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President's Letter: September 2024

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

Welcome back everyone. It sure was a hot summer but I hope everyone made it though okay. In August we held our annual chapter picnic at the Ebb Tide Beach Picnic area. The day was lovely with a nice moderate temperature, the food was delicious, and the company was great!! This event was well attended and from what I heard, everyone had a great time. Thanks to Ann and Loy for set-up and clean-up and to all members who brought a side dish. Please mark your calendars for the second Tuesday in August 2025 for our next picnic.

If you live in Colonial Beach, you already know that the Hunan Diner is closed. The owner is undergoing medical treatment and if he is able to reopen the restaurant at all, it will only be on weekends. He is also trying to sell the restaurant. If anyone wants to send Allen a card, you can still send it to the Hunan Diner, 422 Washington Ave, Colonial Beach, VA 22443. So our NARFE Chapter meeting place for the last 30 years is no more. What will we do now?? For the September meeting we will go to Wilkerson's Restaurant on Route 205 in Colonial Beach. Why Wilkerson's? Well they do have a separate room for a meeting and they offer around a dozen lunch choices for \$12.00 or less. So the bottom line is that we will hold the September meeting of NARFE Chapter 595 on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Wilkerson's. The meeting will start at noon.

But what about the future?? First of all, several of you have put forth some suggestions. At the September meeting we can discuss the ones I have already, plus whatever others come up in our discussion. My idea is to form a committee of members who can go out, look at some prospective places and come back to our group with recommendations and then hopefully, we can have a vote. Questions? Call me at 703 314-9109.

It is now time for our national NARFE election. There are two ways to vote: electronically or by paper ballot. If you receive emails from NARFE Headquarters, you have already received an email with all the instructions and they have already sent out a reminder email. All NARFE members receive the NARFE magazine published at NARFE Headquarters. Your current magazine has a ballot inside the magazine for you to fill out and send in. It includes candidates for national office as well as some amendments to the by-laws. We will discuss the election issues at our September meeting so please plan to attend so that you can have the lastest information on the election. The deadline for ballots is September 30, 2024

MEETING NOTICE

September 10, 2024

12 PM at Wilkersons

Our speaker this time is Benjamin Bowman. He is a financial advisor.

Finally, we are now making plans for our annual Alzheimer fundraiser, our Harvest Supper on November 2. We will need volunteers to set up and take down, your favorite dish: soup, chili, main dish, side dish, dessert, etc., and items for the silent auction. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25 at the door. You will be able to buy tickets at our next meeting

I want to thank everyone who have been making donations to our food bank. This month's donation goes to CB Methodist Church

Looking forward to seeing you Tuesday, September 10, 2024 noon at Wilkerson's Restaurant.

Leslie Ravenell, President Colonial Beach Chapter 595

Our speaker this time is Benjamin Bowman (who goes by Benny). Benny is with a financial advisory firm in Virginia. He will speak to us on investing in retirement for income and growth and the advantages of long-term care insurance. Benny is a Liberty University graduate with a BA in Business Administration and MBA from Robins School of Business - University of Richmond.

Hope to see everyone there!

Jim Lynch, VP

The following is from FEDweekly Roundup Aug 31, 2024:

Sponsors of Bill to Repeal GPO, WEP Seek to Force Vote in House

Two sponsors of a House bill (HR-82) to repeal two provisions of Social Security affecting federal employees who have retired, or will retire, under the CSRS system have said they will use a legislative maneuver to try to force a floor vote on the bill after Congress reconvenes September 9. <u>Continue reading</u> >

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