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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the following Dulles Chapter members for their recently completed audit of the Dulles Chapter financial records for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:

- Richard Cullerton, Chairman of the Audit Committee;
- Jeffrey Shaffer, Audit Committee Member; and
- George Williams, Audit Committee Member.

I would also like to thank Barbara Cullerton, a retired CPA, for providing technical assistance to the Audit Committee.

A copy of the Audit Committee report will be available at the May and June 2019 Dulles Chapter luncheon meetings should any member care to review it. However, the major findings of the Audit Committee were as follows:

- All cash is secure within InFirst Federal Credit Union. All bank statements were reviewed and were satisfactory.
- All bills were paid correctly and timely.
- Treasurer’s reports that were available matched the corresponding bank statements.
- There is a finding and recommendation on membership that has not been resolved for the past several years (i.e., matching dues income with membership).
• A second finding and recommendation addresses the distribution and cost of the Chapter newsletter (i.e., more use of electronic transmission was recommended).

• A third finding and recommendation addresses adding additional information to the Treasurer’s reports (i.e., adding a column to show actual receipts and disbursements for the month in addition to the cumulative totals).

Next, I would like to address the ballot information that is posted on the Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) website at http://www.vfnarfe.org and its significance.

In the past, each Virginia Federation Chapter was authorized one vote for every 25 voting members or fraction thereof. These votes were cast by the Lead Delegate for the Chapter at the annual Virginia Federation convention in a secret ballot for the five Virginia Federation Executive Committee positions’ candidates and for any proposed Virginia Federation bylaws amendments. At the 2018 Virginia Federation convention, revised bylaws were approved which added the National-Only NARFE members as voting members in the Virginia Federation and adopted the one-member one-vote concept approved for the NARFE National bylaws. The result is that secret ballots are no longer held at Virginia Federation conventions, now called conferences. Instead, candidates for the five Virginia Federation Executive Committee positions are nominated and proposed bylaw amendments are presented. This is what occurred at the 2019 VFN Conference at the beginning of April 2019. Now, between May 1st and May 31st, all Virginia Federation members, both National-Only NARFE members residing in Virginia and Chapter members of NARFE Virginia Chapters have a chance to vote on those Virginia Federation Executive Committee positions with more than one nominated candidate and all submitted proposed Virginia Federation bylaws amendments.

I strongly encourage every NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 member to vote during this Virginia Federation balloting process! Your position on each issue can only be considered if you submit your ballot.

Richard Giangerelli
NARFE Dulles Chapter President

The Program for May 20th

Our speakers will be:

Speaker from the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Office, who will discuss scams, how to recognize them and what to do about them.

Please call for your reservation and choice of entree to Shirley Boning at (571) 442-8910 or email Shirley.Boning@comcast.net by Thursday, May 16th.

OUR LUNCHEON BEGINS AT 11:30 am! The luncheon entree cost is $18. You may order from the menu, but your entree should not be priced at more than $14.50.

Luncheon Entree Choices

• French Dip Sandwich (roast beef on a mini baguette) – Served with Au Jus sauce for dipping and French fries.

• Cobb Salad (crisp greens, grilled marinated chicken, cheddar cheese, avocado, crumbled eggs, and fresh bacon).

• Fish and Chips (lightly battered cod fish fillets) – Served with kettle chips, coleslaw, and a pickle.

DIRECTIONS TO AMPHORA DINER

The Amphora Diner Deluxe is located at 1151 Eldon St., in Herndon, Va., several blocks north of the Dulles Toll Road, and one block north of the northern intersection of Elden St. and Herndon Pkwy. From either location go north on Eldon St., turn right immediately after the PNC Bank on the drive leading back to the Amphora Diner Deluxe.

Remember!

If Fairfax Co. schools are closed because of inclement weather, Dulles Chapter 1241 luncheon meetings are cancelled.

Future Events of Note

Dulles Luncheon Mtg. May 20th
VFN State Legislation Plan Mtg. May 21st
Herndon Festival May 30th – June 2nd
Chap. 1116 50th Anniversary Party June 11th
Fairfax County Doc. Shredding June 15th
Dulles Luncheon Mtg. June 24th
Dulles Luncheon Mtg. Sept. 23rd
NARFE Region X Conference Sept 23rd – 27th
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Effective April 1, 2019, Dulles Chapter 1241 had 418 dues paying members.

During the month of April 2019, Dulles Chapter 1241 had:

- 0 new member
- 0 transferred-in members
- 1 reinstated member
- 2 transferred-out members
- 3 members dropped for non-renewal
- 0 deceased members

Richard Giangerelli
Chapter Membership Chair

Reinstated Members Welcome Back!
Retired Federal Employees
Verne Schneider

VFN Ballot Recommendations

To assist you, I will try to walk you through the balloting process. I will also provide some additional information and recommendations on the issues listed on the ballot. The ballot, balloting instructions, and some additional information is posted on the Virginia Federation website, at http://www.vanarfe.org under the heading “2019 VFN Voting Procedures and Ballot” You can access the ballot on the website or use the following web address to access it directly:

I will also try to incorporate a copy in this newsletter.

Please be advised, the ballot must be printed; selections must be marked with an “X”; your printed name, signature, and NARFE ID number must be filled out on the ballot; and the ballot must be mailed in an envelope to the following address:
NARFE, P.O. Box 74, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0074.

If you wish to save postage costs, bring your completed ballot to the May 2019 Chapter luncheon meeting and I will send them out in a large envelope. I will also have some blank ballots at the luncheon.

The only Virginia Federation Executive Committee position that had more than one nominee was the VFN 1st Vice President position; therefore, that is the only position listed on this ballot. The other four positions had only one nominee each and, therefore, the nominees were elected by acclamation. The following are the stated duties of the VFN 1st Vice President:

- Assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President;
- Serve as Chair of a committee when designated by the President;
- Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties;
- Serve as the Annual Meeting and Conference Coordinator under supervision of the President;
- Coordinate communication with the membership to assure that the Federation’s voting strength is fully utilized;
- Chair the VFN Electronic Committee, composed of the Net Coordinator, Web Coordinator, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and others appointed by the President or 1st Vice President; and
- Provide direction and guidance to the Virginia Federation Area Vice Presidents (currently numbering 9) for carrying out their duties.

I know both candidates nominated for this position and both have similar NARFE experience and are fully capable of performing the required duties extremely well. Their candidate statements are posted on the VFN website and can be accessed directly at:

Also listed on the ballot are 15 proposed Virginia Federation bylaws amendments. The VFN Bylaws Committee has reviewed all of these proposed bylaws amendments and made recommendations relative to which should be accepted and which should be rejected. Listed on the VFN website is the basis for the recommendations of the VFN Bylaws Committee. The list can also be directly accessed at:

What you will be voting on is whether to accept the VFN Bylaws Committee’s recommendation or reject their recommendation, not on whether to accept or reject the proposed bylaws amendment.

Please be advised, I agree with some of the VFN Bylaws Committee’s recommendations and disagree with some of their recommendations. You can also see the full text of the proposed bylaws amendment by clicking the tab “VFN Bylaw Proposals” near the top of the Committee’s explanation of their recommendations.

The following are my thoughts on each of the proposed VFN bylaws amendments:

- BLC # 65-1 – Committee recommends accept – I concur with the recommendation as it better
identifies the NARFE beneficiaries.

- **BLC # 65-2** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as it does not address the payment of VFN dues which are specified in the very next existing paragraph as a required Chapter payment to be affiliated with the VFN.

- **BLC # 65-3** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as it does not treat NARFE National-Only members and NARFE Chapter members equally. The proposed bylaws amendment states that both types of members should pay the same amount to be affiliated Federation members. Currently, NARFE National will not allow Federations to charge NARFE National-Only members Federation dues; therefore, until NARFE National allows NARFE National-Only members to pay Federation dues, NARFE Chapter members should not be required to pay Federation dues for the same level of membership. This proposed bylaws’ amendment will address membership equality now and in the future. Perhaps it will even encourage NARFE National-Only members to become more active in the operation of the VFN.

- **BLC # 65-4** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as the proposed bylaws’ amendment will allow all members residing within the geographical area or who are members of a Chapter within that geographical area to have a vote in the election of the Area Vice President. The proposed bylaws’ amendment conforms to the concept of one-member one-vote.

- **BLC # 65-5** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as the proposed bylaws’ amendment will require a person elected as an Area Vice President to reside in the geographical area for which he/she is responsible for and representing. This requirement is similar to the requirement for members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Virginia General Assembly.

- **BLC # 65-6** – Committee recommends accept – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as the verbiage is confusing and conflicts with the term limits specified for elected VFN officers. The current bylaws specifically address concurrent terms and has allowed some officers to be reelected to an office after a break in service of at least one year.

- **BLC # 65-7** – Committee recommends accept – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as it does not address how nominations for officer positions could be made and how proposed bylaws’ amendments and resolutions could be discussed.

- **BLC # 65-8** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as the current bylaws do not provide the VFN Board with any information on an orderly process to determine and establish Federation dues without requiring a Bylaws Amendment.

- **BLC # 65-9** – Committee recommends accept – **I concur** with the recommendation as there is currently no way to remove an elected officer if he/she does not or cannot perform the required duties of the office.

- **BLC # 65-10** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as there are too many other sections of the current bylaws that affect how the VFN operates and terms of office that need a fiscal year specification.

- **BLC # 65-11** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as this issue is currently better addressed in Article VIII, Section 1. This proposed bylaws’ amendment will remove a confusing section from the current bylaws.

- **BLC # 65-12** – Committee recommends accept – **I concur** with the recommendation as the VFN Board has the authority to address and fix issues addressed in the Audit Report.

- **BLC # 65-13** – Committee recommends accept – **I concur** with the recommendation as a non-elected member appointed to the Nominating Committee of elected members negates the effect of having to elect members to the Nominating Committee.

- **BLC # 65-14** – Committee recommends accept – **I concur** with the recommendation as it clarifies what a majority vote consists of and is consistent with other sections of the current bylaws.

- **BLC # 65-15** – Committee recommends reject – **I do not concur** with the recommendation as the current VFN bylaws is confusing relative to what the deadline for submission of proposed bylaws amendments is.
2019 VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF NARFE BALLOT
(Print Ballot and Return by Mail)

Roberts Rules of Order requires that each Federation member certify by their signature, that they are the member authorized to vote in this NARFE election. You are also required to provide your NARFE member number. Your NARFE member number can be found on your NARFE magazine mailing label or on your membership card. If postcard was mailed, you will also find your member number on your mailing label. **Ballot will not be counted without signature and member number.**

Print Name __________________________ Signature ______________________
Member Number ______________________

FEDERATION 1st VICE PRESIDENT

ALEX ADKINS [ ] MAUREEN "Moe" NOLET [ ]

BYLAWS PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Place X to vote to accept all Bylaws Committee recommendations for adoption
(Note: Voting to accept all recommendations AND voting for individual BLC’s will invalidate your vote.)

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Webinars are available online from the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute and provide a wealth of potentially useful information. NARFE members have access to all of the live and previously recorded webinars, and non-NARFE members have access to the live webinars. The previously recorded webinars are:

- Four Simple Steps to a Smooth Retirement by Tammy Flanagan
- Plan Ahead, Pay Less – Tax Strategies for Feds by Mark A. Keen, CFP
- TSP – Your Key to a Secure Retirement Income by Mark Keen, CFP
- Social Security: A Key Ingredient in Your Retirement by Tammy Flanagan
- Federal Benefits and Divorce by James Marshall

Future live webinars include:

- Understanding CSRS Offset: Your Retirement Explained by James Marshall (on May 23rd)

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