland Federation's Portfolio of "Profiles in Civil Service,"** respectfully based on President Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage." Our Portfolio will illustrate how and why government workers, past and current, strengthen our country. Our Portfolio will cite our Federal colleagues' acts of amazing courage, dedication, talents, patriotism, and hard work ethics to accomplish our Mission. We will accentuate the productive lives of normal federal employees (not the superstars) who daily work for the American Public. Our Portfolio will highlight Federal workers who maintain the highest standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for the public interest and work to the best of their ability, knowledge, and skills, to keep our America and Americans safe and secure.