

# Calvert County Chapter 1466

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## Membership Meeting

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm

FEHBP  
Teleconference

## Executive Board Meeting

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1030am  
Teleconference

## Future Membership Meeting

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>  
TBA

## Active and Retired Federal Employees are invited!

Change of Address?  
Winter Address?  
Email Newsletter?  
Membership?

(410) 326-9024

[MAXMUNGER@VERIZON.NET](mailto:MAXMUNGER@VERIZON.NET)

### NOTE:

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

## New Chapter mailing address:

NARFE 1466  
13033 Mills Creek Dr  
Lusby, MD 20657

## COVID 19 - Virtual Meeting

This November you are invited to our virtual chapter meeting on the FEHBP Open Season Plan changes for 2021. Again, it will be via ZOOM and you must use a computer, tablet, or phone to participate. Please join us for this important information.

On Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, simply click this link:  
<https://carefirst.zoom.us/j/95826827485?pwd=dDNBK0d4TGZMkhuMEVmNlJxNXVFUT09>

If you do not have ZOOM on your computer, it will be loaded for you. All you will need to do is click on the link to join the meeting. You should turn on the computer camera and the sound to see/hear.

## Legislative

Shelly Ziman

### Schedule F (from NARFE HQ)

"On October 21, the administration issued an executive order that will politicize and undermine the integrity of the civil service. By creating a Schedule F category of excepted service positions, federal agencies now have the power to exempt positions 'of a confidential, policy-determining, policymaking or policy-advocating character' from both the competitive hiring rules as well as adverse action procedures. The new exception demolishes the rule that civil servants are hired and fired based on merit, not political affiliation, a tradition that has served our country well since the late 1800s."

### Maryland issues

AARP, United Seniors of Maryland, and MD NARFE Legislative Committee intend to push the following areas when the Maryland General Assembly convenes in January 2021:

- Lowering of Prescription Drug prices
- Tax Incentives for Long Term Care Insurance
- Increase in Standard Home Owners Tax Credit
- Safer Access to Transportation and Transportation Resources
- More Affordable, Reliable Internet Access
- The right to Itemize Deductions even if deductions are not itemized on the taxpayer's federal Tax Returns

## Federal Health Benefits Open Season

November 9, 2020 through December 14, 2020  
Go to Open Season Online  
at <https://retireefehb.opm.gov>  
Call Open Season Express at 1-800-332-9798

If you are satisfied with your current health plan, you do not need to do anything.

Medicare Advantage (Part C) – see <https://www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers/your-medicare-coverage-choices>

If you are covered by Medicare, you may choose to switch into a Medicare Advantage plan. These are private health care choices (like HMO's) in some areas of the country (apparently limited in Calvert County). To learn more about Medicare Advantage plans, see the above link or contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) (external link) .

If you are an annuitant, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, eliminating your FEHB premium. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season

## Alzheimer's 50/50

Chapter members are urged to continue donations. Make check payable to **NARFE-Alzheimer's Research**, note "from NARFE Chapter 1466" on the check, and mail to:

Alzheimer's Association  
225 N. Michigan Ave., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60601-7633

## Important to stay in touch!

If you now get the printed newsletter, we ask for you to send us your email address for future issues. That way we can spend less and between newsletters, you will get all notices in a timely manner.



## Upcoming Events

**PRINCE FREDERICK COALITION** The County Commissioners have authorized the sale of \$40 million for capital improvement bonds, some earmarked for Prince Frederick. They also approved the sale of 12 acres of Armory Square to two developers for mixed use, expected to be settled in two years. For other updates or to be added to the mailing list, contact Shelly.

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
<b>Previous Bal</b>		0
Newsletter	(20.27)	
NARFE Dues	49.19	
Other		
50/50		
<b>Bal Oct 31</b>	3032.29	0

Membership 100

## 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 in person Meetings are suspended due to COVID 19 restrictions – join us on ZOOM!**

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## 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](http://www.NARFE.org) and [www.mdnarfe.org](http://www.mdnarfe.org)

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