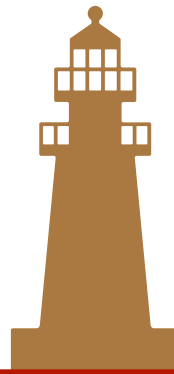


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FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

To All Members of Chapter 1690:

Back in April of 2024, I announced that I was taking a leave of absence from my role as President of the Chapter because of my back and leg problems. I never anticipated that I would be gone as long as I have been.

Multiple operations have not been successful for me, and therefore, I think it best for the Chapter to formally resign. I don't see an immediate return to good health. My term ends December 31, 2024 and you all should decide how you want to formally handle the rest of my term and the future two year term of the President which begins January 1, 2025.

I want to personally thank Larry Trombello for a superb job stepping in for me as Acting President. I recommend letting Larry guide you all over the next few hurdles.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Chapter President and will miss our luncheons, activities, and friendship. I plan to return to Chapter activities as soon as health allows. I wish the Chapter continued success as the leading Chapter in Delaware. Best of luck to you all and NARFE!

Sincerely,
Bill Jenkins

Upcoming Dates

September 2 Labor Day
September 4 Executive Board Zoom Meeting 1:30p
September 5 Deadline for luncheon reservations 5:00
September 8 Grandparents' Day
September 11 Patriot's Day
September 12 Luncheon Meeting, 11:30a check-in
September 22 First day of Fall



LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Make your Reservation and Luncheon Selection via email:
to Warren and Janie Fuller at luncheon@narfe-de.org or call them at:
Warren 302-226-5032 Home, Janie 302-236-7215 Cell
Meetings are open to all NARFE members

Please note we will respond to each reservation. If you don't receive an email response from us, please contact us again.

Reservations MUST be made by 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

When contacting Warren or Janie, please give names (members and guests) and luncheon choices for **Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Noon**, 1776 Steakhouse in Midway Center, Rt. 1 (beside the movie theaters). **Please arrive before 11:30a to facilitate check-in.**

Price \$19.00 per person (which includes gratuities). Payment is due upon arrival. Cash or checks made out to NARFE Chapter 1690.

Notice: Persons making reservations but not attending must pay for meals.

1776 Restaurant requires us to have enough reservations in order to make it cost effective for the restaurant.

The meeting will be cancelled if we do not have enough reservations. If necessary, you will be notified of the cancellation on Friday, September 6th.

Luncheon Selections

1. Chicken Parmesan over Pasta
2. Roast Beef & Swiss Wrap with chips & pickles
3. Salmon Caesar Salad

Dessert: Carrot Cake



Beth Miltner (Chapter 1690 Secretary) and I will be attending NARFE Fed-Con 24 National Conference taking place in St. Louis, Missouri, from August 18 through August 20. I am taking the advocacy track and Beth the Leadership and Officer Continuity track.

FSA Feds will be opening shortly after an OPM security pause. If active service, please look at the dates.

OPM's backlog of processing claims is back up to between 65 and 70 days.

The House and Senate have recessed until the end of August.

Additional rules on workforce and teleworking are out.

NARFE staff normally work part-time in the office, but are available by email.

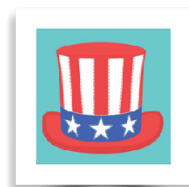
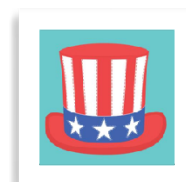
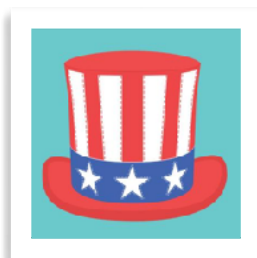
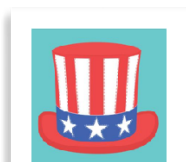
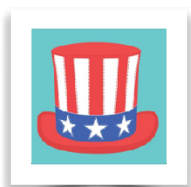
The WEP/GPO bill HR-82, FERS Equity Act and Fairness in Retirement Act has 320+ sponsors and John Hatton (Staff Vice President, Policy and Programs, NARFE) along with other federal Groups is trying to get it out of committee.

NARFE national elections start in September. I am running for Secretary-Treasurer.

As always if you need assistance, please contact the appropriate Chapter 1690 Officer or Committee Chair listed in the newsletter.

Chapter 1690 Represented in 2025 NARFE Calendar

Congratulations to Larry Trombello for having his photo chosen to appear in the 2025 NARFE Calendar. From several hundred photos entered for the calendar contest, 13 were chosen. Larry's photo "Taggart Lake (Grand Teton National Park, WY)" will grace the month of August. Larry enjoys NARFE and photography. Twice before he has had a photo selected for the NARFE calendar.



September Speaker - Jim Bowden

Party Lines to Cell Phones

Jim Bowden, Delaware native and long-time Georgetown resident, will be our September membership luncheon guest speaker. Mr. Bowden is curator of the Delaware Telephone Museum located on the grounds of the Marvel Carriage Museum in Georgetown. Mr. Bowden will give us an entertaining and informative retrospective on the development of telecommunications in the First State. He will have with him several old telephones and other artifacts for display.

Mr. Bowden is a long-time friend of the Seaford Historical Society and served as Vice President. He is Past President of the Georgetown Historical Society and past board member of Delaware State Review Board for Historical Preservation. After graduating from Seaford High School in 1969, Bowden began working for the telephone company. He retired in 2024 from Verizon after 45 years of service, of which 32 years were as the Senior 911 Systems Technician in Delaware. He presently works for Sussex County as their 911 Technical Advisor.

Want to visit the Delaware Telephone Museum? The museum contains 250-300 telephones and hundreds of interesting telephone artifacts. The museum tells telephone history of the Diamond State Telephone Company which encompassed all of Delaware and Eastern Shore Maryland and Virginia. The museum is open 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays and by appointment at other times. It is suggested to call ahead before you go. The museum's telephone number is (302) 855-9660.



NARFE Releases 6th Quarter Political Action Committee Report

As of June 30th NARFE-PAC has raised \$1,157,584 from 17,435 members, which is 72% of the national goal of \$1.6 million. The average contribution was \$66.39. The PAC has disbursed \$860,300 to candidates, committees and leadership PACs. That is 72% of the national goal of \$1.2 million. Senator Coon's leadership PAC has received \$8,000 from NARFE-PAC.

National-only members continue to provide major support for our PAC. 8,806 members have contributed \$518,455 representing 45% of the total raised to date.

Delaware members have contributed a total of \$7,695. Of that total \$4,676 came from 73 chapter members and \$3,018 from 52 National-only members

Chapter 1690 has contributed \$2,409 from 34 members and two monthly sustainers. The average contribution was \$70.85. We have reached 80% of our chapter goal of \$3,000, with an increase of \$375 over the quarter that ended on March 31, 2024.

We are well on our way to meeting our chapter goal by the end of the year. A sincere thank you to all who have supported our PAC. We have two quarters remaining in the current two-year PAC campaign. Let's continue to move forward toward our chapter goal and help NARFE protect our hard-earned benefits. If you have not yet contributed to NARFE-PAC, please consider doing so. You can contribute at any chapter meeting with cash or check. Greg Neuner, our chapter's NARFE-PAC coordinator, will send your contribution to NARFE headquarters for you. You can also use the contribution form in each issue of NARFE Magazine, or contribute online at the NARFE website.



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2023 Chapter Officers**

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President:	Bill Jenkins	302-945-6969, cell 410-980-8836
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Maria Ryan	2024	302-537-1117
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Ken Sosne	2024	302-644-1875

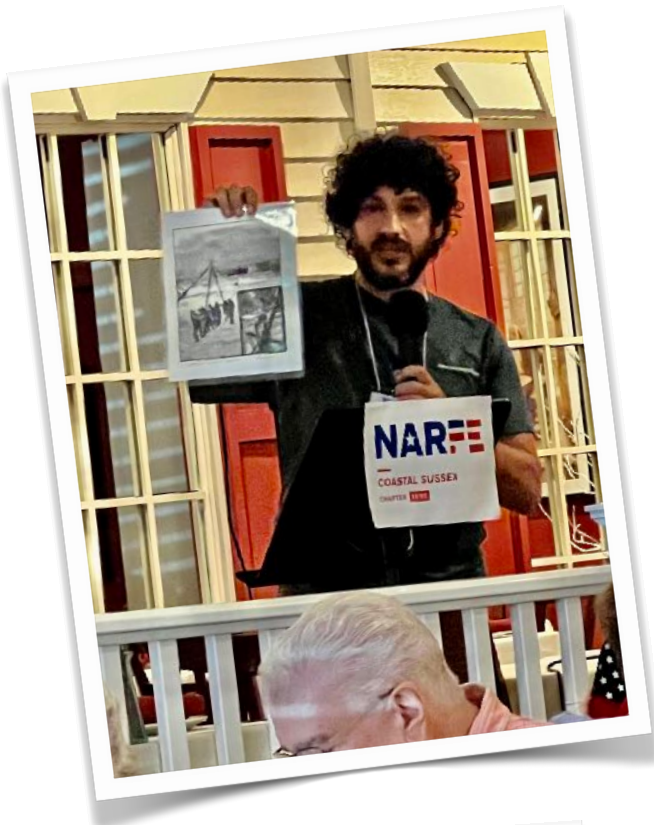
Committee Chairs

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Alzheimer's:	Debby Pecoraro	302-500-1766
Chaplain:	Greg Neuner	703-635-0261
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Tech Advisor:	Warren Fuller	302-226-5032, cell 302-236-4779



****Please note:**

We have stopped publishing Executive Board email addresses for privacy purposes. If you need someone's email address, please call any of the chapter officers you know and they can provide it by referencing a past newsletter.



Tyler Driebblatt provided an interesting program on the history of the US Life-Saving Service, particularly the Indian River Life-Saving Station



Tyler helps Vinny Rice with the 50/50 Raffle



Pat Brady-Rice provides information on our Boscov fundraiser

NARFE Elections - Vote by September 30

[Read about the NARFE National Election here.*](#) There are links to the [election timeline](#), the [bylaws proposals](#), the [statements by National/Regional Candidates](#), and [Election FAQs](#). You can vote online or with the mail-in ballot. You'll find the ballot inside your September issue of NARFE Magazine. To vote, you will need to fold it carefully, place it in an envelope and mail it to ESC.

How do I vote online?

Current members who have an email address on file with NARFE will receive an email blast from ESC with voting instructions. If you did not get the email, please check your spam folder and look for an email from electionservicescorp.com. If you overlooked this email, a total of three emails from ESC will be sent prior to the close of voting on September 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

***Point and click on the underlined links above. They are active and will take you to the**

