



# Midlothian Chapter 2265 NEWSLETTER

Serving Current and Retired Federal Employees Since 1921

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## 2020 Chapter 2265 Officers

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cindy Graunke

Although I have served as Vice President for several years, I wanted to introduce myself as I take on the role of President of Chapter 2265.

My government service began in Health and Human Services as a clerk typist. I also served at the Veteran's Administration in Washington, D.C. and then the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The majority of my government service was with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. I was fortunate to be selected for two career-changing leadership programs, including the Excellence in Government program which lead to being a fellow. When I retired in 2010, I was the Director of the Division of Nursing Homes. This Division was responsible for the health and safety standards for nursing homes who participate in Medicare and Medicaid. A rewarding and busy job.

On a personal note, I have been married to the same man for 47 years. We have two children and four grandchildren. I love history, cooking, reading,

traveling....and I love people. Kingsway Community Church is my church home here in Midlothian.

My hope for our chapter is to be innovative in our programs, our advocacy and personal support of our members. I appreciate the support each of you brings to our joint endeavors.

## NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Don Utton

### Appropriations Bills Clear House

The House on Tuesday, 12/17/19, passed two spending bills that would set line-by-line funding levels for agencies across government, allocating \$1.4 trillion in all. The Senate is expected to pass the measures later this week and the White House has said President Trump would sign them into law to avoid shutdown Friday evening. Some of the provisions are listed below:

- **Hiring:** Several agencies would be in line for staffing increases under the funding bills. The **Social Security Administration** would receive an extra \$100 million to hire more front-line staff and fund other means to boost its customer service. Lawmakers directed the **Labor**

## Chapter Meetings

January 8 & February 12, 2020

*Hopewell United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall*

6200 Courthouse Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

9:30 AM	Hospitality
10:00 AM	Business Meeting
11:00 AM	Program/Speaker

**Department** to boost staffing in its Wage and Hour Division to “restore WHD’s investigative capacity,” and for the **National Labor Relations Board** to reverse its workforce shortfalls. They called personnel reductions at the **Education Department** troubling and ordered it to develop a plan to “ensure adequate staffing levels and achieved for the department to meet its obligations.”

- **Homeland Security Workforce Changes:** Congress once again rejected Homeland Security Department hiring where President Trump most wanted it: **Border Patrol** and **Immigration and Customs Enforcement**, where he has requested thousands of new agents. The measures would allow for new Border Patrol coordinators, which Republicans said would enable 240 agents to go back to frontlines. Overall, **Customs and Border Protection** would see funding decreased by \$44 million, although negotiators included \$1.4 billion for physical barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, and ICE would see an increase of \$492 million. CBP would receive funding to hire 800 new customs officers. The bills would also create a new “immigration detention ombudsman,” who would report to the secretary and investigate and resolve complaints against DHS personnel. **The Transportation Security Administration** would receive funding for 1,090 new screeners, who lawmakers said would reduce wait times at airports.
- **Reorganization Rejection:** The funding bills largely block the Trump Administration from its major efforts to restructure federal agencies. Following a similar provision in the annual defense authorization bill, lawmakers are seeking to prevent the elimination of the **Office of Personnel Management** and redistribution of its responsibilities to the General Services Administration and Office of Management and Budget.

<https://www.govexec.com/management/2019/12/hiring-initiatives-funding-windfalls-and-other-major->

[takeaways-federal-agencies-2020-spending-bills/161969/](https://www.govexec.com/management/2019/12/hiring-initiatives-funding-windfalls-and-other-major-takeaways-federal-agencies-2020-spending-bills/161969/)

## Our Current Representatives

### VA Congressional District 7

Abigail Spanberger (D) – 1239 LHOB, Washington DC  
>DC Office: 202-225-2815

### VA Congressional District 4

Donald McEachin – 314 CHOB, Washington DC  
>DC Office: 202-225-6365

### VA Congressional District 3

Bobby Scott - 1201 LHOB, Washington DC  
>DC Office: 202-225-8354

### U.S. Senators

US Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)  
>DC Office: 202-224-2023  
>Richmond Office: 804-775-2314

US Senator Timothy Kaine (D-VA)  
>DC Office: 202-224-4024  
>Richmond Office: 804-771-2221

## CONGRESSIONAL UPDATES

Bob Zombron

### CDL VA 7th Congressional District

As 2020 will be an election year for congress we should start to focus on our needs as federal employees and retirees.

NARFE’s website and NARFE’s Legislative Action Center will make you as near an expert as possible on the subject of what we support as NARFE members.

We are reminded to do the following:

- Support the Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2019 (H.R. 1553).
- Support a 3.1 percent average pay raise for federal employees in 2020 (the President proposed 2.6% - without locality pay).
- Urge congress to support paid family leave for federal employees.
- Support a bipartisan WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) reform solution.

- Write a personal letter to your legislators – use NARFE.org / NARFE Legislative Action Center to send a personal or form letter.
- Support the USPS Fairness Act.
- Support the Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2019 (H.R. 1553). Tell congress to switch to CPI-E – CPI-E favors retirees over age 62 on federal annuities and Social Security. The present CPI-W does not take into account higher expenses that retiree’s encounter - especially for health care.

I recommend scanning the NARFE website and reading the NARFE Magazine in addition the brief outline presented in the Newsletter. Check the voting record of your members of congress, your senators and the President of the United States as the year progresses. When it all comes together – vote accordingly on November 3, 2020.

## STATE LEGISLATION

Steve Stastny

The Virginia General Assembly is opening its 2020 session in January. With the new Democratic majority in both the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate, there will be many new and controversial bills introduced and debated in a 60-day session in addition to the multitude of other proposed legislation. This will make it even more necessary for us to contact our own delegates and senators and to urge them to propose and support legislation implementing the 2020 VFN State Legislation proposals. In order to get our representatives to pay attention to the VFN proposals, as NARFE members, we all need to give voice to our State Legislation Plan by calling, writing, emailing, or better yet personally visiting to urge our representatives to support this Plan.

Below are the 2020 VFN State Legislative proposals for the General Assembly to consider in its coming session:

1. Federal retirement annuities should be treated the same as Social Security pensions and should not be taxed as income by the State of Virginia.

2. Amend Virginia Statute (58.1-322(C) to allow retirees to subtract health insurance and long-term insurance premiums from Federal adjusted gross income restrictions.
3. Enact legislation to adopt and implement certified nursing home staffing assignments and staffing levels.
4. Pass the exact same language regarding a proposed constitutional amendment for redistricting reform that was approved by the 2019 General Assembly which is necessary to allow Virginians to vote on the issue.
5. Expand the “no excuse” absentee voting period to at least 45 days, the same period currently allowed for absentee voting in the state.
6. Pass a tax credit not to exceed \$1,000 per family for eligible family members who provide needed home/institutional health care or third-party providers.

## VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF NARFE (VFN)

VA NARFE has a new name and NARFE has a new logo, as you see in this newsletter. The annual VFN Conference will be coming up April 5-8, 2020, at the Double Tree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., North Chesterfield. Bulletin #1 is now posted on the vanarfe.org website. Details of the conference and the registration form are also available on the website. Early Bird Registration has a deadline of February 28, 2020 postmark, Single registration \$60 and Couple is \$110. After that date registration is \$65 per person. After March 4 it goes up to \$75 per person.

## SERVICE OFFICER

Cindy Graunke

Please join me in welcoming Virginia Bozarth as our new Service Officer. I have served in this capacity for 4 years and it has been a heart-warming experience as you relate to NARFE members and families at an especially difficult time.

What exactly does a Service Officer do?

- Becomes the face and voice of NARFE – helps members apply for benefits, life insurance, etc.

- Relays information as needed on Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, and retirement benefits.
- Writes notes to families of those who have passed to offer information and support.
- Offers the “Be Prepared for Life’s Events” to NARFE members

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Verona McLeod

### A New Year, A New Mindset!

We are embarking on a new year, 2020. Some people make new year’s resolutions, other don’t. Regardless of which group you fall into we are all federal employees or retirees and should commit to focusing more on retaining our federal benefits in the new year. In addition, we should focus on NARFE membership through actively recruiting new members and ensuring we remain in good standing by keeping our membership active/current. Even if you don’t make a resolution for the new year, let’s each challenge ourselves to support NARFE, who consistently lobby on our behalf. We can also support NARFE by establishing a relationship with our Representatives. Contact them when we want them to know how we feel about an issue and proposed legislation. NARFE makes it easy for us to make the contact by providing us with prepared letters which only requires our contact information. Keep this in mind and remember that there are still threats to our health benefits, pay increases (for active employees), COLAs, etc. Surely you will be impacted by any changes to these benefits. Do your part and support NARFE as they represent us.

**Just a Reminder:** Chapters are continuing to lose members. Not being affiliated with a chapter reduces your annual membership dues of \$50 by \$10 (the local chapter dues). The \$10 chapter dues provide you the opportunity to receive Newsletters which keep you informed of what’s happening on the state level as well as the federal level. As a chapter member you have the opportunity to attend chapter meetings and get firsthand information from your state and federal representatives as well as special program guests. Start the new year by being committed to ensuring that you

are getting all the benefits you have worked for through dedicated federal service, support NARFE and join our Midlothian Chapter 2265.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JANUARY

(11) Rose Acheson; (12) Suzanne Weeks; (14) Barbara Bartlam; (15) Liz Mills; (17) Noel Boraski, Steve Long, Stuart Townes; (20) Betty "BJ" Gamble; (23) Sara Helgeson; (24) Cynthia Gifford; (25) Donald Long; (26) Charles H. Reed

### FEBRUARY

(3) Dave Burton; (5) Doris Barden; (20) Jenny Mohler; (21) Joyce Taylor, Lynn Osborne; (22) Stephen Statsny; (25) Tom Behm



*The 2020 Officers with VFN President Connie Bails and Region X VP Bill Shackelford.*

## PROGRAMS

Verona McLeod

The 2020 Program Committee has some interesting programs planned for the new year. There will be programs on travel through Road Scholar, the new DMV license insignia required for domestic air travel, brain health, the history of music in Chesterfield County (which will include instruments and dance), the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) which can help you with any

Medicare questions/problems, etc., and DLA Aviation's mission, modernization, etc. Also, in 2020 the membership recruitment activity/program and the annual picnic will be combined. We will continue to have our legislature months, our annual Open Season Health presentations, our Alzheimer's fund raiser and our Holiday luncheon. We solicit your recommendations for locations to hold the Holiday luncheon. We want to start the planning in the March/April timeframe. Recommendations will be considered as we focus on maintaining a reasonable cost for attendance. So, give us your suggestions.

**Let's get ready to travel. Come and listen to the January program "Road Scholar."**

**NOTE: Thanks to Norma Smith and Sheila Hecker for their many years of chairing this committee and bringing many interesting programs to the Chapter. They are passing the baton to a new committee but will always be available in an advisory capacity.**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ed Heflin, Secretary

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2019**

The Monthly meeting of the Midlothian Chapter 2265 was held at the Hopewell United Methodist Church. President Merv Stuckey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the NARFE November Meeting and asked for a moment of silence for members who died this past year and our veterans who died in service to our country. Welcome to Bob Knisely, recently moved back to Virginia from California as he visits our Chapter for the first time. Pat Warhurst will be returning home from a recent hospital stay. Tom Behm is convalescing at Saint Francis Hospital. Inquiry about John Clark, if you know anything about John, please contact any board member. Guests from the Virginia Federation were Constance Bails, John Bails and Maureen Nolet.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Ann Simpkins reported on the current state of the treasury. Beginning balance \$5,479.56,

Receipts \$228.22, Disbursements \$853.10, Checking Ending Balance: \$4,854.68. Alzheimer's Research Collected: \$878.00 and the proceeds from today's Fundraiser will be added before the donation is sent into National. Certificate of Deposit, \$6,975.53 and Certificate of Deposit, \$5,331.12.

**Secretary:** Ed Heflin, appropriate minutes have been submitted & approved

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Don Utton, No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Cindy Graunke, No Report

**Immediate Past President:** Bob Zombron, reminding everyone to think about retirees and federal employees as a group. It is important to stay informed and respond to legislators every opportunity you have. The goal of National to fully repeal the WEP reform efforts such as the Equal Treatment of Public Servants would be a good first step toward correcting this discriminatory provision. Please check with the NARFE Website and send letters to your congressmen. Bob is currently involved in the grass roots organization whose strengths lie with its members to assist local chapters in getting their work done through guidance and encouraging National and State legislator contacts.

**President:** Merv Stuckey announced that this was his last monthly chapter meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Alzheimer's:** Faye McKay, she had handouts about Alzheimer's including symptoms and early signs of the disease.

**Membership:** Pat Warhurst, Absent, No Report

**National Legislation:** Don Utton,

1. Reminded people to take a serious look at the impact of current energy use on the world environment. It has been compounded by the way we have allowed corporations (oil and gas, etc.) to enhance wealth into very few people. How in the past we have allowed legislation to be changed so that the oil industry can interact throughout the world without reporting to any agency in our federal

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# NARFE Presents: 2020 Motorcoach Tours



## “Grease”

Fredericksburg, VA

Wednesday – February 5, 2020

*Grease! is the word!!* Beat those winter blues and travel to **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts for the Art for Grease!** Travel back in time to 1959 to Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head "greaser," Danny and new girl, Sandy try to relive the romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'," "It's Raining on Prom Night," "Alone at the Drive-In Movie". Recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley, **Grease** became the soundtrack of a generation. Enjoy great seats and a plated lunch before the matinee production.

**Cost Per Person: \$120.00 (Payment due by January 15th)**

*Departs Chippenham Hospital at 10:00am & Shoppes at CrossRidge at 10:30am - Returns 6:00/6:30pm*

## “Country Royalty”

### A Tribute to Patsy Cline and Hank Williams

Richmond, VA

Wednesday – March 25, 2020

Join us for an afternoon of “**Country Royalty**” as two of the largest legends of country music perform together on stage . . . **Hank Williams** and **Patsy Cline!** **Jason Petty**, star of “Hank Williams Lost Highway” and 2003 Obie Award winner, re-creates the role he has become famous for, while vocalist **Gail Bliss**, star of “Just a Closer Walk with Patsy Cline,” gives her jaw dropping performance as Patsy! Between the two, they’ve performed on Broadway, the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium and many other great venues around the country! “**Country Royalty**” features a live band as Jason and Gail perform over 20 of Hank and Patsy’s chart-topping hits like: *I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry, Walkin’ After Midnight, Your Cheatin’ Heart, Crazy, Hey Good Lookin, I Fall To Pieces, Move it on Over, Leavin’ On Your Mind, Lost Highway, Sweet Dreams*, and more! Spend a thrilling afternoon of song as they honor the legendary performers that helped make Country Music great!

**Ticket ONLY Event - held at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen**

2880 Mountain Road – Glen Allen, VA 23060

**Doors Open at 1:30 PM - Showtime is 2:00 PM**

**Cost \$49**

**Call with your VISA/MC/Discover OR**

**Make Check Payable to SignaTours:**

SignaTours - 1237 Mall Drive

North Chesterfield, VA 23235

(804) 379-6500 or (888) 540-0100

**Please reference that you are part of the NARFE group when making reservation.**



**The “Greatest Generation”**  
**VA International Tattoo Show - Norfolk, VA**  
**Sunday – May 3, 2020**

Marking the **75th Anniversary of the end of World War II** and honoring the courage and sacrifice of the *Greatest Generation*, this year’s **Virginia International Military Tattoo Show** held at the **Norfolk Scope Arena**, offers an astounding display of inspirational military music, majestic massed pipes and drums, show stopping drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers, and much more. The 24th annual Tattoo features over 1,000 performers from eight countries and promises to be one of the most moving ever, as they commemorate, remember, and celebrate the men and women who changed the course of history, not only for the United States but for the world. The displays of stirring music, historic photos and video, tributes from military bands, and special appearances by veterans make this an event beyond comparison. Lunch today will be in downtown Norfolk at the popular **Freemason Abbey Restaurant**.

**Cost Per Person: \$128.00 (Payment due by April 3rd)**

*Departs at Chippenham Hospital at 9:30am & the Shoppes at CrossRidge at 10:00am – Returns 6:30/7:00pm*

**Sail to Bermuda!**  
**Aboard Royal Caribbean’s . . . “Grandeur of the Seas”**  
**May 9 – 14, 2020**

The **“Grandeur of the Seas”** is now “grander” than ever! Newly revitalized, she sails from nearby **Baltimore** to exciting ports of call to include . . . the Caribbean, Canada, New England, and for this particular sailing . . . **Bermuda!** Once onboard, discover new innovations throughout the ship that are guaranteed to make you go WOW! Remodeled state rooms feature plush pillow top bedding and flat screen T.V.’s and recently added specialty restaurants include *Japanese, Italian* and *American* cuisine. When the sun goes down, the Grandeur’s new Centrum comes to life with a mesmerizing aerial acrobatics performance that is nearly out of this world. There’s practically something new in every direction aboard the *Grandeur of the Seas!* Come join us and discover the changes for yourself . . . You’ll be glad you did!

**Bermuda** is a British island territory located in the North Atlantic off the eastern coast of the United States. Both untamed and cultured, the island is best known for its distinctive blend of British and American culture and its pink-sand beaches. While docked in Bermuda, you’ll have all the time you need to discover the hidden and not so hidden treasures of the island! Exquisite beaches and turquoise water give way to beautiful parks, nature trails and amazing underground caves. And no matter where you are on the island, you are never too far from its museums, forts, historical sites, art, history and culture of Bermuda. This beautiful island oasis is the perfect spring get-away! It’s the perfect gift to yourself, family or friend!

**Deposit/Payment Information:**

\$250.00 per person deposit\*

*\*the sooner you put down the deposit – better cabin location*

**Balance in full due by February 5, 2020**

**Per Person Cost (based on double occupancy):**

Ocean View Stateroom Single: \$1,927.00

Ocean View Stateroom Double: \$1,235.00 PP

Please call for pricing and availability on Balcony.

**Above Prices Include . . .** Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation from Richmond to the Baltimore Pier, Pre-Paid Ship Board Gratuities, Baggage Handling, All Onboard Meals, Entertainment, Port Charges, Taxes & Fees, Porter Gratuity, Driver Gratuity, Fully Escorted from Richmond, Documentation Luncheon and More!!! Cancellation Insurance is “Not Included,” but strongly recommended.

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Port:</u></b>	<b><u>Arrive:</u></b>	<b><u>Depart:</u></b>	<b><u>Port:</u></b>
09 May	Baltimore		4:00 PM	Cruising
10 May	Cruising			Cruising
11 May	Kings Wharf	2:30 PM		Docked
12 May	Kings Wharf		2:30 PM	Docked
13 May	Cruising			Cruising
14 May	Baltimore	7:00 AM		Baltimore

**Call Karolyn Hall at Signa Tours to reserve your cabin, 804.379.6500.**

## **Cruise to Tangier Island**

**Wednesday – June 17, 2020**

**Tangier Island** is a small, largely unspoiled, fishing village lined with quaint narrow streets. It is considered the “soft crab capital” of the nation. Although modernization has come to the Island it still has not lost its charm. The people of Tangier, who speak with a lingering trace of Elizabethan accent, are warm, friendly and proud of their Island. Once arriving in Reedville, you will board the **Chesapeake Breeze** for a 1 ½ hour cruise to Tangier Island. On your way you will learn about historic Reedville, the center of one of the largest fishing industries in the U.S. The Chesapeake Breeze often passes fishing boats working their nets or large ocean freighters traveling between Baltimore and Norfolk. Once arriving at Tangier, enjoy 2 ½ hours to explore the island - lunch is included at the **Chesapeake House** for a family-style lunch (including crab cakes and oyster fritters) at this favorite island restaurant. Stroll along the small roads and visit the unique gift shops or, for a small fee, hop aboard one of the local’s golf carts and take a tour around the island.

**Cost Per Person: \$132.00 (Payment due by May 24th)**

*Departs Chippenham Hospital at 7:00am & Shoppes at CrossRidge at 7:30am - Returns 6:30/7:00pm*

## **Skyline Drive Fall Spectacular!**

**Wednesday – October 21, 2020**

**Shenandoah National Park’s Skyline Drive** is a National Scenic Byway that runs 105 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains starting in the north at Front Royal to Waynesboro on the south end where it meets the Blue Ridge Parkway. If you live in Virginia this is a “must-do” for sure! Today you will travel along approximately 40 miles of the Drive (from the Swift Run Entrance, traveling north, to the Thornton Gap Entrance). What makes this trip special is you will have a guide with you, pointing out beautiful vistas and educating you along the way. Stops will be made at several popular over-looks such as *The Oaks* and *Mary’s Rock Tunnel Overlooks*. Stops will be made at the *Harry F Byrd Visitor Center* and mid-day lunch is included at **Big Meadows Lodge**. Enjoy their specialty, Tuckey Pot Pie and Blackberry Ice-cream for dessert. What a perfect way to welcome Fall in Virginia!

**Cost Per Person: \$130.00 (Payment due by Sept. 25th)**

*Departs Chippenham Hospital at 7:30am & Shoppes at CrossRidge at 8:00am - Returns 7:00/7:30pm*

## **Christmas at the Rudy Theatre**

**Selma, NC**

**Thursday – December 3, 2020**

No one does Christmas like the **Rudy Theatre!** Tracing its roots back to the traditions of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, **The American Music Jubilee**, the **Rudy Theatre** brings unforgettable entertainment, world class musicians, vocalists and comedic performers, in that same proud tradition. Take a nostalgic trip back in time to an innocent age when the anticipation of Santa made holiday magic come to life. Toes will be-a-tapping and fingers-a-snapping to all the holiday favorites. Beautiful melodies give way to peals of laughter as humorous songs are mixed with comedy routines. Prior to the show there is time for Christmas shopping and a delicious buffet lunch. Enjoy an afternoon of delightful holiday entertainment!

**Cost Per Person: \$140.00 (Payment due by November 3rd)**

*Departs the Shoppes at CrossRidge at 6:30am & Chippenham Hospital at 7:00am – Returns 6:00/6:30pm*

**To Make a Reservation Please Call: Lynn Osborne @ (804) 275-2102**

**Please Make Check Payable to “NARFE 2265” and Mail to (make sure to reference tour date(s):**

**Lynn Osborne, 8201 Indian Springs Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23237**



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government. The impact of a Supreme Court ruling that any corporation can donate as much money as it wants to any federal campaign. Research these items, make decisions accordingly and stay in touch with your congressmen.

**Net Coordinator:** Deborah Fisk reported that cybercrime is very active. Beware and check resources. The National Website is still under construction. The current emphasis is on finishing up the report modules. Letter writing with emails (not necessarily US Mail) is very effective in letting our congressional representatives know what we are thinking. There are thoughts about developing an effective letter writing campaign.

**Programs:** Verona McLeod continues to organize a draft of programs for 2020. The first speaker is Cindy Graunke.

**Public Relations:** Norma Smith, continues to put information about the Chapter Meetings in the Chesterfield Observer.

**Service Officer:** Cindy Graunke received a report from the Virginia Federation about the cost of living. The 2020 cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 1.6% that is currently proposed is not sufficient because the increase in health insurance premiums will be up an average of 5.6%. At the National level they are fighting back because they feel like the expenses as people retire can be more than active employees. As a Service Officer we advocate for preparedness. Reminding people to get a copy of the Preparedness Flyer and to review it and update as time passes.

**Special Activities:** Lynn Osborne, December 14 a trip to D.C. and the National Harbor is planned with a Holiday Concert at Constitution Hall. Seats still available. The Bermuda trip is still being booked. Contact Lynn for more information. The Christmas Luncheon payments are still being accepted. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the first trip in 2020 which is Riverside Dinner Theater to see Grease.

**State Legislation:** Steve Stastny, with the recent election and the majority House, Senate and

Governor's Office majority Democratic, we look for a legislative year of controversy and hot button issues, i.e. taxes, gun control, minimum wage, right to work, abortion, climate change, etc.

**Hospitality:** Cathy Dorsett, thanked everyone for their continued support in supplying refreshments for the meetings. Don't forget to contact Cathy and sign up for next year.

**November Alzheimer's Fundraiser:** Ann Simpkins reported that today's luncheon receipts will be donated 100% to our Alzheimer's Research Fund.

**Christmas Luncheon:** Lynn Osborne, Annual Festive Event, wear your handsome Red Bow Tie or "Tacky Christmas Sweater."

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

**Where: Major Charles A. Ransom American Legion Post 186, 901 Otterdale Road, Midlothian, VA 23114 (not far from VA-288, just past Lucks Lane)**

**Cut Off Date: Please mail checks or deliver checks to Lynn Osborne by December 5, 2019**

**8201 Indian Springs Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23237**

**(804) 275-2102**

#### **New Business:**

1. Election of Officers
  - a. Cindy Graunke served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the proposed slate of officers were:
    - i. President – Cindy Graunke
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Don Utton
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Vacant
    - iv. Secretary – Deborah Fisk
    - v. Treasurer – Edward Heflin
  - b. Merv Stuckey conducted the election by presenting the nominees and asking for nominations from the floor for each office.
  - c. Lynn Osborne moved that the nominated slate become the elected slate, second by Norma Smith.
  - d. Merv closed the nominations and called for an oral vote.

e. The officers were duly elected per the slate as proposed by the Chairman.

2. Constance Bails, Virginia Federation President spoke briefly to our group. Reminding everyone that the Annual Conference will be held in our Area in April this year. Encouraging everyone to stay informed and help with the Conference. Announced that there is a new member application. A change was made to the application, but it was not successful in making an effective change. Make sure when you recruit you communicate that the member not only signs up but also elects to pay \$10 to join a Chapter. It is important that we all work together to ensure our Chapters stay strong. We have a new Area III Vice President, Wynn Hasty. Get to know him and don't hesitate to reach out because he is here to help Chapters communicate with officers of the Virginia Federation. Constance emphasized that volunteering can be a challenge with time management; but is also very rewarding. Today it is more important than ever to speak up and stay involved. By supporting Connie, we help ourselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 A.M.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Dec. 18th

Ann Simpkins, Treasurer

**Certificate of Deposit** – Village Bank (D3-13-2018 M 2021)      \$ **6,998.77**      (**Rate 1.99%**)

**Certificate of Deposit** - Village Bank (D9-11-2018 M 2020)      \$ **5,340.99**      (**Rate 2.25%**)

**Beginning Checking Balance:**      \$ **4,854.68**

**Receipts:**

Nat'l Dues – Oct      228.22

Alz Research Luncheon  
annual Fund Raiser      618.00

Refreshments – Nov      33.00

Dues – Dianne Williams      10.00

Christmas Luncheon 26 X \$18.00      468.00

Christmas Luncheon 16 X \$18.00      288.00

Donation – Alz Research      10.00

**Total Receipts:**      \$ **1,655.22**

**Disbursements:**

Alz Research NARFE  
Jan-Dec 2019 donation      1,519.50  
Ck#2103

Lynn Osborne-Decorations  
for Christmas Party #2104      47.28

American Legion Post 186  
Christmas Luncheon #2105      800.00

Guaranteed 50 X \$16 each

**Total Disbursements:**      \$ **2,366.78**

**Ending Checking Balance**      \$ **4,143.12**

Ck's that have not cleared the bank as of today

#2103 \$1,519.50 & #2105 \$800.00 = \$6462.60 Which is showing as the bank balance today as well.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>February, 2020</b>						1
2 <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3	4	5 Trip to Riverside Dinner Theatre to see "Grease"	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Chapter Meeting 9:30 a.m. Hopewell UMC	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15
16	17 <b>Presidents' Day</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Mardi Gras</b>	26	27	28 Early Bird Registration Deadline for VFN Conference	29

# Pictures from the Christmas Luncheon



*Norma Smith blessing the food with Karyle Stuckey, VFN President Connie Bails and her husband John at the table.*



*VFN President Connie Bails installing the 2020 NARFE 2265 Officers, Treasurer Ed Heflin, Secretary Debbie Fisk, 1VP Don Utton and President Cindy Graunke.*

## Chapter 2265 Committees

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In memory of  
Charlie Wilson

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Pat Warhurst  
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<b>January, 2020</b>			1  New Year's Day	2	3	4  2020 Planning Meeting 10am to 1pm North Courthouse Road Library
5	6	7	8  Chapter Meeting 9:30 a.m. Hopewell UMC, "Road Scholar"	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	