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Dear Maryland Federation Board and Chapter Leaders,

At the Federation Board meeting on October 3, 2017, NARFE Director for Legislation Jessica Klement made a Legislation presentation. We promised, and are forwarding to you, a copy of her PowerPoint. Please note that she also spent time encouraging our members to contribute to NARFE-PAC, especially as sustainers, to keep our champion Maryland lawmakers in office, in this toxic environment.

We have a prize of a (soft and warm) NARFE blanket, to the Chapter leader, whose Chapter contributes the most, to help our Federation reach our PAC goal. Each of us has made our large contribution to this worthy cause. As National President Thissen says, "We need to remain vigilant in our efforts to engage with our lawmakers to ensure that they continue to protect the federal community from any budget cuts." Please urge your Chapter's NARFE-PAC Coordinator to start collecting contributions.

On October 3, we distributed the first edition of our "*Profiles in Civil Service*." You can access the "*Profiles*" Flip Book, prepared by Ted Page, at <http://mdnarfe.org/federation-blog/>. Our Senate and Congressional District Leaders went to Capitol Hill and provided 10 "*Profiles*" copies to each of our lawmakers to share with their skeptical colleagues across the aisle. The "*Profiles in Civil Service*" book has achieved such a success that the NARFE Colorado Federation has asked for copies to initiate a similar project. Member-authors of our first edition should have received their copy through their chapter leaders. We are already receiving profiles from members for the 2018 edition. Please send your chapter members' profiles to us by December 31, 2017.

In the Federation Newsletter we signified, and confirmed on October 3, that your Federation President and 1st Vice President together are eager to meet with each chapters' members during your chapter meetings. Our goal is to empower and engage with each individual Maryland Federation member, receive input, ideas, priorities, concerns, and identify our path forward. We would need 45 minutes during your chapter meeting for our presentation and discussion with your members. Please send us your invitation for meeting with your chapter members during your chapter meetings from January through June 2018, so we can plan our statewide schedule.

Warm regards,

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