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Messages from the President, Marci Vogel

Greetings everyone and a Happy New Year to all.

Again as I begin a new year as president, our Chapter will be hosting the 54th Annual SC NARFE Federation Conference to be held on March 26-28 2018 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, 10000 Beach Club Drive Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

The registration form is included with this newsletter on page 5. So please mark your calendars for the March dates and reserve your hotel rooms (great rates) and send in your registration forms early. We would love to have everyone come to Myrtle Beach as the weather (usually) is very warm at that time of the year. After January 1st the planning team and others will have work to do in the preparation for this event. I would love to see a great turn out of members from the top to bottom of the state show up for this event.

Messages from the Vice President, Blake Crawford

Update of Chapter 1015 Bylaws

Chapter 1015 of NARFE has completed revision of its bylaws and they have been approved by a vote of the membership in accordance with the existing procedures. Revisions have been forwarded (December 14) to the NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer with a courtesy copy to the Secretary, SC Federation, for review and approval.

CHAPTER 1015 LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Dates: Thursday's-January 18, February 15, March 15-Time: 11:30 AM. Place: Damon's Restaurant, 29875 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle, Beach SC (near Springmaid Resort). Menu: You may order from the regular Lunch Menu and each get their own check. Call for reservations: Marci Vogel 843-215-4149. We need to know how many to expect. Reservation deadline is Wednesday January 17, 2018. Need a ride? Call one of the officers.

Legislative Report - Cathy Linta-Leader

Budget: Lawmakers passed another short term spending bill to tide federal agencies over until January 19 and Congressional negotiators are eyeing federal employees to help them pay for any further increase. The Trump administration has already told agencies to plan for a government wide- pay freeze in 2019 and has voiced support for reducing the work force's benefits package. Congress has frequently in years past cut feds' compensation to pay for other spending. Don't let them do it again!

Postal Service Reform Act of 2017, H.R. 756: Forces current retirees 65 and over and their spouses to enroll in Medicare in order to keep their federal health benefits. Yes, this means they can't enroll in FEHBP plan unless they are enrolled in Medicare. Think you won't be affected if you're not a Postal Service retiree? Let me assure that if this legislation passes, all federal retirees could be next.

TSP Modernization Act, H.R. 3032: The President signed this legislation into law, providing more flexible withdrawal options for TSP participants. See Page 7 of your December NARFE magazine for details.

Advocacy Campaigns: Visit the Legislation tab on the NARFE website. www.narfe.org to send pre-drafted letters to your congressional leaders.

NARFE Legislative Hot line: Receive a weekly update of legislative news, also available at www.narfe.org or by calling 800-456-8410.

Sunshine and Membership/Committee, Lynn Vos

NARFE Chapter 1015 sent thank you notes to the Pagani's for the delightful Christmas luncheon, and to Jody Nyers for updating our Chapter Roster for the past few years. Thanks Jody for a job well done.

January Birthdays: Celeena Murphy, Rudy Irving, John Hughes, and Barbara Bryan

Schedule Changes for Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board will meet at the Surfside Library, 410 Surfside Drive, Surfside Beach, SC on the following dates: Thursday- January 25-10:00 AM, Thursday- February 22-10:00 AM. Meetings will be conducted in the Conference Room. All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend. All members are welcomed.

Alzheimer's/Update - Linda Kossow-Pagani

Dinner-Dance for Alzheimer's Research

On Saturday January 27, 2018, 6:00 P:M at the Grand Strand Senior Center in Myrtle Beach we will have our Chapter's major fund raising project for Alzheimer's. Last year we were top donor at the Federation level. Chapter 1015 has been a SC NARFE Federation leader of donations for Alzheimer's' Research for at least the past 15 years Let us keep up the good work! All money donated goes to Alzheimer's' Research. Our National NARFE Representative actually has input for research projects. Music will be provided by the Memory Spinners (Oldies-Country-Ball Room). DJ is our own Dorothy McCawley. The food preparation and serving is by Son's of Italy Chapter 2662, complements of our member Don Pagani and crew. Spaghetti Dinner, sodas and desserts are included. Ticket price is \$12 per person. Tickets are available at the Senior Center and at the next NARFE meeting, 18 January or call Linda, 843-424-2632 for tickets and/or information. Payment should be made in cash or check and written to NARFE Chapter 1015 Alzheimer's' Research Council. Plan to attend. Get your tickets early. Tell your friends and neighbors about it. It is a fun way to raise money for a good cause.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Billie Nichols

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

The January Newsletter will be available 16 January 2018 at www.1015.scnarfe.org. Those with Internet access may go to this web site to review the monthly newsletter.

Members without internet access will receive the newsletter by USPS or a copy will be available at our monthly Chapter Meeting, January 18. However, internet access is strongly recommended due to the high cost of printing and mailing future editions. If you previously received the newsletter by USPS and now have an email address, please provide your new email address to the Chapter Membership/Committee Chair - Lynn Vos-843-748-0173 or Billie L Nichols-843-839-0598.

We greatly appreciate your help on this matter and want to be sure all members have access to the new procedures for the new Chapter Newsletter.

Welcome to the new folks of 2017 - Bob Perniciaro, Mary Beth Hawn, Barbara Bryan, Mary Brady, Joel (Jody) Smith, and Kathleen Dunn. Please continue to bring in eligible members. We want to share knowledge.

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Marci Vogel	843-215-4149
Vice-President	Blake Crawford	301-213-4351
Secretary	Joyce Jones	405-334-2970
Assistant Secretary	Billie Nichols	843-839-0598
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Legislative	Cathy Linta-Leader	843-750-0275
Chaplain	John Hughes	843-369-1250
Fifty-Fifty	Barbara Bryan	843-796-2136
Sgt at Arms	Ken Trinkley	843-234-1243
Service Officer	Carolyn Webb	843-750-0768
Sunshine/Membership	Lynn Vos	843-748-0173
Alzheimers'	Linda Kossow- Pagani	843-424-2632
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REGISTRATION FORM

54TH ANNUAL SC NARFE FEDERATION CONFERENCE — MARCH 26-28, 2018

SIGN-IN: MARCH 26 (NOON TO 3:45 PM & 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM) & MARCH 27 (7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM)

OPENING CEREMONY: MARCH 26 AT 4:00 PM

Make hotel room reservations for SC NARFE Conference direct with:

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort — 10000 Beach Club Drive — Myrtle Beach, SC 29572-5304

Toll Free Reservations: 800-876-0010

On Line Reservations: When making an on line reservation, indicate this is with the **Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort** and use **group code NAR** for the special conference rate. Ignore any mention of a resort charge because it is waived for our group.

[Click here](#) to book your room on line. **Cut Off Date for Hotel Reservations is February 22, 2018.**

Three additional days before March 26 and after March 28 may be reserved at the conference rate. The special conference rate is \$104.00, plus taxes of 12% for a **total cost of \$116.48** per night.

Late reservations are subject to availability and prevailing rate. Self parking is complimentary. If needed, valet parking is available for \$15.00.

Note: Use a separate conference registration form for each registrant. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Badge Name, if different from First Name _____

Mailing Address: Street or PO Box # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

(ONLY CHECK ONE) National Member Chapter Member Guest

If chapter member, enter Chapter No. ____ & Chapter Name/Location _____

Current **Chapter Officer** Position/Positions _____

Current **Federation Officer** Position/Positions _____

Past **Federation President** (show dates of service) _____

SC NARFE Federation Conference registration fee is \$75.00 per person. The fee includes the reception Monday evening (at 6:30 pm) and banquet buffet (with two entrée selections) Tuesday evening (at 6:00 pm). **Please submit payment in full by February 27, 2018.** Late registration fee postmarked after February 27, 2018, is \$85.00.

Registration cancellations between March 1 and March 8, 2018, will be charged a \$15 handling fee and any cancellation between March 9 and March 26 will be charged a \$35 fee. Any cancellation fee will be waived if it is due to hospitalization or other serious problem depending on what meal function guarantees have been made. Payment shall be made by check payable to SC NARFE Federation Conference and mailed with this registration to: SC NARFE Federation Conference, ATTN: Joe Arsenaault, 4296 Livorn Loop, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Special dietary needs (check box): Vegetarian Gluten-free Dairy-free Kosher or other (please specify below)

Do not write in this area; it is for Treasurer use only:

Item No _____ Received _____ Check No _____ \$ Amount _____ Registrations _____ Deposit Date _____