



The Key Notes

National Active and Retired
Federal Employees Association
Chapter No. 409 Frederick, Maryland

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Newsletter

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NARFE 409 LUNCHEON MEETING

Friday, March 17th. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. The program will be a presentation by Charles A. Jenkins, Sheriff of Frederick County.

Sheriff Jenkins will speak on the area drug problem.

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Elinor Abrell (301-831-8753)



The Honorable Sharon Keller, Register of Wills for Frederick County spoke to NARFE Chapter 409 members during our February meeting. She discussed the importance of having a will, the essential parts of a will, and specific requirements for Maryland. She also answered questions from members. Shown with Ms. Keller (on the right) is Ms. Elinor Abrell, Co-President of the Chapter 409.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)

I'd like to call your attention to an article on page 24, in the February 2017 *narfe magazine* which explains the potential threats to your earned pay and benefits in the 115th Congressional Session. NARFE members from across the nation will gather in Alexandria, VA to attend the NARFE 2017 Legislative Training Conference, March 12-15, 2017, culminating with visits to Capitol Hill on March 15. The challenge this year is to play big-time defense against serious efforts by this administration to cut federal pay, their retirement system, the employee-retirees' share of health premiums and their Medicare Part B premiums. It's time for you to take a stand! On the local level, please consider attending the MD Federation 43rd Biennial Convention in Ocean City, MD on April 30 – May 2, 2017. We will select officers for the next two years, discuss resolutions germane to the Federation, and attend workshops on legislative and membership issues. Senior Federal and Maryland State officials have been invited for the opportunity to exchange views on issues related to protection and enhancement of current and retired Federal employees' earned benefits. There will be a reception on Sunday evening, two luncheons with excellent speakers, and a banquet with a live band on Monday. If you would like to join us in Ocean City, please contact Kathy Siggins for further information.

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

Congress approved a short term Continuing Resolution (CR) in December to fund the government through April 2017, keeping funds at the 2016 budget level. The CR increases the threat of losing the \$350 to \$400 million of additional funding for Alzheimer's research approved by the Appropriations Committee in the FY 2017 budget. Advocates have worked long and hard to achieve milestones in funding for Alzheimer's research, and helped pass legislation to provide support for families and care for the millions of American living with Alzheimer's. However, these services are being implemented through Medicare under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Sadly, it is unclear whether these services will continue if the ACA is repealed. On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the Alzheimer's bake table at our monthly luncheons. Because of your generosity Chapter 409 was able to contribute \$825 to NARFE's Alzheimer's research in 2016, in support of our national goal. I recently attended Advocates Day in Annapolis and I will be attending my 17th Alzheimer's Advocacy Forum in Washington, DC in March. Save the Date: The Alzheimer's Memory Ball, "Dancing Stars of Frederick" will be held on April 29, 2017, at the Walkersville Social Hall in Walkersville, MD.

SECRETARY'S REPORT**Margaret Hawker (301-874-8409)**

The Executive Committee of NARFE Chapter 409 met on February 14, 2017, at the American Legion. The minutes were approved. Legislative, Alzheimer's, Newsletter, Membership, Chaplain, and Luncheon reports were given.

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

409 Members**None****Relatives of 409 Members****None**

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

Bill Davis, Joyce Gregoire, Howard Lutz,
Mary B. Miller, Anne Niemiec, Dorothy Piper,
Jaimie Pugh, Ann Simon, Donald and Nadia
Taylor, Doris Walter

Gil Monck (1-717-762-7484)

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

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

Please welcome George Abernathy as our newest member to join our chapter. Tim Wheeler has transferred to another NARFE chapter and Brenda Peters has transferred in from another chapter – Welcome Aboard, Brenda. Ned Hallein has had his membership reinstated – Good move, Ned. If you know Jack Guttmann, perhaps you may wish to suggest him to do likewise to renew as his membership has just been dropped by NARFE for non-payment. Eight (8) members have been sent second renewal notice and they are: Andrew Barber; Marvin Bures; Thomas Fisher; Leonard Gass; Susan Klecka; Janice McLoon Joann Norris; and, Rebecca Stout. If you know any of these folks, please remind

them that they have received their final notice before their membership is terminated and encourage them to renew. If you want to be a real friend and/or know they are having financial difficulties, you can download the F-85 Gift Membership form from the NARFE website, www.narfe.org and send it your payment. NARFE will forward a special welcome announcing your gift and provide the information needed for your recipient to enjoy a yearlong membership. As of 1/14/2017, we had 602 voting members in our chapter. A new F-135 NARFE brochure (with a membership application) has been published and will be available for pick-up at our next luncheon. Please discard any older version and **use only the F-135 (10/16)**. In case you were wondering, yes, the online join and renewal forms have also been updated.

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.

SNOW POLICY: If Frederick County Schools are closed for weather, then the luncheon meeting is canceled and **checks will be shredded**. A **new reservation** will be required at your next luncheon. If County Schools are delayed but open at meeting time the luncheon meeting will be held as scheduled.

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

BALANCE as of November 30, 2016.....\$4,828.89
 Receipts for December..... \$1,684.00
 Expenditures for December (\$1,903.54)
 TOTAL FUNDS available as of 12-31-2016.... \$4,609.35

BALANCE as of December 31, 2016.....\$ 4,609.35
 Receipts for January..... \$1,538.00
 Expenditures for January (\$1,490.92)
 TOTAL FUNDS available as of 1-31-2017..... \$4,656.43

Date: March 17, 2017
 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: Meatless Lasagna and salad
 Program: Charles Jenkins, Sheriff of Frederick County.

We must receive your mail reservation or cancellation no later than Friday March 10, 2017.
 Call Susan Janssen at 301-695-1785 with any questions.
 MAILING ADDRESS: NARFE CHAPTER #409
 P. O. Box 1642 Frederick, MD 21702

NOTICE: If your address, telephone number, email address changes, or to receive the **E-version** of the newsletter and

Reservations for March 17, 2017 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, March 10, 2017 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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Linda Adams-Webmaster 301-253-4740

CALENDAR 2017 Chapter Events

- March 14** Chapter 409 Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 AM at American Legion (Same location as our luncheon)
All are welcome to come.
- March 17** Chapter 409 Luncheon

2017 Other Events

- March 12-15** National Legislative Training
March 15 NARFE Day on Capitol Hill
April 30-May 2 MD Federation 43rd Biennial Convention, Ocean City, MD
October 3 MD Federation Board Training, Bowie, MD
October 23 MD Federation Training Day, Bowie, MD