

## MARYLAND FEDERATION OF NARFE – ELECTIONS 2025

The Nominating Committee submits the following candidates for Maryland Federation Officers, 2025-2027 term of office. Each is ready, willing, and qualified to serve in the positions shown below:

President: Mr. Edward Holland and Mr. Lawrence Walton

First Vice President: Ms. Teresa Baker

Second Vice President: Mr. Steven Groom

Treasurer: Mr. Gerald Williams

Secretary: Ms. Karleen Hagan and Ms. Melody Kebe

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Virginia Bender

Ms. Bessie Johnson

Mr. Gerald Williams

Ms. P.A. Jeffries, Chairperson

The Maryland Federation of NARFE Bylaws states that if there is no opposition for an office, nominees for office will be elected by acclamation. Since there is a contested election for the President and Secretary positions, a ballot will be sent to all members in Maryland via FEDHub Email.

For the MD Federation members and National Only members in Maryland who do not have an email address, you will need to request a paper ballot be sent to you for voting. To request your ballot, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Melody Kebe, NARFE, P.O. Box 1643, Bowie, MD 20717, no later than March 17.

We will only vote on the contested offices of the President and Secretary. Voting for these offices will run from March 17 through April 7. Instructions will be included in the Ballot you receive via FEDHub. Candidate Statements are included at the end of this announcement and can also be found on the Maryland Federation website at <https://mdnarfe.org> under "Elections 2025".

Once the votes for the President and Secretary contested offices are counted, the results will be announced on April 29. The Maryland Federation Officers for 2025-2027 will be installed on May 7, 2025, at the Biennial Conference in Ocean City, MD.

**Your Vote Matters!**

Melody Kebe, Secretary, Maryland Federation of NARFE

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Each Candidate was asked “Why do you want to serve as an Officer in the Maryland Federation of NARFE?” Below are their statements.

### Candidates For President

**Mr. Edward Holland** (Chapter 1972 Waldorf/LaPlata)

As the 1st Vice President of the Maryland Federation, I truly enjoy the legislative process working with the Federal and State Legislative Committees. Having managed different components of NARFE MD, I have a good grasp of what it will take to ensure that NARFE MD remains solvent for years to come. My good relationships with NARFE National elected leaders and RVPII Paul Schwartz, should allow us to have the ear of NARFE National. With that, I want to work with you to be a listening and collaborative NARFE MD leader.

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**Mr. Lawrence Walton** (Chapter 2274 Ocean Area)

To represent all federal active and retired employees, to be their voice in the hall of Congress and the Maryland General Assembly, protecting their earned retirement benefits.

### Candidates For Secretary

**Ms. Karleen Hagan** (Chapter 2274 Ocean Area)

I am inspired by NARFE’s mission to advocate for the benefits of our active and retired employees. Maryland is a target rich federal employee state, and our Federation has room to grow. My desire is to support and work to that end.

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**Ms. Melody Kebe** (Chapter 1747 Bowie–Crofton)

To work with a team of leaders who are committed to sustaining NARFE’s mission and building upon its legacy. As the current Federation Secretary, I want to continue my efforts on working cohesively as a team to streamline some of our current processes. I remind myself that “change is not always welcome but don’t give up on it”. I believe we can work together to implement meaningful changes for the good of our Federation.