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NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding and improving your earned rights and benefits.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

President Steve Shoub



Upcoming Event Reminders:

May 3, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting at
11:00am at Jacaranda Library

May 10, 2018 Internet Voting Begins for National
Officers, Bylaws and Resolutions

May 17, 2018 Regular Chapter Meeting-Chapter
Officer Election

June 7, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting at
11:00am at Jacaranda Library

June 21, 2018 Annual Chapter Meeting at 11:00am
and Installation of Officers

June 30, 2018 National Internet and Mail Voting
Ends

NARFE National Elections and Balloting. The most important issues facing us in May and June are the NARFE National Elections and Balloting on proposed National Bylaws changes and Resolutions. With a few exceptions, NARFE members can vote on candidates for National Office and proposed Bylaws and Resolutions. Ballots will be published in the June 2018 issue of *narfe* magazine. Internet voting begins May 10 and all voting ends June 30, 2018. You can and should review proposed Bylaws and Resolutions and candidate bios on the NARFE HQ web site or obtain a copy from NARFE HQ. You can order a print copy of the proposed Bylaws and Resolutions from NARFE HQ online or by calling 703-838-7760. The booklet is 184 pages.

NARFE Florida Federation President Terry Zitek spoke at our Chapter meeting on April 19. He explained the NARFE National Officer Election and Balloting on proposed Bylaws changes and Resolutions which you will vote on in May and June. He conducted an analysis of them and shared the Florida Federation Executive Board (EB) recommendations about the most important of them.

We are including, on page 8 of this Newsletter, the NARFE recommendations which appeared on page 56 of the April 2018 edition of *narfe* magazine and the Federation EB Recommendations. The recommendations are not all the same.

Editorial Comment: On a personal note, I intend to vote for Ken Thomas for NARFE National President. He has served as the President of NARFE Florida, Inc. (the Florida Federation). I worked with him on the Florida Federation Bylaws Committee in 2017. I believe that he has the best interests of all the stakeholders in NARFE (members, chapters, Federations and National) as his focus and motivation.

Luncheon Meeting Meal Cost To Increase In September. As we wrote last month, we have been informed by Club management that there will be NO increase in the per-meal charge to us at our meetings through June. We anticipate that the revised schedule of meal charges will again keep us at the low end, but an increase is coming in September. We are working with Clubhouse management to keep any increase to the minimum.

Chapter Picnic Thursday, April 26 at the Pavilion at the North Jetty in Nokomis. Our picnic went well with approximately 24 attenders. The event can best be described as good food and camaraderie at a beautiful place on a beautiful day. Parking was nearby and so are restrooms. Special thanks to Joan Leonard, Food Coordinator. Most attenders

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brought salad or dessert or something else to share, and we thank them very much. There was no charge for this event. We received cash donations and donated food. The chapter provided sandwiches, non-alcoholic beverages, and serving and paper goods.

Chapter Bylaws. We recently received a signed and thereby approved copy of the Chapter 717 Bylaws we enacted on May 18, 2017. The Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by Jon Dowie, NARFE Secretary/Treasurer. The new Bylaws are now in effect.

Chapter Election of Officers will be conducted at the meeting on May 17. Officer nominations were announced at the March 15 meeting. Nominees are: for President Nancy Cornell; for Vice President Joan Leonard; for Treasurer Jon Cantor; and for Secretary Steven Shoub. Election of Officers will be conducted at the May 17 meeting. Federation District 8 Vice President Dave Ross will conduct the Installation of Officers at the Annual Meeting on June 21.

Federation Newspaper. NARFE Florida Federation is finalizing the establishment of a Federation Newspaper which will be sent to all Florida NARFE members at no charge. Look for the first edition in June, 2018.

Cruise. Florida NARFE Fund Raiser Cruise for Alzheimer's Association departs on February 26, 2019 on the Royal Caribbean Majesty of the Seas from Fort Lauderdale to Havana, Cuba and returns on March 2, 2019. Deposit of \$200 per cabin due by September 1, 2018 (note the date change from May 1). More information is available from Chris Stearns at ctsnc2012@gmail.com.

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NARFE Webinars. NARFE's Federal Benefits Institute webinars and other programs can be viewed as an on-demand video available on the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute page of the NARFE HQ web site. If you are interested in viewing any of the several Institute webinars, log in at www.narfe.org/member/FederalBenefitsInstitute.

About FEDcon18. Registration for FEDcon18 began on February 1, 2018. FEDcon18 is NARFE's first national training conference and annual meeting. It is open to all NARFE members. It replaces the annual convention due to the changes to the NARFE National Bylaws enacted in 2016. Dates of FEDcon18 are August 26 – 28. It will be held in Jacksonville, FL. More information is available on the NARFE HQ web site and in the *narfe* magazine.

Address Corrections Cost Money. The U.S. Postal Service charges the chapter for every misaddressed Newsletter it cannot deliver every month your address of record is wrong. Please make sure you have your current and correct address in the NARFE HQ data base.

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You may notify us if a change or correction needs to be made, or you can go on the NARFE HQ website to review and make any necessary update to your information. SnowBirds must do this, too! Please remember to go into the NARFE HQ web site and change your address so you can keep getting our Chapter Newsletter and the *narfe* magazine.

Please continue to check out our Chapter Website at narfe717.org and our Facebook page!

Steven Shoub, President
NARFE Chapter 717
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Linda Braswell, Alzheimer's Fund Coordinator

YOU CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR ROLE IN ERADICATING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's Disease is an irreversible, progressive, fatal brain disorder. More than 5 million Americans in the United States are living with Alzheimer's and millions more family members, friends, caregivers and colleagues are affected on a daily basis.

NARFE has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association since 1985 by donating more than \$12.6 Million to the Alzheimer's Research Fund with 100% of your donations going to research. NARFE is a member of the Alzheimer's Association Zenith Society, a group of about 50 donors representing the highest level of giving. NARFE is one of only 4 organizations belonging to the Zenith Society and, of the four organizations; NARFE is the "number one" contributor. At the 2016 National Convention, delegates voted to extend our current goal to \$13 Million by December 31, 2018.

Chapter 717 Englewood-Venice member contributions for the past year totaled \$1483.00 which was distributed to USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute.

Make your check out to NARFE Chapter 717 and in the memo section write Alzheimer's Fund. Send your check to NARFE Chapter 717, P.O. Box 2203, Venice, FL 34284-2203 or bring it to the next meeting. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Thank you.



Linda L. Braswell, 2nd Vice President and Program Chair

‘I DIDN’T MOVE TO PARADISE TO BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC JAMS FOR HOURS’



WORKERS
AHEAD
(W21-1a)

At our Luncheon Meeting on May 17th your concerns about increased traffic, development and growth will be addressed.

Concerned about our area of Paradise becoming another East Coast overbuilt nightmare of traffic congestion and gridlock? Why should going to the grocery store be a web of snarled roads and frustrated motorists? Overheard from residents, “We can’t get out of our subdivision because of constant traffic!”

Another new day brings a newspaper article about a new development going up, and soon we see the pattern being repeated of green spaces, trees and animals disappearing under bulldozers. Where is the infrastructure to support the development? What new developments and roads are planned for your area in South County, Englewood, Venice, Nokomis, and Osprey up to Clark Road in Sarasota? When is the River Road major hurricane evacuation route that has been promised for decades coming to fruition? We know what we read in the newspapers, but what is actually in the planning?

These are questions that I asked of Sarasota County Land Development Department and they consented to give our Chapter a presentation on May 17th at our Luncheon Meeting. I assured the presenters from Land Development and Planning that our members are hungry for information about what is planned for our area and that we would treat them with the utmost courtesy and politeness. After all, who knows better about having to toil behind the scenes on thankless tasks than federal government workers?



FLAGGER
AHEAD
(W20-7a)



Jean Marie Burton, Sunshine Chair, (941) 525-4263



Thinking of You cards to Lois Paul, and Robert Rush, Pat & Jim Flanagan.

During our Summer break, please call me with news of our members who need a Sunshine call or card, and I will continue Summer Sunshine.

Good will to all!



Membership Officer
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Membership Report by Nancy Cornell, 1VP and Membership Chair

Happy May to all! Up north spring has finally arrived and people are getting out to enjoy the fresh air and rebirth that abounds. Here in Venice/Englewood, we get to enjoy that beautiful scenery every day. It is truly paradise.

Last month I asked how we are shaping up for you, and are we meeting your needs. This month, I want to ask, "What are you looking for in a member's meeting?" We have over 170 members but only 40 people come to our meetings. Why? I need your feedback. Are you so busy with other organizations or activities that you can't find the time to attend? Coming to meetings is a good way to learn how NARFE is working to save your benefits. And coming to meetings is a good way to meet other retired federal employees and make new friendships. If you have transportation issues, we can help with that too.

Can you send me an email at Narfe0717@gmail.com or call me 703-989-1099? I want to meet you and hear from all of you.

This is your chapter and the only way we can thrive is through your input to make it a place you want to be each month.

I would like to welcome Terrie Santamaria to Chapter 717. Terrie worked for the FBI prior to retiring and moving to Venice.

I look forward to seeing you at our next member's meeting on May 17, 2018.

Nancy Cornell Membership Chair/1st VP/
Caller Coordinator

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Check here if you change your local address/phone during the year. If so you will need to send in your new address/phone each new season.

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Phone Number: _____

Alternate (Away) Address

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To: Month _____ Day _____

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Phone Number: _____

Cut out this completed form and mail it to:
Membership, NARFE Chapter 717
P.O. Box 2203
Venice, FL 34284-2203

You may also update your address by calling any one of the Chapter Officers listed on page 2.



Service Officer's Corner

by Sheila Nichols, Chapter 717 and Florida State Federation Service Officer

May is a month to celebrate Mothers, whether it is for our own mother, or maybe you have children who will be celebrating you as their mother. In the case of myself, I am a mother to four teacup poodles!



May is also is a great month to check out the spring webinars conducted by the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) at https://www.ltcfeds.com/meet_us/webinars.html. NARFE has great webinars, as you know, but maybe you did not know about the ones offered by FLTCIP. They are extremely informative and pertain to many different topics of interest to both federal employees and retirees. They aren't just all about long term care insurance either!

Speaking of long term care insurance, it is never too late to consider this as part of your retirement package, whether you are an employee or retiree, and no matter what your age. Long term care insurance is an insurance product which pays for long term care services in many settings, such as at home, a nursing home, assisted living facility, and adult day care facility. Many people elect to buy long term care insurance so they will not need to deplete their savings should they need long term care services.

Many members of the Federal family are eligible to apply for coverage under the FLTCIP, including Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and retirees, active and retired members of the uniformed services, and qualified relatives (such as spouses and adult children). FLTCIP is open all the time, not just at open season!

FLTCIP has many great on-line tools (several are listed below) that are available to assist you in this important decision.

An On-Line Consultant Tool that can assist you in assessing your needs: https://www.ltcfeds.com/assessing_your_needs/oct_landing.html

A Cost of Care Tool so that you can find the cost of long term care in your area: https://www.ltcfeds.com/ltcWeb/do/assessing_your_needs/costofcare?action=costofcare&ctoken=ADS1oqrv

A Self-Funding Tool to determine if you can pay for long term care insurance yourself: https://www.ltcfeds.com/ltcWeb/do/assessing_your_needs/selffundingoption?ctok

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The FLTCIP has knowledgeable certified long term care insurance consultants who can help you every step of the way. Whether you are just requesting information, reviewing benefit options available under the FLTCIP, completing an application or wish to apply on the phone, these highly trained consultants can help.

One popular service requested from the certified long term care insurance consultants is a personalized rate quote. Using the rate quote provided to you, the consultants can demonstrate the range of benefits and costs associated with each. You can reach FLTCIP through their website at <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or by calling them directly at 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337).

And, again, don't forget those FLTCIP free webinars for spring!

A very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there!

Sheila Nichols

HELP WANTED CALLER COORDINATOR!

Do you want to help out your chapter of NARFE without having to attend meetings and do a lot of running around? How does 2-3 hours of work once a month sound? I am looking for someone to replace me as the caller coordinator. You ask, what do they do? Here is the job description – Once the menu is sent out in the newsletter, send a reminder to the callers via email listing the menu, who the speaker will be and any other pertinent information you want to share with the members through the callers.

The callers will either call you or email you the information for the members' luncheon selections which is needed by the Sunday evening prior to the meeting. On Monday morning, you call in the number of selections to Pelican Pointe! Easy peasy! Yes you can do this! If you are interested in taking over this task let me know.

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★ ★ ★ **BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS** ★ ★ ★

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee report is below. For additional details, visit www.narfe.org/2018Balloting to download a PDF book that contains this report as well as proposals to amend NARFE bylaws (ballot items as well as all submissions); content of proposals acted on by the committee, and 2018 Bylaws Committee Rationale. NARFE will offer members the opportunity to vote on bylaws and resolutions online or by mail via a ballot which will be included in the June issue of the magazine, with instructions for print and online voting.

NFI*

BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

NUMBER	SUBJECT	EFFECT	RECOMMENDATION
1802	NARFE Executive Director	Spells out duties of executive director	ADOPT REJECT
1803	Federations	Defines Federation membership/organization	ADOPT
1804	Committees	Redefines Committees	ADOPT
1805	Proxies	Disallows proxies on NEB	ADOPT
1811	Membership Lists and Labels	Removes language from standing rules	ADOPT
1818	Clarify National Membership	Replaces "national" with "association"	ADOPT
1824	Federations and Chapters	Incorporates OCM and OMOV into federations/chapters	ADOPT REJECT
BC01	Supporting Members (1806/1810)	Allows those supporting NARFE's mission as nonvoting members	ADOPT REJECT
BC02	RVP Term Limits (1812/1817)	Restricts RVPs from serving more than three consecutive terms	ADOPT REJECT
BC03	Vacancies (1814/1822)	Allows NEB to fill vacancy in president from NEB	ADOPT
BCR-01	Membership Forms (1832R/1833R/1834R/1836R/1845R)	Requests review and possible redesign of membership forms	ADOPT

BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

NUMBER	SUBJECT	EFFECT	RECOMMENDATION
1801	Term Limit Exception	Allow president to run for third consecutive term	REJECT
1807	Access to Lists and Labels	Defines access to labels for federation candidates	REJECT
1808	Timing of Ballot Votes	Issue month of magazine coincides with conference	REJECT
1809	Expand Federation Duties	Federations become communication hub	REJECT
1813	Reallocate Chapter Dues	Reallocates new member dues from federations to chapters	REJECT
1819	First Year Chapter Fee	Extends period of chapter fee receipt to six months	REJECT ADOPT
1820	Publication of Roll Call Vote	Requires publication of board votes on policy changes	REJECT
1826	Publication of NEB Agendas	Requires publication of board agendas seven days in advance	REJECT
1827	Changes to Regions	Requires two-thirds vote to change regions	REJECT
1828	Renew Chapter Membership	Change to renewal form	REJECT
1829	Member Category Names	Changes "national" to "non-chapter" members	REJECT
1840R	NARFE Cannot Do It Alone	Forms a new coalition of similar interest organizations	REJECT
1846R	Consolidation of Rosters	Consolidates national and chapter member data	REJECT ADOPT

NFI = NARFE FLORIDA, INC.

NARFE Florida Federation President Terry Zitek spoke at our Chapter meeting on April 19



Terry Zitek with Steve Shoub, Chapter 717 President.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE PICNIC



The location was convenient.

The weather was perfect.

There was food galore.



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The meeting of the Englewood-Venice Chapter 717 will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 2018** at the Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club. See inside for program details. Social Hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a sit-down luncheon. **Reservations are required.** Contact 1VP Nancy Cornell for reservations at 703 989-1099 if you have not been called. A cash bar is available. All current and retired Federal employees and spouses and guests are welcome.

**Cost, including tax and tip is \$18.00.
Make checks payable to:
NARFE Chapter 717**

**Pelican Pointe
Golf & Country Club
625 Center Road, Venice, FL**

MENU

Warm Rolls and Butter

Choice of Entrée:

1. Denver Quiche and Fresh Fruit
2. Salmon with Dill Buerre Blanc Sauce and Green Beans
3. Chopped Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast and a Cup of Soup du jour

Included with Entrees 1. and 2. — House Salad with Choice of Dressings, and Wild Rice Blend

Dessert: Strawberry Short Cake with Fresh Strawberries and Whipped Topping

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced Tea.

From I-75: Take exit 193. At the traffic light off exit, turn South onto Jacaranda Blvd. Continue to 3rd traffic light and turn right on to Center Road. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles and turn right into the entrance to Pelican Pointe (Horse and Chaise Blvd.)

Alt1: From Highway 41 (Tamiami Trail), turn east on Center Road. Proceed approximately 1 1/2 miles and turn left into the entrance to Pelican Pointe (Horse and Chaise Blvd)

If using GPS or a map service, use 625 Center Rd, Venice, Florida

Tell the guard at the gate that you are attending the NARFE luncheon. Park in the lot to the right.