# NARFE Chapter 1074 - Newsletter - September 2021



## National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)

Sun City Center Chapter #1074

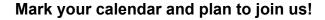
#### NARFE Mission Statement

Our Purpose: NARFE is committed to preserving federal retirement benefits for all civilian employees and retirees around the world. NARFE is the sole organization standing for the protection of federal employee retirement benefits by uniting civilian employees, retirees, survivors and spouses.

## **Speaker for September 2021**

At the September meeting our speaker will be our own Doug Gatchell. Doug will talk about ammateur radio, what it really is and why it's important to our community.

Our September meeting is Friday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 3747 Sun City Center Blvd in Sun City Center (back room).





#### **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER 1074**



Jane Lemley swears in Paul Burkle as Chapter 1074 President - Aug 13, 2021

Do you read the entire article of a newspaper or just the headlines? Do you listen to the entire news story on radio or TV, or tune out after the reporter gives the lead- in lines? In this day and age of news being thrown at us from multiple sources, how are we to distinguish between the facts and fake news?

Our governments, both state and national, are becoming more expertise on giving us headlines that catch our attention, but then they don't want us to read or listen to the "rest of the story" so that we can discover the actual story for ourselves.

If we don't agree with what is being legislated in Tallahassee or Washington, NOW is the time to start researching for the 2022 election. The entire US House of 435 members will face re-election as do 34 of the members of the Senate. Vern Buchanan and Marco Rubio, two of our three members in Congress are facing re-election. Between now and then, check our voting records on issues of interest to NARFE members!

#### STRENGTHEN YOUR RECRUITMENT PITCH

Use the NARFE ELEVATOR SPEECH to develop and practice a short statement that defines what NARFE is and what we do. For example: NARFE gives active and retired Feds all the resources and information you need to get the most out of your federal benefits. We're also your voice in Washington, defending and advancing the earned pay and benefits of all federal employees and retirees.

When you meet folks, strike up a conversation and mention your involvement with NARFE. When they ask "what is NARFE" give them your elevator speech and hand them a brochure. Brochures can be obtained from your Membership Chairman, or you can request some via email: membership@narfe.org. Keep a brochure with you wherever you go.

Tell them about our monthly meetings on the second Friday of each month and invite them to attend.

Every new member counts. Let's all help NARFE keep growing.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S Contributions**

Our Chapter, along with other NARFE chapters actively supports Alzheimer's and their important research is combating this disease. If you would like to make a special donation to this fund, please see our Chapter Treasurer, Margie King, or mail your donation to NARFE Chapter 1074, P. O. Box 5194, Sun City Center, FL 33571. These donations are passed on annually to either the Byrd Institute, and/or to our local Alzheimer's organization. Thank you.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 10

Monthly NARFE 1074 Meeting...Denny's Restaurant...11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Doug Gachell representing the Radio Clubs of Sun City Center.

October 8

Monthly NARFE 1074 Meeting...Denny's Restaurant...11:00 A.M.

Speaker: TBD

November 12

Monthly NARFE 1074 Meeting...Denny's Restaurant...11:00 A.M.

Speaker: Charlene Hollars, representing BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

December 10

Monthly NARFE 1074 Meeting...Denny's Restaurant...11:00 A.M.

Speaker: TBD

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#### NEED YOUR HELP...

Several positions are vacant right now and just waiting for you to "step up to the plate."

We need volunteers for: Legislative Officer, Service Officer, Alzheimer's Chairman, Chapter Photographer.

If you can spare a little time to help us with these positions, we will be pleased to provide training. Please contact any of our officers. Thank you.

### **MEMBERSHIP – Reba Goewey, Chairman**

#### **CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

We have lost two members this past month:

Opal R. Oehler of Sun City Center, FL

James R. Windle of Sun City Center, FL

### **WELCOME BACK**

Charlene Hollars reinstated her membership. Welcome back Charlene.

Our local Chapter 1074 meets on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the back room of Denny's Restaurant, 3747 Sun City Center Blvd, in Sun City Center. We invite each of you to visit us and make your contribution to joining the effort to ensure our benefits are secure and in our best interest.

#### **NOVEMBER OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Although we just went through the election process, we will have one office vacant that will need to be filled. We will nominate candidate(s) in November and vote in December for the office of Vice President. The primary responsibility for this office is to take over any meetings when the President is present. This office will also assist in other projects as directed by the Board. If you are interested in helping the chapter by accepting this office, please contact one of our current officers.

Do you know what a WEBINAR is? Watch next month's newsletter for good information for all NARFE members.

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# US Congressional Information for Sun City Center, FL

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Senator Marco Rubio		
801 N. Florida Ave. Suite 1130	284 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	
Tampa, FL 33602	Washington, DC 20510	
Tel: (813) 853-1099	Tel: (202) 224-3041	
Representative Vern Buchanan		
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Bradenton, FL 34205	Washington, DC 20515	
Tel: (941) 747-9081	Tel: (202) 225-5015	

# **DISCLAIMER REQUIRED BY IRS**

Dues payments and gifts of contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

#### **OUR MEETINGS**

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month. Location: Denny's Restaurant, 3747 Sun City Center Blvd. in Sun City Center, FL. Time: 11:00

a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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