

# What is a NARFE Chapter?

## The Importance of Chapter Advocacy?

A NARFE chapter is, perhaps first of all, a 501(c)(5) nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal civilian employees, annuitants and their survivors through a legislative advocacy group. Yes, we have federal retirement experts who assist members and their families. Yes, we do charitable work. Yes, we are a social group with common interests. Yes, we have educational speakers and eat well at our monthly luncheon meetings. But “Since NARFE’s founding in 1921, the association’s mission has been to defend and advance the earned pay and benefits of America’s civil servants.” <https://www.narfe.org/about-narfe> NARFE accomplishes that mission by advocating our goals directly with the legislators who create and modify legislation that affects the pay and benefits of active and retired federal employees.

Our national and federation offices and officials confer with our federal and state elected officials on legislative topics and issues important to us. But their strength and the strength of the chapters is the number of members who will be influenced to vote for the officials who support NARFE’s legislative efforts and goals *and let them know that*. That is the power of chapter member advocacy.

Check out these pages and sites to get informed and TAKE ACTION.

### Federal Legislation Advocacy Information Sources and Tools

- NARFE Advocacy web pages
  - Advocacy Home Page <https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/>
  - **NARFE Legislative Action Center** current campaigns (bill info and links to send emails to Congress, etc.)  
<https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/>
  - NARFE Voices Monthly Newsletter <https://www.narfe.org/narfe-voices-archive/>
- Federal Legislation information websites
  - GovTrack <https://www.govtrack.us>
  - Congress.gov <https://www.congress.gov>