

Edward Holland running for 2nd Vice President

POSITIONS HELD: Chapter: President (Current), 2nd Vice President, Program Chair (Current), Public Relations Chair (Current), and Chapter Legislative Subcommittee Chair – Charles County Chamber of Commerce (Current).

Federation: Program Director; Public Relations Director; Congressional District Leader #4; Equity Committee Chair; NARFE/MD Representative to MD/DC Alliance for Retired Americans; NARFE/MD Representative to the Fraternal Order of Police; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

CAREER AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Retired Unit Chief/Supervisory Special Agent**, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (15th Year as a leader).
- **Former Marine Corps Platoon Sergeant** (6th Year as a leader)
- **President, Board of Directors Berry Hill Manor Home Owners Association** (11th Year as leader)
- **District 1 Junior Vice Commander & Youth Scholarship Program Chair** (5th Year as a leader)
- **Commander and Membership Chair Post 7461**, Department of Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars (9th Year as leader)
- **Vice President, Military Alliance Council**, Charles County, & Elected Board Member, Charles County Chamber of Commerce
- **Immediate Past Pastoral Council President** (4th Year as leader), St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pomfret
- **Past Chair, Education Committee, Charles County Branch NAACP**
- **Past Chair, Ethics Panel, Charles County Public Schools**

WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER: As a chapter president and VFW membership chair, I have a good grasp of how to recruit, retain, and increase membership. Along that note, I mentored a Chapter 1972 member appointing her Alzheimer's Chair and guiding her to assume the Co-Presidency of Chapter 1260. Doing so ensured the viability of Chapter 1260. Outreach to the public—as the NARFE MD Public Relations Director—has resulted in an awareness of NARFE and an increase in our membership. Moreover, it is readily apparent to me, since joining in 2018, that NARFE/MD continues to

lose members, with no apparent strategy to stop the loss of members. To better serve NARFE MD, I want to work with President Dr. Sudha Haley and 1st Vice President Lawrence Walton to implement a robust social media platform along with a Recruitment, Retention, and Reinstatement Program modelled after another Federation's program. I realize the recruitment, retention, and an increase in membership can only be done as the 2nd Vice President-Membership Director.

COMMENTS: NARFE MD is the best organization that I have been associated with. I am honored to call you my second family.