

PRESIDENT'S Message for October 2021

See also the October 2021 Chapter Newsletter for additional information

The NARFE242 Board and I are so excited to be bringing you our first "Blended" Chapter meeting on November 18, 2021. A blended meeting is one in which not all the participants are in the same room. Hopefully, you all will make the extra effort to attend in-person. For those who absolutely cannot, we hope you will join the meeting via Zoom for which a link will be sent to your email address the week of the November meeting.

It is really essential for every member to set aside time for this meeting as we have invited nationally known benefits expert Tammy Flanagan to address the Chapter. From the front page of the Newsletter you can see exactly what it is she will address for us. Yes, we will have her "all to ourselves!"

Also new is the location for our meeting. Much as we liked the prior location, it could not guarantee us the social distancing needed in these days of COVID-19. As before, you will have to pre-register in November to hold a seat for Tammy's presentation. As before, you may call, text, or email Dick Fredlund whose contact information is at the head of the Newsletter. For food we will be able to order certain pre-select items from the Misty Creek Club Menu. If Tammy Flanagan is not enough incentive to attend, the Chapter also will be buying you your lunch!! A perfect time to invite a potential member to come with you!

Because the pandemic has caused many of us to go on "Pause," I want to say a word about NARFE dues. Believe me, they did not get lost in the Mail! National NARFE dues are now \$48.00 a year. Our Chapter dues remain at \$7.00 a year. When you renew, make CERTAIN that you are billed for \$55.00. Then you will know you have renewed your Chapter membership too. Seven dollars is a bargain. Even \$48.00 is a bargain! Certified by Congress, NARFE is the only organization whose priorities for 117th Congress include supporting policies that protect and enhance the earned retirement and health benefits of federal employees and retirees.

Looking forward to seeing you November 18 at Misty Creek Country Club,

Bill Vander Heyden
NARFE242 President

PS. Two days after our meeting, Clara Schaefer and I will be doing the "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Our goal for the Chapter is \$1,000, and we will need donors to reach it. See Clara's article for how to donate to our team, please.