

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015  
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Minutes of April 10, 2025 Chapter Meeting

The April 10, 2025 Chapter meeting was called to order at Damon's Bar & Grill, Myrtle Beach SC, by President Joseph Arsenault at 11:41 a.m. Officers present were President Arsenault, Vice President Rebecca (Becky) Hyman and guest, Treasurer Mary Brady, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Also present were Debbie Arsenault, Billie Nichols, Earl Eastwood, Marty McKenrick, Evanna Kemble-Teller, Joyce Jones, Cynthia Orr, Gail Seavey, Naomi Bethea, Richard Cullerton, Juanita Holder, Alice Villavicencio, and Jim Brock and guest. Billie Nichols welcomed new members, Richard Cullerton and Juanita Holder. A quorum was reached.

Joe Arsenault led members with the Pledge of Allegiance. Earl Eastwood led us in prayer.

Prior to the meeting, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the March minutes to members who were in attendance during the March meeting. No changes were made. Evanna Kemble-Teller made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Members will be notified when the approved copy is recorded.

Betsy Morgan-Brown, Manager, The Longest Day SC and Alzheimers Association representative, provided handouts to members and enlightened everyone on so many facts about Dementia and its "basket of symptoms", most commonly Alzheimers. As of 2020, nearly 113,000 residents of South Carolina (SC) aged 65 and above were diagnosed with the disease. One in nine individuals 65 years old and one in three individuals age 85 run the risk of developing Alzheimers. African-Americans are twice and Hispanics one and one half times as likely as Caucasians to develop the disease. Almost 2/3 of Americans diagnosed with the disease are women. Women in their 60s are twice as likely to get Alzheimers as they are breast cancer. Early diagnosis is key to treating and managing the disease so see your doctor if you exhibit symptoms. SC is classified as a "dementia desert" meaning there are few resources and doctors to treat the disease. Heart health is good for brain health meaning what you do to ensure a healthy heart will help with keeping your brain healthy. Learn something new. Be sociable, listen, increase your reaction time, and work on your hand and eye coordination. The Association recommends holding a Longest Day fundraiser meaning you pick the date, place, and type of activity to raise funds. Although the closest office to Myrtle Beach is in Mt. Pleasant, you may visit [www.alz.org/sc](http://www.alz.org/sc) for program and support group information. You can also call the nationwide phone number at 800-272-3900.

Treasurer's Report dated April 10, 2025, Mary Brady (see attachment)

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| Beginning Balance       | \$5201.24     |
| Receipts                | 69.92         |
| Disbursements           | <u>133.00</u> |
| Balance on Hand 3/14/25 | \$5138.16     |
| (per bank statement)    |               |

Receipts represent one HQ auto draft of \$32.92 and 50/50 of \$37.00. Disbursements were payment for two speakers' lunches, \$16 and \$17, and \$100 for an ad in the SC Federation Conference program. Becky Hyman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Website, Cathy Linta-Leader- She assumed the position of Website Administrator. The site can be accessed via <https://1015.scnarfe.org> where you will find a years worth of newsletters and minutes, a calendar of events, contact information for SC legislators, Chapter officers and committee chairs, upcoming meetings, and an opportunity to send a message to the Chapter where Cathy will either answer your question or forward it to someone who can.

Billie Nichols, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair

- Currently 108 Chapter members
- Members must update personal information such as phone numbers or email address on the HQ NARFE website.
- Members are urged to inform Billie or a Chapter officer of anyone in need of a card albeit get well, thinking of you, or birthday.

Joseph Arsenault, President

- He and Mary Brady attended the SC Federation Conference. The Federation newsletter will be mailed soon and contain links and slides of items discussed. Officers elected are: President Kathryn Hensley, Vice President Harry Brown, Secretary Debra Hill, and Treasurer Pat Whitely. Our Chapter was #2 in SC for monies collected for Alzheimers. A total of \$476 from Chapter collections and 50/50 monies was given to Olivia Williams, SC Alzheimers Chair.
- Stamp prices are expected to increase within the next few months so the Chapter may want to consider purchasing them.
- The annual Sons and Daughters of Italy golf tournament is scheduled for July 12, 2025. Jim Brock made a motion to spend \$100 for a NARFE tee marker. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- LEGCON 2025 (legislative conference) will be virtual and attendees will be provided training on what to discuss and how to speak with legislators. Alice Villavicencio expressed interest; others are urged to do the same.
- Members in attendance were provided a hero box wish list of items needed by the Blue Star Mothers, our September guests. Also provided was a sponsor form for Wreaths Across America.
- The 2027 Federation Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach.
- Becky Hyman made a motion to approve \$100 for liability insurance. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- May speaker: Tentatively, Bank of America official discussing scams and fraud.
- Evanna Kemble-Teller is the new 50/50 Committee Chair.

Evanna Kemble-Teller announced \$71 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$35; two members received \$18 each.

A motion was made to adjourn by Becky Hyman. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.



Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary