



The Key Notes

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Newsletter

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NARFE 409 LUNCHEON MEETING

Friday, December 16th. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.
The program will be a presentation on the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Kristina Higgins, Education Technician, will its history, construction, technology, and how we can enjoy it today.

The Executive Committee, as hard as they tried, could not find any musical group to perform for a holiday program. We are very appreciative for Ms. Higgins for her presentation to us.

CONGRATULATION!

Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)



Earle Lynwood Browning, of NARFE Chapter 409, was recently inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his many years of dedicated volunteer service to NARFE, The New Market Lions Club, his church and his community. Mr. Browning,

age 92, began his federal career working for the Army Map Services after being drafted into the Army during World War II. He was a member of the 106th Infantry Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He later retired from the National Institutes of Health in 1979. In 1971, President Richard Nixon in his State of the Union Address announced that he wanted to dedicate \$100 million to find a cure for cancer. On December 23, President Nixon signed the National Cancer Act of 1971 into law declaring “The War on Cancer.” As part of this national effort the biological warfare facility at Fort Detrick was converted to a cancer research center, eventually becoming the Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center. This Act gave the National Cancer Institute (NCI) unique autonomy at NIH with special budgetary authority. As Budget Officer in charge of funding, Mr. Browning fought to keep those costs estimates open-ended, to prevent delays in acquiring more funding. Mr. Browning feels that this was his greatest accomplishment in his 37 years of dedicated federal service to his country.

Editor’s Note: Kathy Siggins nominated Earle for this award.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)

Congress returned to Capitol Hill on November 14, to begin the Lame Duck Session. The government is operating under a continuing resolution through December 9. Congress must work towards funding the federal government before the deadline, or face a shutdown. On Thursday, November 17, the House Republicans decided during a closed-door meeting to settle on a plan to fund the government through March and avoid a final budget deal with President Obama. It is unclear as to how the Senate Appropriations Committee will proceed.

ALZHEIMER'S REPORT**Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)**

The Appropriations Committee in the House approved a budget for fiscal year 2017 that included a \$350 million boost at NIH for Alzheimer's research, bringing the total to \$1.34 billion to continue the search for an Alzheimer's treatment and cure.

The Alzheimer's Association would like to thank NARFE members who have joined Walk to End Alzheimer's® teams across the nation. Your commitment is reflected in the steady progress being made toward the \$50,000 goal set by NARFE leadership. To date, 263 participants have raised a total of \$41,537. The top fundraising team for NARFE will be the first to host the NARFE traveling trophy to be shown in your home or office for the entire year.

FEHB AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Over 120 Chapter 409 members attended the November meeting "...to hear Mr. Bill Gray, along with reps from four providers, talk about health benefit changes for 2017. Mr. Gray, who has been providing this information to 409 members for about 20 years, announced his retirement. We thank him for these years of keeping us informed and wish him well as he moves on with his life.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Dennis Vernon (301-694-8003)**

Want to make \$10? NARFE is offering a \$10 incentive to recruiters for each new member (active or retired) until December 31, 2016. To be credited as a

recruiter, make sure that the new member provides your name and NARFE membership number on the application form which can be found in the monthly NARFE magazine or on-line at: <https://www.narfe.net/join/index.cfm?fa=join>. For your convenience, hardcopies of the NARFE membership applications forms will be also available for pick-up on the badge table during our monthly meetings.

Please welcome Gale Vernon as the newest member to our chapter (yes, she's the same person I also recruited to be my wife – NOTE: please don't tell her I made ten bucks off of her membership). Carolyn Francis and Curt Marshall had their membership renewed – Good Job. Sorry to report that NARFE Headquarters dropped the following six (6) individuals from our chapter roster for non-renewal: Heidemarie Fox; Ned Hallein; Sara Killmeier; Olin Nave; Patricia Schemm; and Paul Vali. Headquarters sent second renewal notices to the following personnel: Ross Bainbridge; Lucille Darner; Melvin Filler; Jack Guttmann; Loren Linholm; Marge Shiflett; Dennis Smith; and Louis Traini. If you know any of these folk, please encourage them to renew their membership so they don't miss out on upcoming proposed changes to our retirement benefits.

As of October 27th, our chapter had 656 members which made us the 7th largest chapter in the state (there are 28 chapters in the state of Maryland). Please continue to notify me of any changes of address, phone numbers and/or email addresses so the Headquarters and chapter newsletter databases are updated with your current contact information (your email notifications are especially appreciated).

RIDE SHARING TO OUR LUNCHEONS**Chuck Caloia 301-938-2000****SERVICE OFFICER**

In last month's Newsletter, we offered to connect Chapter 409 members who'd like a ride to our monthly luncheons with other members who often drive to the luncheons.

As of this writing, no Chapter members have responded to the Newsletter item with either RIDE REQUESTS or RIDE OFFERS, so there may be no need for the Chapter to have a ride-sharing service. I'll wait another month or so, however, before reaching a conclusion. If you wish to submit a RIDE REQUEST or RIDE OFFER, or if you have any

questions or comments about the service or how it should work, send them to me by email ([Chuck Caloia@yahoo.com](mailto:Chuck.Caloia@yahoo.com)) or by postal mail addressed to: Chuck Caloia, c/o Long & Foster Realtors, 5301 Buckeystown Pike, Suite 250, Frederick, MD 21704. Please include your full address if requesting or offering a ride.

move the place for the Executive Committee meeting. This will be discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Jerie O'Connor (301-845-7964)

BALANCE as of 9-30-2016.....\$4,403.17
 Receipts for October..... \$1,794.33
 Expenditures for October..... (\$1,287.54)
 TOTAL FUNDS available as of 10-31-2016.... \$4,909.96

NOTICE: If your address, telephone number, email address changes, or to receive the E-version of the newsletter and booklet please remember to notify me, Dennis Vernon, by telephone at 301-694-8003 or email knight21702@yahoo.com . This will assure you will continue to receive our chapter newsletter and the NARFE Magazine and we will be able to contact you if necessary.

We are saddened to report the following Chapter 409 related deaths.

Members

Donald Edward Phillips, age 81, died October 14, 2016.

Mrs. Joanne Elaine Dupuie, age 73, died October 17, 2016.

Chapter 409 members and relatives sick and or shut-ins needing our prayers and concerns:

Joyce Gregoire, Donald R. Hunt, Mary B. Miller, Anne Niemiec, Dorothy Piper, Jaimie Pugh, Ann Simon, Donald and Nadia Taylor, Sisty Vincent, Doris Walter

Gil Monck (1-717-762-7484)

Please contact Gil with any information for this section of the newsletter

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Hawker (301-874-8409)

The Executive Committee of NARFE Chapter 409 met on November 15, 2016, at the American Legion. The minutes were approved. Treasurer's report for October was approved subject to audit. Legislative, Newsletter, Alzheimer, Chaplain, Luncheon, Public Relations, and Service Officer reports were given. Position descriptions for members of the Committee were requested. A suggestion was made to possibly

Date: **December 16, 2016**
Location: American Legion, 1450 Taney Ave., Frederick, MD 21702
Time: Doors will open at 11 AM. Lunch served at 12 noon. Program starts promptly at 1 PM.
Menu: Chicken Divan w/ scalloped potatoes
Program: Kristina Higgins, Education Technician C&O Canal National Historical Park.
 We must receive your mail reservation or cancellation no later than Friday **December 9, 2016**.
 Call **Susan Janssen** at **301-695-1785** with any questions.
MAILING ADDRESS: NARFE CHAPTER #409
P. O. Box 1642 Frederick, MD 21702

Reservations for December 16, 2016 luncheon meeting: Please complete this form and send it with a check payable to NARFE Chapter 409 in the amount of **\$14.00** per person. Mail both to **NARFE CHAPTER #409, P.O. Box 1642, Frederick, MD 21702**

We need to reserve the number of meals by Friday, December 9, 2016 so PLEASE MAIL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN.

Name	Member	Guest	New Member	1 st Luncheon	Name	Member	Guest	New Member	1 st Luncheon
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Please consider joining NARFE by contacting Dennis Vernon at 301-694-8003 for membership information.

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Chapter 409 NARFE

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Visit us at our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/narfe409/>
Linda Adams-Webmaster 301-253-4740

CALENDAR 2016

- December 13** Chapter 409 Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 AM at American Legion (Same location as our luncheon)
All are welcome to come.
- December 16** Chapter 409 Luncheon

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- January 25** USM Legislative Forum, Annapolis, Md.
February 7 Federation Board Meeting, Bowie, Md.
March 12-15 National Legislative Training
March 15 NARFE Day on Capitol Hill