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From the Desk of the President

NARFE-PAC month is about to begin, and the strength of NARFE-PAC in the 2019-2020 cycle hinges on a successful March. A lot is at stake, but NARFE-PAC leaders are well equipped to take on the challenge. A strong NARFE-PAC amplifies the voice of the federal community, and now more than ever, federal workers and retirees need to make their views known.

Budget threats are looming, and congressional campaigns are in full swing. We can't sit on the sidelines. NARFE-PAC is a key component of how we protect your retirement security.

All our members are important to NARFE-PAC. NARFE-PAC is our tool to fight back against attempts to weaken our pay and benefits. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference and shows politicians that NARFE members mean business.

Patricia Nix, President, NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306

Guest speaker at our March 13, 2020 Membership Meeting is.....Robert Finn.

Bob's Bio is extensive.. these are just the highlights of his career.

As a civilian he was a land surveyor and a Maryland State Police. Thirty Five (35) years of his life was with the military which includes combat duty. Bob was selected by Secretary Hutchins to join The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in 2003. He looks forward to working with the Department's dedicated employees to provide the best service to our Maryland Veterans and their families.

If you are planning to attend the March 13, 2020 NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306 Membership Meeting, our Guest Speaker, Robert Finn, would like to know if you served on Active Duty between 1 November 1955 and 15 May 1977. Please contact Barb Ware with that information no later Friday, March 6. Her email address is barbware44@myactv.net.

Treasurer's Report

Jan. 22,2020	Balance		\$1,269.00
		Credits	\$ 133.66
		Expenses	\$ <u>150.60</u>
Feb. 26,2020	Balance		\$1,252.06

P. Reed, Treasurer

Secretary's Report for March 2020 Newsletter

- ✓ President Pat Nix welcomed 29 members and guests to our February 14, 2020, meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Randy Burns offered an invocation and we enjoyed our lunch and great conversations with fellow members.
- ✓ Our speaker, Ryan Burns was introduced and presented a wealth of information that each of us and/or our families will need to know. Ryan's business, "Stress Free Solutions", may hold the assistance we all will need in the future. As we downsize, move or just de-clutter/reorganize, it was recommended that we start 6 months before we anticipate a major decision. Begin with the basement, attic, shop, or storage locker. It may be helpful to use the acronym OHIO: Only Handle It Once. Try not to linger too long over things that are sentimental and have little or no value. Contact information and brochures were made available to those who were interested.
- ✓ The Membership Meeting took place with officers and committee chairpersons giving their reports. Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Jim Dray, who graciously donated the \$39.00 back to the chapter. The free lunch drawing was won by our newest member Bob Harshman. Our February Special Raffle winner was Robert Smith Jr.
- ✓ A thank you card was received from Brooke's House for the monetary donation the Chapter made from our Christmas Luncheon Meeting.
- ✓ Mike and Carolyn Barnhart were welcomed back after his lengthy absences due to his motorcycle accident.
- ✓ The Leadership Team made the decision to donate money to the WCCOA in support of the First Annual Golf Tournament. \$100.00 will sponsor Hole 13 to give a little publicity to our chapter. Several members have put money toward this so there is no expense to the chapter.
- ✓ Remember MARCH is NARFE PAC month. Make a check to NARFE PAC and give or mail to Pandi Reed, (Do Not make it out to Chapter 306). Our Chapter donations to The NARFE PAC last year totaled \$980.00.
- ✓ March 13, 2020, is our next Membership meeting at Western Sizzlin'. Our speaker is **Robert Finn, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy Buhrman, Acting Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The March '20 NARFE magazine is a very important one to hold on to and refer to for the NARFE elections. It also tells us what the leaders have done and are planning to do for federal employees. The Action Alert – March on page 6 is important to know. The Perks listed on pages 54 & 55 are varied and may be helpful for some of you. Check them out if you are interested in knowing how these Perks could benefit you. Let's make our NARFE the organization it is meant to be by knowing more about it and supporting its efforts to help you, the active and retired federal employees.

Dorothy C. Smith, Membership Chair.

CHAPTER-0306'S-LEGISLATIVE/NARFE-PAC/ REPORT:

MARCH IS "NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTION MONTH" !!

1. NARFE-PAC, the political arm of NARFE, works to defend your earned pay and RETIREE BENEFITS by building strong relationships between NARFE and members of Congress.

2. (W/Words from Ross Apter, Political Associate - NARFE HQS.) - "NARFE-PAC would like to extend its gratitude to all NARFE members who contributed and invested in protecting their earned pay and benefits. Your generous contributions gave NARFE-PAC the strength to fight for Feds. NARFE-PAC set new goals for the 2019-2020 cycle and needs your support to achieve them. ** Each contribution to NARFE-PAC helps ensure that the federal community is a powerful political force across the country. In order to strengthen NARFE's political influence, NARFE-PAC's current goals for 2020 are: * Raise \$1.75 million in member contributions; * Disburse \$1.25 million for political purposes; * Send NARFE members to 110 in-district fundraisers; and * Increase monthly NARFE-PAC sustainers by 20 percent". ** NOTE-WELL: Chapter-0306 currently has (2) "Sustainers" ..And.. Our Hagerstown Chapter has contributed over \$800.00+, To-Date, in this 2019-2020 NARFE-PAC Cycle!! "The above-stated ambitious goals will help elect members of Congress who support the federal community and empower our strongest supporters to become leaders in our fight. ** Take a stand for the federal community and help NARFE-PAC reach the goals for the 2019-2020 cycle."

3. SUPPORT-NARFE-PAC-TODAY ..AND.. help fight for the federal community and OUR RETIREE BENEFITS!

4. YOU CAN EASILY CONTRIBUTE:

4.a. You can be a "Monthly-(Credit Card)-SUSTAINER", at: \$10.00/minimum-monthly -&- receive a Sustainer Lapel-Pin and NARFE-PAC 17oz. Stainless Steel Thermal Bottle that keeps liquids hot for 12 hrs. or cold for 24 hrs. ..OR.. You May Wish To Make A One-Time Contribution: \$250.00-Gold Lapel - Pin -&- Water Bottle; \$100.00-Silver Lapel - Pin; \$50.00-Bronze Lapel - Pin; \$25.00-Basic Lapel - Pin ..OR: Other-Amount: \$_____. Our Chapter Leadership Team Is Currently Seeking A Volunteer-NARFE-PAC-Coordinator To: Join Our: Dynamic-Chapter-0306-LEADERSHIP-TEAM !! -- Full Training would be provided. If You Think You Could Give Our Chapter Some time Coordinating NARFE-PAC, PLEASE Advise Any Chapter Leader, Soonest !!

4.b. PLEASE: Make Any/All NARFE-PAC-Contributions: BY-CHECK-ONLY-TO: "NARFE-PAC". Your "One-Time-Contribution-Check - Must-Have: Your Name, Your Member Number ((Found above your name on all NARFE magazines)) "All-Affixed" For: Proper Chapter/Member-Accounting/Recognition! Ed Reed will accept any/all donations at our March 13TH Chapter-Membership-Meeting OR Via USPS/Mail On/Before-Fri/20March, At: 1204 Virginia Ave. Hagerstown, Md. -21740-7232.

4.c. If You Are: Making-A-Monthly-SUSTAINER-Credit-Card-Contribution/Pledge: Ed Must Have The Following: (1)-Your full Name (2)-Your Member Number (3)-Your Credit Card: Type -&- Number (4)-The Credit Card's Expiration Date (mm/yyyy) -&- The NAME on the Card. **

4.d. Finally, ALL: Please READ: The March, 2020 NARFE Magazine, pgs. 22-26 for "The Absolute Latest on NARFE-PAC" & "How-To-Become-A-NARFE-PAC-SUSTAINER" !! You may also make a copy of pg. 25, Fill-It-In -&- Give-Or-Mail-It-To: Ed Reed On/Before 20 March, 2020; He-Will: "Total-All-Contributions/SUSTAINER-Pledges & Send-them-All-To-NARFE-HQS. = For: All - Our Chapter/Individuals' Totals -&- Recognitions!!

P.S.-In A Past Yr., Mr. Reed made: "A personal-vehicle-trip" to a Home-Bound, Actively-Registered-Chapter-0306-Member, Who, Made-A-Substantial-NARFE-PAC-Contribution ! He just wanted to: "Do Something BIG For His Chapter -&- NARFE"!!

V/R-Ed Reed, Hagerstown-Chapter-V.P./For: Legislation -&- NARFE-PAC-P.O.C.

SPECIAL RAFFLE REPORT

Our raffle of \$25 per monthly drawing was won in February by my grandson Robert Smith Jr. He was very happy to come by and pick up the \$25. I had entered each of my grandchildren The entries can be sold to family, friends, and neighbors. I have extra forms available at each meeting. This supports our chapter 306 newsletter and keeps our members informed about what our chapter does for you.

Dorothy C. Smith, Raffle Chair.

Following are key dates regarding the upcoming NARFE 2020 voting.

- **March 2020:** Candidate statements published in NARFE magazine
- **July 2020:** Bylaws information published in NARFE magazine
- **August 2020:** Ballot appears in NARFE magazine (There will also be a voting website, which will go live as the August magazine begins being received by members)
- **August 31, 2020 (11:59 pm eastern time):** Voting closes.

Dr, Gary Roundtree, President of the MD Federation, is running for Region II President in the upcoming election.

Calling All Golfers

The Washington County Commission on Aging is inviting you to Black Rock Golf Course for a 4-person team golf tournament experience on June 19 at 12:00. The cost is \$75 per person. There will be Prizes, Fun Games, Best Ball Scramble and Food and Drinks. If you would like to participate you can call Jackie Mayne at 301-790-0275 extension 243 or email jmayne@wccoaging.org

HAGERSTOWN CHAPTER 306 TOTEM POLE 2020

Members and guests of NARFE's Hagerstown Chapter 306 will travel to the Totem Pole Playhouse on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, to attend the 2:00 p.m. performance of **Beehive, The 60's Musical**. Twenty tickets have been reserved. **This year's Group Ticket Rate is \$37.50.** Checks should be made payable to Barbara Ware. She will gladly receive them at a Chapter 306 meeting or you can send them to her at 84 North Edgewood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Don't hesitate to contact Barb at 301-331-2605 or barbware44@myactv.net if you have questions. A 25% deposit must be sent to Totem Pole by April 14 with the balance due by June 14. Luncheon reservations will be made at Penn National again this year. Further details concerning lunch and carpooling will be announced later.

Beehive is the ultimate celebration of 1960's female empowerment. Featuring such timeless classics as "My Boyfriend's Back", "Be My Baby", "Son of a Preacher Man", and "Me and Bobby McGee", *Beehive* nostalgically recalls the days of miniskirts, transistor radios and flower power. Told from the perspective of six young women who came of age in this enigmatic decade, these young ladies look back on a host of issues ranging from their first Beehive Dance to the challenges we faced as a nation – all accomplished by a vast array of the most celebrated and memorable songs of the era. "Beehive is a delightfully lighthearted show celebrating pop women of the 1960's..." -- NY Times

This is a one time notice of the 2020 Speaker Series @ Fort Ritchie Community Center.

April 24, 2020..... Beverly Eddy, a local author her topic is... Camp Ritchie and the Community.

May 29, 2020 Eric O'Neill, FBI Agent, Author of Gray Day, Credited with catching the first cyber spy.

July 17, 2020 David Peters..... A local Historian, his topic is WWII Enigma Machine.

Event start at 6pm. Tickets available by calling 1-301-241-5082 or online at www.the frcc.org.

Chapter Weather Policy

The policy of Chapter 306 is, if bad road conditions cause the Washington County Public Schools to cancel classes, NARFE Chapter 306 will not hold its planned meeting. But if the schools announce a delayed start, Chapter 306 will hold its planned meeting. The Board of Education announces weather related closings and delays on local TV and Radio Stations as well as post on their web site.

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