



June 2026 Newsletter The Key Notes



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
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<< Next luncheon / meeting is on Tuesday, June 9 at 11:00 AM >>

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President's Message (Scott Darby • 301-662-7123)

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With deep sadness I must report the death of **Vicki Yanez**. Vicki was our Corresponding Secretary until that position was merged into the Secretary position. She had planned on taking a Member-at-Large position until she recently developed health problems. Vicki continued to proofread all Chapter publications even with her health issues. Chapter 409 will miss her, and the Chapter sends its condolences to her husband Carlos and family.



Vicki Yanez

The Chapter held its annual Memorial Service for our members who passed away over the past 12 months. Thank you Margaret Clark for honoring our members with a beautiful service.

The Chapter swore in the officers for 2026-2027. We welcome **Larry Lange** as the new Treasurer and **Beverly Rynex** as the new Member-at-Large. Thanks, **Mary Lou Blessing**, for swearing in the new Executive Committee members.

I must thank **Kathy O'Connor** (and her late husband, Jerie) for their many years' work as Chapter Treasurer. Thank you also to **Ronnie Osterman** for your service as a Member-at-Large. Take care of those grandchildren.



Kathy O'Connor receives Certificate of Appreciation from President Darby

This year's charity donation was to **SOAR** (Supporting Older Adults through Resources,



Leslie Schultz receives check & Certificate of Appreciation from President Darby

Inc.). **Leslie Schultz**, the Executive Director, gave an overview of SOAR and their services. SOAR's mission is to provide financial assistance to older adults in Frederick County to meet their essential

needs in a confidential, respectful, and dignified manner.

There will be no newsletters for July and August. This is so upsetting that I won't have to write a report, right. Please come to the June meeting and win BIG money, \$10, playing bingo. Have a nice and safe summer!

Financial Report (Kathy O'Connor • 301-845-7964)

Balance available to Chapter 409 as of Apr 21, 2026	\$6,780.79
• Income	\$428.00
• Expenses	\$1,302.85
Balance available to Chapter 409 as of May 25, 2026	\$5,905.94

Legislative Report (David Carmack • 240-578-4965)

Except for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Federal Government has been funded for its 2026 Fiscal Year, which ends on September 30, 2026. There is pending before Congress an appropriation bill to fund ICE and

CBP for not only the balance of the 2026 Fiscal Year, but also until the end of President Trump's term in office (January 20, 2029). ICE received some funding through 2029 in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, **Public Law 119-21**, which became law on July 4, 2025. CBP is being funded through separate ongoing legislative measures.

Membership Report (Chuck Caloia • 301-938-2000)

The NARFE National database shows that Chapter 409 has 303 members as of May 25. We welcome new members **Gina Donahoe** and **Dennis McKenzie**.

Chaplain's Report (Margaret Clark • 240-405-4018)

Vicki Elizabeth Yanez, 79, passed away on May 29. She is survived by her devoted husband of 50 years, **Carlos O. Yanez**.

We keep in touch with **J.D. Brooks** and **Jeanette Todd**, and we wish them well. In case of illness or death, please notify me at the phone number above or by email at mclark615@verizon.net. Thank you!

Alzheimer's Report (Kathy Siggins • 301-829-2462)

Alzheimer's advocates will meet in Washington, DC to attend the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM) Forum, June 1-3, 2026. The Forum will host advocates from across the nation who will share their personal stories with their Senators and Representatives on how Alzheimer's has affected them and their families and will ask for their support by cosponsoring **H.R.6130 / S.3267**, the **Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act**. For the first time, simple blood tests can now screen for Alzheimer's, but a legal barrier prevents Medicare from covering them. The bipartisan ASAP Act would enable Medicare access to blood-based early detection tests, giving millions of families a fighting chance against Alzheimer's.

Service Officer's Report (Chuck Caloia • 301-938-2000)

Mark your calendars! **Primary Election Day** in Frederick County is **June 23**. **Early voting** is **June 11-18**. Polls will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM. Mail-in ballots can be requested online by returning a form, or by visiting the County Board of Elections at 8490 Progress Drive, Suite 300, Frederick, MD. For more information, click [here](#) or phone 301-600-VOTE (301-600-8683).

Newsletter Editor's Report (Dan Grauman)

The Chapter Executive Committee will spend the months of July and August seeking speakers for our 2026-27 season. If you have any suggestions for a speaker, please contact President Scott Darby at the phone number or email address shown at the top of the first page. Thank you!



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NARFE Chapter 409 luncheons take place at the **Golden Corral Buffet & Grill**, 5621 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703.
Buffet starts at 11:00 AM, program starts at 12:30 PM.

If you are not feeling well on the day of the luncheon, please do not attend.

Date	Speaker / Organization			Program		
Jun 9	<i>BINGO</i>	<i>BINGO</i>	<i>BINGO</i>	<i>BINGO</i>	<i>BINGO</i>	<i>BINGO</i>

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