

National Association
Of Active and Retired
Federal Employees
Representing Vance,
Granville, Warren, and
Franklin Counties



Next Meeting

April 17, 2018

9:00 AM

Restaurant 39
I-85 to West
Andrews Hwy 39
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I hope that you will be able to attend our meeting on April 17th, 2018 at Restaurant 39. Take the exit beyond Dabney Drive which is West Andrews/Hwy 39 and make a left at the first light onto strip mall facing 85. We have an interesting program planned with the Horticulture Agent for Person and Granville County, Johny Coley to give us tips for Spring Gardening and tell us a little about the Master Gardener Program.

The 62nd NC Federation Meeting May 1-3, 2018 Crown Plaza Hotel 1385 Lenoir Plaza Blvd, Hickory, NC (Phone 1-828-323-1000) Julian Oliver, a past president of our chapter, will be there to represent us. If you would also like to attend check the April - June 2018 Beacon for details. Please also note the change -- "A New Way to Vote" page 11. *

Our very dedicated Treasurer, Sylvia Cawthorne, is recovering well and under rehab for a broken fibula. When I talked to her the first thing she said was that I have the records all up to date. I am sure I speak for all our members in saying to her "Sorry for the suffering you had to endure, and we are all happy to see that you are recovering well. Thanks for all your efforts over the years in keeping us financially secure." Cards may be mailed to Sylvia at 1003 McCain Ave, Henderson NC 27536.



THE BORDER WALL --- Well I am not exactly writing about the border wall but the wall that separates Democrats from Republicans, liberals from conservatives. -- moderates from each party are unable to reach compromise, and in the interest solely of being reelected Congressman are more interested in enflaming their bases than in seeking REAL solutions to the many serious problems confronting our country. While us NARFE folks are interested in maintaining our Federal Benefits we also need to encourage our representatives to be willing to compromise and work toward real solutions for our country.



PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND USPS:

Linda Carter, Postmaster Retired, Oxford NC

On Friday, March 23, as Congress was leaving the Capitol for its two-week Easter/Passover Recess, President Trump signed into law H.R. 1626, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. This legislation funds the government through the end of the current fiscal year.

Postal employees were attentive to any attempts to use this bill to cut postal employee and retiree benefits. The legislation did not include such provisions.

Although the 2,149 page bill included a variety of substantive "policy riders," an attempt to attach postal reform legislation to it was abandoned. However, H.R. 1626, as enacted, includes a number of provisions that relate to the Postal Service. In addition to providing \$58 million to reimburse the USPS for mail for the blind and overseas voting, H.R. 1626 provides \$94 million for monitoring the illicit importation of opioids through USPS international air mail facilities. The appropriations bill also includes such perennial postal provisions as the prohibition against using appropriated funds to close or consolidate rural and small post offices, and the prohibition of reducing 6-day residential mail delivery.

Postal leaders and employees are supporting a resurgent effort in the Senate to take up postal reform legislation. S. 2629, the Postal Reform Act of 2018. It is currently pending on the Senate calendar.

The Postal Service receives NO tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. The Postal Service has the country's largest retail network — larger than McDonald's, Starbucks and Walmart **combined**, domestically. It also operates more than 227,000 vehicles; one of the largest civilian fleets in the world, and is the single largest employer of veterans in the world.



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