

NARFE Chapter 256 Annual Report 2025

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NARFE Chapter 256--President's 2025 Report to the Chapter

In May Henry Shands, our Chapter President for the past several years, and his wife Kate moved to Kentucky to be closer to their daughter.

Henry will be very much missed as he did a lot for the Chapter and kept it going during times when our future was uncertain. Ron Briggs, the Chapter Past President, agreed to serve out the remainder of Henry's term and all Board members pitched in to help fill the voids.

In November the Chapter held elections for Officers and since there were no new volunteers for the positions our existing Board members all agreed to fill their existing positions for the coming term. Chapter Officers for 2026/2027 are: Ron Briggs President; Cass Cairns, 1st vice president; Marshall Flug, 2nd vice president; Ron Briggs, Treasurer and Secretary; and Board Members Warren Snyder, Carol Ayer and Daniel Owen, Directors at Large. Warren Snyder will also continue to represent Legislative Affairs for the Chapter and is the Congressional District Liaison for CO2

Ron Briggs attended the 2025 Colorado Federation Conference in June.

The average Chapter luncheon attendance is staying consistent, averaging a little over 19 per meeting. The great programs Cass, our 1st vice president, has been able to arrange has a lot to do with maintaining these levels. In addition to arranging programs, and maintaining our Facebook page Cass also works part time on a wild land fire team as a Public Information Officer and travels across much of the Country during fire season. She is another important reason our Chapter has been able to remain viable. A list of the programs she has provided in 2025 is attached.

Marshall Flug does a great job of tracking Chapter membership while working with the National Office and the National Membership data bases - which seem to be in a continual state of modification. Marshall also maintains the Chapter web page. His summarized report is attached.

Ron Briggs serves as Chapter Treasurer and presents a monthly financial report to the Chapter. A brief summary is attached.

Carol Ayer and Cass Cairns serve as the audit committee and a statement of their year end audit report for 2025 is attached to the Treasurer's report.

Carol Ayer supervises our calling committee and also serves as the cashier at our luncheons.

Cass Cairns maintains our Chapter social media presence on Facebook

Warren Snyder - Continues to stay in touch with our Washington delegation regarding legislative and political topics of importance to members.

Chapter 256 continues to face the same serious membership issues which are common to many chapters. We continue to urge all chapter members to renew their local Chapter 256 memberships when they renew their NARFE memberships.

I would like to encourage all Chapter members and also nonmembers to consider where they may like to participate in any of the Chapter's activities, serve in officer positions or make recommendations to improve our Chapter's usefulness.

Thanks to all Chapter 256 members and Board members for their continued support and attendance and may all have a good 2026.

Ron Briggs, President, NARFE Chapter 256
Fort Collins, Colorado

Treasurer's Report NARFE Chapter 256 Financial Summary for 2025 Prepared 01/16/2026 by Ron Briggs, Treasurer

The Chapter did not have a luncheon in January due to weather. The average number of lunches per month in 2025 was 19.1 (the average in 2024 was 19.4, in 2023 was 19.1 and in 2022 was 20.1). The largest monthly luncheon attendances were in February, April, May, and July.

The Chapter received \$1,047 from National NARFE remittance for 2025 (this might be off due to problems with National disbursements at the end of 2023). The amounts for 2021 and 2022 respectively were \$1,276.08 and \$1,025.34.

Given the current trends in income and expenditures it is expected the Chapter can remain financial viable for 5+years.

Following is the summary statement of the **audit report** which was prepared by Carol Ayer and Cass Cairn and conducted on December 17, 2025. The audit included a full review of the Canvas Credit Union checking account, all income and disbursements.

MEMBERSHIP:

Annual MEMBERSHIP Report 2025, NARFE Chapter 256, Fort Collins. For January 2026 by Marshall Flug.

Health Fair: None local this year.

Summary of Membership Changes for 2025:

Chapter 256 has 112 Members, with another 102 National only members that reside in our chapter area. There was a net increase of one (1) Chapter member over the year 2025.

Increases to Chapter 256. Thirteen (13) New Members in 2025. One transferred In to the Chapter. We know of 4 deceased members in 2025 and NARFE indicates eleven (11) members were Dropped for Non-Renewal. (The numbers do not add up exactly but we are going on what the NARFE National Membership Database shows.)

Remembering our Colleagues who passed away in 2025.

Edward H Seely - April 25, 2025
Karen Dana - June 5, 2025
Charles August Segelquist - June 2, 2025
Ann R Haverluk - September 9, 2025

2025 NARFE PROGRAM REPORT – CHAPTER 256, FORT COLLINS, CO **Submitted by Cass Cairns, 1st Vice-President and Program Chair**

JANUARY – Canceled due to weather.

FEBRUARY – Fire Year 2025: What the Trump and DOGE movement is doing to the federal wildland firefighter workforce. Speaker: Cass Cairns, Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team 3 Public Information Officer

MARCH – Senior Foot Care. Speaker: Jason L. Bradshaw, Orthotist, CO, FABDA.

APRIL – The Perfect Storm: When Drugs and Supplements Collide. Speaker: Haley Huddleston, PharmD.

MAY – Valuable and Vulnerable – The History of National Public Radio. Speaker: Mike Arnold, Chief Audience and Content Officer for KUNC Public Radio & the Colorado Sound.

JUNE – City of Fort Collins City Sustainability Initiatives. Speaker: Jacob Castillo, City of Fort Collins Chief Sustainability Officer

JULY – NARFE picnic

AUGUST – No meeting

SEPTEMBER – Larimer Emergency Management: Designing For Disruption. Speakers: Lori Hodges, Director of Emergency Management for Larimer County and Camille Millard, Larimer Office of Emergency Management Preparedness and Resilience Emergency Management Coordinator.

OCTOBER – Medicare Advantage – Is It Right For Me? Speaker: CIC-Independent Licensed Insurance Agent Lisa Wentz-Kinnison

NOVEMBER – Open Season: Blue Cross Blue Shield. Speaker: Jane Fluekiger, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Account Executive

DECEMBER – Christmas Program performed by the Senior Serenaders Chorus.