

NASCOE Now

March 25, 2011

Passing of a friend.....

To Our dear NASCOE family,

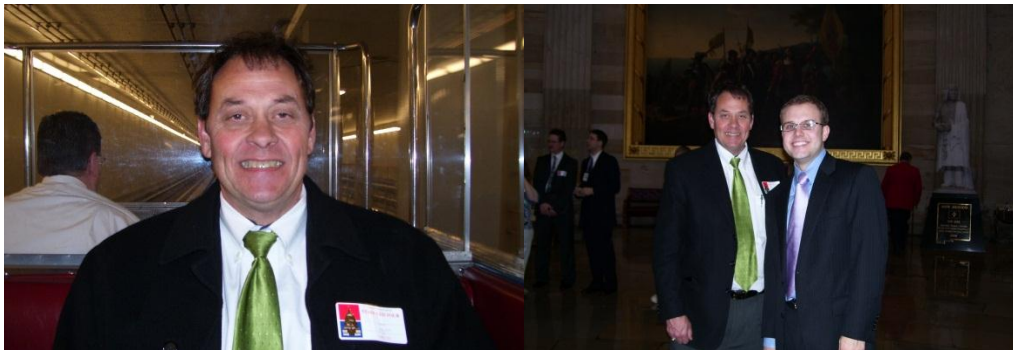
We are so consoled by each expression of your love during this time of sorrow. Besides the flowers, memorials, visits , food and cards, we are also comforted by your prayers and thoughts.

Frank loved and believed in NASCOE and we enjoyed the conventions as a family and hold close the memories we have from them.

The friendships Frank made through NASCOE brought him such great joy and he felt blessed to have you.

Please continue to remember us as part of the NASCOE family.

Jeanie, Corrie and Ali Davis



Frank representing South Carolina at a NASCOE Legislative Conference....



Frank with Cliff Fussell, Past SEA Executive from Georgia

Connolly and Moran: Myth Busters

By Emily Long Monday, March 21, 2011

Two Virginia Democrats are losing patience with other lawmakers using federal employees as "political punching bags." In a letter sent last week to members of Congress, Reps. Gerry Connolly and Jim Moran tried to set the record straight on some of the common misconceptions about government workers:

Myth: Most federal employees live in or near Washington, D.C.

Fact:

85% of the federal workforce does not live in this region. Texas has more federal employees than Maryland, and Alaska has more federal employees per capita than Virginia.

Myth:

Federal employees earn far more than private sector employees, on average \$120,000 per year.

Fact:

Federal employees earn 22-24% less than private sector employees in comparable jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which conducts the most in-depth study of pay. The widely-cited \$120,000 figure inaccurately counts future pension payments, which include employee annuity contributions, as wages.

Myth:

Most federal employees work in agencies related to education, regulation, or welfare.

Fact:

63% of federal employees work for agencies whose primary purpose is national security. The smallest executive branch departments are Education and Housing and Urban Development.

Myth:

The federal government has grown larger than ever before.

Fact:

The federal government is the smallest it has been in the last 60 years, relative to the US population and size of our economy. The number of federal civilian employees per 1,000 Americans has shrunk steadily from 13.2/1,000 in 1962 to 8.4/1,000 today.

Myth:

It is nearly impossible to fire a federal employee.

Fact:

11,668 federal employees were fired last year.

Lawmakers, union leaders and government observers have long been at odds over whether federal workers are overpaid or underpaid compared to their private sector counterparts. A key point of contention is the methodology used to calculate employee compensation. Labor economists use a "human capital" comparison that takes into account how certain characteristics such as experience and education affect workers' pay. The government uses data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on comparable jobs in the public and private sectors. During a [March 9 hearing](#) on federal pay, Office of Personnel Director John Berry admitted that neither the BLS methodology nor the government's pay structure is ideal, noting calculations cannot capture the complexity of today's workforce.

Janet Kopenhaver, Washington representative for Federally Employed Women, said a lack of facts is fueling the anti-fed sentiment among lawmakers and the public.

"The misunderstanding of the federal workforce, including pay, location and size among others, has reached fever pitch and it is seriously feeding the anti-federal worker emotion on Capitol Hill as well as beyond the beltway," said Kopenhaver. "The fact that legislators are making decisions on how to vote on specific bills and amendments based on this faulty data has us extremely concerned."

Link to article: <http://blogs.govexec.com/fedblog/>

NASCOE Coalition Allies working on your behalf

NARFE: DO NOT ATTACK FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND THE PROTECTIONS THEY PROVIDE US

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to a bill (S. 644) before Congress that would eliminate pensions for all new government hires, Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), released the following statement on March 22, 2011:

“This bill is another unfair and unwise attack on federal employees at a time when the country desperately needs a high quality and vigilant work force. Some politicians claim that these pensions are unsustainable, but, in actuality, the federal pension program is fully funded, actuarially sound and paid for largely by federal employees themselves.

“Changes to policies that affect federal employees threaten the future of the vital services they perform. Without employment packages that are competitive in the professional marketplace, our government will struggle to attract the best workers to protect us.

“Considering the importance of the federal meat inspectors in Kansas who ensure our food is safe or the U.S. nuclear regulators who now are working in Japan to avert a nuclear catastrophe, we can ill-afford to shy away from support for our nation’s federal workers.”

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NARFE, one of America’s oldest and largest associations, was founded in 1921 with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America’s active and retired federal workers. The largest federal employee/ retiree organization, NARFE represents the retirement interests of nearly 5 million current and future federal annuitants, spouses and survivors. Visit their web site at: www.narfe.org

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NWA Rally – Medford Oregon, June 16-18, 2011

The Northwest Area Rally will be held in Medford, Oregon this year. The OASCOE group has a lot of great activities available so make plans to get there early. We have invited our acting Administrator, Val Docini to attend and have confirmation that members of the MIDAS team will be there to give us a presentation. In addition, JM Marketing and the FEDMEN will have benefits information available to you. For full details, go to the NWA Page of the NASCOE Website. (<http://nascoe.org/Northwest.aspx>)

If you’ve never been to Oregon or have been looking for an excuse to go back, now’s the time! See you in Medford in June!



The NASCOE Store

www.nascoeemblemsonline.com

Check out the new items available from the NASCOE Store www.nascoeemblemsonline.com

These highly sought after new Ladies long poplin shirts with embroidery on the French cuff – very classy and only available at the NASCOE Store are flying off the shelves! Wow your customers and co-workers with this very ritzy office attire (at a fraction of the price of traditional poplin shirts):



Ladies Long Sleeve Pima Cotton Poplin Shirt with French Cuffs
\$28.00 Each

But wait there's more! Another new and NASCOE Exclusive item has just been introduced!



This 100% Jute Tote adds bright color, durability, and style to any shopping excursion. Designed for the [healthy, wealthy and wise!](#) Simply Natural. Simply Renewable. Simply Elegant. Simply Perfect.

Specifications:

Extra large jute bag, laminated for extra strength. Long comfortable handles. Eco-friendly and fashionable!
Colors: Lime Green, Orange, or Hot Pink
Dimensions: 18"L x 15"H x 5"D
Imprint Area: 7"W x 6"H Front

**A STEAL AT ONLY \$12.00 EACH
ITEM NUMBER IS 1103**

Are you thrifty like me? Check out the close out items and the \$10 and \$5 close out items – and better yet you can get stuff for free under the Freebies link!

Men don't feel left out! We have Men's quick Dry Polo shirts available (made especially for those that have to live in the warmer climates – and for those of you from Vermont that break a sweat when it reaches 65 degrees!) I have two of these shirts and I love how they fit (and never shrink) and how fast they dry when I am out in the field at work or golfing on the weekends.

Don't see what you want at the NASCOE Store? Let us know, and we will try and get it for you! If you have a convention or Rally coming up that you want us to make a special article of clothing for – we can do that! Just let me or Eva Jarrard know,

We are here to help you dress for success!

www.nascoeemblemsonline.com

Happy shopping everyone!

Tom Casen, NASCOE ASE Chairperson

2011 NASCOE CONVENTION

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
AUGUST 11-13, 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

King Ranch 8 am - 4:30 pm www.king-ranch.com

USS Lexington/Texas State Aquarium 9 am - 3 pm

USS Lexington

Texas State Aquarium

Day at the Beach *On your own*

NASCOE Golf Tournament 1 pm

Southwest Area Night "Savor the Southwest" 6:30 pm - Midnight

YOUTH ACTIVITY-Get Acquainted Hospitality 4 pm - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

NASCOE Scholarship Auction 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Casino Night "Ocean's 13th" 9 pm - Midnight

YOUTH ACTIVITY-Texas State Aquarium - 10 am - 3:30 pm
www.texasstateaquarium.org

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

RASCOE Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm

Texas Night "Sea, Sun and Fun" Beach Night 6:30 pm - Midnight

YOUTH ACTIVITY -Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History 10 am - 3:30 pm www.ccmuseum.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Social Hour 6 pm - 7 pm

NASCOE Awards "A Night Under the Texas Stars" 7 pm - 9 pm

DANCE - LIVE BAND 9 pm - 1 am

YOUTH ACTIVITY -NRA Safety Rules and Beware of Bullies 9:30 am - 11:30 am

YOUTH ACTIVITY -Arts and Crafts 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

YOUTH ACTIVITY -Pizza Party with Games 6 pm - 9 pm

For information regarding reservation availability you may call

1-800-843-6664 (1-800-The-Omni).

Make sure you let them know you are with NASCOE

Sign up for the Loyalty Program for special benefits and offers!

You can purchase TASCOC Raffle Tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 for the chance to win

Gift cards in the amount of

\$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25

**52nd Annual NASCOE
Convention 2011 Drawing
Chance To Win a
“2010 Polaris Ranger 400”
Value \$7,999
\$20.00 Ticket**

Need Not Be Present To Win.

*Drawing to be held on August 13, 2011 at the
NASCOE convention in Corpus Christi, Texas*

The cost of a raffle ticket is not a charitable contribution. Sales tax (if not exempt) and title transfer fees are the prize winner's responsibility. Prizes are not transferable and are not redeemable for cash.



For more info or Tickets

Contact: Kelly Lindsey @ 940-553-4394



52nd NASCOE Convention
August 11th – 13th, 2011
Omni Bayfront Hotel
Corpus Christi, Texas
800-843-6664

2011 REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		Other Guests:	
<i>Circle one:</i> Delegate Member DD RASCOE NAFEC Honorary Mbr			
Address:			
		FAX:	
Work Phone:	Cell:	Email:	

"Sparkling City by the Sea", Corpus Christi, Texas, will be the site of the 2011 annual NASCOE Convention. Guests are reminded to ask for "NASCOE" when making reservations at the Omni Hotel to take advantage of the special \$87.00 per night single room. Cut-off date for reservations is July 15, 2011. We encourage you to sign up for "Omni Select Guest" program for benefits prior to making reservations.

Please register for ALL events you are interested in even if there is no charge!

**Everyone over the age of 13 must register and pay registration fee;
 NASCOE Honorary Life Members only need to register.**

Date/Times	Events	Cost per person	How Many?	Total Due
***	Registration Fee <i>before June 15, 2011</i>	\$30		
***	Registration Fee <i>after July 1, 2011</i>	\$35		
***	Registration Fee <i>after July 15, 2011</i>	\$40		
Wednesday Aug. 10 th 8:00am - 4:00pm	"King Ranch" (Transportation and meal included) Working ranch; guided tour of cattle & horse operations, gin, feed lot & mill, farming, Saddle Shop	\$50		
Wednesday Aug. 10th 9:00am - 3:00pm	"USS Lexington/Texas State Aquarium" (Transportation included; Lunch on your own - restaurants located in area)	\$26 12 & Under - \$17		
Wednesday Aug. 10th <i>On Your Own</i>	"Day at the Beach" (Transportation <i>not</i> provided) tour area beaches of Port Aransas, Mustang Island, South Padre National Seashore, Corpus Public Beach	Free		
Wednesday Aug. 10th 1:00pm	NASCOE Golf Tournament (Lunch included) NorthShore Course in Portland <i>Handicap: _____</i> <i>Preferred Team Members: _____</i>	\$45		
Wednesday Aug. 10th 6:30pm - Midnight	Southwest Area Night – "Savor the Southwest" Shrimp Boil (Offsite, Transportation & Meal included) 9:00pm - DJ/Dance (Omni Bayfront) <i>If you wish, dress as Southwest/Western character for dance</i>	Free		
Thursday Aug. 11th 6:00pm – 8:30pm	NASCOE Scholarship Auction <i>Show your support with your presence and/or participation</i>	Free		
Thursday Aug. 11th 9:00pm - Midnight	Casino Night – "Ocean's 13" (Meal <i>not</i> included) <i>If you wish, dress as Casino/Gambler/Gangster character</i>	Free		
Friday Aug. 12th 11:30am - 1:00pm	RASCOE Luncheon	\$26.25		
Friday Aug. 12th 6:30pm - Midnight	Texas Night – "Sea, Sun and Fun" Beach Party (Offsite, Transportation & Meal Included) Family Entertainment; Live Band Music by "Flashback" <i>Wear your Lime Green Convention T-Shirt</i>	Free		

Saturday Aug. 13th 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Social Hour	Cash Bar		
Saturday Aug. 13th 7:00pm - 9:00pm	NASCOE Awards Banquet - "An Evening Under Texas Stars"	\$35		
Saturday Aug. 13th 9:00pm - 1:00am	Dance to music of Live Band	Cash Bar		
***	"Sea, Sun and Fun" Convention T-Shirt	\$15	Size(s) _____	

Note - All provided transportation will leave from Omni Bayfront Tower.

For Deep Sea Fishing details/arrangements, contact: Captain Kelly's (361) 749-5597 or Fisherman's Wharf (361) 749-5448 www.wharfcf.com

Youth Activities

Youth's Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Date/Times	Activities	Cost per person	How Many?	Total Due
Wednesday Aug. 10th 4:00pm - 5:30pm	Get Acquainted Hospitality (snacks provided) <i>Meet & greet other Youth present</i>	Free		
Thursday Aug. 11th 10:00am - 3:30pm	Texas State Aquarium (bring lunch money for Food Court at Aquarium)	\$8		
Friday Aug. 12th 10:00pm - 3:30pm	Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History (bring lunch money for Food Court)	12+ \$12.50 6-12 \$6		
Saturday Aug. 13th	9:30am-11:30am - "NRA Safety Rules" and "Beware of Bullies" <i>Teach kids ways to deflect bullying, report bullying, and ways to stop it</i> 1:30pm-3:30pm - Arts & Crafts (snacks provided)	Free		
Saturday Aug 13th 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Pizza Party with Games <i>attend our pizza party while Mom & Dad attend NASCOE Banquet</i>	Free		

***must submit Parental Consent Form for any and all Youth Activities;
form available at www.tascoe.org or at Registration Desk at convention.***

Sub-Total Page 1: \$ _____

Sub-Total Page 2: \$ _____


Registration Total: \$ _____

RETURN THIS FORM & MAKE
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **TASCOE**

TASCOE
c/o Schleicher Co FSA
P.O. Box G
Eldorado, TX 76939-1231

Questions?
Call: (432) 684-6781 Herb Sorley
(806) 385-4475 Penny Kelton

Important Information for Those Arriving By Air To
Corpus Christi International Airport

Shuttle Service Provided by:  **TASCOE & Omni Bayfront Hotel**

Arrival Date & Time: _____
Airline/Flight Number: _____
Number in Party: _____
Departure Date & Time: _____



We're baiting your hook!

Additional Convention Information available at www.tascoe.org

Outside the Ordinary

Greetings Northeast Area & Friends,

Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring (despite the recent weather, we're still believing it is on the way) and that means the NEA Rally is coming soon. The Delaware/Maryland Association is issuing another invitation to come join us in western Maryland for a weekend "Outside the Ordinary" on April 29 - May 1, 2011, which is the weekend between Easter and Mother's Day. Bring the whole family to extend the festive holiday family time.

The Rally location is the Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort, Maryland's only Pinnacle and AAA 4-Diamond award winning resort. The golf course is the only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course in Maryland and was voted one of the Top 10 courses you can play in MD. Come check out the course for yourself and make sure you have registered for the Friday Golf Tournament. There is also an onsite spa and there are outdoor activities available through Western Maryland Adventures. Western Maryland Adventures is providing our tour on Friday - a presentation, Scales & Tales, by a naturalist with animals on display at the aviary, then after lunch, a guided hike up to the summit where you have a breathtaking view of the four state region - MD, PA, WV & VA. You will find the time schedule and the cost on the registration form.

Speaking of registration, we are now pleased to offer a children's menu option at the banquet for those who are 10 years of age and younger. Details are on the form, which you can find at the NASCOE website. **The registration and reservation deadline of April 4 is not that far away.** Please get your registration in the mail and call the hotel to book your room(s). Also be aware that some Western Maryland Adventures activities as well as the spa require reservations in advance. Do not miss out on an activity because of lack of planning. Make sure you have made the necessary contacts to fill in your free time on Saturday afternoon. Their contact numbers are on the registration form.

Finally, some information about our fundraiser raffle. We are raffling three great items, two of which are pictured on the flyer posted on the NASCOE website. The third item is a stained glass hanging featuring a rooster. Tickets are \$5 each and all funds raised go to offset the cost of the Rally. The winner will be drawn at the NEA Rally Banquet, but you need not be present to win. So, take a chance, or three or four - you may end up a winner. Good luck! Thanks in advance for your participation and support.

So much to see and do plus a chance to walk away with a great prize - it truly will be a weekend "Outside the Ordinary." **A terrific location, wonderful opportunities to enjoy nature, great activities for the whole family, plus a reunion with your NASCOE family - it all awaits you in Cumberland, MD.** Make sure you have your calendar marked, your bags packed, and your reservations made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me - I am here to help. Thanks and looking forward to seeing you at the end of April.

For registration forms and more details go to: <http://nascoe.org/Northeast.aspx>

Carole Hill,
DMASCOE President