

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
Minutes of February 13, 2025 Chapter Meeting

The February 13, 2025 Chapter meeting was called to order at Damon's Bar & Grill, Myrtle Beach SC, by Membership Chair/Newsletter Editor Billie Nichols at 11:43 a.m. Billie, former Chapter President, substituted for the absent President Joe Arsenault and Vice President Rebecca (Becky) Hyman. Officers present were Treasurer Mary Brady and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Also present were Morris Zupan and guest, Joyce Jones, Carol Parker and guest, Marty McKenrick, Ray Forcier, Evanna Kemble-Teller, Mary Ann West, Ken Trinkley and guest, Naomi Betha, Irving Rudy, Heather Berryman, Cynthia Orr, and guests Juanita Holder and Richard Cullerton. A quorum was reached.

Billie Nichols led members with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Guest Speaker Tom Strebeck, Horry County Museum Technical Assistant - spoke about the Horry County Museum and the L.W. Paul Living History Farm. He shared the Museum's history and detailed the two floors of exhibits. The upstairs has four galleries of permanent and rotating exhibits. One of the latter galleries currently displays photos of Hurricane Hazel. The downstairs houses a fish tank featured on "Tank'd" stocked with fish from the Waccamaw River, a natural history gallery, fossils from the Socastee area, military history artifacts, exhibits of Native Americans during prehistoric times, and displays regarding agriculture and industry i.e. turpentine, tobacco, timber, and tourism. The Museum offers programs nearly every Saturday and local history documentaries every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Museum is located at the corner of 9th St. and Main St, Conway, SC, next to the Horry County Library. Admission to the Museum and programs are free, however, donations are welcomed.

The L.W. Paul Living History Farm, located along Rt. 701, Conway SC, is a semblance of what life was like on a one horse farm from 1910-1955. Activities center on the calendar. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Prior to the meeting, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the January minutes to members who were in attendance during the January meeting. Two changes were made, the duplication of the name Freedom Readers and a correction to an attendee's name. Billie Nichols 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.

Treasurer's Report dated February 13, 2025, Mary Brady (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5048.12
Receipts	63.76
Disbursement	<u>100.00</u>
Balance on Hand 1/15/2025	\$5011.88
(per bank statement)	

Receipts included the Chapter's share of 50/50 (\$34) and a HQ autodraft of \$29.76. One disbursement represented reimbursement to President Arsenault of his cash outlay for the holiday luncheon Giving Tree. Cathy Linta-Leader made a motion to approve the report; seconded and passed unanimously.

Mary Brady

- Announced Blue Star Mothers is our September speaker. She suggested we collect a list of items by September's meeting to be boxed by the organization and sent to overseas service members. Members were furnished a list of said products.
- Shared a document regarding donations to Wreaths of America for volunteers to place wreaths on the Florence national cemetery.

Morris Zupan - Legislative Report

- 28 bipartisan U.S. Senators signed a letter dated February 6, 2025 to the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management requesting implementation of the Social Security Fairness Act as soon as possible. Nearly 3,000,000 annuitants are affected.
- 75,000 Federal employees accepted the early buy-out offer.
- Members are urged to read the February 7, 2025 HQ email, "NARFE Counters Administration Assault on Civil Service" for details on the current administration's plans. Contact an officer if you did not receive the email.

Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary

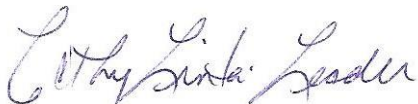
- Reminded members insured by Blue Cross/Blue Shield Basic plan to apply for the \$800 Medicare reimbursement.
- Speakers for the remainder of the year are: March: Senior Adventures in Learning and Travel, April: Alzheimers Association, May: to be determined, September: Blue Star Mothers, October: GEHA and AETNA reps, and November: Blue Cross/Blue Shield rep. The December holiday luncheon will be held at the Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Billie Nichols – Membership and Public Relations, etc.

- 107 Chapter members; 3rd largest SC chapter
- Seeking Alzheimers Committee Chair
- Contact him if interested but not receiving a birthday card. Members urged to contact him if a chapter member is ill.
- There are 11 senior centers in Horry County.
- Planning calendar for 2025 was emailed to all members.
- Refer to the February newsletter for incentives for attending the SC Federation conference. Registration deadline is February 14, 2025.

Mary Brady sold 50/50 tickets for a drawing to be held at the SC Federation conference.

A motion was made to adjourn by Cathy Linta-Leader. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.



Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary