



NARFE Chapter 373, Carlisle, PA

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“Chapter Chatter”

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MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant, 1400 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA (former Bob Evans Restaurant). Arrive by 11:30 AM, so all lunches can be delivered in time for the speaker to begin at 12:30 PM. To respect the speaker, no meals will be delivered until after the speech ends. The business meeting will follow the speaker. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled if the Carlisle Area School District is closed. (Larrie Smith)

SPEAKER: Taro D. Landis, Chief of Police of the Borough of Carlisle, will speak to our NARFE Chapter at our January 23, 2020, general meeting. He served as a police officer in the Berwyn area west of Philadelphia in Chester County, as a lieutenant directing five detectives for investigations, a sergeant of detectives, a patrol sergeant, and as an instructor for Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy in Conshohocken. He had experience as a narcotics agent of the Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Narcotics Investigations, and was a certified instructor for the PA Municipal Police Officers Education & Training Commission in Harrisburg. Chief Landis has a master's degrees from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia; Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from West Chester University; FBI Academy; and certificate of achievement in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia. Military service was also a part of his career as he served in the US Army, PA Army National Guard, US Marine Corps Reserve, and the US Marine Corps. Landis's professional affiliations include Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education, Critical Intervention Stress Management Team, and Chiefs of Police Association, all in Chester County; the FBI National Academy Alumni Association and Chester County Coalition of Lieutenants. Please join us to hear Chief Landis speak on his expertise and share interesting information with you. (Virginia Giordano)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be February 19 at Members 1st Credit Union, located on the Walnut Bottom Road, beginning at 1:00 p.m. No food will be available at the Board Meeting so plan to eat your lunch either prior to or after the meeting. All members may attend; only elected officers/committee heads may vote on motions raised. (Larrie Smith)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: I have had a really bad time AGAIN trying to find desired information from National Headquarters. It doesn't even recognize my name or password. All I can do is repeat what I told you in the last newsletter. My last information from National indicated our membership stands at 202 current members and 41 National Only members. If most of our Executive Board of the PA Federation becomes frustrated and confused by what is occurring at Headquarters, I can imagine it is going to be tough for any of our members to convince workers and/or retirees to become a member of NARFE. I have always been a strong supporter of NARFE, but I am at my wit's end. We all need more motivation to do

what we can, with what we have, and where we are. Decision is the spark that ignites action. Until a decision is made, nothing happens. NARFE is a good organization in which to gain friends. Many friends will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. Friends are the family that we choose for ourselves. Life is not easy and it will never be, but you've got friends and one of them is me. Sometimes it helps to pray. "Dear Lord. So far today, am I doing all right? I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think that I will really need your help then." You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future. Give the foregoing thoughts some time for you to think about them. Your attitude may change a bit and you will have the will to seek new members for our chapter. We really need your help. (Virginia Giordano)

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the Board of Directors and the Regular Chapter Meetings are available to any member to review by requesting to read them at any meeting. The Secretary will have them at each meeting. (Virginia Giordano)

SUNSHINE: Sympathy cards were sent to Darlene Colonna (Husband, Louis), Ruby Rhoads (Mother-In-Law, Dorris Rhoads), Rita & Lewis Burgett (His Sister, Gladys Vick), and Elizabeth Dum Family. A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Shirley Martin (Son Diagnosed with Lymphoma). (Patti Langley)

SERVICE OFFICER: For questions on federal employee matters contact me or call NARFE Service Center in Chambersburg at (717)264-6183 Thursdays, 1-5 PM. Also you may contact OPM by calling the Retirement Information Office at 888-767-6738 between 7:30 AM and 7:45 PM where you have the option of speaking with a live person. (Lee Fischbach)

WAYS AND MEANS: There were 18 members and three guests at the November meeting. The 50/50 raffle earned the chapter \$17 with two \$5 prizes awarded. The December Christmas Luncheon had 18 members and three guests attending. The 50/50 earned the chapter \$19 with four \$5 prizes. Thanks to all for your support. (Faye L. Hain)

NARFE-ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUND: Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this year's Christmas Luncheon at Fiddler's Restaurant on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Information provided to me was that we collected a total of \$92.00. Donations of \$33.00 received plus \$59.00 collected as a result of the raffle. Looking forward to your continued support in the new year as we continue to assist in this fight to **#ENDALZ!** (Pat Wickard)

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING: Thanks to Victor Foose, Mary Howse, Darlene Hockenberry McCabe, Bill McGinley, Larrie Smith, and Susan Wise, for ringing the bell for this worthy cause on December 6 at Karns on Spring Rd. (Bill McGinley)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: In this issue we are spotlighting President Larrie Smith. Larrie was born in Keyser, West Virginia. He was raised on a farm, which was home until he was 19. He joined the USAF with basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, then went to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, Illinois. From there to Hurlburt Field, Florida, and then to Langley AFB in Virginia. He was discharged in 1968 after

serving 13 months at Osan Air Force Base, South Korea. After the military, he was employed by the Tennessee Eastman Corp. He then accepted a position with the Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, PA. He was employed there for 26 years before retiring in 2002. In the USAF, he was a Computer Specialist, at Eastman he was an EAM operator, and finally at the Depot he worked as a computer operator then transferred to FMSO as a programmer. After retiring, he worked briefly at Bosler Library in Carlisle, then for the Big Spring School District as temporary kitchen help, then took a job with a financial advisor as a client researcher. He married on April 1, 1967 and his wife gave him three children, Cinnamon, Norman and Rebekah. He has 7 grandchildren, two granddaughters and five grandsons. His hobbies include deer hunting, working around the house, serving his church, Faith Chapel of Carlisle, and serving other retirees and currently employed Federal employees through NARFE.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Well, here we are again. 2020, has a nice ring to it doesn't it? A brand new year with the same old problems, the Democrats don't like the Republicans and the Republicans don't like the Democrats and this group doesn't like that group and so-on-and-so-forth. BUT, there is some unity within NARFE Chapter 0373. For the most part we seem to get along with each other with a few exceptions of course, even husbands and wives disagree sometimes (at least that's what I'm told). Patrick Henry used the phrase in his last public speech, given in March 1799, where he said, "Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. This is as applicable to today as it was in Mr. Henry's day. The best way to destroy and organization whether it be political, secular or religious is for the members within the group to start fighting with each other.

As we begin this new year, let each one of us focus on unity and volunteer to assist each other. There is much that can be done if we are working together, as the old saying goes "many hands make light labor". As your returning President, I look forward to working with each one of you and will strive to do my best to strengthen this chapter and to obtain new members but I can't do it by myself. Wild Bill and some others tried a night meeting at Wegmans (where Lee Fischbach had his attack). I understand that several persons showed interest in NARFE, so we need to show initiative to bring our organization to the attention of fellow Government employees whether current or past. Let us join together and promote harmony within our chapter and other chapters. The ultimate goal is to swell the ranks of NARFE so that legislators are compelled to listen to us and promote the welfare of Government employees past and present. So, let's work together and get it done. (Larrie Smith)

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2020 CHAPTER EVENTS AT A GLANCE				
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	23 JAN	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Wednesday	19 FEB	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	26 MAR	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	20 APR	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	28 MAY	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	15 JUN	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Monday	17 AUG	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	24 SEP	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	19 OCT	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	19 NOV	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	21 DEC	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union

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