

Calvert County Chapter 1466

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Membership Meeting

Mar 19th 1:00 pm
Solomons Library

“Golden Opportunity Travel”

Lunch @11:30
Boomerangs,
Solomons

Executive Board Meeting

Mar 23rd 10:30 am

Solomons Library

Future Membership Meeting

Apr 16th
PF Main Library
“SCAMS”

Active and Retired Federal Employees are invited!

Change of Address?
Winter Address?
Email Newsletter?
Membership?
(410) 326-9024
MAXMUNGER@VERIZON.NET

NOTE:

Double click on any internet address (URL) in the electronic version of the newsletter to connect directly to the subject

NOTICE! Change of meeting locations!

Calvert Parks and Rec Dept now charges fees for use of their meeting rooms, in particular the Southern Community Center, which our chapter has used for the past 20+ years! Meeting space at the Calvert Pines Center is also lacking.

The Board is now reserving the Solomons Library (13920 H.G. Trueman Rd) for both Executive and Membership meetings starting this March. We will also be making more use of the PF main Library in alternating months for membership meetings.

Be careful and double check our locations for the next meetings!

Legislative

Shelly Ziman

(excerpts from NARFE.org)

The administration's FY21 budget includes a **1.0 percent pay raise** for federal employees. While NARFE appreciates that this is a departure from previous pay freeze proposals, the proposed 1.0 percent raise fails to keep pace with private-sector increases. NARFE urges Congress to appropriate a federal pay raise of **at least 3.0 percent** in 2021.

NARFE objects to the following FY21 budget proposals:

- Eliminating cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for current and future **FERS retirees** and reducing COLAs for **CSRS retirees** by 0.5 percent each year from what the COLA would have been otherwise. Together, this would cost federal retirees \$53.6 billion over 10 years.
- Increasing FERS employees' **contributions to their annuities** by one percent each year for the next six years without any corresponding benefit increase.
- Reducing the rate of return on the **Thrift Savings Plan's G Fund**.
- Calculating **new retiree pensions** based on the average of the **highest five** years of salary instead of the highest three.

The plan also issues a **joint budget request for OPM and the GSA**, indicating that the administration continues to pursue its proposed reorganization of OPM.

NARFE SUMMARY:

“At a time when the federal government faces ominous recruitment and retention challenges, the president's FY21 budget continues to shortchange and renege on previous commitments to federal employees and retirees.

These contemptible recommendations do nothing more than undermine the strength of our resilient civil service, and we urge Congress to reject it outright.”

February Chapter Meeting.

“Robyn Truslow gave a broad overview of the many online services offered by the Regional Library. These can be accessed by going to the Calvert County Library website (<https://calvertlibrary.info/using-the-library>) and going into the “Read, Listen & Watch” and “Research & Learn” tabs at the lead banner of the website. Applications and programs that can be accessed include:

- Ancestry Library Edition (Genealogy program only available on site in library)
- Kanopy -free cinema
- Hoopla- free video, music, audio books
- Freegal- free music
- Lynda- free tutorials on business, software, technology
- GCF Learn Free- Microsoft software, coding, Math etc.
- Magix Movie Edit Pro 214- video editing software
- GIMP-image editing
- Blender-animation software
- PIXLR- photo editor
- Audacity- audio editing
- Code Academy-beginning coding
- Mango Language- language learning programs
- OVERDRIVE- search for and digitally borrow eBooks
- 3D printing- fabrication scheduled through the library

The library also has a whole section of links to premium apps and sites. Robyn also covered reserving rooms, searching for and reserving books from across all libraries in Maryland. The library website also has a calendar of library events that can be sorted by age groups and interests.”

Sunshine: Continuing - Best wishes to Barry Grier, Trudy Priddy and Mary Ann Munn for quick recoveries from recent hospitalization!

Question: What is Lynda ???

If you had come to the February chapter meeting you would know about this valuable library resource. Come to the next chapter meeting and see what other new things you can learn.

Upcoming Events

Apr 6th Coalition for Development of Prince Frederick at the **H.E.Brown Community Center**, Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick. Contact Shelly for details.

Apr 16th AARP – Fraud and Scams Alerts

May 9th 13th Calvert Arts Festival, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Rts 2 & 4, Sunderland, MD.

Calvert County Delegates are:

Michael Jackson (27B) 1-800-492-7122 X3103

Mark Fisher (27C) 1-800-492-7122 X3231

Jerry Clark (29C) 1-800-492-7122 x 3314

Calvert County Senators:

Mike Miller (27-northern Calvert) 1-800-492-7122 X 3700

Jack Bailey (29-southern Calvert) 1-80-492-7122 X 3673

Treasurers Report

Bob Oszajca

	Treasury	Alzheimer
Bal Nov 28	2599.02	92.00
Newsletter	(24.65)	
Gift Card	(29.94)	
NARFE Dues	99.84	
50/50		23.00
Alzheimer	(115.00)	(115.00)
Bal Dec 27	2552.62	0.00

Membership 107

Chapter 1466 Meetings

Chapter meetings are on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August). A short business meeting follows our special program or guest speaker.

Executive Board meetings are the fourth Monday. Active and retired federal employees, non-members, spouses and guests are always invited.

(See page 1 for actual meeting dates and locations)

Chapter Lunches and Meetings are canceled ONLY WHEN Calvert County Government is closed.

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[NARFE-Chapter-1466-Calvert-County-MD](https://www.facebook.com/NARFE-Chapter-1466-Calvert-County-MD)

About NARFE

Since 1921, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the only organization exclusively devoted to protecting the earned benefits of active and retired Civil Service employees and their annuitants and survivors.

Membership is open to civilians in any agency of the Federal government, including retirees, current employees, spouses of current employees or retirees, and survivors of those eligible to join NARFE.

www.NARFE.org and www.mdnarfe.org