

REGION III LEADERSHIP & TRAINING CONFERENCE

Hilton Garden Inn
Brunswick, GA

AGENDA

Friday, October 10, 2025
St. Simons Ballroom

- 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon NARFE Florida Federation Meeting
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Training Conference Registration**
Conference Center Lobby
- 3:00 to 3:30 PM Opening Ceremony
Moment of Silence – **Jane Finley**, GA Federation DVP IV
Pledge of Allegiance – **Arthur Bowens**, AL Federation President
Welcoming Remarks – **Lynn Harper**, Region III VP
Welcome to HGI – **Elaine Clark**
Welcome from Golden Isles Convention Bureau
Introduction of Special Guests – **Lynn Harper**
Introduction of Federation Presidents – **Lynn Harper**
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM **Presentations by Federation Presidents**
Alabama – **Arthur Bowens**
Florida - **Stephen Abney**
Georgia – **Rich Vitaris**
Mississippi – **Jerry Janci**
Puerto Rico – **Larry DeJesus**
South Carolina – **Kathryn Hensley**
- 4:00 – 4:10 PM **BREAK**
- 4:10 – 5:10 PM “HQ Legislative Update” (Via Zoom)
John Hatton – NARFE Staff VP, Policy and Programs
- 5:10 – 6:00 PM “Technology, Tips, Tricks, and Tools”
Jerry Pafford, GA Federation Webmaster

DINNER ON YOUR OWN



Saturday, Oct 11, 2025
St. Simons Ballroom

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM “Confronting Challenges - Membership & Financial”
Lynn Harper, Region III Vice President
- 9:30 – 10:20 AM Keynote Speaker
William Shackelford, NARFE National President
- 10:20 – 10:30 AM **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:25 AM **WORKSHOP GROUP I (Golden Isles Ballroom)**
“How to Prepare Proposed Bylaw Amendments”
Kathryn Hensley, SC Fed President, Former Nat S/T
Rhett Hamiter, MS Federation, 2024 Bylaws Chair
- 10:30 – 11:25 AM **WORKSHOP GROUP II (Jekyll Island Room)**
“Microsites – Chapters, Federations, & Regions”
Scott Stover, NARFE Florida Federation
- 11:30 – 12:50 PM **BUFFET LUNCHEON** (Ticket Required - Golden Isles Ballroom)
- 1:00 – 1:55 PM “Leading With Purpose”
Dan Rhoades, President & CEO,
Museum of Aviation Foundation
- 2:00 - 2:55 PM **WORKSHOP GROUP I (Jekyll Island Room)**
“Chapter Closures Made Easy”
Lynn Harper, RVP III, & Jane Finley, GA Fed District IV VP
- 2:00 – 2:55 PM **WORKSHOP GROUP II (Golden Isles Ballroom)**
“Ask a CAB, FEDHUB & Etc” (Via Zoom)
Martha Raup – CAB Chair
Clara Welch, Region III CAB Member
Dorothy Creswell, Region VI CAB Member
- 3:00 - 3:55 PM “How to Prevent Medicare and Prescription Drug Fraud”
Brenda Garrett, Senior Medicare Patrol
- 4:00 – 4:10 PM **BREAK**
- 4:10 – 5:10 PM **WORKSHOP – GROUP I (Jekyll Room)**
“Strengthening Advocacy, Expanding Membership”
Rich Vitaris, GA Fed President
Janice Burgess, GA Fed VP/Membership Chair



- 4:10 – 5:10 PM **WORKSHOP – GROUP II (Golden Isles)**
Ignite Your Potential: Training for Chapter Officers
Lynn Harper, Region III Vice President
- 5:15 – 5:20 PM Announcements
- 6:30 PM – Until **GROUP DINNER** (Location to be Announced, Pay as you go)

Sunday, Oct 12, 2025
Golden Isles Ballroom

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

- 8:30 – 8:50 AM Comments from our Sponsors
- 8:50 – 9:45 AM “Mentoring”
Calvin Stevans, GA Federation
- 9:45– 10:40 AM “National Only Members – How to Engage Them”
Lynn Harper, Region III Vice President
- 10:40 – 10:55 AM **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 11:55 AM “NARFE Reports and What are LSA’s?”
Linda Silverio, (Via Zoom)
Former RVP/Member of Dues Category Study
- 12 Noon – 1:00 PM “Panel Discussion” (Nat President, RVP III, Fed President,
Chapter President, NARFE Member)
Rich Vitaris, Moderator
(Questions must be submitted NLT Saturday at 5:00 PM)
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM Conference Recap
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM Announcements/Special Thanks
- 1:45 – 1:55 PM Door Prize Drawings
- 2:00 PM **ADJOURN**
- 2:30 – 6:00 PM GA Federation Executive Board Meeting

