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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2020

Hello Everyone,

With over a quarter-million Americans dead from COVID-19, almost everyone knows someone whose family, or circle of friends, has been hit by the pandemic. More than 100,000 federal employees have now tested positive for COVID-19: 50,000 civilians and more than 62,000 members of the Armed Forces. The federal community, active and retired, can take pride in keeping the business of government running during a roller-coaster ride through 2020.

As we move cautiously through the holidays, your NARFE 242 Board continues to meet virtually to explore ways to stay connected and focused on advocating for the earned pay and benefits of the federal community. At our November 20th virtual Board meeting, we exhausted and ruled out any chances of a holiday get-together, even on-line.

We did take steps to organize a virtual meeting for the Chapter in February 2021. Some of you already do Zoom meetings with family and friends. Ours would be similar: a Zoom meeting with a main speaker. If you are already receiving the Newsletter on-line, you would receive the link to the meeting the same way...in your e-mail. We are looking at February 18, 2021, in the morning, but nothing yet is firm. We are just eager to be together, in some way, albeit a new way. Lunch! Well, catered from your own kitchen..... sorry about that. Speaking of food, please continue to be generous to the All Faiths Food Bank this year. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is the address to send a check.

Thanks from Clara Schaefer and myself to those who supported us in the Walk to End Alzheimer's this year. We surpassed our goal of \$1,000 and raised \$1,170!

In between issues of the Newsletter, please consult our own 242 website for the most accurate and up-to-date information. Here is the address again: [NARFE.org/site/chapter 242](https://www.narfe.org/site/chapter242/). For the big picture, there is the NARFE Magazine coming directly to you, and of course their website: [NARFE.org](https://www.narfe.org/).

Only the safest and healthiest of the holidays to you. We all want to be around to celebrate many more together!

Bill Vander Heyden
President NARFE 242 Sarasota

Holiday Time Donation from Chapter 242

While the Alzheimer's Walk is the designated charity of NARFE, and an appropriate one, our local Chapter 242 has been making our own local donation at holiday time to help feed the hungry in our community. Because we are not able to make or collect donations in person this year, please consider making your own donation by mail for this worthy cause.

You can make out a check to and mail it to: ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK, 8171 Blaikie Ct., Sarasota, FL. 34240-9886. You may add in Memo Section of check: NARFE Sarasota Chapter 242.

CHAPTER 242 SUNSHINE INFORMATION

If you know of a Chapter 242 member who is not doing well due to illness or you know of the death of a member please contact our Sunshine Committee Chair: Darrell Cascio by phone at 941-587-7534 or by email at cascio1939@gmail.com so that we can send out a card.

CHAPTER 242 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S RESULTS

On Saturday, November 14th, Team Captain Clara Schaefer and fellow teammate Bill Vander Heyden, along with their own Support Vehicle driven by Charles Paul, did their own Walk to End Alzheimer's on the grounds of The Meadows. Thus far, Team "Friends & Family NARFE242" has raised \$1,130, surpassing their goal of \$1,000. After the Walk, they were treated to a celebratory lunch at a nearby restaurant. Talk to either one of us about next year's Walk.

UPCOMING NARFE WEBINARS

Sign up for Webinars at <https://www.narfe.org>

December 10, 2020 at 2 PM: [Estate Planning: Strategies for Feds](#). Host: Mark Keen

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership: 118 voting members. Note: non-voting members no longer appear on chapter rolls.

Want to join the free lunch club - Sign up a new member and you get a free lunch at one of our future Chapter meetings!

Don't you know a retired federal employee that you could recruit to help NARFE grow in numbers and continue as our federal benefits experts?

WE NEED YOU!

Please get involved by coming to our meetings, lobbying Congress about our bills and volunteering. We guarantee that everyone who volunteers will find something to do, have a chance to meet some great people and assist in trying to protect our earned benefits. NARFE is the only organization looking out for us. If your email or mailing address changes please let Rosanne Roble know by calling 757-630-0346 or email rosanneroble@gmail.com and notify NARFE at 1-800-456-8410.

NARFE members can use the Legislative Action Center (LAC) as a way to send letters to members of Congress and track NARFE-related bills and votes. To access the NARFE Legislative Action Center (LAC), visit www.narfe.org and sign up for an on-line account.

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