



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION/MEUNIER-PERRY
CHAPTER 1015 NEWSLETTER
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**Message from the President of
Chapter 1015
Marci Vogel**

Greetings everyone. I hope everyone is well and doing well. I have just a reminder for everyone:

May 17th Thursday will be Chapter 1015 annual picnic at the MB State Park beginning at 11:30AM.

Hope to see everyone there for some good food and fun, fun.

**Message from Vice-President of
Chapter 1015
Blake Crawford**

Don't let the summer pass you by. Get involved in "Learning for a Lifetime". Sign up for membership in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (coastal.edu/olli). You can register online or call 843-349-5002.



Picnic in the Park

**Place: Myrtle Beach State Park
Thursday-May 17-11:30AM
Shelter 1**

Cost: \$6.00 per person which will be collected at the picnic.

Our Chef, Don Pagani, will prepare sausages, hotdogs, and hamburgers. The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs & rolls, sausages, condiments, cups, plates & utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. When you make the reservation, let us know what dish you plan to bring. The shelter is covered and has picnic tables & benches. If you want to sit outside, bring your chair. To share cars and save \$5 park fee to get into the park, meet at 11:15AM in the parking lot in front of where the Flea Market used to be. Please make your reservations by Monday, May 14th. You may call Linda at 843-424-2632.

We will play BINGO for prizes, and have an extra raffle for special prizes. Please be reminded there is a fee to enter the park. Those who have a yearly pass can enter free with a car full of people.

Legislative Report

Cathy Linta-Leader

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY ELECTION

All of South Carolina's executive officers will be up for election as well as all of South Carolina's seven seats in the United States House of Representatives. This includes the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. Tom Rice, currently the US Representative for our district, District 7, is seeking re-election.

May 11 – deadline to register to vote in person

May 13 - deadline to register to vote online, by fax, or email

May 14 – deadline to register to vote by mail (must be postmarked by this date)

June 12 – primary election

TV DEBATES - South Carolina's Democrat and Republican candidates for governor will take part in a series of televised debates prior to the June 12 primary. South Carolina ETV will televise the Republican debate May 23 at Clemson and June 5 at the University of South Carolina (USC). The Democrats' debate will be televised May 24 at Clemson and June 4 at USC.

POSTAL REFORM BILL

The Postal Reform Act of 2018 introduced by a bipartisan Senate committee requested the bill bypass the committee process and head straight to the floor for vote. The proposal states that postal retirees will not be able to sign up for a FEHBP plan if they do not sign up for Medicare Part B when eligible. The bill itself is troubling but the sponsors are fast-tracking the process thereby preventing the thorough review this measure deserves. Think this won't affect you because you are not a postal retiree? Think again. If the proposal is passed, it could be the first step in requiring all federal retirees sign up for Medicare or else lose their health insurance plan.

NARFE'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

Visit the Legislative Action Center at www.narfe.org to send letters to Senators Lindsay Graham, Tim Scott, and Congressman Tom Rice. These pre-drafted letters allow you to express your sentiments about the bills affecting federal employees and retirees



**Alzheimer's Research Officer
Linda Kossow-Pagani**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be October 27, 2018. NARFE Chapter 1015 has a team again this year.

More information to follow.

Pawleys Island Chapter 1958

Welcome to our neighboring Pawleys Island NARFE Chapter 1958. We are happy to have you visit our monthly meetings and hope you will attend our annual NARFE 1015 Picnic in the Park on May 17. The cost is only \$6.00 per person. You are most welcomed and if we can be of assistance to your Chapter, please don't hesitate to ask.



**Sunshine and
Membership/Committee
Lynn Vos**

Happy Birthday for May

**Donna Irving, Jessica Forman,
Judy Gale Todd and**

Wanda Duncan

Welcome new member

John Montreal

**Message from the Newsletter
Editor**

Billie Nichols

Important NARFE election season is almost here with internet voting scheduled to open May 10. By mail voting: A ballot will be included in the June edition of NARFE Magazine. Voting ends at 11:59 AM, June 30, if voting by mail, you should mail your ballot at least seven days prior to June 30th. **Each member of the association in good standing as of March 15, 2018 may vote in the upcoming election.**

Please become educated on the issues and candidates so that you will be an informed voter and please exercise your right and responsibility to vote either online or by mail.

REMEMBER MOM

Sunday May 13

Meetings & Luncheon Change to Chapter 1015 General Meeting

Our General Meeting for the month of May will be Thursday May 17, 11:30AM at the Myrtle Beach State Park (See Picnic in the Park announcement).

We will return to Damon's Restaurant, 29875 South Ocean Blvd at 11:30AM-Thursday-June 21 (Near Springmaid Resort). Call Marci Vogel for reservations at 843-215-4149. We need to know how many to expect. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, June 20.



Schedule of Changes for Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet May 24 at 9:00AM at the Socastee Library located at 141 707 Connector Rd, Socastee. The library is located behind the Turtle Market Gas Station. If you get lost, call the library at 843-215-4700 for directions.

A Memorial Day Memory By: Dene Tothill Nichols

He was tall and lanky. Probably about sixteen years old. I imagined him to have twinkling blue eyes to compliment his short cropped red hair and freckles evident even from afar. Judging from the fit of his clothes, Larry had had a recent growth spurt. His wrists dangled from the end of his sleeve and his pants barely covered the tops of his socks. But he didn't care. He always had a friendly smile and waved to me as he passed by our house on his way to school. I looked forward to seeing him each day.

Time went on and the country was bleak in the middle of WW II. My Grandfather went to his patriotic work at the Torpedo Plant in Alexandria, Virginia while my father helped keep the railroads running. My grandmother harvested the crops from our victory garden, canned them, and carefully managed our food rations. My mother maintained the telephone switchboard at Fort Belvoir, Virginia so that the boys could phone home. As for me, I waited for Larry.

One day my grandmother and I were walking passed Larry's house. There was a banner with a star hanging on the door. I asked what it meant. Grandma kind of hung her head and said: "Larry won't be passing by our house anymore". It took years before I realized the magnitude of those words.

How sad. My heart goes out to all the Larrys and their parents in this country who have and will make sacrifices to keep this country free.

Have a safe Memorial Day