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President's Letter: May 2023

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

So what is the expression, "April Showers bring May flowers!!" As I write to you today, we are having lots of showers! Hopefully, all the flowers will be out in time for our next NARFE meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. I am really looking forward to our speaker from the King George Historical Society (please bio listed below). I heard him speak at the AARP meeting and I was very impressed with his presentation. Just so you know, we now have a microphone for our meeting and I am glad that this will help everyone hear the presentation.

May is a really busy month. First we have our Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) annual election of officers for 2023-2024. At the annual meeting in April at our VFN Conference the chair of the Nominating Committee presented the full slate of officers. For First Vice President (Larry McIlwee) and Second Vice President (Pat Wolfe), there was only one name on the ballot. Therefore, in accordance with our by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order, Larry and Pat were declared elected by acclamation. For the positions of President and Secretary, there were two candidates. So now we will have an election by ballot in accordance with the NARFE By-Laws, one member, one vote. For President the two candidates are Frances Boatman and Doris McAdams. For Secretary we have Deborah Fisk and Esther Nash. If you receive emails from the VFN, you should have already received all the voting instructions. If you did not, please let me know. Also, complete voting information is on our website, vanarfe.org. The deadline for ballots is May 31, 2023. We will also be discussing balloting at our meeting on May 9.

May is also the month when the Colonial Beach/King George community celebrate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the War Memorial in Colonial Beach. The American Legion Posts of Colonial Beach and King George sponsor this event which will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. At the ceremony, many military and civic organizations in our community place a wreath at the War Memorial. For a number of years, it has been my honor to present our NARFE Chapter wreath at this ceremony. This year I have asked Jean Starkey to present our wreath as Rich and I will be in Florida celebrating Memorial Day with our family. Please come out and join Jean on May 29th!

Please keep reading your NARFE magazine. The latest progress of the WEP/GPO is updated monthly as well as other important legislation. Also, all the details for LEGCON23 are included.

I want to thank everyone who have been making donations to our food bank. In April I brought our donation to the Colonial Beach United Methodist Church. The Church had just concluded a special food pantry project and our donation was really well received.

Looking forward to seeing you May 9, 2023 at noon at the Hunan.

This month Food Bank items go to King George Dept of Social Services.

Leslie Ravenell, President

Colonial Beach Chapter 595

MEETING NOTICE

May 9, 2023

12 PM at the Hunan

Our speaker this month is Mr. Bob Baird discussing the history of King George County

Bob Baird, Realtor, Supervising Broker, and Instructor, EXIT Realty Expertise – 9 Years.

His Topic: **King George County – Our Past, Our Present, and Our Future**
---Good, Bad, or Ugly – It’s a Matter of Perspective-----

King George Native with family roots in the county extending back to 1708. 1971 Graduate of King George High School. Married for 50 Years to High School Sweetheart. Former Engineering Co-op at Dahlgren; Heavy Equipment Operator, Engineering Technician, and Field Service Technician. 35 Years in Association Management – Specializing in Organizational and Program Management; Standards Development; Adult Education; and Membership Sales and Service. Former Regional VP, Sales and Marketing, Council of Better Business Bureaus. Notary Public. Vice Chairman - King George Tourism Advisory Committee. Vice President – King George Historical Society. Active Member of Shiloh Baptist Church. King George County Officer of Election.

The following is from FEDweek of April 28, 2023:

[Focus on Telework Turns to Impact on Productivity](https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/focus-on-telework-turns-to-impact-on-productivity-and-how-to-measure-it/)

The Biden administration’s directive that could result in cutbacks in telework for many federal employees more closely than ever ties decisions on the mix of onsite vs. offsite work to the impact on agency productivity. At the same time it essentially admits that, now more than three years since the pandemic was first declared, the impact still is undocumented. Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/focus-on-telework-turns-to-impact-on-productivity-and-how-to-measure-it/>

[‘Maximum Telework’ Designation to End May 15, OPM Says](https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/maximum-telework-designation-to-end-may-15-opm-says/)

OPM has said that the “maximum telework” government-wide operating status designation, put in place more than three years ago in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, will end May 15 since “COVID-19 is not driving decisions regarding how federal agencies work and serve the public as it was at the outset of the pandemic.” Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/maximum-telework-designation-to-end-may-15-opm-says/>

[USPS Summarizes Upcoming Health-Care Plan’s Impact on Employees, Retirees](https://www.fedweek.com/issue-briefs/usps-summarizes-upcoming-health-care-plans-impact-on-employees-retirees/)

The USPS has issued fact sheets on the impact on current employees and on retirees of the Postal Service Health Benefits program that is to replace the FEHB for them starting in calendar year 2025. For a closer look, go to <https://www.fedweek.com/issue-briefs/usps-summarizes-upcoming-health-care-plans-impact-on-employees-retirees/>

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