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Fellow NARFE members,

My name is Richard Bianco and I am the Secretary of the RI Federation. I am writing to you today to seek nominations for Rhode Island Federation officers and to invite you to the upcoming NARFE Federation Conference.

All NARFE members, chapter or national only, living in RI are members of the RI Federation. The RI Federation is responsible for coordination of Chapter activities within the state of Rhode Island. As RI Federation members, you have the right to hold elected officer positions within the Federation. This year all four elected officer positions, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are term limited and are up for election. The current President Dave MacDonald is nearing the 2-year limit to his position and a replacement is needed. The position of Vice-President is currently vacant and needs to be filled. You are encouraged to go the NARFE websites to familiarize yourself with the NARFE officer positions (NARFE Officers Guide) and the ongoing efforts of the National and RI Associations.

NARFE National Website

<https://www.narfe.org>

NARFE RI Federation Website

<https://www.narfe.org/ri>

NARFE Newport County Chapter 869 Website

<https://www.narfe.org/chapter0869/>

You are encouraged to run for one of the elected officer positions. To put your name in contact me by e-mail by 20 April 2026 with the position you are seeking. I will send out a balloting e-mail with the positions that are up for election. The election will be held by e-mail and newly elected officers will be installed at the NARFE Conference in June.

You are also encouraged to attend the NARFE Conference to be held at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 on 2 June 2026. The Conference will feature presentations on the Legislative initiatives that NARFE has been working on and a 50-50 raffle to support Alzheimer's research. The Conference will start at 11:00 AM and a plated meal will be served at 12:30. The meal will consist of a Mixed Green Salad, your choice of entrée (Baked Scrod, NY Sirloin Steak or Chicken Piccata), and dessert. Coffee and an assortment of teas will also accompany the meal. The meal cost is subsidized by the Federation and is only \$20.00 for Federation members and \$40.00 for non-members. If you are planning to attend the conference, please contact me by 15 May 2026 with your

choice of entrée. Payment can be made by check to: "NARFE RI Federation" and sent to me at 44 Silva Avenue, Portsmouth, RI 02871. Payment may also be made at one of the Chapter 869 meetings held on either April 7 or May 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Middletown Public Library, 700 W. Main Road Middletown RI.

If you want more information, or to enter your name in nomination or to order your Conference entrée please contact me:

Richard A. Bianco

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Bianco".

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