

**DAKOTA FEDERATION OF
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

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1st ANNUAL DAKOTA FEDERATION CONFERENCE

**54th ANNUAL SOUTH DAKOTA FEDERATION
CONVENTION/CONFERENCE**

May 15 - 16, 2026

**RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Amphitheatre I

NARFE —

CHANGING FOR THE FUTURE —

CONFERENCE

All Meetings are in Amphitheatre 1

Friday, May 15

8:00 – 10:00	Sponsor Booth Setup	Atrium
8:00 – 10:00	Alzheimer's Research	Amphitheatre I Silent Auction set-up
8:00 – 10:00	Registration	Atrium
10:00	Opening Meeting Daryl Zimmerman, Federation President Presentation of Colors VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post 2038 Color Guard, Pierre, SD Pledge of Allegiance Invocation/Moment of Silence	Amphitheatre I
10:15	Welcome to Pierre Mayor Steve Harding, Pierre, SD	
10:25	Legislative- Grassroots Involvement John Hatton, NARFE Staff Vice President, Policy and Programs	
10:55	Announcements	
11:00	Legislative Updates Mike Rounds, United States Senator	
11:30	William Shackelford, NARFE National President	
11:55	Announcements	
12:00	Lunch	Lake Sharpe
	Sponsored by Cornerstone	
1:00	FEHB and PSHB plans, Medicare, Switching Plans Outside Open Season Shannon Horgan, Aetna	
1:30	Region V Vice President VP Linda Sawvell	
2:00	Value Added to Meetings, Recruiting and Publicity Nora MacDonald, NARFE Senior Director, Member Engagement	
2:45	Mental Health & Well-being Morgan Mettler, FEP Business Consultant Blue Cross/Blue Shield	
3:30	Coffee Break Sponsored by AETNA	Atrium
4:00	Government Employees Health Association Insurance Katy Molthan, GEHA	
5:00	Close of Sessions	

5:15-6:00	Evening social hour (No Cash bar)	Ramkota Bar
6:00	Evening Dinner	Lake Sharpe
7:00	Evening program Awards Installation of Officers	Amphitheatre I

Saturday, May 16

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8:00 –12:00	Sponsor Booths Alzheimer’s Research & Silent Auction	Atrium Amphitheatre I
8:00	Meeting Opens	
8:00	Federal Benefits Institute Webinar Which One? (See pager 14)	
9:00	Alzheimer’s Update - Irvin Kuo, Region V Alzheimer’s Coordinator	
9:30	Coffee Break Sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Atrium
10:00	Memorial Service Karen Jensen	
10:30	Open Session – Q&A, Future Daryl Zimmerman	
11:30	Last chance to visit with sponsors and put in your final Alzheimer’s tickets	
11:45	Alzheimer’s Research Silent Auction Closes Drawing for prizes	
12:00	Sponsor Booths Close	Atrium
12:00	Lunch	Lake Sharpe
1:30	Annual Meeting Roll Call of Officers Presentation of Chapter Presidents Secretary Report Treasurer Report Audit Committee Report Reports: Memorial Service Alzheimer’s Research Silent Auction	
2:30	Close of meeting	
3:00	Post Conference Executive Board Meeting	Amphitheatre I