



National Active and Retired Federal Employees Northern Neck Chapter 1823



*Serving Active & Retired Federal Employees,
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Virginia Federation of Chapters – Area 1

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

END OF THE YEAR IS COMING! Friends, I am glad to be able to write this little message. As a lot of you may know, I tried to be a stunt driver once again, and failed miserably, and the pain is terrible.

I went to Harrisonburg to look at a location for the VANARFE 2024 Conference, Hotel Madison, and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center. The board has selected Hotel Madison as the location of the Conference. It is a beautiful location up in the mountains. I encourage each of you to consider attending the conference. It will be April 7 through 10, 2024. We are already trying to plan to have interesting speakers, as well as some of our representatives. We are inviting Congressman Rob Wittman, to speak, and Senator Tim Kaine has asked to be a guest speaker. As the Federation First Vice President, I am the Conference Coordinator. I would ask that if you know of a topic for the workshops, or for a conference speaker, please contact me.

As stated, I found out on October 2 that a Honda CRV does not do well at pushing a tractor trailer down the road. I appreciate all the cards and prayers. We have a great chapter of caring folks, and I do appreciate each and every one of you.

Our Christmas luncheon is coming upon us with great speed. You will see more on this in this newsletter. VANARFE President Frances Boatman will be our guest for this luncheon.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Happiest of New Years.

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NATIONAL LEGISLATION

No new national legislation to report at this time.

– Bruce McMillan

STATE LEGISLATION

VA state tax rebate checks in the amount of \$200 (\$400 for couples) should be going out to VA tax filers soon. Also don't forget to go vote in the upcoming Virginia elections on Tuesday, November 7 or by in-person early voting at your local voter registration office by Saturday, November 4, 2023.

– John Hodges

CHAPTER 1823 EVENTS

Past Events



On *September 5th* thirty-one Chapter 1823 members and guests, including Marilyn Riddle, our Area 1 Vice President, met on a beautiful sunny day for the annual picnic at Belle Isle State Park,

Lancaster, VA overlooking the Rappahannock River. Congressman Rob Wittman attended and spoke to the group on federal and local issues.



Chefs Bruce McMillan and John Hodges once again volunteered their masterful grilling skills, while members and

guests brought in a wonderful assortment of side dishes and desserts. A special thanks to all for making it another annual success!



On *October 3rd* chapter members and guests met for lunch at China Inn in Warsaw, VA. Guest speakers Michelle Griffen and Kathy Bass, Blue Cross/Blue Shield representatives, spoke to the group on 2024 insurance changes.

Upcoming Events

November 7 – The chapter will be meeting at the Henderson United Methodist Church in Callao, VA. Guest speaker Robert Chapman will discuss “How to Change Behavior.” Light refreshments will be provided.

December 5 – Our annual holiday luncheon will start at noon at the Wicomico Parish Hall in Wicomico Church, VA. Terry Bain of Excellent Eats will be catering the buffet luncheon. At this time the menu is still being developed and will be emailed out to chapter members at a later date.

We will again hold a silent auction to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. Each attendee is asked to contribute one or more treasured items. Remember, your white elephant or handmade item may be just what someone else needs.

The second option for contributing to Alzheimer's Research is to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. Identify your loved one(s) and we will read the names at the holiday luncheon.

Ted Munns will bundle and mail the checks to Donna Shackelford, the Alzheimer's/NARFE representative for Virginia. You will receive a letter from Alzheimer's that you can use when you itemize deductions on your 2023 Federal & State taxes.

MEMBERSHIP

Chapter 1823 Membership Chair Still Needed! The Membership Chair is supported by our Board, the State Membership Chair, as well as the National Membership Chair and would be responsible for membership recruitment, retention, and reinstatement.

If interested please contact Larry McIlwee at joseph.mcilwee@verizon.net or Bruce McMillan at mcmillan@va.metrocast.net.

SERVICE OFFICER INFORMATION

I am available to provide assistance to members on procedures and forms governing delivery of annuity payments, federal life and health insurance, survivor benefits, change of beneficiary, or federal income tax withholding.

I can also assist in resolving problems involving claims submitted to OPM by chapter members. Please contact me at (804) 453-4466, if you need assistance.

– Bud Bolger

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Winner of the 50/50 Cash Drawing

September – Bruce McMillan
 October – Jim Loving

REMINDER!

If you change your email address, please send your new address to narfechp1823@yahoo.com.

CHAPTER 1823 Website

Visit us at www.narfe.org/site/chapter1823 or Google “NARFE Chapter 1823” to view upcoming and past events, newsletters, and important links. You can also get to the website by going onto www.vanarfe.org and clicking on “List of Chapters” on the left column and then clicking on “1823”.



LAWS CAN CHANGE – SO CAN YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS!!

- November 7** **1:00 pm** – **Henderson United Methodist Church**, 72 Henderson Drive, Callao, VA. Speaker: Robert Chapman, “How to Change Behavior.” Light refreshments will be provided.
- December 5** **12:00 pm** – **Annual Christmas Luncheon, Wicomico Parish Church**, 5417 Jessie Dupont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church, VA. Terry Bain, Excellent Eats, will cater. Speaker: Frances Boatman, VANARFE President. Reservation forms will be emailed out to members at a later date.
- January 9** **1:00 pm** – **Soup and Sandwich, Wicomico Parish Church**, 5191 Jesse Ball DuPont Hwy, Wicomico, VA. Speaker: Henry Lane Hull, Rappahannock Record, “Northern Neck History & Events.” Soup will be provided; members and guests may bring a sandwich.
- February 6** **1:00 pm** – **Black History Month, Backdraft**, 7415 Oldhams Road, Kinsale, VA. Speaker: Alva Jackson, Owner of Ma Margaret's House B&B in Reedville, VA. Chapter members will order of the menu.

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