



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.

September-October 2023

PRESIDENT'S GREETING: Greetings,



Hope all had a nice summer. If you're like me, I'm ready for fall with cooler weather.

In September we will resume our regular chapter meetings. The newsletter will provide the exact dates with menu selections. Please RSVP with your menu choice if you plan to eat so that the food can be properly prepared. You're always welcome to attend the meeting if your schedule does not allow sufficient time for lunch. We typically start our programs at 12:30 p.m.

I'm looking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee tasked with finding candidates to serve as 2024 officers. Please contact me if you would like to serve.

Thanks to Ann Webster for agreeing to serve as Alzheimer's Chair. Please see below list for other ways that you can help this year.

Vice President

Service Officer(s)

Chaplain

Assistant Luncheon Coordinator & Luncheon Greeters

Program Committee Co-Chair

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

Remember to check NARFE website www.narfe.org and VFN website www.vanarfe.org for the most current information.

Jeff Sargent, President

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LUNCHEON PROGRAM – September 25, 2023, 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Senator Jennifer Boysko (D-38)

Topic: Update on Virginia General Assembly

Luncheon Entrée Choices:

Ham & 4-Cheese Omelet w/Home Fries & Toast

Hot Turkey Breast Open-Faced Sandwich w/Gravy, Potatoes & Vegetable

Cobb 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 or (703) 449-1582 no later than Thursday, September 21, 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.

October 23, 2023 – Speaker: TBD; Menu: Shrimp Salad Sandwich w/Fries; Pizza Burger w/Fries, Coleslaw & Pickle; Chicken Brochette (skewers w/roasted vegetables served over Rice Pilaf). E-mail announcement will be sent in October.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS 1241 DULLES

Membership Report

As of August 28, 2023

We seem to have lost 5-7 members over the summer. On a positive note have gained 6 new members and a lot of prospective members. I do not recognize the person who died over this period.

Total Current Chapter Members **298**; Total National Members in Chapter Area 503 for a total of 801

Current Chapter Members Breakdown

1 Year-120; 2 Year-29; 3 Year-77; Dues Withhold-66; Life Members- 6

New Chapter Members

Reese, Teri
Urbanczyk, Sally
Blackerby, Scott
Moore, Gregory
Larson, Leslie
Walker, Robert

Members Dropped For Non-Renewal

Martin, Bernard H.
Prikals, Peter
Lehman, Marsha E
Harrison, William H
Roddy, William
Ivery, Robert
Hobaugh, Susan
Wilkins, Lorri
Jeweler, Mark
Kirby, Martha
Findley, Ellen

Member Passed Away

Derrick, Joyce, Redford, MI

Member Renewed

Wright, George T., Reston, VA

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DRIVE: NARFE is now offering members \$10 for every new member that you recruit during the period September 1 to December 31. You will also be eligible for other prizes. As NARFE continues to lose members, recruiting is more important than ever. Please consider inviting a current or former employee to join. It has never been more important to protect our earned benefits.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The General Assembly convened on September 6 to vote on amendments to last year's budget. Expected actions include a one-time tax rebate (\$200 for individuals and \$400 for joint filers), an

increased standard deduction (to \$8500 for single filers and to \$17,000 for couples filing jointly), a sales tax holiday, and military tax benefits for veterans of all ages. Needed increases will go to education and mental health services. Local retiring state Senators Janet Howell (who has spoken to our chapter on several occasions) and George Barker of the Finance Committee participated in the cordial budget negotiations.

Also serving on the Senate Finance Committee is our September luncheon speaker, Jennifer Boysko. Having served in the House of Delegates (in the seat previously held by Tom Rust) and currently in the State Senate (in the seat previously held by Mark Herring and Jennifer Wexton), Senator Boysko is extremely familiar with the issues affecting the Dulles community and western Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. Her new district will no longer include Loudoun County and will include substantial parts of Janet Howell's current district.

On the federal front the good news is a 5.2% COLA for federal employees in 2024. The bad news is that we're once again looking at a continuing resolution and possible government shutdown. Our Northern Virginia delegation in the House and our two Senators continue to support the federal community. Gerry Connolly and others have introduced promising legislation, but certain elements in the majority party in the House have made this a difficult year for federal employees and retirees.

Judy Thorne, Chapter Legislative Chair
CDL for 11th Congressional District
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Important Dates:

September 12-14 – Region X Conference, Frankfort, KY
September 25 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon
October 16-17 – VFN Board Meeting
October 23 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon
October 27 – NOVA Caucus Meeting
November 11 – Brunch -To be confirmed
December 11 – Holiday Party – To Be Confirmed

UPCOMING VIRGINIA SENATE CANDIDATES:

Area 36: Stella Pekarsky (D) and Julie Perry (R)
Area 38: Matthew Lang (R) and Jennifer Boysko* (D)
Area 33: Carroll Foy, Jennifer (D) and Van Meter, Mike (R)
Area 35: Marsden, Dave* (D) Vafiades, Mark (R)
Area 37: Reid, Ken (R) and Salim, Saddam Azlan (D)

*Only two incumbents are running. Redistricting has had a big effect on representation.

Thanks to Bill Schmidt for this information.

WEP/GPO RALLY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023:

Advocacy Summit Day 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.: Meet at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation 9:30 – 2:00 p.m.: Visit with Legislators 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.: Summit Event Capitol Grounds 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Debrief at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capital Street NE, Washington, DC. Thanks to Acting VFN State Legislative Chair Deborah Fisk for this information.

ALZHEIMER’S RESEARCH:

Ann Webster has agreed to serve as Alzheimer’s Research Chair and we thank her very much. She is looking forward to continuing the 50/50 drawings at our luncheon and putting those “little piggy banks” on the table for your loose change. If you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, you can send a check payable to NARFE Alzheimer’s Research and mail to: 21022 Rocky Knoll Square, Apt. 205, Ashburn, VA 20147. For additional information or fundraising ideas, contact Ann at angelw3@verizon.net.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

If you have announcements or items of interest, please contact Newsletter Editor Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com. The November-December issue will contain the ballot for 2024 officers and will be mailed to members without e-mails to comply with the One-Member, One Vote rule. Please consider running for an elected office. President Sargent is looking for a volunteer to head the Nominations Committee.



