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- Continuing legal education and resource materials
- Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional, and national levels
- Commitment to a Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility
- Professional certification programs and designations



FROM THE PRESIDENT Robin Wilson, PLS

Spring Forward!

The membership met on January 5, 2016 via teleconference. Remember, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please provide them to me at robin.wilson@alexandriava.gov.

We had our Tips and Tricks Webinar on January 12th and had a pretty good turnout. Secretary Berman has more information in her section regarding the proceeds. **We donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation in honor of our former member Kay Hodges.** A letter was sent to Grant Hodges on behalf of NVLSA to offer condolences and apprise him of the donation. We donated to the Certification Library this year as oppose to donating to the VALS Scholarship. Lastly, we donated to the VALS' President gift fund.

We were to have our March Meet and Greet with guest speakers but it has been postponed to a later date. Vice President Howard and Secretary Berman will be working on this venture and will announce the new date, time and location. We applied for a grant for this project so keep your fingers crossed!!!!

Our very own NVLSA member, Darlene Howard, was installed in Tulsa, the weekend of February 26 as the new NALS President. Congratulations again Darlene!!!! We wish you luck.

Remember the VALS Raffle. Help the association sell tickets!!! A Samsung TV has been donated for raffle at the VALS Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Lori Stewart, PP, PLS, will have tickets for you to sell.

Stay in touch with NVLSA's website on Facebook for pictures and other information. Please forward any change of your information to our Vice President Darlene Howard at Darlene.howard@alexandriava.gov.

The Informer will continue to be distributed in June, September, December and March. Membership meetings will take place in September, November, January and April. Dates and times will be forwarded prior to meetings.

Our next meeting will be April 5th at 6 p.m., in City Hall, Conference Room 1102a and b. Please plan to attend as this will be the last meeting of the year until September. Look forward to seeing you then.

VP BLOG SPOT Darlene Howard

Law Day 2016

Miranda...more than words

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Law Day is held on May 1st every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation's best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows. Yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The 2016 Law Day theme—**Miranda: More than Words**—will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these

rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

NALS is participating as an Alliance Partner for American Bar Association's 2016 Law Day (www.lawday.org).

Attached to this edition, please find a copy of *Law Day 2016 Miranda more than words Dialogue Booklet*.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Patti Berman, PP

Greetings to all NVLSA members!

Spring is rapidly approaching, and I am looking forward to some exciting things that are coming up (flowers and warmer weather included).

As a follow up to our last newsletter, I wanted to thank everyone who participated in our Tech Tips and Tricks webinar in January. The webinar was well attended and was a really great presentation. Many thanks to Amy Bowser-Rollins who did an outstanding job, I know we all learned a new trick! As you know, the webinar fee was only \$5, and we donated the proceeds of \$60 to the **Virginia Veteran and Family Support Division**.

The next seminar in our series (which would coincide with our annual Meet and Greet) was tentatively planned for March 5, however, we have postponed that until April for a couple of reasons. Primarily, our delay was due in part that NVLSA wanted to apply for the NALS "Camp" Grant that is being awarded at the NALS Professional Development conference the end of February. We put together a proposal using the "camp" theme, but did a variation on that of a "Survivor" themed program. Fingers crossed that we will get the grant as that would really help us have a truly outstanding seminar/meet and greet! Even if we do not get the grant, we will still host the seminar/meet and greet in April. As soon as we have a few more details, we will send out an email, but please keep this on your radar. Since this will be an in-person seminar, it will be held on a Saturday.

And, I can't believe the VALS conference is coming up soon! I always look forward to our conference and hope you will plan to join us there.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming VALS Annual Conference.

See your VALS NEWS for info!

Dates to Remember:

Apr. 5, 2016	Membership Meeting at Alexandria City Hall
Apr. 8, 2016	Deadline for Interchapter Achievement Award
Apr. 10, 2016	Application Deadline for May ALP Exam
Apr. 29 – May 1, 2016	VALS Annual Convention, Chesapeake, Va.
May 1, 2016	Law Day
May 21, 2016	ALP Certification Exam
July 1, 2016	Early Bird Registration Deadline for NALS 65th Annual Conference & National Forum
Aug. 1, 2016	Application Deadline for September Certification Exams
Sept. 6, 2016	Membership Meeting Teleconference
Sept. 16-18, 2016	VALS Fall Institute, Richmond Va.
Sept. 24, 2016	PLS, PP, ALP Certificate Exam
Oct. 6-8, 2016	NALS 65th Annual Education Conference & National Forum
Oct. 10-14, 2016	Court Observance Week
Oct. 15, 2016	Application deadline for December ALP Exam
Nov. 1, 2016	Membership Meeting at Alexandria City Hall
Dec. 3, 2016	ALP Certification Exam
Jan. 3, 2017	Membership Meeting - Teleconference
Apr. 4, 2017	Membership Meeting at Alexandria City Hall - Election of Officers
Apr. 28-30, 2017	VALS Annual Convention, Roanoke, Va.

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