



# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

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### July – August 2017 Newsletter

#### July 18 meeting:

Is there a topic of interest to you (and probably other members) that would make a good program topic at a future meeting? We are trying to meet members' needs but need to know what is of burning interest for you. Come share your ideas in a brainstorming session that will most likely trigger other ideas for future programming.

#### August 15 meeting:

August is NARFE Grass-Roots Advocacy month. Representatives from the offices of Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Representative Noem will be present to discuss issues which impact NARFE members. The discussions will be limited to only issues which directly affect active and retired federal employees. Legislation outside of these parameters will not be open for discussion.

#### College of NARFE Knowledge:

Are you curious about how the NARFE organization works? What about the latest on legislation at the national level? National, Regional and Federation personnel will present a two-day seminar called the College of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska from 4 p.m. August 28 until noon August 30. Many topics will be presented in a round robin style so you can hear all the presentations. Registration is \$85, due August 17. Rooms are \$95 plus tax per day and must be reserved by August 10. The Federation will pay registration fees for two first-time attendees from each district on a first-come basis. Please contact chapter Secretary John Bultsma for

registration materials. This is a gem of a conference and should not be missed!

#### NARFE Perks:

NARFE has a number of affinity partners that offer discounts to NARFE members. Near the back of each NARFE magazine are a couple of pages listing companies that offer savings. Since we're into the grilling and travel time of year, take note of the discounts offered by Omaha Steaks, three car rental agencies and three hotel chains. NARFE offers these perks as a way of showing appreciation and saying "Thank you for your membership."

#### Alzheimer's Research:

Jan Tollefson recently assumed the position of Chapter Alzheimer's Research Coordinator. At the last meeting, she introduced members to the purple coin bank which will be present at the registration table each meeting. The idea is to keep Alzheimer's Research needs visible at every meeting. Each contribution helps, whether it is loose pocket change or an extra bill that you might have in your wallet. The inaugural appearance of the bank netted over \$20 so it was well received and benefits a cause that affects everyone. Watch for upcoming opportunities to donate to Alzheimer's Research.

#### Chapter Officer Elections:

This may seem like an unlikely topic for the middle of the year since chapter elections do not occur until November. The reason it is being brought up now is that chapters do not close because of lack of members or funds. Chapters close because no one will step forward to share their skills learned

over their years of federal employment. None of the chapter offices are difficult because of the support system among other officers. It is understood that it is a volunteer position, not a full-time job.

Please consider volunteering for a position for 2018. You have time to shadow a current officer to find out if you really like the position before making a final decision.



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Sioux Falls NARFE Chapter 0201 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in room Sertoma B at Active Generations located at 2300 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Hope to see you there!

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