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CALENDAR

OCTOBER	20	Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m., Roma's Restaurant, program: election, legislation & "aging".
NOVEMBER	17	Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m., Roma's Restaurant, program: Chapter Annual Meeting
DECEMBER	15	Chapter Meeting - 11:30 a.m., Roma's Restaurant, program: Christmas Luncheon

NOTE: If Louisa County schools are closed because of weather, Louisa County Chapter 2065's meeting is cancelled.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Regarding the *future of Chapter 2065*, the September meeting discussed the issues and made some recommendations. The major one being to survey chapter members regarding NARFE and what the chapter means to each of you. The survey was sent to you this past Friday so please look at it and respond as soon as possible. I've received 3 responses so far and plan to put together results and provide the information to you in the next newsletter. This would be in time to vote on whether to continue or dissolve.

I personally have enjoyed belonging to this chapter, I've made (and lost) good friends. I've learned a lot about Louisa and what it has to offer. I've taken advantage of the programs that Dick Shrum has set up for the chapter and would like to continue to do so. However, that is up to you.

This chapter has obtained training and offered programs using Zoom for those who cannot attend in person but that hasn't been utilized either. Thus, the survey that was sent out by Lee Miller, our newsletter editor. Please let us know what we can do to continue to be a viable chapter and entice members to attend meetings. If anyone wants to talk, the officers contact information is included in the newsletter.

Everyone should have received an e-mail from the Virginia Federation (VFN) for their zoom class on Wed Sep 28th titled **What is the Virginia Federation?** I hesitated to point this out in another email as I'm trying to get the right information to you without overwhelming your mailbox because I hope that you read the newsletter and other items that are sent out. Dick Shrum and I joined the zoom meeting. The VFN President is Bob Martin who belongs to the Fredericksburg Chapter 90. He went over the structure of the federation and what each of the officers and program chairs do for you. Earlier this year we did have a program when our Area III Vice President Wynn Hasty talked about the VFN. Our chapter pays \$1.75 of your chapter dues to the federation each year to cover the cost of the things that they do for NARFE members who live in Virginia. One of the things that the Virginia Legislative chair is working on is getting our state legislature to exempt a portion of CSRS retirement from state taxation as they do for social security and military pensions. If you would like to get more information on the VA Federation, the website is Vanarfe.org.

I had the good fortune to attend the September meeting of the Midlothian chapter. The speaker was Francis Gary Powers, Jr who is the founder of the Cold War Museum and his father was the U-2 pilot that was shot down over

Russia. He is an interesting speaker and would be willing to come to our meeting if we can get the attendance to support it. It was a very interesting program, The 2015 movie 'Bridge of Spies' directed by Steven Spielberg is about this incident and could also be a program to watch. I purchased the book titled "Spy Pilot" which is about the incident. Once I'm finished reading it, I'll loan it to anyone who is interested.

Gary Powers is also planning a Cold War Espionage Tour of Germany and the Czech Republic in March 2023. I'm considering joining this tour. If anyone else is interested, please contact me and I can provide more information.

FUTURE MEETING DATES. *(All on the 3rd Thursday of the month, except July and August), please stick these dates on your cell phone or write these dates on your calendar: Oct 20th; Nov 17th for our annual meeting and Dec 15th for our Christmas Luncheon.*

Please consider joining us for our annual meeting since it is more important than ever this year. If I can be of service to anyone, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Take care of yourselves and enjoy the beautiful weather,
KAREN CHEATWOOD, PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Six members attended the NARFE September 15th meeting which opened with the pledge and prayer.

The minutes and treasurer's report of the previous meeting were approved after a motion by Robert Maher, seconded by Gerald Root.

The VA Federation is pushing WEP and GPO. This has 40 sponsors in the Senate. The military was granted \$10,000 not taxable this year which increases annually to \$40,000.

Dick Shrum presented interesting facts about Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world.

The chapter has decided to send a survey to all members to learn how to enhance our attendance.

President Karen Cheatwood won the 50/50 of \$22 and donated her share.

MARILYN ROOT, SECRETARY

PROGRAM

While the last meeting was primarily about the future of the chapter, we were able to take 5 minutes for a brief review of one of the truly amazing things in our great country. "Why it's called Lake Superior!" It contains 10% of all the fresh water on Earth, as much as Lakes Michigan, Huron, Ontario and 4 Erie's combined. It

covers almost 32,000 square miles, its deepest point in 1,333 feet, and there are 78 different species of fish that call it home. And that is just part of why we call it “SUPERIOR”.

Again, our October meeting will be mainly about our future, and whether and/or how the chapter should proceed, as laid out in the President’s column. However, there are a couple of topics that we can discuss in the Programs portion of the meeting. First, I will have some Virginia election information, voter registration procedures, and sample ballots from the various precincts of Louisa so you can know what to expect when you vote this Fall. I expect that we will also have some discussion on the status of the various national and state legislative activities, as covered in that part of the newsletter. And second, some of you will recall that we had a major program given by Supervisor Willy Gentry about the various regional and county services for us “aging and senior citizens”. I will give an overview of current activities and upcoming events, such as the “free lunch” given each Fall at the Parks and Recreation Center. And if you have anything to add on this timely topic, please attend and pass on the information.

DICK SHRUM, PROGRAM CHAIR

NATIONAL LEGISLATION REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget process update:

The Senate passed a continuing resolution (CR) this morning. The CR would fund the government through Dec. 16. The senate passed CR, also provides \$12.3 billion for assistance to Ukraine and an additional \$1 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The House should take up the CR tomorrow then it would go to the President for his signature. President Biden has said that he is waiting to sign the CR.

Other items of interest:

** Medicare Part B Premium and Deductible are scheduled to decrease for 2023.* The Medicare Part B standard monthly premium will be \$164.90, a decrease of \$5.20 from \$170.10 in 2022. The annual deductible for all Medicare Part B beneficiaries will be \$226, a decrease of \$7 from the annual deductible of \$233 in 2022. *Social Security Fairness Act of 2021.* We talked about this last month, and you should have received emails from NARFE about HB 82 being scheduled for a vote by the full House of representatives on Sep 19th. However, the House Ways and Means committee took up the bill on Sep 19th thereby pulling it from the full house schedule. The committee voted by unanimous consent to move H.R.82 out of committee without recommendation. I don’t know when the bill will be scheduled by for consideration in the

full house, however there are 303 co-sponsors.

That and the companion Senate Bill 1302 -is at a critical juncture since the 117th session of congress ends Dec 31, 2022. After this week, congress will only be in session a short time in October then back home until after the November election.

Consider going to the advocacy page of the NARFE.org website where there is a letter already prepared and ask our senators to become cosponsors.

Please login to the NARFE.org website below to have emails forwarded to your house and senate offices to let them know what you’d like them to support.

<https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/>

**Karen Cheatwood in coordination with;
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ALZHEIMER’S REPORT

President Karen Cheatwood won the 50/50 of \$22 and donated her \$11 share.

MARILYN ROOT, ALZHEIMER’S CHAIR

TREASURER’S REPORT

General Treasury Fund

Balance – May. 16, 2022 \$ 1171.20

Alzheimer’s Fund

Receipts – 50/50 \$ 12.00

Balance – May. 16, 2022 \$ 64.00

Chapter Charity Fund

Receipts – 50/50 \$ 12.00

Balance – May. 16, 2022 \$ 78.00

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