



The Key Notes

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

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Newsletter

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)

The start of our 2016-2017 Program will begin with the Installation of Officers, presentation of check to a local charity that services seniors in our community, followed by our annual Memorial Service at our luncheon on May 20th. The fiscal year for NARFE Chapter 409 runs from June 2016 to May 2017. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive Committee for doing a great job this year, and for agreeing to continue in their respective position for the upcoming year. However, President or Co-President and 2nd Vice President Legislation are still vacant. Although I have agreed to fill-in with legislation, I plan to continue and help whoever takes that position. So this would really be a good time to volunteer. Also, I'm pleased to announce that our newest member to Chapter 409, Mr. Dennis Vernon, who retired from the Department of Energy after a 33 year career, has agreed to take the position of 1st Vice President/Membership and will work closely with Walter Rabbit who has been filling in during the vacancy of that position. These positions are much easier when you have help. We now have a more serious problem and that attendance for luncheons has fallen to record lows drawing only 60 to 65 attendees for several months. This is not good. We need all members to support Chapter 409 by attending the luncheons. Less attendance means that our cost for our lunch will most likely go up in the coming year. We really need you to do your part so that we can continue to protect your earned benefits. See you in May and please remember to bring a friend.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)

The House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee held a hearing March 22 titled "Social

Security and Public Employees: Ensuring Equal Treatment," which focused on the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and reform proposals for each. In particular, committee members discussed the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, H.R. 711, introduced by Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-TX, who also was present. The hearing focused more on the WEP, with committee members from both parties generally agreeing that the WEP unfairly penalizes retirees and that reform is needed. Although no decisions were made, there appears to be enough momentum to move H.R. 711 to a committee markup session.

The Maryland General Assembly session closed on April 11, 2016. No news yet as to whether the Governor's proposed increase in the income tax exemption for taxpayers and their dependents age 65 and above will receive the proposed \$1,000 to \$5,000 increase in the next four years. The reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) was approved by Congress for HHS- Health and Human Services. This is excellent news for seniors.

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

For every \$100 that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) spends on Alzheimer's research, Medicare and Medicaid spend \$16,000 caring for those with the disease. Deaths from Alzheimer's increased 71 percent since 2000, and it remains the only cause of death that cannot be prevented, slowed or treated. In 2016 our nation will spend \$236 billion on care. This is why over 1,200 advocates turned Capitol Hill purple on Wednesday, April 6, to ask Members of Congress to include an additional increase of at least \$400 million for Alzheimer's research in the FY-17 budget, and to support the passage of the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act.

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

The Executive Committee of NARFE Chapter 409 met on April 12 at the American Legion. The minutes were approved. Treasurer's report for March was approved subject to audit. Legislative, Newsletter, Alzheimer, Luncheon, Public Relations, and Service Officer reports were given. The Nominating Report was given. No one has stepped forward as a candidate for Co-President or for VP Legislation. Please consider helping Chapter 409.

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

Members**None****Relatives Of 409 Members**

Nancy Hoffman, age 78, died March 10, 2016. She was the mother of 409 member **Dessie Bowers** of Walkersville.

William Warren Bolvard, age 90, died March 27, 2016. He was the companion of 409 member **Jesse Fisher**.

Geraldine Hyatt, age 92, died April 2, 2016. She was the mother of 409 member **James Hyatt**.

Concetta "Connie" Furlong, age 84, died April 9, 2016. She was the wife of 409 member **Oliver Furlong**.

James Robert Kessell, age 71, died April 6, 2016. He was the companion of 409 member **Anna Mae Poole**.

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

Bill Davis, Joyce Gregoire, Donald R. Hunt, Beryl Jackson, Ted Jensen, Richard McKnight, Mary B. Miller, Anne Niemiec, Irene Owens, 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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Walt Rabbit (301-865-5255)**

We say goodbye to John Yoder who transferred out of our chapter, he now lives in Arvada, CO. At the same time we say hello to Janice Funderburk of Frederick who transferred to Chapter 409. Orville Bowersox, welcome back to NARFE and 409. If you should happen to see John Ray Frank, Maura Kent, Walter Merten or Paul Staley ask them to consider rejoining NARFE. All four did not renew their membership last month.

It looks as if we now have someone willing to take on the position of VP for Membership so, this will mostly be my last article for the Membership column. Will miss Scott Darby telephone call asking for my article? Bye!

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

BALANCE as of February 28, 2016.....	\$4,938.26
Receipts for February.....	\$1,719.68
Expenditures for February	(\$1,244.30)
TOTAL FUNDS available as of 3-31-2016.....	\$5,413.64

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, Walt Rabbit, by telephone (301-865-5255) or email (w rabb@comcast.net). 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.

NEW LUNCHEON ADDRESS AND EARLY DATE

Please note the new mailing address for the luncheon.

Also, this is an early date for the luncheon; please don't forget to get your reservation in as early as possible. The address is:

NARFE CHAPTER #409**P. O. Box 1642 Frederick, MD 21702**

The following are the Chapter 409 nominees for the 2016-2017 officers and members-at-large. We still need a President or Co-President, and 2nd Vice President/Legislative if interested please call either Elinor Abrell or Kathy Siggins for information about the duties of the positions.

- President** Vacant
- Co-Pres.** Elinor Abrell 301-831-8753
- Co-Pres.** Vacant
- 1st Vice Pres.** Dennis Vernon 301-694-8003
- Membership**
- 2nd Vice Pres.** Vacant
- Legislative**
- Corresponding Secretary** Lynn McKnight 301-663-8690
- Recording Secretary** Margaret Hawker 301-874-8409
- Treasurer** Jerie O'Connor 301-845-7964
- Luncheon Reservations** Susan Janssen 301-695-1785
- Chaplain** Gilbert B. Monck 1-717-762-7484
- Assistant Chaplain** Kathy Kusel 1-202-264-0892
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- Assistant Service** Betty Lind 301-644-5830

Officer

- Newsletter Editor** Scott Darby 301-662-7123
- Member-at-Large** Linda Adams 301-253-4740
- Member-at-Large** Peter Alvestad 301-371-4165
- Member-at-Large** Ruth M. Davis 301-874-1997
- Member-at-Large** Susan Janssen 301-695-1785
- Member-at-Large** Walter Rabbitt 301-865-5255
- Member-at-Large** Joseph N. Shrader 301-845-7184

Date: May 20, 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: Barbecue beef w/ rolls and Coleslaw

**Program: (1) Annual Memorial Service
(2) Election of Officers
(3) Installation of Officers
(4) Local Charity Presentation**

We must receive your mail reservation or cancellation no later than Friday **May 8, 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 May 20, 2016 luncheon meeting: Please complete this form and send it with a check payable to NARFE Chapter 409 in the amount of **\$13.00** 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, May 8, 2016 so PLEASE MAIL AS EARLY AS YOU CAN.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Guest</i>	<i>New Member</i>	<i>1st Luncheon</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Guest</i>	<i>New Member</i>	<i>1st Luncheon</i>
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Please consider joining NARFE by contacting Walt Rabbitt at 301-865-5255 for membership information.

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Linda Adams-Webmaster 301-253-4740

CALENDAR 2016-2017
2016

May 17	Chapter 409 Executive Committee Meeting 9:30 AM at American Legion (Same location as our luncheon) All are welcome to come.
May 20	Chapter 409 Luncheon
May 2 & 3	Mini- Convention, Bowie, MD
July 26	National Convention Preparation Meeting, Bowie, MD
August 28-September 1	National Convention, Reno, NV
September 17	District 8 Congressional Forum, Germantown, MD
September 29	Federation Board, Bowie, MD
October 28	Federation Training Day, Bowie, MD