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June 2022 President's Message

Dear NARFE Members,

On Monday, May 30, 2022 the Colonial Beach Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the American Legions in Colonial Beach and King George was held. If you are not familiar with the annual ceremony at the war memorial, this is when we place wreaths at the cannon to honor those who have passed away and I was able to place a wreath in honor of our NARFE members. Our chapter was well represented with Secretary Maria Wendt and 2nd Vice President Ann Mills attending along with myself and husband Rich. After the ceremony, we all had a great lunch at the American Legion.

Now it is time to get ready for our June meeting and we have lots to talk about. First of all, we agreed at the last meeting to have a Chapter Picnic in August most likely to be held at the Ebb Tide Beach Picnic Pavilion. So, we need to decide on the date, plan the menu and other details. Secondly, we need to begin the planning for our annual fund raiser for Alzheimer's, our Harvest Supper scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022. This event is listed in the Colonial Beach Visitors Guide. We will need to have a committee to work on the decorations, the silent auction and the menu, etc. Because we do not have another official meeting until September, it will be important to have the committee in place and ready to go before the September meeting.

Almost all of you receive the emails that are sent out by our National NARFE office in Alexandria. I also know that every once and awhile you might skip over one or two. So, I wanted to make sure you read the May 17, 2022 email from National that announced that our NARFE Executive Director, Barb Sido had left her position. Barb had been with us for five years and had accomplished much. Also, in the NARFE National emails you will be getting the candidate statements that are also in the May NARFE magazine. If you forgot to save your May magazine you can always refer to the emails. The August magazine will contain all the information for the NARFE National election and it will be critical to have the candidate information so you can vote. Even though we do not meet over the summer, I will be sending out election information to you by email.

Do you have a friend who worked for the federal government? Maybe you want to bring them along to our June meeting at the Hunan Diner to enjoy our meeting and maybe they want to join NARFE!

Finally, don't forget to bring your food bank items. This month's donations go to St Mary's Episcopal Church. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Leslie Ravenell, President

MEETING NOTICE

June 14, 2022

12 PM at the Hunan

This month's Speaker is Detective Zachary Peltola King George County Sheriff's Office.

The following is from FEDWeek Weekly of June 4:

[New 2022 GS Locality Pay Tables Here](#)

Go to <https://www.fedweek.com/2022-gs-locality-pay-tables/>

[Suspension of Vaccine Mandate Continues Pending Further Court Action](#)

The vaccine mandate for federal employees remains suspended – pending further action by a federal appeals court. The court earlier had ordered it to be restored, though a deadline to do so has now passed.

A three-judge panel of the Fifth Circuit appeals court in April overturned an injunction against the mandate that a federal district judge had issued in January against the mandate, which called for discipline up to and including firing of unvaccinated employees who didn't have an approved or pending request for an exception for religious or medical reasons. Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/suspension-of-vaccine-mandate-continues-pending-further-court-action/>

[Lack of Offsite Work Capability Hampered IRS Early in Pandemic, IG Says](#)

In what amounts to one of the first after-action reports on agency responses to the pandemic, the IG at the IRS has found that a lack of offsite working capability caused the agency to put some 35,000 employees, about half its workforce, on weather and safety leave at first—and that even once more employees were able to do their work remotely they encountered technical problems. Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/lack-of-offsite-work-capability-hampered-irs-early-in-pandemic-ig-says/>

[Expert's View: Planning Ahead—Survivor Benefits](#)

Benefits expert Reg Jones concludes his series on planning for retirement by examining survivor benefits considerations. “If you have a spouse and/or dependent children, understanding what happens in the event of your death is critical,” he writes. You'll find his column at <https://www.fedweek.com/experts-view/planning-ahead-federal-survivor-benefits/>

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