

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
Minutes of May 8, 2025 Chapter Meeting

The May 8, 2025 Chapter meeting was called to order at Damon's Bar & Grill, Myrtle Beach SC, by President Joseph Arsenault at 11:45 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, Marty McKenrick and guest, Evanna Kemble-Teller, Cynthia Orr, Gail Seavey, Naomi Bethea, Richard Cullerton and guest, Juanita Holder, Sam Quade and guest, Heather Berryman, Carol Parker, Charlotte Downey, Janine Bemis, Mary Ann West, Wayne Stogner, and Ray Forcier. A quorum was reached.

Joe Arsenault led members with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Matt Lake, a representative from Merrill Lynch, was the featured speaker and discussed fraud and scams with his primary focus on scams. He explained fraud means someone perpetrated you, meaning you had no control over what happened. In fraud cases, you are afforded bank protection and therefore are not liable. Scams mean you were an active participant in what occurred. As a result, banks try to protect you but there is no guarantee you will not be liable for what occurred. Regardless if a fraud or a scam, you should always notify the police. Be alert to suspicious emails. If an email address does not appear to be legitimate, do not open it. Likewise if an email link appears to be "fishy", do not open it. And if a phone number appears in the email, do not call until you verify it with another source i.e. Google. If you receive a phone call from an unidentified caller requesting you call another number, hang up, search for the actual number, and call that number. If anyone requests money in an unconventional manner such as cryptocurrency or a VISA card, ignore it. Never give anyone your IP address or access to your computer if you do not know their identity. Create a different password for every email address and website. When using your credit card, use the chip or tap; avoid swiping it as the machine stores your credit card information. Remember that scammers tend to prey on your emotions and create a sense of urgency of which there is none.

Prior to the meeting, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the April minutes to members who were in attendance during the April meeting. A change was made to the type of insurance purchased, liability not indemnity, and the sources of Alzheimers monies received from 50/50 and collections. Becky Hyman 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 May 8, 2025, Mary Brady (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5138.16
Receipts	44.92
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
Balance on Hand 4/16/25	\$5183.08
(per bank statement)	

Receipts represent one HQ auto draft of \$9.92 and 50/50 of \$35.00. There were no disbursements. Sam Quade made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Billie Nichols, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair

- On behalf of Lynn Vos, Sunshine Committee, he urged members to inform him or a Chapter officer of anyone in need of a card albeit get well, thinking of you, or birthday.
- Currently 104 Chapter and 144 national members
- Contact him if you are experiencing difficulty with the HQ NARFE website when updating personal information such as a phone number, address, or email address.
- Motion was made by Marty McKenrick to spend \$100 on postage stamps. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
- Several committee assignments are available. Refer to May newsletter for details.
- Recruitment efforts continue with little success. Blue Cross/Blue Shield is holding seminars in October and once again, invited our Chapter to “man” a table. Cathy Linta-Leader urged members to volunteer to work shifts so we can speak with as many attendees as possible about the benefits of joining NARFE.

Joseph Arsenault, President

- Tax form 990 (non-profit organization) was filed for 2024.
- Members should consider holding an Alzheimers Longest Day fundraiser at Wahlberger’s restaurant at Broadway at the Beach any month from September to May, Monday through Thursday, 4 pm to closing. Alzheimers would receive 15% for monies Wahlberger’s receives up to \$1000 and 20% after that. We could set up information tables and hold a raffle. Members are urged to think about this over the summer break and revisit it during the September meeting.
- It was agreed upon by members that during the June to August break, a newsletter would be published only in August.

Evanna Kemble-Teller announced \$99 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$49; two members received \$25 each.

Sam Quade made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Linta-Leader". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary