

## Chapter 112 President's Report for June 2026

**June 9 Chapter Meeting.** Our Tuesday, June 9, speaker will be **Trish Williams**. Trish has sustained ties to Alzheimers research with the Charles F and Joanne Knight **Alzheimers Disease Research Center** here in St Louis. Trish will speak to us about her current participation with the Knight AD Research Center Songbird Program. We will meet at the 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. If you cannot attend in person, the Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89154746029?pwd=VBuK19qLZwMaFGQRtLAszLElzK4sfJ.1> Meeting ID: 891 5474 6029. Passcode: 597287. Dial by your location. +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

**Upcoming Meetings.** Chapter 112 does not meet in July. Our next meeting will be August 11 at the Sunny Street Café in Des Peres. We have invited speakers from the **Soldiers Memorial and Military Museum (SMMM)** in downtown St. Louis: [Soldiers Memorial Military Museum | Find Yourself Here.](#) They will speak about the story of American military history through the lens of St. Louis, starting with the American Revolution to current times. They will also acquaint---or reacquaint--- us with the various services and activities that SMMM offers.

**Remember Red Bike Outreach.** Our March 12 speaker was **Kat Dunne** of Red Bike Outreach speaking to us on the situation of the un-housed in St. Louis. Items of various sorts like clothing, batteries, backpacks, tents, as well as funds, continue to be accepted at our chapter meetings. You can learn more about RedBike Outreach and make donations at: [www.redbikestl.org](http://www.redbikestl.org).

**Membership Recruiting Opportunity.** The **Federal Court Clerks Association (FCCA)** meets at St. Louis Hyatt at the Arch July 13-14-15. There will be no Cardinals Baseball games to tie up downtown traffic on those dates. Some 500 members from across the country will be here. We have opportunity to set up a NARFE recruiting table in exhibit hall. *I am seeking volunteers to recruit new NARFE members at FCCA. Please contact me if you would be able to come and help recruit.*

**Vote in Missouri Elections August 4.** FYI: Primaries & Four Constitutional Amendments on ballot.

**FEDCon26, August 19-26.** It is now time to plan to attend the next NARFE Biennial National Conference--**FEDCon26**. Your National Executive Board selected the Hyatt Regency, located at One South Capitol Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the conference location. The dates for all FEDCon26 events are August 19-26, 2026. The federation presidents and NEB meetings will be held from August 19-22, 2026. The NARFE annual meeting will be held on the morning of August 23, and the opening of FEDCon26 will be in the afternoon of August 23. Registration is now open at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). *As an incentive for developing leaders, MONARE will pay for member registration, hotel, milage, and parking up to \$1,200.*

**Legislative Action Update.** Due to the partial government shutdown and a war with Iran, there has been little legislative activity for the past quarter. NARFE continued to urge good faith bipartisan negotiations to end the shutdown. NARFE leaders in Washington are continuing to defend against cuts in employee pay, retiree annuities, and health benefits for employees and retirees and their families, including postal. NARFE is currently taking a close look at the Administration's proposed budget for FY 2027 which proposes no pay raise for federal employees and various cuts affecting at least our health benefits program, our Medicare benefits, and our Social Security benefits.

**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](http://www.narfe.org) to use [NARFE Legislative Action Center – NARFE](#) to send sample letters, emails, texts, and social media posts, to our Missouri legislators in support of NARFE legislative initiatives. *NARFE member participation is crucial for gaining legislator's support.*