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President's Letter: May 2025

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

Welcome to May which is Public Service Recognition Month. Please keep reading your NARFE Magazine to get an update on scheduled events during the month. Also you may be familiar with the website "LinkedIn". Recently our NARFE National President has been posting messages of interest to Federal Active and Retired Employees. You may also be interested to keeping up on LinkedIn.

Our May meeting will have a slightly different format. At noon on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025 we will all meet at the Colonial Beach Historical Museum on Hawthorne Street in Colonial Beach.** We will have a tour of the museum and afterwards we will walk down the street to the Sunflower restaurant where we will have lunch. The menu there is both Thai and French. We invite everyone to attend as usual since there is limited seating, if you are not a regular attendee and you will be coming, please let me know (703 314-9109).

If you missed the April meeting, I wanted to let you know about the VFN Annual meeting. Here is what happened. At the meeting the chair of the Nominating Committee presented the full slate of officers for election to the VFN for 2024-2025. For the following positions there was only one name on the ballot: 2nd Vice President, Pat Wolfe, Secretary, Doris McAdams, and Treasurer, Jim Little.. Therefore, in accordance with the VFN By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order, the above mentioned candidates were declared elected by acclamation. For the position of President. two candidates were nominated, Deborah Fisk (current VFN 1st Vice President) and Larry McIlwee (current VFN Service Officer). Also for the position of 1st Vice President, two candidates were nominated from the floor: Eddie Eichthes and Doris McAdams. So now we will have an election by ballot in accordance with the NARFE By-Laws, one member ,one vote. If you receive emails from the VFN, you will be receiving an electronic ballot with the voting instructions. If you do not, please let me know so you can request a paper ballot. Also, complete voting information will be on our website, vanarfe.org. The deadline for ballots is still being determined. We will also be discussing balloting at our meeting on May 13. We will also send out additional information once the ballot is issued.

May is also the month when the Colonial Beach/King George community celebrate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the War Memorial in Colonial Beach. The American Legion Posts of Colonial Beach and King George sponsor this event which will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. At the ceremony, many military and civic organizations in our community place a wreath at the War Memorial. For a number of years, it has been my honor to present our NARFE Chapter wreath at this ceremony. Please come out and join us on May 27th!

I want to thank everyone who have been making donations to our food bank. The donations this month go to King George Department of Social Services..

Leslie Ravenell, President
Colonial Beach Chapter 595

MEETING NOTICE

May, 2025

The following is from FEDWeekly Issue Wednesday April 30

House Panel to Vote on Raising Required Retirement Contributions while Lowering Benefits.

A House committee is set to vote this week on a Republican leadership-crafted package that would degrade the value of retirement benefits for federal employees retiring after an unspecified date, while requiring about half of them to pay more toward those benefits.

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee action will come in response to recent passage by both the House and Senate of a budget outline through 2034 reflecting Trump administration priorities on tax and spending policies. That measure requires that committee to produce \$50 billion in deficit reduction over that period.

Its recommendations, along with those of other committees, are then to be assembled into a wide-ranging "reconciliation" bill that will require only a simple majority vote in the Senate for approval, rather than the usual 60-vote threshold for major legislation there.

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May 13
At CB Historical Society

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