



Chapter 0595 April Newsletter

President's Letter: April 2025

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION! No, you did not miss the April Newsletter or the April chapter meeting which is normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. This time we are having our monthly chapter meeting on the third Tuesday, April 15, 2025. So we changed the meeting because Stan Palen, our AV guy, and Jim Lynch who is in charge of speaker could not be with us. We know that when we change the date, some of members have commitments for the 3rd Tuesday. But i know that we have other members for whom the 2nd Tuesday is not good and if that is you, you will be free to cme to the April meeting. We will be meeting at Ledo's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant on McKinney Blvd in Colonial Beach at noon, April15, 2025. We also have a change for the May meeting. Just a heads up, we will meet at the Colonial Beach Museum at noon and after the tour and presentation we will have lunch at a restaurant nearby. Stay tuned. Our May newsletter will have all the details.

As I write to you, Stan Palen is getting ready to attend the Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) 70ith annual conference, formerly the Virginia Federation of Chapters (VFC) convention. Stan will be representing the chapter as Rich and I are unable to attend. This is the first one I will miss in 16 years. During the conference the annual meeting is held with the presentation of officer nominations, nominations from the floor, the report of the by-laws committee, the President's report and the Region X report. The VFN Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 9:00am. Stan will brief everyone at the April chapter meeting on the results of the Annual meeting.

This year, it looks like there will be several VFN positions coming up for election where there is more than one candidate. This means that we will have a VFN ballot sent out to you by email if you have one or by regular mail (if you do not have email). Stay tuned as these ballots will be coming out and it will be important for you to cast your ballot.

March was NARFE PAC month. but it is never too late to donate to the NARFE PAC. There are

forms in the NARFE magazine or you can donate online. If you have not already, please consider donating to NARFE PAC. These funds support our NARFE lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill and through these efforts NARFE works to protect our benefits. With everything that is happening in DC right now, these funds are critical. Also, if you are impacted by the Social Security Fairness Act and have not received your back pay, let me know so we can see how to proceed. Finally, another way NARFE helps to protect your benefits is through the training efforts for members. In your email and in the magazine, you should have received information on LEGCON25 which will be held in June by Zoom. At this meeting, NARFE members learn how to work with their Congressmen and Senators so they will support those pieces of legislation that affect our benefits. That is how the Social Security Fairness Act became a reality. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Please continue your generous support of our food bank program. Food prices are starting to rise and food insecurity is still a problem. This month's donations go to the **Colonial Beach Methodist Church**

Hope you can come out on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Ledo's in Colonial Beach.

Leslie Ravenell, President
Colonial Beach Chapter 595

We are pleased to welcome Tiffany Scott from Stratford Hall. Ms. Scott will speak on the new Stratford Hall exhibit: "*Stratford at the Crossroads: Atlantic Cultures and the Creation of America*". The exhibit highlights objects from the Lee family, enslaved Africans and African Americans, and Virginia Indians. This exhibit focuses on the history and cultures of the Atlantic World, showcasing objects and portraits from Stratford Hall's collections, representing the distinct cultures that collided in colonial and antebellum Virginia.

Jim Lynch, VP