

APRIL 2026 REPORT FROM NARFE CHAPTER 112 PRESIDENT, CRAIG PETTIBONE

April 14 C 112 Meeting. NARFE Chapter 112's April 14 meeting will be a special "Springtime" meeting at the historic Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) from 11 to 1 at 405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102. **Fred Wellman, Democratic Candidate running against Republican Ann Wagner for MO-2 Congressional District, will be our speaker. He is a dynamic speaker and speaks out in support of issues like affordability, health care, and retiring with dignity for ordinary citizens like us—federal employees, military members, and retirees.** Click on following link to learn more about Fred Wellman from his campaign website: [Wellman For Missouri](#). The cost of the MAC Sportsman's Buffet is \$25.00. Make check payable to: NARFE Chapter 112. To make your reservation, mail your check to our Treasurer Glen Richter, 5633 Chalet Manor Ct. St. Louis, MO 63129-4106 **by April 7**. You can also just call Glen at (314) 660-3994 to make your reservation. MONARFE Members of C 112 Greater St. Louis, C 1240 Florissant, C 1278 Jefferson County, and C 2071 West County are all being invited to join us for this event. *Invite prospective NARFE members you know to also join us.*

Our May 12 meeting will feature Dr. Beth Templin, owner of HouseFit Physical Therapy, www.housefitstl.com. Every day, people 55+ reach out to HouseFit looking for answers to questions about how to stay active and independent as they age. If that's you, then you will want to learn more about HouseFit. HouseFit provides a team of Physical Therapists who believe that fitness and independence are achievable at any age.

MONARFE 2026 Elections. Ballots included in Spring Newsletter posted at <https://www.narfe.org/mo/resources/mo-federation-newsletters/>. Newsletter was snail mailed to members who have not given NARFE an email address. **Vote by April 15.**

Missouri Federation 2026 Annual Meeting. MONARFE Members will be meeting in person at the Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach on April 22-23, 2026. Current plans are for the Federation Board to meet on the afternoon of April 22. The President's Reception will be that evening with the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2026. For updated information on the meeting and to book hotel rooms, see the **Events** page at www.narfe.org/mo/. Registration cost is \$50. The group code guests can use online is NARFE. Visit the [hotel website](#) and click on the "Groups and Conferences click here" button to use the code.

FEDCon26, August 20-25. **FEDcon26** will be held August 19-25, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Hyatt Regency. Events for the National Executive Board and Federation Presidents will be held August 19-23, with meetings for all participants on August 24-25. Registration is now open! For all the information, visit fedcon.narfe.org.

Advocacy Alert: Encourage Support for the Saving the Civil Service Act! The Trump Administration has finalized a rule to implement its plan to strip more than 50,000 federal employees of critical competitive service protections that ensure firings are based on merit, rather than political affiliation. The final rule creates a new excepted service schedule, Schedule P/C, formerly known as Schedule F, which will lead to the reclassification of tens of thousands of positions into the schedule. The Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 492/S. 134, sponsored by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-VA, and the late Rep. Gerry Connolly (now sponsored by Rep. James Walkinshaw, D-VA), would prohibit the implementation of Schedule P/C. If either your representative and/ or senator(s) are not cosponsoring the Saving the Civil Service Act, now is the time to urge them to stand up against corruption! NARFE opposed the proposed rule, submitted comments arguing against it (read official comment [here](#)), and is also challenging the policy via a lawsuit. **But NARFE needs your help!** Please reach out today to encourage your members of Congress to cosponsor the Saving the Civil Service Act and protect the integrity of the merit-based civil service, and also encourage your members to do the same! *Please share this link to [NARFE Legislative Action Center – NARFE](#) with your members, as well as this [link to the Saving the Civil Service Act phone script!](#)*

MARCH WAS NARFE-PAC MONTH. NARFE-PAC protects NARFE members' pay and benefits by raising and spending money to elect members of Congress who support the federal community. The PAC works for you by building strong relationships with lawmakers and providing NARFE with additional opportunities to share our most pressing concerns. NARFE members can sign in to www.narfe.org to access the NARFE-PAC members page where you can make contributions to the PAC, view contribution and disbursement reports, access NARFE-PAC materials and read through the PAC toolkit. *If you were able to contribute in March, thank you. More contributions are welcome at any time, particularly in a Congressional election year like 2026.*

All NARFE members are encouraged to review the “NARFE Bill Tracker” in the monthly NARFE Magazine and in an expanded version online at [NARFE Bill Tracker – NARFE](#). Also, go to “Advocacy” at www.narfe.org to use [NARFE Legislative Action Center – NARFE](#) to send sample letters, emails, texts, and social media posts, to their legislators in support of NARFE legislative initiatives. *NARFE member participation is crucial for gaining legislator's support.*