



# Delaware Federation

## *Keeping You in the Loop*

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Dear Delaware NARFE Members

Greetings from your DE Federation.  
I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and good health.

**I want to congratulate NARFE DE for having the highest percentage of legislative outreach and strong usage of the NARFE FEDHuB Community. Let us keep it going.**

***We ask that you please recruit one new member. Word of mouth is our best advertising.***

***Please join us If not a member of the FEDHuB community.  
Lots of good information is posted by the National Team and your Colleagues.***

*Below are some highlights grouped by major areas.*

***Local Items:***

- Federation leadership held its board meeting the fourth week of December.
- Our general goals are to publicize NARFE throughout Delaware and reach more of our 18,000+ members of the federal community.
- Our membership stands at 879. An increase of 20 members since June.
- Press publicity has helped increase awareness and brought in new members.
- I am hoping as we grow membership that we can work to strengthen all the chapters.

■ NARFE DE participated in the following:

- a) Senator Blount Rochester's Service Day in Dover on September 23. Nancy Story Dover Chapter represented NARFE.
- b) Southern Delaware Alzheimer's Walk October 4. Jan Carlson Coastal Sussex Chapter represented NARFE.
- c) Paul Schwartz NARFE Region 2 VP spoke on October 9 at the Coastal Sussex venue.
- d) Our invited federal colleagues did not attend October 9 due to the shutdown.
- e) Apple Scrapple Festival in Bridgeville on October 10 and 11. Mike Halpert Western Sussex Chapter set up a NARFE Information Table.

■ Outreach

- a) Federation leadership met with State Senator Russ Huxtable, State Representatives Claire Hall-Snyder and Jeff Hilovsky.
- b) Federation leadership had a superb meeting with Congresswoman Sarah McBride. She is truly an ally of the federal community.
- c) Paul Schwartz Regional VP and myself met with Jenny Mattingly at the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, DC. PPS has many webinars on helping the downsized federal employee retool.
- d) I was able to meet with the President of the Delaware Alliance for Non-Profit Advancement. This is a group that supports 400+ DE non-profits and may be able to assist NARFE DE in filling volunteer positions at the Chapters and Federation.
- e) Federation leadership met with the Legislative Staff in Senator Coons Dover Office.
- f) We hope to have meetings with both Senator's into 2026.


I want to thank the Chapter Members and Federation Board Members that joined me at the many meetings held with our legislative delegations.

***National Items:***

- The current Continuing Resolution ends January 30, 2025 another shutdown potential.
- Many lawsuits challenging the Executive Orders continue to move through the courts. This is creating much uncertainty. At last count there were more than 350 suits in the courts.

- The NARFE advocacy team is on the hill daily, talking to many, and protecting the federal population and members.
- The backlog at OPM on all claims is at the highest level in many years. Our federal delegation is working to assist. The various downsizing initiatives is the cause.
- The federal workforce though stressed continues to deliver the mail, protect health and safety, inspect our food, keep our parks safe, keep the internet safe and more. Much of the federal that impacts us all is unseen but helps increase quality of life.
- Much of the negativity about the federal workforce is not correct. Please keep an open mind on what you read about a “terrible” workforce. Please support all our colleagues even if we do not agree with the actions as they are following the President’s agenda.

***Benefits of Being a NARFE Member:***

- The ability to share information with many on benefits, retirement, open season and many more items that could impact your pocketbook. Look to join  [FEDHub](#) . You need to subscribe to get the updates. Please join the Delaware Community on the blog.
- The opportunity to join Signature Federal Credit Union and apply for a NARFE branded credit card. NARFE members can now join Justice Federal Credit Union as well. More on Credit Union financial security is coming soon.
- Discounts on travel and services from our affinity partners listed in the magazine and on the website. Please use them as they do provide true value and can save you money.
- Being a member of a community of like-minded federal employees active and retired looking to share positive information.

Thank you for your time--- Sincerely Ken Sosne Delaware Federation President

**Want to attend a Zoom Meeting to get to know other members, hear from legislators, or public NARFE leader meetings etc.? Let me know and we can try to make that happen!**