

NARFE VIRGINIA FEDERATION

National Legislation

2021 UPDATE

VFN TRAINING

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Gaston Gianni, Chair

NARFE
A Century of Public Service
1921-2021

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NARFE's ADVOCACY MISSION

- ▶ **Advocacy**—Support legislation and regulations beneficial to Active and Retired Employees and Annuitants
- ▶ **Oppose** actions detrimental to their interests
- ▶ **Promote** their general welfare
- ▶ **Advise and assist** with their rights related to retirement, health and other entitled benefits

NARFE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ **After almost 10 years of constantly defending Federal earned benefits, Federal retirees haven't lost anything!**

Ten Accomplishments 2019-20

- ▶ Blocking OPM Reorganization Plan
- ▶ Preventing cuts to Earned Pay & Benefits
- ▶ Postal Reform Act did not pass (slippery sloop)
- ▶ Securing Federal Employees Pay Raises in 2019 & 2020
- ▶ Providing Paid Parental Leave
- ▶ Guaranteeing Back Pay for Shutdowns
- ▶ Repeal of “Cadillac” Tax on Health Plans
- ▶ Fighting threats in 2020 Budget
- ▶ Fighting the Schedule F Executive Order
- ▶ Extending the Rehired Federal Retirees Waiver Auth.

Virginia Changing for the Future

117th Congress Legislative Priorities

- ▶ Oppose any cuts to earned Federal Retirement and Health Benefits
- ▶ Support Market Rate Increases to Pay
- ▶ Oppose Compensation Cuts
- ▶ Support Reform or Repeal WEP & GPO
- ▶ Support Efforts to Revitalize Workforce
- ▶ Support More Accurate COLAs
- ▶ Ensure Postal Reforms Protects Retiree Health Benefits
- ▶ Support COVID-19 Relief Provisions for Federal Community

NARFE ADVOCACY RESOURCES

1. National Legislative Action Center (Letters)
2. Legislative Hotline (Messages)
3. Issue Briefs and Fact Sheets
4. Advocacy Webinars
5. Grassroots (Tool- How To)
6. Grassroots Advocacy Month
7. PAC Information

▶ [WWW: NARFE.ORG/legislation/](http://WWW.NARFE.ORG/legislation/)

VFN NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY MISSION

1. NARFE Advocacy in Virginia
2. Build Congressional Relationships
3. Build NARFE Area VP Relationships
4. Build Relationship with Chapters and Chapter National Legislative Chairs
5. Encourage NARFE Members to contact Congressional Representatives
6. Assist with NARFE Political Action Funds (PAC) contribution decisions

Building Congressional Relationships

- ▶ VIRGINIA FEDERATION NL TEAM
- ▶ Chair (Sits on the VFN Board)
- ▶ 2 Senatorial Legislative Leaders (SLLs)
- ▶ 11 Congressional District Leaders
(One for each of Virginia's 11 Congressional Districts)

- ▶ **Sen. Mark Warner (D)**
- ▶ **Sen. Tim Kaine (D)**

- ▶ **1st Rep. Rob Wittman (R)**
- ▶ **2nd Rep. Elaine Luria (D)**
- ▶ **3rd Rep. Bobby Scott (D)**
- ▶ **4th Rep. Donald McEachin (D)**
- ▶ **5th Rep. Bob GOOD (NEW) (R)**
- ▶ **6th Rep. Ben Cline (R)**
- ▶ **7th Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D)**
- ▶ **8th Rep. Don Beyer (D)**
- ▶ **9th Rep. Morgan Griffith (R)**
- ▶ **10th Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D)**
- ▶ **11th Rep. Gerald Connolly (D)**

- ▶ **9 Democrats ; 4 Republicans (Same split as the 116th)**

VFN National Legislation Team

- ▶ SL Bill Briscoe, Manassas 356—Sen. Mark Warner
- ▶ SL Eddie Eitches, McLean Great Falls 489—Sen. Tim Kaine

- ▶ 1st CDL Gaston Gianni, Woodbridge 1270—Rep. Rob Wittman
- ▶ 2nd CDL Marilyn Riddle, Williamsburg 685—Rep. Elaine Luria
- ▶ 3rd CDL Ray Orland, Suffolk 1743--- Rep. Bobby Scott
- ▶ 4th CDL Dillard Horton, Suffolk 1743—Rep. Donald McEachin
- ▶ 5th CDL Ray Brandenburg, Fauquier 1549—Rep. Denver Riggleman
- ▶ 6th CDL Frances Boatman, Roanoke 111-- Rep. Ben Cline
- ▶ 7th CDL Bob Zombron, Midlothian 2265—Rep. Abigail Spanberger
- ▶ 8th CDL **VACANT**--Rep. Don Beyer
- ▶ 9th CDL Del Dyer, Roanoke Valley 111—Rep. Morgan Griffith
- ▶ 10th CDL Dennis Freeman Fairfax 737—Rep. Jenifer Wexton
- ▶ 11th CDL Judy Thorne, Dulles 1241—Rep. Gerald Connolly

SLLs & CDLs Building Relationships

- ▶ Congressional
 - NARFE Focal Contact Person
 - Get to Know Staff
 - Meet the Congressional Representative
 - Inform of NARFE Top Issues
- ▶ AVPs
 - Keep in the Communication Loop
 - Identify chapters in Congressional District
- ▶ Chapters and Chapter Legislative Chairs
 - Establish contact with Chapters in District
 - Encourage members to contact Congressional Reps.

NARFE ADVOCACY MONTHS

- ▶ NAEFE IS WORKING FOR ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES EVERY MONTH!!
- ▶ NARFE MEMBERS WORK is NEVER DONE!!
- ▶ We must continue to be active in contacting Congress throughout the year
- ▶ Protect Active and Retired Earned Benefits!!

National Legislation Conference 2021

- 2021 Legislative Conference June 21–23, 2021
- 2019 Conference Results
- 38 VA NARFE Registered
- SLLs & CDLs Registration Paid by VFN
- Learning the current issues
- Meeting the VA Congressional Delegation

2019 Legislative Conference

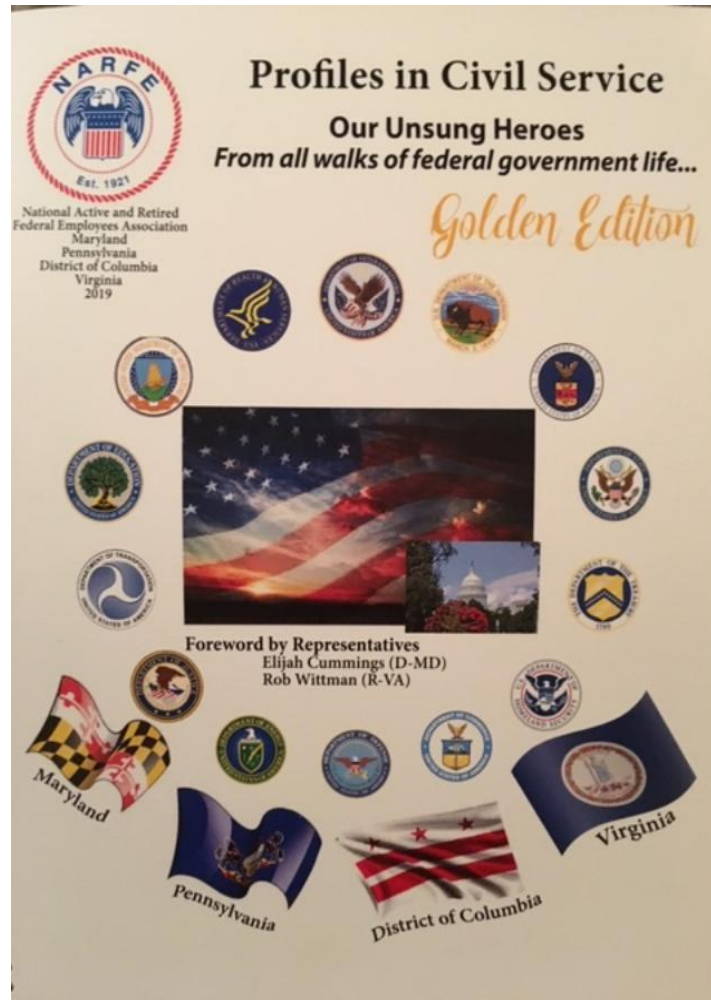
VA NARFE Delegation Visits to Hill

Eleven of Thirteen Offices Visited:

- 1) Two Senators: Warner and Kaine
- 2) Nine House Offices:
Met in person: Wittman (1), Cline (6), and Connolly (11)

Met with Congressional Staffs:
Luria (2), Scott (3), McEachin (4), Cline (6), Spanberger (7), Beyer (8), Wexton (10)

NARFE 2019 PROFILES in CIVIL SERVICE



WHAT is in the 2019 PROFILE BOOK?

- Led by the MD NARFE Federation
- **Purpose: inform members of Congress about Federal Public Servant careers that positively affected agency programs and the American public.**
- Contains Profiles submitted by NARFE Members from the MD, PA, VA and DC NARFE Federations
- 196 Profiles in total
- 38 Profiles from VA NARFE Members
- **Book is posted on the VFN web site**

Congressman Wittman's Forward to Profile Book

- ▶ Virginia's First District is home to thousands of federal employees and retirees. **These hardworking patriots serve our nation on a daily basis, whether keeping our skies safe for travelers with the FAA or supporting our troops on the front lines of the war on terror with the CIA. From GS-1 to GS-15, the federal workforce is full of dedicated and committed citizens who exemplify patriotism in everything they do.** Our federal employees are responsible for many significant accomplishments, innovations, and discoveries and I am grateful for their service. These collected stories highlight the importance of their many contributions and detail the sacrifice they make for our country.
- ▶ There is no question that changing the unsustainable trajectory of this nation will take sacrifice from us all, **but continually singling out federal employees and retirees is an ineffective and unjustified response to the nation's fiscal struggles and is no way to thank them for their dedicated contributions.** We continue to ask our federal civilian workforce to do more with less, and we can't expect to balance our budget on their backs as well. **We must protect the benefits that current employees and retirees have rightfully earned.** Every year, I have taken actions to protect these benefits of federal employees and retirees.
- ▶ **Our federal employees are so important to the health and success of our nation and am grateful for their service.** I want to thank National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association for putting this book together, as it is critical that the American people know the stories of the women and men who serve their nation so proudly every day. It is a privilege to represent so many patriots and I thrilled they are getting the recognition they deserve.

Robert J. Wittman
U.S. Member of Congress

NARFE Advocacy Web Page

- Advocacy Action Center—Letters
- NARFE News Links & Advocacy Updates
- Issue Briefs & Fact Sheets
 - 2021 legislative Priorities
 - WEP & GPO
 - Cola History
- NARFE PAC
- Grassroots—Tool Kits for contacting, Guides
- Advocacy Webinars

VA NARFE NATIONAL LEGISLATION
WEB SITE INFORMATION
www.VANARFE.ORG

1. [Virginia Congressional Delegation and contact information](#)
2. [VFN SLLs and CDLs assignments and contact information 2021](#)
3. [Information on Virginia Federal Annuitants by Congressional District](#)
4. [American Federal Family at a Glance](#)
5. [NARFE's Legislative Priorities](#)
6. [NARFE's Legislative Accomplishments](#)
7. [NARFE Guidance for CDLs](#)
8. [Virginia's Federal Family](#)
9. [Current Threats](#)
10. [NARFE 2018 Congressional Score Card](#)
11. [2019 National Legislative Conference](#)

NARFE POLITICAL ACTION FUND PAC 2019–2020

- ▶ **Purpose:** Help build strong congressional relationships
- ▶ **How Funded?** NARFE Member voluntary contributions (Non Tax Deductable)
- ▶ **Total Collected 2019–2020 for 116th Congress (End of Cycle)**
 - \$2,173,897
 - 31,966 Members participated
 - 749 Sustainers (have monthly contributions)
- ▶ **Congressional Campaign Committees must request NARFE PAC**
- ▶ **Total Paid Out: \$1,436,000**

VA PAC 2019–2020 NUMBERS

- **TOTAL VA PAC COLLECTIONS**
 - ✓ **\$155,356–Total collected**
 - ✓ **2014–Total Members**
 - ✓ **46–Total Sustainers**

- **TOTAL DISTRIBUTED: \$105,500**
 - ✓ **\$73,000 to Members**
 - ✓ **\$32,500 to Member PACs**

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➤ THANK YOU!

➤ QUESTIONS ?????

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