



**FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS**  
**National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association**

## **DULLES CHAPTER 1241**

**Serving Current, Former & Retired Federal Employees,  
Spouses and Survivor Annuitants  
In the Dulles Area of Northern Virginia.**

**May – June 2023**

**PRESIDENT'S GREETING:** Greetings, spring has arrived, we survived a cold non-snow winter.



Congratulates to chapter members Pat Wolfe elected to 2nd Vice President of the VFN Virginia Federation NARFE) and Judy Thorne's re-appointment as District 11 Congressional District Leader (CDL) to Congressman to Gerry Connolly. Dulles Chapter is well represented.

We've had some dynamic luncheon programs this year with May and June fitting in this category. In May we have NARFE President Bill Shackelford with us, a great opportunity to hear what NAREE doing for us. In June we will have a presentation on the NARFE Service Officer Program by VFN Service Officer Arlene Arthur. Dulles Chapter has an opening for this position. We hope to see you there.

VFN ballots have been emailed to all members that have an active email on file with NARFE. Members who don't have an active email were mailed a post card with voting instructions. Please vote for our future officers. There are two candidates for President and two for Secretary. See candidate statements at [www.vanarfe.org](http://www.vanarfe.org). The chapter continues to need volunteers to help us run the chapter. Some positions only require 1 hour per month. Contact Pat Wolfe or me with questions or your availability. See the list below.

I encourage you to visit <http://www.narfe.org> & <http://www.vanarfe.org> for the most up-to-date information concerning NARFE national & state issues.

If you have an interest in participating in the Legislative Conference on June 22-24 let me know. Some funding is available. It's all virtual, see the schedule on [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

Please consider serving or assisting in one of these positions:

Vice President

Service Officer(s)

Chaplain

Assistant Luncheon Coordinator & Luncheon Greeters

Program Committee Co-Chair

Alzheimer's Research Chair

Membership Assistant (write prospective members, members expiring, etc.)

Jeff Sargent, President  
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**LUNCHEON PROGRAM – May 22, 2023, 11:30 A.M.**

**Speaker:** NARFE President Bill Shackelford

**Topic:** Update on NARFE

**Luncheon Entrée Choices:**

**Fish & Chips w/Fries**

**Belgian Waffle Deluxe w/Bacon & Scrambled Eggs**

**Beef Fajita Salad**

Served with coffee/tea

**The cost of the luncheon is \$21** which includes meeting room, beverage (priced - \$3.50 on menu), tax and a small gratuity. Additional tips are welcome but not required.

**☎ Please contact Patricia Wolfe at [wolfepatricam@aol.com](mailto:wolfepatricam@aol.com) or (703) 449-1582 no later than Thursday, May 18, 2023. Reservations are very important so that the appropriate number of meals can be ordered and prepared.**

**OUR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT AMPHORA DINER, 1151 ELDEN STREET, HERNDON, VIRGINIA AND BEGINS AT 11:30 AM!**

**Remember!**

**If Fairfax Co. schools are closed because of inclement weather, Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meetings are also cancelled.**

**June 26, 2023 – Speaker:** Arlene Arthur, VFN Service Officer; Menu: Half Chicken-Grecian Style with potatoes & vegetable; Amphora Deluxe Burger w/Cheese & Fries; Cobb Salad

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS 1241 DULLES**

**Membership Report**

As of 4-29-2023

Total Current Chapter Members 308

Total National Members in Chapter Area 512

Total Chapter plus National Members 820

Current Chapter Members Breakdown

1 Year 126; 2 Year 3; 3 Year 78; Dues Withhold 66; Life Members 6

**Chapter Activity in April:**

**Welcome our New Chapter Members**

Hall, Barry C, Ashburn, VA

Hall, Georgianna R., Ashburn, VA

Kava, Stanley R., Fairfax, VA

**These Members were dropped for Non-Renewal:**

Riddock, Florence, Ashburn, VA

Elliott, Megan, Chantilly, VA

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

Debt limit disagreements continue to occupy the functioning of the federal government and bring with it uncertainties as to federal employment and federal commitments to annuitants. It is expected that this issue will come to a head by June. Meanwhile significant legislation has been introduced, though hostility to the federal workforce by certain factions within the majority party in the House could make passage of such legislation difficult. Representative Gerry Connolly and Senator Tim Kaine have reintroduced the Saving the Civil Service Act, which would prevent the return of Schedule F. The repeal of the GPO/WEP legislation is still alive and has considerable support. NARFE advocates on the Hill continue to actively press our interest. On the state level the state budget should be finalized this summer. Primaries have begun for General Assembly seats, and local offices are also at play in the newly configured districts. The recently passed legislation this year included the Nursing Home Staffing bill that the VFN supported. Northern Virginia members who were important in the bill's passage included Delegate Vivian Watts and Senator George Barker. The coming elections, which contain only state and local positions, are traditionally low turnout, but they will determine the makeup of the General Assembly, as well as school boards. Vote!

**Judy Thorne, Chapter Legislative Chair**

**CDL for 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

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**Important Dates:**

May 22 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

June 20-22 NARFE National Conference (LEGCON23) (virtual)

June 23 – Lobby Day (virtual)

June 26 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

July 28 – NOVA Caucus Luncheon Program (to be confirmed)

September 12-14 – Region X Conference, Frankfort, KY

September 25 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

October 23 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon  
November – To be Determined  
December – Holiday Party – To be Determined

**ALZHEIMER’S RESEARCH:** Don’t forget to bring your loose change (or dollars) for the Alzheimer’s 50/50 drawing at the Luncheon. If you are unable to attend luncheon programs but would like to donate to this important research and help reach the next goal, you may send a check made payable to NARFE Alzheimer’s Research to me at 5916 Baron Kent Lane, Centreville, VA 20120 or directly to Virginia Alzheimer’s Chair Donna Shackelford at 14429 Round Lick Lane, Centreville, VA 20120. Just be sure to mark 1241 Dulles Chapter in memo line. Note: Alzheimer’s Chair Donna Shackelford reported that \$1,388 was made from Silent Auction and 50/50 drawings at the VFN Conference.

**HIGHLIGHTS MARCH PROGRAM:** Moriah Kitaeff, Department of Emergency Management and Security, provided an informative slide presentation on emergency preparedness and stressed the importance of having a plan, discussing the plan with family/friends, keeping a 3-day supply of food, medicine, water, batteries, etc. She provided several excellent handouts. Detailed information is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). She is available to give tours of the Emergency Operations Center in Fairfax. Her e-mail is [Moriah.kitaeff@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Moriah.kitaeff@fairfaxcounty.gov). Moriah also presented at the Northern Virginia Caucus Meeting.

**HIGHLIGHTS APRIL PROGRAM:** Seth Ickes provided an excellent slide presentation that gave many of us information on NARFE’s PAC that we were not aware of. He gave specifics on the number and amount of donations in 2023, attendance at fund raisers, and donations to campaigns of legislators and candidates friendly to NARFE’s legislative agenda. In addition to information on the PAC, he provided some updates on some of NARFE’s top issues.



**HIGHLIGHTS OF VIRGINIA FEDERATION (VFN) CONFERENCE:** Pat Wolfe presented Dulles Chapter at the VFN Conference in Hampton, Virginia April 3-4. 92 registered but only 85 actually attended. President Bill Shackelford served as the keynote speaker and provided an extensive update on NARFE. Area 10 re-elected Ted Pasek as VP. Larry McIlwee was elected VFN 1VP and Pat Wolfe was elected VFN 2VP by acclamation since there were no other candidates. Frances Boatman of Roanoke Chapter and Doris McAdams of Woodbridge Chapter are candidates for VFN President. They both subsequently attended and spoke at the NOVA Caucus Meeting. Deborah Fisk of Midlothian Chapter and Esther Nash of Roanoke Chapter are candidates for VFN Secretary. There are no candidates for Treasurer. Program Chairs provided informative workshops and Area VP's held area meetings. Kathy Arpa presented a workshop on FedHub. Donna Shackelford led the Silent Auction and 50/50 drawings for Alzheimer's research. Area VP's and Pat Wolfe were sworn in at the banquet but will not assume their duties until July 1. A short board meeting was held on Wednesday morning. President Bob Martin indicated that he would be appointing a Site Selection Committee for 2024 so that a decision could be made at the July Board Meeting.



Pat Wolfe-VFN Conference  
McAdams-NOVA Caucus

Frances Boatman-NOVA Caucus

Doris

