

# National Association of Retired Federal Employees Big Sioux Chapter Records

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## Collection Summary

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## Abstract

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Big Sioux Chapter Records document the activities of the Big Sioux Chapter (Chapter 0872) of NARFE, a nonprofit organization that advocates for the rights and benefits of retired federal employees and their families. Based in Brookings, South Dakota, the chapter was part of the South Dakota Federation of NARFE chapters and served regional members through advocacy, meetings, and informational programming. Although the chapter is no longer active, it previously provided a forum for retired federal employees to remain informed about legislative issues affecting retirement benefits and to participate in community and organizational activities.

The collection includes administrative, membership, and promotional materials related to the chapter's operations. Records consist of meeting minutes, membership rosters, correspondence regarding donations and chapter activities, and materials from state and national NARFE conventions. Additional items include certificates, award plaques, photographs, promotional materials, and informational brochures. Notable artifacts include the chapter's foundation certificate, chapter banner, and a national award plaque. The records also highlight the involvement of local members, particularly Curt and Eunice Stensland, and document the chapter's connection to broader NARFE initiatives and advocacy efforts.

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## **Biography**

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the rights and benefits of retired federal employees and their families at the local, state, and national levels. The Big Sioux Chapter (Chapter 0872), based in Brookings, South Dakota, is part of the South Dakota Federation of NARFE chapters. Although currently inactive, the chapter has previously served members in the region through advocacy, community engagement, and information-sharing.

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## **Scope and Content**

The records of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Big Sioux Chapter document the chapter's administrative, membership, and promotional activities. The collection includes meeting minutes, membership rosters, donation correspondence, national and state convention materials, certificates, award plaques, photographs, promotional items, and informational brochures. Notable items include the chapter's foundation certificate, chapter banner, and national award plaque.

These materials provide insight into the chapter's advocacy efforts, organizational structure, and engagement with federal retirees in the Brookings, South Dakota area. The collection also highlights the contributions of local members, particularly Curt and Eunice Stensland, and reflects the chapter's connection to broader NARFE initiatives.

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- Civil service pensioners

### **Names**

- National Association of Retired Federal Employees (U. S.)

### **Places**

- South Dakota
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## Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Anniversary and Certificates	2018
1	2	Brochures and Application Materials	2008
1	3	Certificates	1987-2017
1	4	Donation Letters (Clifford Rindels)	2007-2013
1	5	Federation and National Convention Materials	2016
1	6	IRS Audit	2011
1	7	Meeting Minutes	2012
1	8	Membership Rosters and Convention Agendas	1979-1990
1	9	Meeting Minutes (Curt and Eunice)	2012-2013
1	10	Meeting Minutes	2013-2014
1	11	Miscellaneous	undated

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	12	NARFE National Bylaws	2012
2	1	National Award Plaque	1982
2	2	Picture	undated
2	3	Pins and Bracelets	undated
2	4	Policy and Membership Information	2007-2013
2	5	Posters	undated
2	6	Promotional Materials (Curt Stensland)	2012