

CHAPTER 112 NARFE NEWSLETTER

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REPORT FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

CHAPTER 112 NEWS

CHAPTER 112 FALL MEETINGS. Chapter 112 will meet on the *second Tuesday in October, the 8th*, at the Sunny Street Café, 11692 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO 63131. The meeting room will open at 11:15 AM, we will order lunch by 11:30 AM., and begin the meeting soon thereafter. Chapter 112 will also meet at the Sunny Street Café on Tuesday, November 12, where BCBS, Aetna, and other carriers will discuss health benefits available in the annual FEHB Open Season. On December 10, plan to attend Chapter 112's Annual Holiday Party at the historic Missouri Athletic Club, 405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102. The club's Sportsman's Luncheon Buffet is not to be missed.

FEDCON24 IN ST. LOUIS AUGUST 18-20. The conference began with the National NARFE Annual Meeting. NARFE President William Shackelford and Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn Hensley, welcomed 450-500 NARFE members, including sixty-nine from Missouri. Our NARFE Region V Vice President, Cindy Renee Blythe, also welcomed us and led a discussion on pros and cons of voting on the pending proposed amendments to the NARFE national bylaws. Joanne Pike, President, and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, spoke about her organization's transformational efforts in Alzheimer's and dementia care, support, and research. Following the annual meeting, the actual conference began, opening with a Welcome Reception sponsored by Aetna and the NARFE Missouri Federation. Candidates for National President and Secretary/Treasurer for 2025-2026 spoke briefly about their qualifications for those positions. Conference attendees were able to choose four breakout sessions among a total of 18 sessions. All sessions were well attended and well received. Presenter slides for some of these sessions may be found on NARFE FedHub, Communities, FedCon24 Registrants. Go to [My Communities - FEDHub \(narfe.org\)](http://MyCommunities-FEDHub.narfe.org).

MONARFE Annual Meeting. Missouri NARFE held its 2024 annual meeting as the conference began. President Emerson Kretzer and Treasurer Marcy Nelson gave their annual reports. Emerson urged all NARFE members to get busy and recruit new members. Election results for the coming 2 years were as follows: President, Patricia Barrett; 1st VP for Legislation, Craig Pettibone; 2nd VP for Membership, Will Cooper; Treasurer, Marcy Nelson; and Secretary Kay Crayton. Region V VP Cindy Renee Blythe installed the newly elected officers, plus appointed officers Leslie McCormick, LPR/Webmaster, and Elbert Williams, PAC Chair. Past MONARFE President Laura Cowart became the new CDL for MO-8.

NARFE National Elections Underway. Instructions for voting online for NARFE National officers, and various by-law **amendments**, were emailed on August 21 to NARFE members who have given NARFE an email address. To vote electronically you will need your NARFE member number and unique voting PIN number found in your August 21 email from Election Services Co. for NARFE. Alternatively, you can use your pre-identified paper ballot included in the September issue of NARFE Magazine. *Votes must be received by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on Monday, September 30, 2024.*

LEGISLATIVE ACTION. All NARFE members are encouraged to review the “NARFE Bill Tracker” in the monthly NARFE Magazine, and to go to www.narfe.org to use NARFE’s Legislative Action Page under Advocacy to send sample letters, emails, texts, and social media posts, to their legislators in support of NARFE positions. Your participation is crucial in the pursuit of justice for federal employees and retirees. Current issues there include: (1) The Social Security Fairness Act, HR. 82, and S. 597, which call for repeal of the WEP/GPO. A total of 218 house members have signed a discharge petition to force a floor vote on HR 82. (2) The Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866, and S. 3194, which call for giving FERS retirees the same full COLA that CSDRS retirees receive. (3) The Saving the Civil Service Act. HR. 856 and S. 274, which would safeguard our merit-based civil service from potential disruptions and ensure our government remains nonpartisan. On August 13, I discussed these bills with Chris Walker, Field Representative, in Senator Eric Schmitt’s St. Louis Office. Action on these bills is still possible in the current 118th Session of Congress. All NARFE members are urged to log onto www.NARFE.org and use the Legislative Action Center to contact their Representatives and Senators urging endorsement and support for these bills.

- Craig Pettibone, Chapter President

Check out our new Chapter 0112 website. It was recently completed and opened for public access. It uses the NARFE standard format, menus, colors and structure for the top-level pages. Anyone, including non-members, may access most of the content. But, in compliance with NARFE website standards, one must be a member to access any content that has personal information about a member, such as their phone number or address. With the required 4-digit chapter number, our website address is narfe.org/chapter0112.

Please try it and send feedback by clicking the Contact Webmaster link at the bottom of each page. The website will have the latest chapter president’s report, the latest newsletter, and notifications of upcoming events.

CHAPTER 112 ALZHEIMER REPORT

The **2024 Saint Louis Walk to End Alzheimer's** is on Saturday October 26. It will be held again this year at the Chesterfield Amphitheater and Central Park, 631 Veterans Pl Dr, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Registration starts at 8:00 am, and the ceremony is at 9:15 am. The walk is scheduled for 10:00 am. The short route for the walk is less than one mile, and the longer route is about two miles. Email or call our Alzheimer coordinator below to donate or to join the NARFE team.

Your continued support for Alzheimer’s research is very much appreciated. For donations through Chapter 112, make checks payable to **NARFE Alzheimer's Research**. Send it to Laura Moore, 2619 Heger Court, Saint Louis MO 63110. Email Laura at lamwismar@gmail.com, or call and leave a voice message at 314-399-1122. **THANK YOU!**

- Laura Moore, Chapter Alzheimer Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Membership Activity. Since the last newsletter, two chapter members were dropped for non-renewal, and one dropped member was reinstated, resulting in a net loss of only one member. Nineteen members did renew during that period.

As of September 16th, there were 185 national-only NARFE members in Chapter 0112’s zip code areas that do not belong to a chapter. Statewide in Missouri there are 1,336 national-only NARFE members. If you have suggestions for attracting more chapter members, send a note to the Chapter 0112 President using the Contact Us tab on the new chapter website.

CHAPTER 112 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

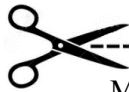
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Vote for 2025 Chapter Officers and Elected Board Members. Below is your Official Ballot for all elected positions on the NARFE Chapter 112 Greater St Louis Board. In accordance with the bylaws all members are allowed to vote by mail, by e-mail (mark and sign the ballot, then scan it into your computer), or in-person by voice during the October 8, 2024 chapter meeting. Listed below on the ballot is the slate of incumbent members who have filed for re-election.

We have one position with no candidate for 2025. If you would like to be the 1st Vice President, please write in your name on the ballot and you will be contacted. There is no requirement for a vice president to later move up to the president position.

You may vote for each position, or simply mark the box ADOPT ALL to vote for the entire slate of candidates. You can also write in the name of a member who wants to run for a position on the board.

All ballots need to be received by October 31, 2024. The election committee will present the total votes and winning slate on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the chapter meeting.



 Mail or Email ballot to: Nominations and Election Committee
 Elbert Williams
 304 W Old Watson Rd
 St Louis, MO 63119-5104
 elbertw@charter.net

ADOPT ALL ()

- () Craig Pettibone, President () _____ 1st Vice President (Legislation)
 () Laura Moore, 2nd Vice President (Membership) () Kim Mucciaccio, Secretary
 () Glen Richter, Treasurer () Jim Casey, Board Member () Lois Nowlin, Board Member

WRITE IN VOTE for: _____

Position: _____
 (Do not submit the name of anyone who has not agreed to run for that office)

Please sign the ballot and include your phone number:

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____



★★★ FALL 2024 – VOTE VOTE VOTE ★★★

Monthly Chapter Meetings: OCT 8TH NOV 12TH DEC 10TH

October 26 - 2024 Saint Louis Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held again this year in Chesterfield. Details inside.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

VOTE by September 30 for NARFE national officers using the ballot emailed to you or use the ballot in the September Magazine. VOTE by October 31 for the 2025 Chapter 112 Officers/Board Members using the ballot inside this newsletter. VOTE on or before November 5 in the general election for the USA President, and for MO state legislators and ballot initiatives.

December 10 Meeting – Annual Chapter Holiday Luncheon

Missouri Athletic Club – 405 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63102

TIME: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM CASH BAR: 11:00 AM LUNCH: 12:00 NOON

COST: \$25.00 - make check payable to: NARFE Chapter 112

No tickets are required. To make your reservation, sign up at the Oct or Nov chapter meetings; or mail your check to our treasurer Glen Richter, 5633 Chalet Manor Ct., St. Louis, MO 63129-4106 by Nov 30. You can also just call Glen at (314) 846-0519 for reservations.

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