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## Presidents Report

**FRANK IMPINNA**  
CO Federation President



I am composing this newspaper in 95 degree heat. It appears we are in for a **HOT** summer. My wife and I just got back from a 15 day Viking river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. After spending three and a half years on the computer doing a dissertation for a Doctor of Business administration (DBA) I was due for a vacation.

I got back just in time to wrap up and prepare for our Federation Annual Meeting on June 26th. We

had 26 attendees and everyone enjoyed the FREE lunch and the presentations presented from headquarters. First we heard from the national president, William Shackelford, via Zoom, and other staff members. Sharon Reese, Region VII Vice President was in person to speak to the group.

There is the FEDcon26 in August, during which all NARFE federation presidents will meet 3 days earlier at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, where the 2026 FEDcon26 conference will be held.

The Federation has approved a \$1,000 subsidy for each of 20 Colorado members to attend the conference. The magazine will provide more information in the near future, as well as our Colorado website. In my annual report I briefly stated that this was an eventful year. I have spent time visiting chapters, installing new officers, keeping the Website up to date, and getting the quarterly newspaper together and sent out to all members but only to those with email addresses. We have Federation position vacant that need to be filled. If you have only two hours a month, you could fill a position. Please contact me if you are interested.

**GREG KANN**  
President, Chapter 2286

## Billie Love Chapter 2286



Greetings from Billie Love Chapter 2286 in beautiful Buena Vista, Colorado. Our June luncheon meeting was held at Jan's restaurant in Buena Vista. We received officer reports and enjoyed a nice meal and indoor conversations instead of a picnic due to low attendance and windy conditions. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 7, 2026, at 11:30 at Casa Calaca Mexican Restaurant in Salida. Members, spouses, prospective members, and guests are welcome to attend. Our last meeting for 2026 will be Monday, December 7, at 11:30 at Jan's restaurant in Buena Vista.

Greg Kann attended the NARFE Colorado Federation Board meeting on Friday, June 26, 2026, in Denver. The Board meeting was excellent and provided numerous updates on National Office and Region VII activities. It was truly a very interesting and inspiring meeting. Anyone wanting copies of the slide presentations for the speakers can request copies from me, Frank Impinna, or your chapter President. Greg Kann, Pam Hawkins, Ted, and Trish Van Hintum are planning to attend the FedCon 26 NARFE National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 23-25, 2026. Hoping for a wonderful, cool, and wet Summer and Fall.



**Diane Heyder, President**  
Arvada Chapter 1040

## NARFE Chapter 1040 legislative and general info for March 18, 2026 Meeting

A core mission of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is advocacy. Our Advocacy entails protecting the earned pay, rights, and benefits of all federal/postal employees, retirees, and annuitant survivors.

Member voices are crucial to advancing NARFE's legislative priorities. Members of Congress want to hear from their constituents about how the issues are affecting their lives! NARFE's advocacy strategy is a collaborative effort that involves lobbying by headquarters, grassroots, and grassroots, which engages its members in various activities, and NARFE-PAC, NARFE's political action committee that supports fed-friendly candidates for office.

Issue briefs are summaries of policies affecting active and retired federal employees and include information on bills supported by NARFE to address these policies

Sharing federal data with lawmakers educates them about the size and influence of the federal and postal communities in the district and state. Use NARFE's issue briefs and fact sheets to support your advocacy activities. General information at: Grassroots Advocacy

2. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) released a notice that it intends to collect data from Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) and Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) plan carriers on service utilization and cost, including medical and pharmacy claims, as well as provider information. OPM's rationale for this data collection is that it would enable them to provide better oversight of the programs, but there is a lack of adequate explanation on why the information is needed, how it will be used, how it will be secured, and what safeguards will be implemented to protect enrollees' private data from its employer.

While OPM may have legitimate reasons for collecting and analyzing this information, these reasons should be articulated to and easily accessible for the individuals whose data will be involved, including NARFE members. NARFE is urging Congress to request transparency, specificity, and guaranteed protections from OPM regarding FEHB/ PSHB collected health data. Additionally, OPM should commit to only collecting personally de-identified information to reduce the risk of privacy violations and inappropriate use against employees.

Please use the sample letter in Advocacy to urge your members of Congress to address these concerns with OPM regarding the collection of health data. You can personalize the sample letter to send to your members of Congress.

3. Last week President Trump signed an Executive Order to reclassify approximately 8,000 federal positions originally in the competitive service to the newly implemented Schedule Policy/Career (P/C) excepted service category.

4. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a notice with a request for comment on a draft nondisclosure agreement (NDA) that new and existing federal employees be required to sign. NARFE opposes the new potential requirement because it poses an implicit threat of retaliation for engaging in legal, protected speech.

5. In June 2026, the General Services Administration (GSA) published the Elimination, Optimization, and Automation (EOA) handbook to assist federal agencies in finding opportunities to eliminate, streamline, or automate work using technology such as artificial intelligence (AI) and robotic process automation.

6. Advocacy News reports NARFE sent out a call for Advocacy Position proposals, and there's still time to submit!

Advocacy Positions detail NARFE's specific policy stances, and they direct and guide NARFE's leadership and staff regarding whether to support a position—or not—when actions are taken by Congress or the administration. Proposals submitted by chapters must certify that the chapter supported the proposal via a majority of those voting and present. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2026.

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It is incumbent on all federation officers to submit appropriate articles and pictures of events oc-curring in their area of responsibility. Chapter officers and members are encouraged to submit brief articles and pictures of general interest about Chapter happenings.

Articles must be submitted to the editor by: **Sept 30** for the **October 2026** issue.

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**PAT MATHER**  
President, Chapter 1085

## Mory Lewis Chapter 1085

The Mory Lewis Chapter 1085 Annual Summer Picnic was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Bear Creek Greenbelt Park, which shares outdoor space with the well-known Stone House in Lakewood, CO. Twenty-four (24) members attended, with several regulars missing due to feeling under the weather. There was plenty of barbecue pork, chicken, and brisket for everyone, along with citrus kale salad, vegetarian baked beans, rolls, cookies, lemonade, and sweet tea. Lunch was catered by a local favorite, Pigg'in Out Barbeque.

For the first time in recent history, there were games to play, including corn hole and horseshoes, although we didn't get many takers, except Mory Lewis' grandkids, who were also in attendance. And again, although no takers, transportation was provided from the parking lot to the luncheon pavilion. We hope next year to get the word out so we can accommodate more members, who might not otherwise come to the picnic because of mobility issues. We all know how important socializing and movement is to feeling our best!

This year, Ryan Uychara, a former Federal employee with the Office of Personal Management (OPM), joined us at our picnic. Currently, Ryan is working with one of the Federal Unions, Unite Here, on their "Stop Firing Veterans" Program. He explained that Colorado is home to 40,000 federal workers, many of whom are Veterans. Nearly a third of all Federal workers are Veterans and in the last year and a half, over 300,000 Federal workers have been fired or forced out of their jobs. The organization believes that firing Veterans is a betrayal of their service as Veterans, who join the military to serve, and many continue serving in the Federal government even after they take off their uniform. He believes that as current and former Federal employees, we need to stand with our Veterans and hold those responsible accountable for allowing this betrayal to happen. If you would like more information about the project, please contact Ryan Uychara at [stopfiringvetscolorado@gmail.com](mailto:stopfiringvetscolorado@gmail.com).

Finally, a big thank you to our picnic committee who were outstanding in their help and support for this year's successful outing: Pat Mather, Bill Douglas, Colina Rivetts, Suzanne Stewart, Nancy Richardson, and Kelly Lewis.



**SHARON REESE**  
Region VII VP

## Region VII / NEB Report

Summer is here with hot temperatures, wind and wildfires. Coloradans are being evacuated and some are losing their homes and all their belongings. Please take care in these trying times. The last NEB meeting was held March 3rd via zoom. The NEB covered thirteen motions (4 in Executive Session). I presented the Site Selection Committee report (motion #07-03-26) recommending the Hilton Hotel in Omaha Nebraska for the joint 2027 Federation President/National Executive Board Meetings (August 22-26, 2027) and the 2028 National Biennial Conference (FEDcon28, August 23-29, 2028). The motion passed by unanimous consent. All NEB meeting minutes are available online for your reading pleasure. Federation and Chapter Liability Insurance Policies are due to be renewed for the period of 6/16/26 to 6/16/27. The premium is \$100.00. A message was sent by the National Secretary/Treasurer on May 29th with the complete details.

On June 2nd, the NEB voted on a change to the Fall Membership Drive. "Effective immediately the NEB approves the change in dates of the two recruitment incentive programs – Fall Membership Drive August 1 to November 30 and Active Federal Employees Incentive Program January 1 to July 31.

FEDcon26, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, \$179 plus taxes per night. Registration is now \$250 for members and \$300

for non-members, through August 7th. Region VII will be holding a Region Caucus on Monday August 24th either at 3:30 or at 4:45. I have not been told which session we will meet. If you have any topic(s) that you would like for me to address, please let me know by July 15th. You can access the program activities online which details the speakers and breakout sessions. Also, on August 24th there will be a shuttle to and from the Bottleworks District and The Garage Food Hall. You do not need reservations. You can check this out online. Do you like baseball? There are free baseball tickets available to all registrants for the Indianapolis Indians vs the Columbus Clippers, on Tuesday, August 25th at 6:35. You do need to reserve your tickets online. This information was sent to all FEDcon26 registrants on June 18th. The Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday August 23rd, 1:30-3:30 PM (EDT) will be available via zoom for all members. The link will be provided later. As of June 15th, headquarters reported 12 members from Colorado will be attending. A total of 34 members is reported for the region. If you plan to attend, please register and book your room as soon as possible. Voting will be taking place August 26 through September 30th. If you want to vote via paper ballot a request must be received at NARFE Headquarters by 5 p.m. EDT August 14, 2026. This information is available online and the June/July edition of the NARFE magazine. Candidate

statements are also available in the June/July NARFE magazine. There are four Regional Vice President candidates that did not make the magazine deadline. To date there is one two candidates for National President and no additional candidates for National Secretary/Treasurer.

Bylaws that we will be voting on are currently online (2026 NARFE National Election/Bylaw & Standing Rule Amendments for the 2026 Election). Please pay attention to B-26-03, Article IV – Officers, Section 1. Election and Term of Office. I hope that you pay close attention to this proposed bylaw change that the Bylaws Committee recommends that members vote yes too. Would you be comfortable with your RVP holding an office in your Chapter?

I am looking for a volunteer to be the Service Officer and someone to be the Alzheimer Coordinator. Please contact me if you have any questions and are interested in the position.

Have a good summer and hope to see you in Indianapolis in August.

**JIM DODRILL**  
President, Chapter 81



## Denver - Capital City 0081 Chapter Report

Denver-Capital City Chapter 81 meets the third Friday each month at El Gran Jardin Restaurant at Windsor Gardens, 597 S Clinton, Denver, CO. The meeting scheduled for April 17 was canceled. Nick Cresanta arranged for our speaker, Ryan S Uychara, for our May 15, 2026, meeting. Ryan Uychara discussed the Stop Firing Vets campaign. He is an Army Veteran and former federal employee working with the union, UNITE HERE, to raise awareness of the harms caused by mass federal workforce cuts. In particular, Stop Firing Vets is trying to draw attention to the impacts of these cuts on Veterans, in an effort to stand up for them and for all federal workers. They are seeking to build a movement to hold members of Congress

who did nothing to stop these firings accountable, and to send a message to current and former federal employees that they are not alone. If you weren't able to make the meeting and would like to learn more, please contact Ryan Uychara at 254-423-7689 or [rueychara1@gmail.com](mailto:rueychara1@gmail.com). You can also visit their website at [www.stopfiringvets.org](http://www.stopfiringvets.org). They also marched in Commerce City's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25, 2026, and hosted a Veterans town hall on June 20, 2026. We did not have our monthly Chapter 81 meeting on Friday, June 19, 2026. Twelve chapter members attended the NARFE Colorado Federation meeting on June 26, 2026, at the El Gran Jardin restaurant. Our annual chapter picnic is scheduled for July 17, 2026, at the Windsor Gardens gazebo. The chapter will provide the usual fried chicken, with members asked to bring a dish



JANE GAHAN  
President, Chapter 1072



The spring months flew by, and like everyone else, I’m doing my best to limit my water use and get accustomed to my lawn in minimal-survival mode. I’m still considering increasing xeriscaping or taking the artificial turf route. Time will tell,

but for now, the priority is to reduce consumption. I’d rather have drinking and cleaning water over the nicest lawn on the block!

I’m happy to report, however, that Chapter 1072 is still thriving, and membership remains fairly constant. As with other chapters, we are challenged by losses in membership due to the deaths of longtime members and non-renewals. Debbie Rodgers, Federation and Chapter Vice President of Membership, continues to promote the benefits of NARFE membership and encourage members to renew. We’ve added several individuals to our chapter. Betsy Shaw is taking over the position of Chapter 1072 Alzheimer’s Association Chairperson.

We continue to hold meetings the first of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 11090 E Mississippi Avenue in Aurora. The meeting room is provided free of charge with the stipulation that members purchase a buffet lunch. Even

though we’ve checked out other locations, this restaurant is the most convenient, and the menu is the most suitable for our members. Usually, the chapter doesn’t have a July meeting, but this year, due to Debbie’s and my schedules, we did not hold a June meeting.

The chapter’s meetings for April and May focused on the ongoing cybersecurity threats we face every day, in the emails, text messages and phone calls bombarding us. Last year, we had a couple of great presentations given by AARP on fraud prevention. Since it’s a continuing issue in our lives, the more updated information we receive, the better. At our April meeting, Janet Stewart presented the program: You can...stop the scam! I first became acquainted with Janet, a NARFE member and now friend, when we both worked together at DFAS (Defense

Finance and Accounting Service) at least 20 years ago. She was the organization’s Information Assurance Manager. That relationship continued when DFAS closed, and we both worked for Office of Natural Resources Revenue within the Department of the Interior. During her presentation, Janet provided handouts and great references for us in our daily lives.

The May meeting built on the information we learned in Janet’s program. FBI Special Agent Eric Burns presented Most Common Scams and Frauds Using Cyber Techniques to Exploit Victims. He stated the Department of Justice has made elder fraud a priority. Close to \$8 billion in total losses was reported by Americans aged 60 and older. Seniors now represent the largest victim group by total losses of any age category tracked by the FBI. The year-over-year increase in elder fraud is 37%. The top losses are investment, tech support and romance scams. Agent Burns pointed out that the FBI works in the background of all complaints reported to numerous agencies. The FBI website, IC3.gov, which the FBI uses to track elder fraud, is also used by many agencies to report fraud, and their reports are accessible.

Speakers at upcoming meetings include: July 6, 2026: Ryan Uychara, Stop Firing Vets; August 3, 2026: Highline Canal Conservancy. Our chapter is already looking ahead and discussing ideas for the chapter’s annual holiday party.

## Sarcoidosis – Have You Ever Heard of This Disease?

I visited my optometrist in June of 2025 because I had blurry vision and bloodshot eyes. She noticed an inflammation of the iris in both eyes. Immediately after looking at both eyes, she asked me, "What else do you have going on?" I'd had pneumonia in May, pain in my lower spine, and headaches for a bit over a year, but they didn't seem related to an eye problem. My optometrist prescribed a steroid eye drop and said to come back to the office in a week. She wanted the eye surgeon who had done my cataract surgery in 2024 to look at me. She wanted him to confirm her diagnosis and check the progress of the steroid eye drops. The diagnosis was uveitis (iritis actually, the most common form of uveitis) which is inflammation of part of or all of the uvea.

But the eye problem was just a symptom of other things happening in my body. It took a few months, and visits to a few different specialists to see what was really going on. I needed a pulmonologist, cardiologist, and a neurologist to help check out my lungs, heart, and nervous system. All information became overwhelming very quickly. I needed a rheumatologist to help pull together information from the other specialists since they deal with the diagnosis and management of disorders of which the common feature is inflammation – in the bones, muscles, joints, and internal organs. The pulmonologist and neurologist (both from National Jewish Health in Denver) have also done an excellent job in explaining the big picture impact of my disease. The ultimate diagnosis from all these specialists is that I have sarcoidosis.

Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that causes clusters of immune cells, known as granulomas, to form in various organs, most commonly in the lungs and lymph nodes, but they can also affect the skin, eyes, heart, brain, and other areas. More simply, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that occurs when the immune system goes into overdrive for an unknown reason. Diagnosis is based on symptoms, medical history, and tests such as CT scans, MRI imaging, lab work, and biopsies. There is no cure for sarcoidosis; treatment focuses on symptom management and reducing inflammation, but many cases resolve on their own. Treatment may include corticosteroids to reduce inflammation and immunosuppressive medications for severe cases. Most people with sarcoidosis experience mild symptoms and do not require treatment. Regular monitoring is essential to manage the condition effectively.

Sarcoidosis is most common in Scandinavians but occurs in all parts of the world. In the United States, risk is greater among black than white people. It usually begins between the ages of 20 and 50. (I am 70 years old.) It occurs more often in women than men. My great-grandparents came from Sweden so the Scandinavian link is the only thing I have in common with those who most commonly get sarcoidosis. It is a rare disease with 150,000-200,000 cases in the United States per year. Neurosarcoidosis (even more rare) is characterized by the presence of non-necrotizing granulomas that can affect any part of the nervous system and occurs in only 5 to 15% of total sarcoidosis cases. I have neurosarcoidosis as determined by a lumbar puncture and analysis of my spinal fluid in December of 2025.

I am currently taking methotrexate once a week to help manage my sarcoidosis. It is a pretty strong immunosuppressant medication and can cause serious issues like liver damage and low blood cell counts, so I am managed closely by my doctors with routine blood analysis. I take folic acid daily to help with some of the potential side effects of methotrexate. In January 2026, I started Remicade infusions in addition to the methotrexate as an additional medication to especially manage the neurosarcoidosis. It is a more expensive drug, however, and required time to get insurance company approval to pay for this treatment. I’ve had four Remicade infusions to date with a fifth scheduled in July. Both methotrexate and Remicade are immunosuppressants and can increase your risk of infections.

Most people diagnosed with sarcoidosis or neurosarcoidosis have a normal life expectancy. This can vary from person to person. It depends on the severity and where the disease is located. After treatment, sarcoidosis will likely go into remission but with neurosarcoidosis a recurrence of symptoms is more likely. I have been told by my providers that my prognosis is good, so I am optimistic. Time will tell.

## Report from Senatorial Leader Bob Epstein

SUBJECT: State Leader Federation Region VII Report, 2025-2026 - Senator Michel Bennet

The information contained in this was obtained from weekly reports and personal meetings with the Senator.

### 2025

Joined representatives from Swisspod and local leaders in Pueblo to celebrate the unveiling of a new transportation infrastructure. Cutting edge technology in a prime area to test the system to advance Colorado's Transportation technology.

In an effort to fix America's Broken Health Care System, Senator Bennet called for Congress to extend the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) tax credits and fighting to ensure every Coloradan has access to reliable and affordable health care. The Senator is continuing this effort to offer recommendation to fix or reform a broken healthcare system to benefit working families. This is ongoing as HRI has added to the problem Also during this period the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) was reduced, however, restored under Court Order. This action was referred to as "Using Hunger as a Political Weapon". There also were repeated efforts to end the Government Shutdown and pay essential government employees that are continuing on the job. Efforts continue to avoid the closing of essential National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s billion Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters database that tracks all weather disasters in the U.S. The facility is in Boulder. Besides the loss of government positions, the ability to track extreme weather and climate disasters in the U.S. would be lost. The effort to Stop cuts to Medicare and Social Security continue.

### 2026

Continued efforts to avoid the closing and dismantling of NCAR, a reckless decision, is progressing. Senator Bennet exerted efforts to provide disaster relief for floods in Western Colorado. Met with County leaders to discuss affordable housing opportunities in Colorado mountain towns and rural resort communities. He continues to exert efforts to have ICEagents unmask, wear body camaras and conform to all federal police rules and regulations. Not much change yet. The Senator has visited the ICE facility in Aurora and

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reported that the conditions are horrible, however, He was able to secure \$141 Million for Colorado Projects to include the purchase of disability accessible vehicles for veterans; provide food to Summit County workers and affordable housing development projects in Pueblo and other areas. Senator Bennet continues to work on issues affecting Coloradans, however, his emphasis at this writing is campaigning for election as Colorado Governor in June Primary. Will keep informed.



COLORADO FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes from Meeting – May 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: President Frank Impinna called the zoom meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2026.  
PRESENT: Frank Impinna, Greg Kann, Mary Bleecher, Ted Van Hintum, Jane Gahan, Deborah Rodgers, Jim Dodrill, and Larry Schluntz.  
AGENDA: The agenda was approved with no changes.  
The minutes of the April 22, 2026 meeting were finalized, approved and filed.  
**REGION VII VICE PRESIDENT - Sharon Reese** - Sharon was not available therefore there is no report.

• **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Frank noted that 24 have signed up for the Federation Board meeting on June 26, including 6 from Wyoming. He is still working on the agenda. Karen Docktor, president and Dana Bardsley, new chapter president of the Wyoming Federation are expected to attend and Sharon Reese, Regional Vice President is also planning to attend. A reminder is planned for May 26 to be sent to chapter Presidents and other planned attendees. So far 8, have signed up to attend FedCon26.  
Frank plans to meet with John Hatton at the Federation president’s meeting and also attend the NARFE-PAC breakfast. He commented that the agenda for the convention is tentative at this time. FEDCon 26 was discussed and Frank requested members to e-mail him if they plan to attend. The Federation Board meeting on June 26 was also briefly discussed.

**PAST FEDERATION PRESIDENT – Ted Van Hintum** - •Ted noted that National membership numbers from January to April have declined by 6,600. If this trend continues to the end of the year, the loss will be about 20,000.

**MEMBERSHIP – Frank Impinna and Debbie Rodgers**

|          | 1/1/26 | 4/30/26 | Yearly |          |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
|          | Begin  | End     | Diff   | Increase |
| Chapter  | 1,204  | 1,171   | -33    | -2.74%   |
| National | 2,162  | 2,081   | -81    | -3.75%   |
| Total    | 3,366  | 3,252   | -114   | -3.39%   |

**TREASURER – Greg Kann**  
Checking Account

|                                                                    |                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – (April 22, 2026)                               | \$25,772.62                      |
| 10% Funds                                                          | 0.00                             |
| Expenses                                                           | 0.00                             |
| Ending Balance – (May 13, 2026)                                    | \$25,772.62                      |
| Savings Account                                                    |                                  |
| Beginning Balance – (April 22, 2026)                               | \$14,959.44                      |
| Interest Income                                                    | .24                              |
| Ending Balance – (April 22, 2026)                                  | \$14,959.68                      |
| Certificates of Deposit #6059                                      |                                  |
| 6 – month (3.5%)                                                   | \$40,339.80                      |
| (New CD 4/27/26) Matures 10/27/26                                  | Interest Earned-Not Paid \$41.79 |
|                                                                    | Interest paid in 2026-\$762.78   |
| Total:                                                             | \$40,339.80                      |
| Grand Total: (May 13, 2026)                                        | \$81,072.10                      |
| It was noted that 17 attended FEDCon24 and it was budgeted for 20. |                                  |
| Greg Kann                                                          |                                  |
| Treasurer, Colorado Federation of Chapters and Members             |                                  |

**NATIONAL MEMBER REPORT – Mary Bleecher**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| MEMBERSHIP AS OF 04/03/2026:                                                                                                                                   | 2096 |
| MEMBERSHIP AS OF 03/03/2025:                                                                                                                                   | 2112 |
| ADDITIONS:                                                                                                                                                     | 19   |
| DELETIONS:                                                                                                                                                     | 35   |
| NET LOSS:                                                                                                                                                      | 16   |
| DECEASED:                                                                                                                                                      |      |
| 5—Benefiel, Alan-Durango-96, Burnett, Kathleen-Fort Collins-99, Hansen, Wyoma-Saguache-72, Ogren, William-Colorado Springs-87, Schelly, Gilda Gene-Greeley-98. |      |

**ALZHEIMER’S REPORT – Frank Impinna**

- April was \$102. Federation total for year=\$795.09

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Preparation for FEDcon26 in progress for 2026. Colorado Website has been updated for registration and hotel information.
- Preparation for Federation Board meeting
- 1. Place, Date (Friday June 26 at El Gran restaurant). Food choices have been made.
- 2. The proposed agenda has been sent out.
- 3. Election is coming up for the Colorado Federation in 2027 and suggestions for candidates are still needed. Frank intends to emphasize mentoring of new officers at the Presidents meeting and also suggests setting up ladder positions, where for instance a president would be elected to a position such as president-elect and then move into the presidency the next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Newspaper articles are due June 30th.
- NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Will be July 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom..

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

.LARRY SCHLUNTZ

Interim Colorado Federation Secretary

# Chapter Meeting Information

**Chapter 81 • Denver-Capital City**  
• Meets the third Friday, at Windsor Gardens, 597 S. Clinton St (Alameda & Clinton) Board meeting in the El Gran Restaurant starting at 10:30 am followed by a business meeting at 11:00 am. Hall is handicap accessible.  
• President - James Dodrill, 303-238-0191

**Chapter 256 • Fort Collins**  
• Meets the third Monday except July and August, 11:30 am. Elks Lodge 804, 1424 E. Mulberry St, Fort Collins.  
• President - Ron Briggs, 970-493-2202

**Chapter 351 • Grand Junction**  
• The following dates are scheduled for the remainder of the year: June 13, September 12, and possibly December 12. Tuesday at 10 am. Grand Junction Public Library, 443 North 6th Street, Grand Junction. • President - Brad Pearson, 970-243-3078

**Chapter 820 • Longmont**  
• Meets the second Friday except August; 12:00 pm. Perkins Restaurant, 2051 Main St., Longmont.  
• President - Larry Schluntz, 303-772-6419

**Chapter 821 • Loveland**  
• Meetings will start in September on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30. Meeting will be held at Chilson Senior Center, 700 East 4th St., Loveland  
President - Tom Cherry , 970-663-0083

**Chapter 1040 Arvada**  
Meets at the Corona Mexican Grill, 7617 W. 88th Ave,Westminsterat 11:30 on the third Wednesday of each month except August.  
President- Diane Heyder, (720) 272-2996

**Chapter 1072 • Aurora**  
  
• Meets the first Monday; Lunch 11:00 am; Business 12:00 pm, Golden Corral, 11090 E. Mississippi Ave., Aurora.  
• President – Jane Gahan, 720-256-5056

**Chapter 1085 • Mory Lewis**  
  
• Meets 2nd Tuesday, at 11:30, of every other month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec) at the Sunrise Sunset Restaurant, 1424 S. Wadsworth, Lakewood.  
• President – Pat Mather, 303-953-1146

**Chapter 2286 • Billie Love**  
  
• Chapter meets at 11:30 second Monday once each quarter in March, June, September, and December at alternate locations. Call Chapter President for dates and locations.  
• President - Greg Kann, 303-718-7307

Ron Briggs  
President, Chapter 256



NARFE is all about

community. While NARFE Headquarters keeps us abreast of national level issues, legislative actions, and benefits, Chapter 256 takes it a step further to learn what’s going on in our own community.

Over the past few years, we have heard from professionals at our monthly meetings who have covered a wide range of topics. We’ve learned about changing tax laws; the effects of sleep deprivation; lessons learned from wildland fires and subsequent runoff and erosion; opioid usage in older adults and overdose; the existence and function of the Fort Collins Police Department’s Network Engagement Team; ongoing initiatives to improve the city of Fort Collins; palliative care and hospice, debunking common myths about each, and services available in our area; protecting ourselves from identity theft; the local human trafficking program; and so much more.

Members from NARFE 821 in Loveland joined us at our June meeting as we had the honor of hosting our Colorado Congressional District (2) Representative Joe Neguse and his staff. Neguse kicked off the meeting with an overview of current issues and his work with other congressionals in D.C. As chair of the House Litigation Task Force, he discussed its work to combat unlawful executive orders and agency actions issued by the Trump administration. Efforts

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constituent, and you can take your feelings to the

and accomplishments by the Task Force include reinstating and ensuring back pay for illegally terminated federal employees and halting further firing of federal workers until the existing federal workforce can be reviewed with respect to their agency’s ability to fulfill the commitments of their programs. He responded to questions regarding the U.S. Wildland Fire Service, the U.S. Forest Service reorganization, and the plan to close and consolidate USFS Research and Development stations across the U.S. into a single hub in Fort Collins, as well as comments about the Iran War and how it is affecting our economy locally and nationally. Neguse’s words were encouraging. His optimism about regaining one or both Congressional chambers in November and about starting to move forward to get our country back on track as a democracy was contagious. He encouraged us to call or stop by his Fort Collins office anytime if we have any questions or want to discuss or provide new ideas in relation to current issues or concerns.

Regardless of political party, having the opportunity to interact with your Congressional Representative or their staff is beneficial. If they supported DOGE and the gutting of federal agencies, it would be an opportunity to ask why. If you want to be heard, making accusations, nasty retorts, or disgust will achieve nothing. If they don’t provide answers, keep asking questions. In the end, the discussion may feel fruitless, but you’ll walk away with your integrity and dignity intact. Bottom line, you are still their

voting booth and encourage others to do the same. Speaking of DOGE and the gutting of federal agencies, we hope federal employees in Larimer County who took the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA), Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments (VSIP), or the Deferred Resignation Program (DRP) will take the opportunity to become NARFE members and consider joining our Chapter. The Trump administration continues to look for ways to reduce benefits for active and retired federal employees to offset budget deficits. NARFE is working hard to prevent that from happening. Joining NARFE is a great way to support those efforts and to stay informed.

Cass Cairns, First Vice President

The above article by Cass does a great job of highlighting the benefit of having an actual NARFE Chapter. While nationally NARFE does a good job disseminating information through both the Magazine and online resources there is still a place for in-person contact and the coverage of more local issues and events.

Ron Briggs, President Chapter 256  
Chapter 256 Social Media: Facebook:  
NarfeNorthernColorado and www.facebook.com/  
Web page narfe256.com

### The Colorado Federation needs to fill positions within it's executive Committee. (Contact Federation president)

#### Colorado Duties of the Congressional District Leader For congressional districts 2, 5, and 6.

1. Works under the general direction of the Colorado Federation Vice President Legislation to solicit and gauge the collective will of NARFE members in the congressional district.
2. The Colorado Federation Vice President Legislation will make appointments to the position for each 2-year session of Congress beginning January 1 of the first year and ending December 31 of the second year. Appointees are expected to serve the entire 2-year congressional session.
3. The Congressional District Leader (CDL) will reside and is a registered voter in the congressional district to which appointed as the CDL.
4. Arranges for periodic meetings with the Representative and/or staff to advocate for NARFE issues and to gain the Representatives sponsorship or co-sponsorship of issues that NARFE supports.
5. Provides feedback from the Representative and/or staff to NARFE members within the district.
6. Attends NARFE-PAC events as determined by the Vice President Legislation.
7. Notifies NARFE members in the district of periodic meetings, town hall meetings or other events in which the Representative is participating. Encourages NARFE members to wear NARFE attire (baseball caps, golf shirts, etc.) when attending these events.
8. Attends the NARFE biennial Legislative Training Conference and other training specific to national legislation. The Colorado Federation will make every effort to fund, at least partially, attendance at these training opportunities.
9. Provides a follow-up report on congressional meetings and events to the Colorado Federation Vice President Legislation and the NARFE Legislative Department at [advocacyinaction@narfe.org](mailto:advocacyinaction@narfe.org).

10. Reimbursement of travel expenses for round trips of 10 miles or more at the rate of \$.50 per mile may be made by filing an Expense Report with the Federation Treasurer.

BYLAWS/RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The procedures for submitting and distribution of Bylaws resolutions prior to the Conference are set forth in the Bylaws, Article X, Section 1.

1.           Send notice to all chapters and members to send in bylaws amendments to the committee 60 days before the opening of the State Conference.

2.           Upon receipt of Bylaw changes, meet with the committee members and sort through all Bylaws with changes other than Bylaw changes.

3.           Send copies of proposed Bylaw Changes to all members sixty days prior to the opening of the conference to vote to accept or reject such changes.

4.           At the conference, make an announcement of the voting results from the members of the accepted or rejected Bylaw changes.

5.           Send copies of accepted or rejected Bylaw results to the Federation President and Secretary for updating the Bylaws booklet.

