



**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**

Here is a big thank you to all for the wonderful turnout and to Mayor Bethune for making the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Myrtle Beach NARFE Conference 2018 a huge success. Next year the conference will be held in Columbia, SC.

**SC NARFE Federation**

**2018-2019 Newly Elected Officers**

<b>Robert Shear</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Blaine Lotz</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>Clara Gillentine</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Betty Hawkins</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

**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 honor us with your presence at our annual NARFE 1015 Picnic in the Park in May. You are most welcome and if we can be of assistance to your Chapter, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

On April 19, 2018, at the monthly Chapter 1015 meeting, I will speak on opportunities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Coastal Carolina University and what it offers and provides for older adults. You don't want to miss this informative discussion.

**Mark your calendars and check your mail  
boxes-Upcoming Events**

**A new Medicare Card with a new  
number.**

You may have heard that Medicare is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards starting in April 2018. Also, starting in April 2018 Medicare will begin mailing new Medicare cards with new numbers that are unique to you. This change will help keep your information more secure and help protect your identity. Make sure your mailing address is up to date. You can contact Social Security at [ssa.gov/my](http://ssa.gov/my) account or call 1-800-772-1213.

## Legislative Report-Cathy Linta-Leader

- Over 23,000 federal employees [left federal employment during the first nine months of 2017](#), a 42% increase from departures in the same period during Obama's first year in office.
- The House of Representatives passed the continuation of an old procedural rule, the Holman Rule that would give Congress the ability to cut the pay of individual federal workers and eliminate entire agency programs. House Republicans extended the Holman Rule through the end of the current Congress by [adding it to H.Res. 787](#), which provides for the consideration of two unrelated bills.
- The President's 2019 budget proposals will cost federal employees and retirees \$192,000,000,000. YES, that's 192 BILLION dollars and includes reductions or elimination of COLAs, increased retirement contributions, and pay freezes to name a few. After I contacted Senator Tim Scott about Trump's proposal, his response included the statement that the proposal "does not carry the weight of law", though it is reflective of the President's vision for the future. He added that Congress may consider Trump's proposal during the appropriations process and Senator Scott will keep our concerns in mind as the Senate begins the appropriations process.
- On or after October 2020, a REAL ID license or ID, or another form of federally approved identification will be required to board a commercial flight, enter a military base, and enter a federal building that requires ID to be shown at the door. A REAL ID is not required to apply for or receive federal benefits, vote, drive, access hospitals, or visit the post office. For further information, contact the Department of Motor Vehicles at 803-896-5000 or visit them online at [www.scdmsonline.com](http://www.scdmsonline.com)
- TAKE ACTION NOW. Send the pre-drafted letters to your legislators located on the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). Call Congressman Tom Rice, Senator Lindsay Graham, and Senator Tim Scott at 866-220-0044. Donate to NARFE-PAC.



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

**At the 54<sup>th</sup> SC NARFE Federation Conference held March 26-28 2018 In Myrtle Beach SC, Chapter 1015 once again donated the most to Alzheimer's Research this year donating \$2,449.00. A big thank you for all your generosity in giving to this very important fund.**

**Blake Crawford from Chapter 1015 won the 50/50 drawing winning more than \$400.00.**

**NARFE Chapter 1015 is registered as a team this fall at the Walk to End Alzheimer's which is scheduled for October 27, 2018.**



**Sunshine and  
Membership/Committee  
Lynn Vos**

**April birthdays are**

**Marci Vogel and Bob Perniciaro.**



**From the Desk of Chapter 1015  
Treasurer-Joe Arsenault**

**The count on number of NARFE members and guests who attended the 54th Annual SC Federation Conference in Myrtle Beach was 89.**

**Message from the Newsletter  
Editor-Billie Nichols**

**Don't forget to introduce yourself and be cordial to the new potential visitors during our monthly meeting and the Picnic in the Park. It is important to make these former government employees feel necessary and welcomed. Sit by a stranger!**

**Meetings & Luncheon  
Changes Chapter 1015  
General Meeting**



**Picnic in the Park**

**Chapter 1015 General Meeting-  
Maggie D's-11:30AM-Thursday-April  
19, 407 Seaboard St, Myrtle Beach,  
SC. (Near South Grand Mall). If you  
need directions, call Maggie D's at  
843-213-1014.**

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

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

**Chapter 1015 General Meeting-  
Damon's Restaurant-11:30AM-  
Thursday-June 21, 29875 South  
Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC (near  
Springmaid Resort). Call for  
reservations: Marci Vogel 843-215-  
4149. We need to know how many  
to expect. Reservation deadline is  
Wednesday, June 20.**

**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 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.**



**Schedule of Changes for  
Executive Committee Board  
Meetings**

**The Executive Committee Board  
meetings will still meet at the  
Surfside Library for the months  
of April 26 (Thursday) 9:45AM,  
and May 24 (Thursday) 9:45AM in  
the Conference Room.**

**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.**