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December Chapter Meeting

Holiday Lunch

Speaker Catherine Grasso

Thursday, December 19th @ Noon
Gateway Restaurant
Port Republic

Members and guests are welcome.

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st
Noon @ IHOP
Prince Frederick

February Chapter Meeting

Investment Advisor

Thursday, February 20th
1 PM @ Southern Pines
Senior Center

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New Members

Kellie Crigger
Dillard Menchan

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season

October Meeting

The October meeting was held at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick. The speakers were Dishon Gresham and Jennifer Mallivay from BC/BS. They gave a briefing on FEP Health Benefits 2025. Open season this year is Nov 14th to Dec 9th. Postal reform is the biggest change this year. Dental and vision programs are being expanded. Standard vision and dental plans are good choices if you don't have major problems. Both are less expensive. For major issues, the high option plans are better choices. So far there are not any changes for Tricare or Medicare. At the end of the presentation, Mary presented Jennifer and Dishon with the Chapter's mugs.



Photo by Ada Marinelli October 17th, 2024

The Chapter has changed its email address; the new address is CalvertNARFE@gmail.com.

50/50 Raffle Ada Marinelli won the 50/50 raffle and donated her winnings to the Alzheimer's fund. In total, \$36 was collected for the Alzheimer's fund.

December Meeting

The December Holiday Lunch meeting will be held noon Thursday, December 19th, at Gateway Restaurant, 5455 Broomes Island Road, in Port Republic. Calvert

County Commissioner Catherine Grasso will speak on updates to the Prince Frederick Master Plan and answer questions.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 16th, to the Chapter via CalvertNARFE@gmail.com or mail your response to the PO Box address.

President's Message

As we welcome the new administration to the White House, the work of NARFE has never been more vital. NARFE National President William Shackelford stated "Every administration should and will bring along its own cadre of political appointees to set and direct the policy of the duly elected president.

But NARFE will stand firmly against any efforts to eliminate or erode the merit-based civil service, including a reimplemention of Schedule F.

The merit-based civil service protects the honor of the federal government to work on behalf of the American people." NARFE needs the support and voice of the federal workers, retirees and concerned citizens across the country to succeed. Encourage your fellow civil servants and retirees to join NARFE and particularly our local Calvert County Chapter 1466.

Legislative News

On November 12, the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, passed in the House with an overwhelming bipartisan majority, 327-75. This is a historic achievement in the fight to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset, two provisions that have unjustly penalized federal retirees and public servants for

nearly 40 years." Senate approval is needed next.

The **Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)** is a planned presidential advisory commission announced by president-elect Donald Trump. It will be led by the billionaire businessman Elon Musk and entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy. Despite its name, it is not expected to be a federal executive department, the formation of which would require the approval of the U.S. Congress. The proposed DOGE has alarmed some government ethics experts who say the deep financial interests of Musk and Ramaswamy could lead to potential conflicts of interest.

2025 Health Insurance Update

The Federal employee's health insurance program is now in open season which will continue until December 9th. During this time, you can make changes to your Health, dental or vision coverage.

Estate Planning Webinar

NARFE will have a webinar "Estate Planning for Feds" on December 12th. An online Q-&A session follows the webinar. For more details and to register, visit NARFE.org/webinars or see page 59 of the December NARFE magazine.

Announcements

Christmas Market

The 19th Annual Christmas Market
All Saints' Episcopal Church
(Routes 2 & 4 split, Sunderland, MD)
Saturday, December 14th, (10 AM to 4 PM)
Rain, snow or shine!
Free admission & parking.

Receiving the Newsletter by US Mail?

If possible, please switch to emailed newsletter. Just email the Chapter at CalvertNARFE@gmail.com.

Got Suggestions for Future Meetings?

Please contact the Chapter.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Oszajca

	Checking	Alzheimer's Fund
Sep 30 Balance	\$1681.35	\$00.00
NARFE Dues 50/50	36.00	36.00
Checks written NONE		
Alzheimer's Transfer to CD		
Nov 30 Balance	\$1717.35	\$36.00
Membership	88	
Associate	1	

Note: No NARFE dues received for Oct and Nov. CD value on December 1st is \$2,582.89

Alzheimer's - Make a 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., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 (**or come to our LIVE meetings for the 50/50 Alzheimer's drawing**).

Local Legislators

Calvert County Delegates:
Jeffrie Long Jr. (27B) ext. 3103
Mark Fisher (27C) ext. 3231
Todd Morgan (29C) ext. 3314

Calvert County Senators:
Michael Jackson (27-northern Calvert) ext. 3700
Jack Bailey (29-southern Calvert) ext. 3673

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

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