



NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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TO: Federation EXCOM Officers, Federation Committee Chairs/Officers, Board Members (Chapter Presidents), and Region II Vice President

FROM: Edward Holland, President

SUBJECT: Call to In-Person Federation Board Meeting / October 6, 2026

DATE: August 1, 2026

1. The next meeting of the NARFE Maryland Federation Board is scheduled as follows:

When: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 / 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Where: The Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, Maryland

NOTE: The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, October 5, 2026 / 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.

2. TENTATIVE AGENDA: Times, topics and speakers are subject to change.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
8:00a.m.	Registration	Meeting Room Foyer
	Continental Breakfast	Meeting Room
9:00a.m.	Call to Order	Edward Holland, President
	Invocation	Larry Lange, Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	Steve Groom, 2 nd Vice President
	National Anthem	Ed Reed, Past 2 nd Vice President
	Roll Call	Melody Kebe, Secretary

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TENTATIVE AGENDA (continued)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
9:15a.m.	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Edward Holland, President
	Keynote Speaker	Steven Connolly Deputy Secretary MD Department of Agriculture
10:15	BREAK / VISIT VENDORS / NETWORKING	
10:30a.m.	Introduction of Vendors	Melody Kebe, Vendor Chair
	President's Report	Edward Holland, President
	Legislation Report & Federal Legislative Report	Teresa Baker, 1 st Vice President & FLC Chair
	State Legislative Report	Bob Doyle, SLC Chair
	MD NARFE PAC Report	Bob Doyle, Coordinator
11:45a.m.	BUFFET LUNCH	
1:00p.m.	Call to Order	Edward Holland, President
	Federation Alzheimer's Report	Virginia Bender, Coordinator
	Federation 2027 Elections	Virginia Bender, Nominating Chair
	CAB Update	Howard 'Flash' Gordon, CAB Rep
	Region II Report	Paul Schwartz, Region II VP
	Membership Report	Steve Groom, 2 nd Vice President
1:45p.m.	BREAK / VISIT VENDORS / NETWORKING	
2:00p.m.	Treasurer's Report	Gerald Williams, Treasurer
	2027 Biennial Conference	Melody Kebe, Conference Chair
	Other Federation Business	Edward Holland, President
	Closing Remarks	Edward Holland, President
	Benediction	Larry Lange, Chaplain
	Adjournment	Edward Holland, President

3. All addressees are urged to attend this important meeting. Interested Chapter officers, members, guests, and past Chapter presidents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Guests can pay at the door but must have reservations.

4. Registration Fee. The Registration Fee of \$60.00 for non-board members and guests includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and materials/handouts.

5. Food & Beverage.

Continental Breakfast: Assorted Muffins, Danish, Bagels with Cream Cheese and Jellies, Yogurt, Coffee, Tea, and Assorted Juices.

Lunch: Health Smart Buffet includes Broiled Salmon in Lemon Broth, Grilled Chicken Breast with Pesto Sauce, Vegetable Sauté, Island Rice, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Cookies, Iced Tea and Coffee.

NOTE: All members and guests who sign up for lunch on October 6th will be responsible for attending. **All chapters will be responsible for and will be billed for any no shows.** The Federation pays the full lunch count whether the members and guests attend or not.

6. Policy on Reimbursement for Maryland Federation Board Meetings (as of OCT 10, 2025).

The cost of lunch and travel at 72.5 cents per mile will be borne by the Federation for Federation Officers and Chairs, Appointed Officers/Chairs and Board Members (Chapter Presidents or Designated Alternates when attending in lieu of the Chapter President). **The Chapter President must identify the “Designated Alternate” prior to the Board Meeting.** Per person costs to the Federation exceed \$60. The Federation subsidizes a portion of the per person costs as an incentive to increase attendance at the Board meetings and inform more members about Federation operations. ***Chapters will be billed for payment of no shows.***

All chapter attendees are encouraged to carpool. Carpool drivers will be reimbursed at the rate of 72.5 cents per mile. Because of the travel distance involved, *the Federation will reimburse Presidents (or the Designated Alternate attending in lieu of the Chapter President) of the following Chapters: 306 Hagerstown, 410 West-Mar and 2274 Ocean Area for one night at the hotel so they can come the day before the Board Meeting.*

7. Hotel. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations directly with The Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716 (301-464-0089). Make reservations early and identify yourself as part of the NARFE group. The room rate includes a full hot breakfast. To make a reservation for a sleeping room, go to choicehotels.com or call 800-258-2847. Use the NARFE Corporation Number 00801967 and your personal Choice Privileges Number, to get the best rate. If you do not have a Choice Privileges card, you can sign up at choicehotels.com. You will need to give a personal credit card to confirm your reservation.

8. Registration Form. We must advise the Comfort Inn Hotel on the number of lunch reservations and ask Chapter Presidents or Secretaries to **please register all your chapter attendees and guests on the registration form. Email the completed registration form to Melody Kebe, Federation Secretary at melodykebe@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Cancellation without penalty is NOON Friday, September 18th.** If you need to cancel anyone on the list, please send an email to the Federation Secretary.

***** The Registration Form is provided separately as an attachment to the Call to October 6th Board Meeting email. Registration DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 15, 2026 *****