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### **March-April 2017 Newsletter**

#### **March 21 meeting:**

While the topic of this month's program may be unusual, it deals with inevitability we all face. Jeff Gould, Preplanning Specialist and Manager at Miller Funeral Homes will speak on "Seven Mistakes to Avoid in Funeral Planning."

#### **April 18 meeting:**

Anna Perry, MSW, spouse of chapter member William Perry, will speak on the topic of Advance Directives. Anna is on staff at the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System.

#### **State NARFE Federation Convention:**

The SD Federation of NARFE Chapters Convention will be held at the Pierre Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center on May 9-11, 2017. Attending the Federation Convention is an educational and enjoyable experience. This year, National NARFE Secretary/Treasurer Jon Dowie is the special guest. Other highlights are presentations by National President Richard Thissen (by Skype), Region V Vice President Carol Ek, Region V Alzheimer's Coordinator Lois Nowlin and a Legislative Department update (by Skype). There will also be discussion on how to change our federation bylaws to conform to the new national bylaws which were approved at the 2016 national meeting. Our chapter is allotted 10 delegates so that our membership can be fully represented. You can be a delegate regardless of your length of membership. Registration fee is \$65 and includes training sessions, breaks, noon lunch and banquet on Wednesday. Convention registrations are due April 1 and can be made through chapter secretary

John Bultsma. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 605-224-6877 and telling them you are a NARFE member to get the special room rate of \$101 for single or \$110 for double per night (taxes and fees included).

#### **Alzheimer's Research Silent Auction:**

There will be a silent auction at the convention with all proceeds going to Alzheimer's Research. If you have an item that you would wish to donate, please let one of the leadership team know so that we can get the item to the convention if you are not attending.

#### **Federation Raffle:**

A raffle to benefit Federation operations will also be held at the convention. Funds generated by this raffle help the federation subsidize attendance at College of NARFE Knowledge, National Legislative Conferences and National NARFE meetings and conferences. Without this support, those representing SD NARFE members at these necessary events would bear all costs at their own expense. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the March and April meetings. First prize is \$200, second \$100 and third \$50. The drawing will be at the convention banquet on May 10. Winners need not be present to win.

#### **NARFE-PAC:**

Did you notice the NARFE-PAC wrapper on the March issue of *narfe* magazine? It shows many of the threats facing federal employees and retirees. March is NARFE-PAC month and your contributions to NARFE-PAC are critically needed to fund advocacy activities to preserve our earned

pay and benefits. Only NARFE members may contribute to NARFE-PAC. To keep it operating as one of the most influential PACs in Washington, your personal contributions are vital. Please use the form and postage paid envelope on the magazine wrapper to make your contribution today!

This is extremely critical as we face the 2017 Congressional budget process (see article on page 8 of the March NARFE magazine). Make a generous investment today to save your earned pay and benefits!



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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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