

**Candidate Statement  
for  
Ed Reed, Nominee for First Vice President of the Maryland  
Federation of NARFE**

A member of Hagerstown Chapter 306, I have served as Chapter President or Co-President for six years, Chapter Membership Chair and Chapter Legislative Officer.

At the Federation level, I was elected Second Vice President / Membership Director, and served in this capacity as a team member of the Federation Executive Committee and Board. Among my volunteer Federation activities are member of State Legislation Committee (SLC), Federation Biennial Conference Planning Committee, Ex-Officio on Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and Assistant Sergeant at Arms at Board Meetings. I faithfully attended all Maryland Federation Executive Committee and Board Meetings, Mini-Conferences, Biennial Conferences, and Candidate Forums.

At the National NARFE level, I have over 10 years regular attendance at National Conferences (FEDcon) and Legislative Training Conferences (LEGcon). I served on the NARFE National Building Committee and participated in many Region II Training Academies in York, Pa.

My goal, if elected, is Legislation, primarily publicizing just what our Maryland Federation is accomplishing, on its level and especially the individual Chapter level, which we don't hear enough about. We, as a Federation, need to inform NARFE HQS, just what each Chapter has accomplished in their Legislative Advocacy actions on a regular basis, especially after each Board Meeting. To this end, I will work closely with the Chapter Presidents in getting the Chapter Legislative Chairs involved in federal and state legislative initiatives and to require them to report their legislative activities at the local chapter level to me. For federal legislation, I will work closely with the Senate Leaders (SLs) and Congressional District Leaders (CDLs) to ensure that we meet NARFE's Federal Legislative goals. I will also work closely with the State Legislative Chair and the Committee to lobby the Maryland Senators and Delegates to pass legislation beneficial to all retirees in Maryland. Through my service on the State Legislative Committee and attendance at the Federal Legislative Conferences, I have gained valuable knowledge and experience that I will put to good use as the First Vice President and Legislative Director.

My leadership and management experience began during the Vietnam War as a special Comms Operator in United States Marine Corps, handling classified information. At the Department of Defense Station at Fort George G. Meade Army Base, and overseas in England, Germany, Japan, and Turkey, I oversaw Logistics and Support Services as a Procurement Officer. In a volunteer capacity, I have over 40 years of service with the American Scouting Program as an adult leader and Commissioner while serving in the United States as well as at my overseas assignments. I also have eight years volunteering in a local Senior Citizens Center.

I will encourage National members in Maryland to share their legislative concerns and issues with me by email or postal mail on Legislative issues. This could be an item added on any mailings to our National Members prior to our Federation Board Meetings and then their legislative issues brought up for discussion at the Board meetings.

I look forward to being a participating team member on the Maryland Executive Committee to help move the Federation forward for its betterment and the benefit of all Chapter members and National members in Maryland.

Please exercise your right and duty to vote. I ask you to place your trust in me for the office of 1st Vice President of the Maryland Federation of NARFE.