



# NARFE

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#### **MAY MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT (Bill Nicol-Federation President)**



#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Bill Nicol Federation President

One of the jobs of the Federation President and the most difficult is to prepare an article for the monthly newsletter. If you are a NARFE member and read the monthly magazine then you have all the information you need to help make NARFE successful. If you don't read the magazine, you probably don't read the newsletter and nothing I can say will make any difference. We are all responsible for making NARFE a successful organization and fulfilling the mission of protecting our hard earned benefits. Everyone must get involved and do what they can to convince our legislators to value the service of federal retirees and current employees. If you don't, then you can't complain about what the Congress does to us.

Region III will host a Leadership Development Seminar at Albany GA on October 3-5, 2011. This Seminar is for those chapter members who have or want to become more active in their chapter operations and would consider advancing to positions in the Federation. Each chapter president should have been contacted to nominate candidates for this seminar. Please identify your nominees by the end of July.

Support the "Protect America's Heartbeat" campaign!!

Bill Nicol

## JULY MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

### (Sally DePreker-1st Vice-President)



Sally DePreker

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#### RECRUITING AND RETENTION TOOLS

In my article for May's Newsletter, I wrote about the importance of your chapter's monthly M-112. I do hope your chapter has at least one individual assigned the task of downloading and printing it each month and making sure it is distributed to those responsible for contacting the new members, prospective members, and members whose memberships need to be renewed. The M112 if used is a great tool for membership growth and retention.

The most recent issue of the "Recruiting & Retention Journal" (January, February, March 2011) asks us to market NARFE and gives some excellent direction on how to do this. It emphasizes the importance of having a solid understanding of NARFE's goals, activities, and purpose, and these are best summed up in NARFE's mission statement, which reads: To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests. To promote the general welfare of current and potential federal annuitants by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations. To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of these general objections." Let's all work to ensure NARFE's goals are communicated to potential members and achieved for our current members.

One of the most recent efforts to ensure NARFE's goals is the "Protect America's Heartbeat" campaign. Have you checked out its website at [www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org](http://www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org)? Here's another excellent resource for us to use, including a 32-page "Take Action Toolkit" that can be downloaded. There are also a couple of Fact Sheets available you can use to give you a quick but complete response to questions related to Federal pay and our earned benefits: "The Truth About Federal Pay" and "Federal Workers Face Attacks on Earned Benefits."

If you click on "America's Stories" on this website, you can read an excerpt from our very own Robert Muller's (Chapter 121, Greenville) story of his federal service entitled "Don't Cut Tsunami Warning Center." You may have read the entire article in the May 2011 issue of **NARFE**. His story was originally published on-line March 16 by **Politico**, a Washington, DC daily newspaper that specializes in congressional coverage. In this, Bob emphasizes that Federal employees perform vital services on behalf of all Americans: "Our whole federal work force goes to work every day in every state to ensure our most basic needs as a society are met. Federal employees protect us. Whether they're the federal food inspectors who guarantee the safety of the meat in our grocery stores or the scientists at the Centers for Disease Control who prevent deadly infections from sweeping across our nation, they perform their jobs on behalf of all of us." Well said, Bob!

While passing out kudos, I want to commend Harry Brown (Chapter 825, Anderson) for dropping off NARFE membership materials at local Federal agencies in Anderson. Additionally, Frank Stevens and Margaret Baptiste (Chapter 72, North Charleston) worked together to ensure the rural letter carriers received information about NARFE at their convention in North Charleston on June 6-12. Evidently, the letter carriers had contacted Headquarters asking for a speaker for their convention without much success. Imagine their amazement when Frank told them that he had a speaker for them, the immediate past National President, Margaret Baptiste! Margaret being very Margaret wowed them, especially when she revealed that she had had frequent lunches with their National President and that he was a NARFE member. Margaret and Frank distributed 125 sets of NARFE materials that day and expect a good response from that group. If you have rural letter carriers in your area, why not contact them and encourage them to join your chapter.

Let's all work together to recruit and retain members! Use the tools we have available! Let me know your recruiting/retention success stories by sending them to me at [smdepreker@sc.rr.com](mailto:smdepreker@sc.rr.com).

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

Sally DePreker, Chapter 960, Florence, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, SC Federation,

Due to hip replacement surgery in May, I did not submit an article for the June Newsletter, so the following membership information includes the “stats” from April and May. Our newsletter always comes out right after the first of the month, and the membership information gleaned from the M112 seems to be a month behind because the M112s for the previous month are published sometime during the second week of the current month.

Here are our “**newest**” NARFE members. Remember a \* before the name denotes a “**prospective**” member, someone who has expressed an interest in NARFE. Please make sure to welcome your new members and encourage your prospective members to join NARFE.

**Chapter 72, North Charleston**

Earl Eschbacher, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Nick Greene, Charleston, SC  
Thomas Moore, Hanahan, SC  
Marcia E. Murphy, North Charleston, SC  
Nita S. Pruitt, Charleston, SC

**Chapter 87, Columbia**

Dorothy Benton, Blythewood, SC  
Bernadette D. Frase, Columbia, SC  
Thelma K. Gibson, Columbia, SC  
Floyd J. Johnson, Columbia, SC  
Marcia H. Keller, Cayce, SC  
Ann S. Lane, Columbia, SC  
Mary Morris, Columbia, SC  
Paul L. Ross, Columbia, SC  
Diane E. Summers, Gilbert, SC  
Jeanne W. Williams, Gilbert, SC

**Chapter 121, Greenville**

Sylvia T. Smith, Easley, SC  
Donna Yvonne Triplett, Taylors, SC, transferred from Chapter 33, St Augustine, FL  
Richard Dale Triplett, Taylors, SC, transferred from Chapter 33, St Augustine, FL

**Chapter 825, Anderson**

Jan N. Hammett, Anderson, SC

**Chapter 920, Greenwood**

Ronald S. Borkgren, McCormick, SC  
Jerry A. Roberson, Greenwood, SC

**Chapter 934, Aiken**

Heyward Berry, Monetta, SC

**Chapter 1013, Charleston**

Barbara J. Lannan, Charleston, transferred from Chapter 72, North Charleston  
Lillian N. Tarleton, Wadmalaw Island, SC

**Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach**

Sandra K. Clark, Myrtle Beach, SC, transferred from Chapter 192, Raleigh, NC  
Rudy Irving, Myrtle Beach, SC, transferred from Chapter 1264, Mastic Beach, NY  
James C. Lovett, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Ronald D. Strom, Conway, SC  
Charles R. Wilson, Murrells Inlet, SC

**Chapter 1021, Beaufort**

Carol Sue Jordan, Beaufort, Transferred from Chapter 2258, Hilton Head, SC  
Mizetta E. Mitchell, Ridgeland, SC

**Chapter 1079, Clemson**

Brian F. Wahl, Westminster, SC

**Chapter 1082, Summerville**

Carol D. Austin, Summerville, SC  
James E. Bryan, Charleston, SC  
Gordon B. Holcombe, Summerville, SC

**Chapter 1170, Orangeburg**

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Juliette Howard, Belcamp, MD

**Chapter 1180, Rockhill, SC**

Daniel J. Hamilton, Lake Wylie, SC

JoAnn Hitzeman, Ft Mill, SC

Barbara Lynn Westcoat, Rock Hill, SC

Margaret O. White, Fort Mill, SC

**Chapter 1185, Walterboro**

\*Frederick Auston, Goose Creek SC

Etoria Evans, Goose Creek, SC

Betsy A. Worrell, Goose Creek, SC

**Chapter 1786, Sumter**

\*Barbara Partner, Wedgefield, SC

Lorraine M. Prince, Sumter, SC

**Chapter 2258, Hilton Head**

Valerie M. McGovern, Hilton Head, SC

Elliot R. Siegel, Bluffton, SC

Headquarters credits **one recruiter for April/May**, and that recruiter is **Barbara Bryan** (Chapter 1082, Summerville). Congratulations, Barbara!

Here's the list of **reinstated memberships for April/May**.

**Chapter 72, North Charleston**

Patricia B. Starke, North Charleston, SC

**Chapter 87, Columbia**

William T. Jerve, Lexington, SC

**Chapter 121, Greenville**

Jeannette L. Hooper, Greer, SC

**Chapter 560, Spartanburg**

Gayle Marler, Mountville, SC

**Chapter 772, Newberry**

Myrtice T. Boazman, Chappells, SC

**Chapter 934, Aiken**

Jacqueline Wertman, Batesburg, SC

**Chapter 960, Florence**

Thomas Marine, Hartsville, SC

**Chapter 1013, Charleston**

Martin Shapiro, Apex, NC

**Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach**

Earl L. Barnes, Myrtle Beach, SC

Claudia Shook, Longs, SC

**Chapter 1021, Beaufort**

Martha J. Lubkin, Beaufort, SC

**Chapter 1079, Clemson**

Richard Danforth, Seneca, SC

**Chapter 1082, Summerville**

Emily Watts, Summerville, SC

**Chapter 1180, Rockhill**

Michael Forrest Moore, Fort Mill, SC

**Chapter 1786, Sumter**

Roger M. Mungin, Sumter, SC

**Chapter 1958, Pawleys Island**

Daniel J. Coughlin, Loudon, TN

**Chapter 2258, Hilton Head**

Jean Horan, Bluffton, SC

Eddy Rayford, Bluffton, SC

We've recently lost several well-loved members who will be sorely missed by all. May they rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and families.

**Chapter 72, North Charleston**

Kirkland J. Towles, Charleston, SC

Efford M. Ivie, Harvard, IL

**Chapter 87, Columbia**

Bertie L. Moody, Columbia, SC

**Chapter 121, Greenville**

Houston J. Choice, Greenville, SC

Charles D. Clark, Travelers Rest, SC

**Chapter 560, Spartanburg**

John A. Morales, California, MO

Charles C. Neal, Spartanburg, SC

Clarence R. Rainey, Spartanburg, SC

Woodrow Wilson, Boling Springs, CA

**Chapter 1013, Charleston**

Louise M. Bennett, Dallas, TX

Robert L. Blyth, Charleston, SC

Bobby Edmondson, Tamassee, SC

**Chapter 1015, Myrtle Beach**

William L. Gee, Little River, SC

Frances D. Gerald, Myrtle Beach, SC

Wilbur J. Taylor, North Myrtle Beach, SC

**Chapter 1082, Summerville**

Thomas J. Fisher, Hanahan, SC

Willard D. Lang, Summerville, SC

Edwin F. Steeble, Queenstown, MD

**Chapter 1170, Orangeburg**

Evelyn L. Bennett, Orangeburg, SC

George J. Schneider, Santee, SC

**Chapter 1786, Sumter**

Henry G. Fishburne, Sumter,

Essie M. Rivers, Sumter, SC

### Tips to Reduce Home Energy Costs

The U.S. Department of Energy predicts home energy costs are expected to rise by more than 10 percent by this summer.

The average homeowner spends about \$1,900 annually on utility bills. Those costs can be kept under control without spending a lot of extra money and the best time to make changes is before summer heats up and air conditioning bills rise. Some tips are:

**Air Conditioning Savings:** Each degree the thermostat is set above 78°F decreases energy usage and can save the average homeowner about \$8 a month per degree during the warmer months. Raise the temperature when no one is going to be home -- programmable thermostats make that chore easy.

**Cool it Down:** Lower water heater temperature to 120°F degrees. Showers will still be steamy and energy will be saved by heating water to unnecessary higher temperatures. Approximately 10 percent will be saved on water heater costs at that setting. Also, make sure to check the water heater regularly to detect small water leaks before they become catastrophic.

**The Fridge is Running and Running:** Appliances account for about 17 percent of a household's energy consumption and the refrigerator is a big energy hog. Here's how to keep it running at top efficiency: Clean the condenser coils at least once a year. Test the door seal to ensure it's keeping the cold air in by closing the door on a thin sheet of paper. If the paper slips, the fridge is wasting energy and costing extra money; the seal should be replaced. Recommended temperature settings are 37°F to 40°F for the fridge and 5°F for the freezer. Stand-alone freezers should be kept at 0°F.

**Seal it Up:** Half of the homes in the U.S. don't have enough insulation. Adding insulation in the attic and sealing air leaks around doors and windows can save on heating and cooling bills every month.

**Stop Energy Vampires:** Video game systems use about the same amount of power when they are in the sleep mode as they do when they're in use. Make sure to turn the system off when the TV is turned off. Unplug any TVs and recording devices in rooms seldom occupied as they continue to use energy even when turned off.

**Ceiling Fans:** Using ceiling fans will provide additional comfort and allow the thermostat to be set a higher temperature.

Larry T. Shaff, Federation Service Officer

**The following is a letter to the Editor of the Post and Courier Newspaper submitted by Margaret Baptiste:**

To: [letters@postandcourier.com](mailto:letters@postandcourier.com)

Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2011 3:11:56 PM

Subject: Your editorial on Federal Workers

Sadly, there is a growing sentiment in America and now in The Post & Courier that suggests our country can make do without a strong federal workforce ("Federal worker's big bucks")

I appreciate the editor's concern about the nation's budget crisis, but disapprove of singling out federal employees with incomplete information.

South Carolina's federal employees have important jobs that help keep our country running. Yet the editorial points a finger at only a few of these workers who are highly skilled and have been working for decades to earn their current salaries and lays the blame for the national debt on their shoulders.

These hard workers are only a fraction of the 28,000 federal employees in our state - most of whom earn an average salary of \$25,000 to \$75,000.

America's economy is in trouble and we will not find a solution in half-truths - especially if these half-truths damage our federal workforce.

In a time of national crisis, we need the best federal employees we can get to help us rise above this mess.

Sincerely,

Margaret L. Baptiste

John Geiger SC Federation Legislative Officer [jgeiger@aol.com](mailto:jgeiger@aol.com)

This might be a slow, quiet time for half of our Chapters in our own summer “recess,” but protecting our benefits is a full-time effort, as is evident in the Congressional activities trying to solve the deficit and the Debt Limit challenges. The huge problem before us is the lifting of the Debt Ceiling with limited time before the August 2 deadline, where the Country will be in default, according to the Treasury Department’s July 1, 2011, press release. The reasons for failing to reach Congressional agreement are many, but consider the fact that some (make that our South Carolina Republican House delegation) are willing to throw our Federal Employees and Retirees under the bus, rather than compromise with any potential tax increases posed by the Minority Party, in an effort to come up with spending cuts that just happen to target us. So, you can see that now is not the time to relax and let someone else do it—we need to let Congress, and the President hear from us.

Along that line, **July 27** is the next scheduled NARFE **National Call Congress, President Obama Day**. We did this last on May 24 with some success. The Legislative Alert of June 24 covered this well, encouraged by NARFE National President Joe Beaudoin, and it doesn’t hurt to repeat when you are looking for toll free numbers on the morning of Wednesday, July 27.

**“President Beaudoin is asking each member to call President Obama, their two senators and their representative, and let your views be known.**

**Toll Free Phone Numbers: This all hands action day will be the cover of the August issue of NARFE magazine and fully explained in an article. However, advance planning is required as many chapters will not meet again before July 27<sup>th</sup>. The toll free number for the White House is 1-888-225-8418. The toll free number to reach the Capitol switchboard is 1-866-220-0044. You will need to ask for your legislators by name or provide your ZIP Code.**

**Message: Once connected to your lawmaker’s office, NARFE members should say:**

- **“My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live in (name city/town). I am a federal retiree (or worker).**
- **Don’t single us out by making more cuts to the retirement and health benefits we earned through years of serving the public.**
- **Federal workers and retirees have already sacrificed pay and benefits.”**

**Whether you speak to a staff person or leave a recorded message, request that your lawmaker respond in writing to your phone call. For that reason, be sure to leave your mailing address. Contact only your own representative and two senators. Lawmakers will disregard your message if you are not a voting constituent.”**

**Please consider doing this. You will probably get a volunteer on the phone, but it’s the numbers that count when the staffers are recapping interested callers. This is where our Grassroots Advocacy pays off for NARFE, our members, and the Federal Workforce.**

I had the opportunity to speak at the Sumter Chapter (Chapter #1786) on June 13, 2011, at the invitation of President Connie Carey-Wood, to update on current NARFE issues to include Legislative issues. We had some good questions from the members. Right before my trip, I received one of the more useful NARFE packages related to Protect America’s Heartbeat. The purpose of the package was to provide NARFE Leadership with Talking Points, Fact Sheets and media information to include number Annuitants and Federal Employees. Well, you can get that same package on the website by signing in as a Member, and clicking on the Legislative Department. Click on the “Protect America’s Heartbeat” logo on the right side. Then click on “Resources” and scroll down to “Protect America’s Heartbeat Take Action Tool Kit” and click there. This is a great addition to your own toolkit when you and fellow Chapter Members go to meet your Congressman while they are in the District over the Fourth of July Weekend. The Senate has just cancelled its scheduled recess for next week (beginning July 5), but this information is good for future visits to Congressional offices during the August Recess. Thanks to NARFE National Public Relations and Chuck Timanus, for putting this material together and making it available to all.

I mentioned last month the initiative from the May 23 Federation Executive Board to establish Points of Contact (POC) for each the current 6 Congressional Districts, with a 7<sup>th</sup> District as soon as it is established. We hope to have the 6 POC’s in place and operating before the August Congressional Recess. At the Grassroots level, the SC Federation focuses on Senators with assistance from Chapters at the regional Senators’ offices. Our Chapters focus at the Congressional District in which they are located, with assistance from adjacent Chapters, in another Congressional District. The Congressional District POC would coordinate with their Congressional Offices. Please let me know if this sounds of interest to you as we need to pursue this initiative to make our lobbying more effective.

**Follows is a revisit of Future Points of Interest in the coming months (first covered at the Hickory Knob Federation Convention)**

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House Republican Budget Plan (or the Ryan Plan) for FY2012- Currently being addressed in the Senate. Vice President Biden has taken the lead (the Blair House Group) in Senate discussions on potential cuts.

Shortfalls related to the FY2011 Continuing Resolution: Look for Agencies to have a difficult during the last fiscal quarter as the \$38.5 billion in cuts are felt. We should be seeing the results very soon as FY2011 winds down.

Raising the Debt Ceiling above \$14.3 trillion: Note the workaround of tapping the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF) to pay for the day-to-day expenditures beginning Monday, May 16 until the Government runs out of funds, projected to be August 2. According to the Washington Post article of May 15, 2011, this “measure won’t have an impact on retirees because the Treasury is legally required to reimburse the program.” This was one of the questions at the Sumter Chapter meeting.

Actual legislation to implement Fiscal Commission recommendations: The Fiscal Commission final report is currently serving as a blueprint for the Ryan Plan. An update is the proposed 10% reduction of the Federal Workforce (H. R. 2114). The bill allows for one federal employee to be hired to replace every three that retire or leave their job. The Commission's proposal has been estimated to save taxpayers \$127.5 billion over ten years. The legislation fulfills a policy recommended in the Fiscal Year 2012 House Budget Resolution. See [http://oversight.house.gov/images/stories/Other\\_Documents/ISSA\\_030\\_xml.pdf](http://oversight.house.gov/images/stories/Other_Documents/ISSA_030_xml.pdf) for the details of this bill.

Although not yet a bill, the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) may be in for a relook in a plan from the President’s Deficit Commission proposing to turn the FEHBP into a premium support system. Under this plan, employees and retirees would receive a fixed subsidy to cover their health insurance premiums that would grow by no more than the Gross Domestic Product, plus 1 percentage point, each year. Participants would cover the remaining premium cost if their plans cost more than the subsidies provide. The result would be Federal Employees and Retirees paying much more for health insurance. This one of the budget threats covered in the Legislative Training slides and should not be taken lightly.

Legislative Alerts as received (Latest Example: Friday, June 24, 2011, and

**NARFE’s National Call Congress, President Obama Day**, as previously mentioned).

Medicare cuts fix by Jan 1, 2012: Right now this is a low budget priority for a Congress preoccupied with the debt ceiling. Unless the law is fixed, the Medicare Program doctors’ fees will be cut 30%, effective January 1, 2012. Our Congressmen need to have this on their radar screens and not wait until they want to exit Washington for Christmas and the New Year. The numbers involved according to the Congressional Budget Office: one-year fix \$22 Billion, a permanent fix \$280 Billion over ten years. Again, doctor willingness to take on new Medicare patients is at stake here, along with doctors potentially dropping existing patients. This issue has to register with new retirees and “Baby Boomers.”

In the midst of the clamor to be on the record to cut benefits and pensions, I thought you might find the refreshing letter from Senator Barbara Mikulski to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner “Don’t cut Federal benefits/pensions” <http://mikulski.senate.gov/media/pressrelease/6-13-11.cfm> as you look for rationale to discuss with your own Congressional delegation as well as Administration advocates who seek these cuts.



In the category of speaking up for Federal Employees, kudos to Arthur Burnside, Aiken Chapter #0934, for his letter on the Editorial Page of The State paper in Columbia, on Monday June 27, 2011, titled "Federal Employees used as scapegoats." Art took politicians to task for using flawed figures to compare Fed salaries and benefits with the Private Sector (leaving off the Private Sector benefits). He pointed out that the non-partisan federal pay agent difference is 22% less for Federal Employees as the true number. Congratulations to Arthur Burnside for his desire to set the record straight.

On the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) front, inflation climbed 0.5% in May, marking the ninth consecutive month the Consumer Price Index has risen. With four months left in the fiscal year, cumulative inflation stands at 3.4%. If that trend continues, retirees will be in line for a fairly substantial 2012 COLA-- unless Congress or the Administration decides otherwise.

At the State Level, the House passed the Congressional Redistricting Plan to its proposed Congressional districts and House districts for the next decade. The new 7th Congressional District is proposed to include Myrtle Beach and all of Horry County with Florence County and other areas of the Pee Dee section of the state. For the past decade, Aiken County has been split with a portion of the county in each of the Second (Cong. Joe Wilson) and Third (Cong. Jeff Duncan) Congressional Districts. Under the proposed House plan, all of Aiken County would be in the Second Congressional District with all of Lexington and Barnwell counties and portions of Richland, Calhoun, Orangeburg, and Fairfield counties. As proposed, the Second District would no longer extend from Lake Murray to Hilton Head. The State Senate is working with this Redistricting Plan in its extended session.

The State Senate continued to work the \$6 Billion budget with the Education Funding of particular interest. The current base student funding rate (one portion of money from state) for the public schools is \$1,618 per student. In the Senate's proposed budget, that number is increased to \$1,953 and in the House's amended proposed budget, it is \$1,880. It is expected that the Budget Conference Committee will adopt a funding proposal that is somewhere in between the \$1,953 and \$1,880.

You can monitor roll call votes in the S. C. House and Senate, by going to the link at: [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov). This is useful tool when you are trying to figure out what is going on at the State House, particularly in the budget votes.

**Please respond promptly to the NARFE Legislative Alerts. Those that take time to call, write letters and emails vote. Also, hold your Congressmen and Senators accountable for their votes as well as their letters responding to your concerns. Take advantage of additional time in the Congressional Districts and work to educate your Senators and Representatives on NARFE concerns. We are working together to make our voice heard, and we need everyone to be an "activist." If being a Congressional District Point of Contact sounds interesting to you, by all means let me know. Also, please let me know of your progress with your Congressmen and Senators, and drop Headquarters a note the NARFE Legislative Action Center Advocacy Activity Form ( <http://www.capwiz.com/narfe/lrm/feedback.tt> ). [Note this form also covers your State Legislator and State Senator.] Thank you for your service and your continued support of NARFE as we work to protect our benefits in these most challenging times.**

**YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012**

Your 2011-12 Federation Officers are as follows:

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- Chaplain.....Nellie Bodenhamer, Columbia, Chapter 87
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082
- Immediate Past-President .....Jeanette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560

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- District # 3...Robbie-Ann White, Clemson Chapter 1079: Anderson 825, Greenwood 920, Clemson 1170
- District # 4...Jeannette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560: Greenville 121, Spartanburg 560
- District # 5...Virginia Pratt, Rock Hill, Chapter 1180: Newberry 772, Rock Hill 1180, Sumter 1786, Camden 2319
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: Last day of the month preceding publication.**

**“Information Shared is Information Learned!”**

Check out the SC Federation Website for additional Information

[www.scnarfe.org](http://www.scnarfe.org)

Any of the Blue Underlined items in this newsletter are hyperlinks! By clicking your mouse on them, you'll be taken to the appropriate web page, form or e-mail service.

**NOTE:** You can download the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention Minutes and the Revised Compendium on the SC Federation Website. Go to the Federation Website, click on Related Links and near the bottom you will see a BOX for the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention Minutes and one for the Convention Attachment. Simply click on them and the documents will pop up. You can also use these hyperlinks: Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention can be found at this hyperlink:

<http://scnarfe.org/MINUTES%20OF%20THE%2047TH%20ANNUAL%20STATE%20CONVENTION.pdf>

The Attachment, the Revised Compendium, can be found at this hyperlink:

<http://scnarfe.org/ATTACHMENT%20TO%20MINUTES.pdf>

## **NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR**

**NARFE SC Federation Convention** - TBA, Myrtle Beach, SC., TBA-2012

**NATIONAL NARFE Convention** - Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV in 2012

**NATIONAL NARFE Convention** - Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL, August 24-28, 2014