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October 2022 President's Message

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

I can't believe how fast our weather is changing! One minute we were suffering in the 90's and now we are in the 50's when wake up in the morning. So, if you do not receive emails from NARFE HQ, I want to make sure you know about the NARFE National election results. Our current Region X Vice President, William "Bill" Shackelford is now the NARFE National President Elect. Many of you have met him as he has visited our chapter on several occasions either to install our officers or to accompany his wife, Donna, our VFN Alzheimer's chair when she came to update us on the latest Alzheimer's research. Speaking of the latest on Alzheimer's, have you seen the news about a new drug that will be out soon and may have the ability to delay the progression of the disease? More on that later. Anyway, our new National President is one of our own. He served as President of the VFN from 2010 to 2012. Then he was elected to Region X Vice President in 2014. We want to wish him the best as he takes on his new role.

Before we get our October meeting, I wanted to mention that our November meeting is on Election Day. With the changes in the Congressional Districts, some of you will be voting for candidates in congressional District 1 and some of you for the first time will be voting in Congressional District 7. Rich and I just went to vote in Montross the other day. Early voting is so great: no waiting in line. We were in and out within 5 minutes. I hope you might consider early voting so you do not have to miss our November meeting

Now it is October and fall is in the air. It is time to focus on plans for our Harvest Supper which will be held at the Moose Lodge in Colonial Beach on Saturday, November 5, 2022 starting at 5:00 p.m. The planning committee will be meeting soon, but here are the plans so far. We will have a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction, door prizes, and a DJ. We expect the supper menu to include meatloaf, hearty soups, chili, corn bread, and assorted desserts. Soft drinks will be provided and it is also BOYB. So, what will you bring? Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.

As you know, November is Alzheimer's month and that is why we hold this important fundraising event in November. We will have ticket for sale at our October meeting. Please ask all your friends if they want to share in this important event to help raise funds for Alzheimer's. When you come to our next meeting on October 11, be prepared to buy your tickets and tell us what you will bring to add to the menu. Can't make the meeting? No Problem! Just call me (804 224-3069) or Dot Almasy (804 224-7876) for tickets and to sign up for menu items. What if you just want to donate to Alzheimer's? That is easy too. You can send your check to Stan Palen, 8283 Oak Wood Drive, King George, VA 22485 and he will take it from there.

As you continue to read this newsletter, you will see that our 1st Vice President, Jim Lynch has lined up another interesting speaker and provided the bio information. It looks like we will have another exciting meeting and I hope to see you there. I really hope that you will feel safe enough to come out on October 11th, but if you do not, we all understand.

Leslie Ravenell,

President, Colonial Beach Chapter 595

P.S. Don't forget donations for the food bank!! This month's donations go to Colonial Beach Methodist Church.

MEETING NOTICE

October 11, 2022

12 PM at the Hunan

This month's Speaker is Kyle Allwine. Kyle is the manager, of public relations, for Northern Neck Electric Cooperative.

VP Notes for Oct 11, 2022.

Our speaker this month is Kyle Allwine. Kyle is the manager, of public relations, for Northern Neck Electric Cooperative. Allwine is responsible for telling the co-op's story, engaging with the public and media during outages and storm events, and leading community engagement efforts throughout the entire Northern Neck region. Allwine is a King George county native, and he is a graduate of Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, King George High School, Rappahannock Community College, and the University of Mary Washington. Allwine is on the board of the Rappahannock United Way and the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity.

NNEC serves roughly 16,800 members and parts of 6 counties (Lancaster, Richmond, Westmoreland, Northumberland, King George, and Stafford).

Jim Lynch, VP

The following is from FEDWeek Weekly of September 28:

Just in Case: Pay and Benefits Considerations for Funding Lapses

Although many federal employees have become so accustomed to threats of agency funding lapses and partial shutdowns that they tune them out, that attitude would not shield them from the impact if the threat turns to reality.

Employees who are required to work without pay always have been guaranteed by law to be paid later for that time since the government had incurred an obligation to them. That traditionally was not guaranteed for employees put on unpaid furlough—although in practice, they always were paid—until the law was changed to add that guarantee for them. That change occurred during the most recent shutdown, which was the longest ever at more than a month over late December 2018-late January 2019. Continue reading at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/just-in-case-pay-and-benefits-considerations-for-funding-lapses/>

Panel Advances Bill to Repeal Social Security Reductions

The House Ways and Means Committee has advanced for House floor voting HR-82, to repeal two reductions in benefits applying under the federal CSRS retirement system, the windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset.

That is apparently the first time since those provisions took effect in the early 1980s as part of the Social Security reforms of that time that a congressional committee has acted on proposals to soften or eliminate them that have been offered repeatedly since that time.

The WEP reduces a Social Security benefit the person earned through other employment—typically before or after a federal career but in some cases during a career through work on the side—if the person had less than 30 years of earnings above a designated level that this year is \$27,300. The maximum reduction works out to about \$500 a month and is not as severe for those with between 20 and 30 years of such earnings.

The GPO reduces Social Security spousal or survivor benefits by \$2 for each \$3 the beneficiary receives in an annuity from a retirement system that does not include Social Security. In many cases, the effect of the GPO is to eliminate a spousal or survivor Social Security benefit through a spouse's Social Security-covered employment.

Neither affects those under FERS because Social Security is part of that system, although those eligible for a Social Security benefit on their own as well as for a spousal/survivor benefit through a spouse's employment get the higher of the two but not both.

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