

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



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Next Meeting – April 8, 2020

VFW Post 7530, 4545 Westport Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Board Meeting @ 10:30, Lunch @ 11:30, Business Meeting @ 12:30

Speaker: Holly Doan, Nutritionist – “Stocking a Healthy Pantry”

President’s Message – Bill Krouse

It looks like Punxsutawney Phil was right for a change and spring is right around the corner. Although, to be honest with lack of snow in the Harrisburg area, I’m not sure we really had winter.

Our speaker in March was our own Bill Bowers who talked to us about how to build a “Butterfly Garden.” In June we are having a financial planner speak to us at our meeting. If you have any generic topics that you would like to have addressed, please let me know. My address, phone and email are listed in the **Officers** contact info in the newsletter.

March is NARFE PAC month where NARFE emphasizes one method NARFE uses to build relationships with our legislators. The NARFE PAC is funded strictly from donations. No NARFE Dues goes towards the NARFE PAC. Please consider donating to help our friendly legislators in Washington retain our benefits. For more information go to <https://www.narfe.org/legislation/?fa=NARFEPAC> and/or read the article on page 22 of the March NARFE magazine.

Looking into the future, our monthly meeting in November will be changed from November 11 (Veterans Day) to November 18 as the VFW has other events planned that day.

Just as our Nation is in the 2020 election season, NARFE also has elections in 2020. Coverage of the candidates and the issues that will be on the August 2020 ballot begins on page 40 of the March NARFE magazine. The candidate statements are for the National offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer as well as the Region II VP. Members living in PA are in Region II. Note a proposal to increase the National NARFE Dues is also on the ballot. More information regarding the ballot issues will be in the June/July NARFE magazine. The PA federation will also be having elections in 2020. Deadlines for the statewide officer positions are due by the end of this month. More information on those elections will be provided in next month’s newsletter.

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One other note, the family of Wanda Metzger has informed us that the Memorial Service planned in her honor on April 8, 2020, has been postponed. They will let us know when it can be rescheduled.

Vice President, Legislation – Mary Howse

March is NARFE PAC Month, a time to recognize the importance of NARFE PAC and ensure NARFE PAC has the resources necessary to succeed. Please help make this the most successful NARFE PAC Month yet. Contribute to NARFE PAC today!

What is NARFE PAC? NARFE PAC (Political Action Committee) is a separate, segregated fund of the Association financed solely through voluntary contributions by NARFE members made explicitly for political purposes. By law, membership dues and other general funds cannot be used by NARFE PAC. Only direct contributions to NARFE PAC fund the Association's political work.

Why is NARFE PAC important? NARFE PAC exists to elect fed-friendly members of Congress in order to defeat threats to your earned pay and benefits. NARFE PAC also builds relationships with lawmakers by allowing local NARFE members to attend in-state fundraisers, and NARFE's legislative staff and National Officers to attend Washington, DC fundraisers.

How does NARFE PAC decide which candidates receive NARFE PAC funds? All candidates, whether they are Republican, Democrat or Independent, are eligible to receive NARFE PAC funds. Many factors are considered when deciding who should receive NARFE PAC funds: support of NARFE issues as evidenced by the NARFE voting scorecard; input from local NARFE members; the competitiveness of the race, and the overall NARFE PAC budget. The NARFE PAC Board, which is made up of the two National Officers and Legislative Director, makes the final decisions regarding NARFE PAC contributions. A federation recommendation on the candidate is sought before any decisions are made.

Where can I learn more & how can I contribute? To learn more about NARFE PAC, read the feature story in the March NARFE magazine, You can go to the NARFE PAC page on the NARFE website www.narfe.org, which explains NARFE PAC policies and procedures and details contribution and disbursement information. To contribute, fill our and return the postage-paid envelope found in the cover-wrap of the March NARFE magazine. You can also contribute online at www.narfe.org/narfepac or at an upcoming chapter or federation event.

Next month's article will focus on preparing to vote. The PA voting resource site VotesPA.com provides information and online voting registration forms and videos about voting in Pennsylvania. **Remember the Primary election is April 28, last day to Register is April 13 and the General election is November 3, last day to register is October 19.**

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Chaplain – Tom Gross

I recently read this story in a devotional book and wanted to share it with you. Here's the scene. You're snorkeling not far from the shoreline in a sparkling turquoise sea. You're enjoying the gentle sway of ocean waves and pretty fish; but, you soon discover that you've drifted beyond the confines of the quiet bay. Suddenly swells are heaving around you and land looks like a distant memory.

You gulp some water and cough. You fight the waves, but your arms and legs quickly tire. Panic rises inside your belly--adrenaline pumps. Fear becomes a living thing inside you as you shout, "Help me!" Someone on the shore sees you, but can they reach you in time before you're overcome by the waves?

You pray. Harder than you have ever prayed. Then you see it. A big hulk of a rock, jutting out of the sea. You swim towards it and in a few moments, you are climbing onto that rock. You're clinging to that bit of sanctuary with every fiber of your being. Refuge never felt so good.

That is like God, our Deliverer. He is our rock when we call out to Him, when we're in any kind of need—physically, mentally, or spiritually. He may not rescue us in the way we want or in our timing, but He will never forsake us. It is His steadfast promise to us. Count on it.

Travel – Linda Berkowitz

There are open seats on the following trips. Please make checks payable to NARFE Chapter 1465. Payment is due at least 30 days prior to travel unless indicated otherwise. Please arrive 15 min. before departure time. Wolf's Camp Hill departure point is @ Capital City Mall between the back of JC Penney's & Sportsmen Warehouse. Please contact me if you are interested; my address, phone & email are listed in the **Officers** contact info in the newsletter. The sponsoring organizations are in parentheses.

Jul 15 - \$96 - "Beehive" @ Totem Pole Playhouse, dinner @ Gibbles Restaurant, departs Camp Hill BJ's @ 10:15 am, payment due 6/15. (NARFE Chapter 1816)

Aug 9 - \$118 Adult, \$106 Child – 9/11 Museum/New York City, departs Carlisle Point Mall @ 6:30 am & Capital City Mall @ 7:00 am, payment due 7/9. (Wolf's)

Sep 24 -- \$101 -- "Britain's Best Music" @ American Music Theater, lunch @ Hershey Farm restaurant, departs Camp Hill BJ's @ 11:00 am, payment due 8/24. (NARFE Chapter 1816)

OCT 8 – \$110 - -Flight 93 Memorial Plaza & Visitor Center & Quecreek Mine Rescue Site, Lunch @ Coal Miners' Café, departs Capital City Mall @ 7:00 am, payment due 9/8. (Wolf's)

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Treasurer – Tom Gross

Checkbook Beginning	\$ 5,147.43
February Receipts	112.15
February Disbursements	382.00
Future Year Dues	0
Shares//Money Market Balances	6,062.76
Total Balance	\$10,940.34

Sunshine – Marie Brookes

Sympathy cards sent to:

- Beverly Peters on death of her husband, Past Federation President, Gaylord Peters
- Family of member Dolores Skowronski

Thinking of You cards sent to: Tom Gross & Elaine Palmer

Door Prize – Marianne Cowling

Free Meal – Jim Brookes

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Nov 19 -- \$97 – “ELF” @ Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, includes buffet, departs Camp Hill BJ’s @ 10:30 am, payment due 10/19. (NARFE Chapter 1816)

Nov 24 -- \$85 – “The Christmas Experience,” Hagerstown/Antietam, MD, departs Mechanicsburg Giant on Simpson Ferry Road @ 9:30 am & Carlisle Walmart behind movie theater @ 10:00 am, payment due 10/24. (L&L Travel)

Dec 10 -- \$144 – Fairmont Park, tour Cedar Grove & Strawberry Mansions, lunch aboard the Moshulu, shopping @ Philadelphia Christmas Village, departs Carlisle Point Mall @ 6:45am & Capital City Mall @ 7:15 am, payment due 10/10. (Wolf’s)