



SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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Membership Status

We’ve had 102 new members join us since January 1, 2026. We have members from 27 states and 218 cities. 91.7% of the members live in Georgia or South Carolina with 55.7% living in Aiken County.

Please support the SRS Retiree Association and what the Resource Center does in assisting retirees transitioning into Medicare, Medicare issues, Open Enrollment, stipend reimbursements, etc. The Resource Center is sponsored and managed by the Association’s Board. The primary funding source is from members’ due payments and donations. Most of the Resource Center support is provided by retirees who volunteer their time.

Annual dues are from January 1 through December 31 and can be paid anytime. Membership is available to anyone retired under the previous WSRC–BSRI retirement plan or in the successor plan, currently called the SRNS, LLC Multiple Employer Pension Plan. This includes retirees from WSRC, BSRI, WSMS, BNFL, URS, SRNS, SRR, SRMC and BSRA. Dues can be paid for up to three years; current year plus the next two. Retiree membership is \$25 and Surviving Spouse \$5. All members’ spouses (SRS retiree or not) can join for \$0.

The easiest way to pay dues is online. Go to our website, <http://srsretirees.org>, there is a Membership button near the top of the page. It lets you complete an electronic form and go to our PayPal account to make a payment via a credit card. There is a paper copy form there you can complete and mail to us, if that is your preferred method.

We need volunteers to serve on the Board and/or perform services at the Resource Center to continue operations. Please encourage all retirees to join the Association, especially those that use the Resource Center services.

Why not share this information with a retiree friend who is currently not an SRSRA member. Our strength is in numbers.

2026 SRSRA Annual Meeting

Make plans now, the 2026 SRSRA Annual Meeting will be held April 21, 2026. Doors will open at 11:30 AM. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The location is Millbrook Baptist Church's "Kid City" annex (map below). The agenda (subject to change) is:

SRSRA 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- SRSRA Update
- Treasurer's Report
- SRSRA Resource Center Update
- General Business
- Door Prizes
- Adjournment

Getting there:



Access the annual meeting location by turning off E. Pine Log Rd in Aiken onto S. Aiken Blvd. Turn right into the parking lot across from Kennedy Middle School. The meeting place is directly in front of the parking lot entrance.

Gas Card Winner

The first gas card winner for this issue is Lafayette Kennerly. This SRSRA member has won a \$50 gas card courtesy of the SRSEA and SRSRA. Please text or call Bob Hottel (803 221 4248) or email (roberthottel27@yahoo.com) within 30 days to claim your gas card! Please verify your home address when you contact Bob.



Resource Center Update.

SRNS is offering another Health Reimbursement Account transition meeting. The transition meeting will be held in Augusta, GA, April 22, 2026, at the First Baptist Church, [3500 Walton Way Extension](#). The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. For additional information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/srns-health-reimbursement-account-transition-augusta-ga-tickets-1985271771310?aff=oddttdtcreator>. You can also call the SRNS Service Center 803.725.7772 or SRSRA Retiree Resource Center 803.226.0070 to get help with registration. This does not apply to SRMC retirees.

Retirees residing in SC should soon be receiving an announcement regarding a Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC Guaranteed Issue Medicare Supplement Plan G which is being made available for SRNS and BSRA retirees who are SC Residents.

The Resource Center has assisted a large number of retirees and spouses during scheduled office visits by helping them register online in their new HealthInvest HRA accounts and to file their claims for Automatic Premium Reimbursements, and to set up their account features the way that is best for them. The Resource Center can also help with the HI mobile app setup and use. If you need help with the app or help filing claims, call the Message Line at 803-226-0070 or email srsra@srsretirees.org with your request.

Help Us Help Legislators: A Focus on Retirees

The SRSRA Board continues to work for a pension increase through lobbying contractors, DOE, and legislators. What the Board has learned is that to represent you, legislators need to hear from you. How do you get them to hear from you? You have to reach out to them. We have received reports from members who have received responses from their legislators. Some have received an acknowledgement. One person received a phone call from a congress person's staff member requesting a meeting. That meeting will be scheduled in the near future. The SRSRA Board encourages all members to contact their legislators. In fact, you can request friends and family members to contact the legislators on your behalf. This works when the staffers recognize the number of contacts focusing on the pension increases.

Try this:

1. You'll have up to 10,000 words to make your point.
 - a. Let them know that you know they are busy and thank them for their considering your request.
 - b. State your purpose briefly and clearly. You might point out the need for Congress to provide a pension adjustment to combat rising inflation over the last 20 years.
 - c. Personalize your message with stories of how the increase will affect you, your family or community. Some points you can reference—but make them personal—include:
 - SRS retirees have not received a pension adjustment in over 25 years, a 96% loss in spending power.
 - Ask that if the government truly values your services during the cold war a pension adjustment would reflect that value.
 - Approving an adjustment for SRS retirees would provide equity with retirees from across the weapons complex who have been received adjustments over the last 25 years.
 - d. Be polite. Be respectful. Maintain a courteous tone.
 - e. Ask for a response that shows their commitment to a pension adjustment.
 - f. Avoid stale jargons such as "...as a citizen and taxpayer". Do make the point that you are asking "...for their support in including a cost-of-living adjustment in the biennium budget.
 - g. Focus on key points. Try to use common terms and language.
 - h. Close your draft by encouraging specific action(s) in the form of a request. Offer to speak with the legislator by repeating your phone number.
2. When you have finished your draft, find your legislator at <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>. Enter your zip or street address and you will see a map and a list of legislators.

3. Click on contact and answer the questions. Your draft request for action should be copied or transcribed into the box labeled "Please write your message"

Here's are two sample letter used by SRSRA members. Modify this to fit your situation:

Dear Congressman/Senator [Name]

I am a retiree from the Savannah River Site in Aiken SC. I retire nearly 23 years ago with fixed monthly retirement payment. Since that retirement, I have seen my payment devalued by ~75% due to inflation. At present, there is no provision for a cost-of-living adjustment to this payment for SRS retirees. I understand that retirees from other weapons complex facilities have received adjustments to the retirement payments. As a "Cold War Warrior" I am requesting your support for a cost of living adjustment for retirees of SRS. I would be happy to speak with you or members of your staff on this issue at any time.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Or,

Dear Congressman/Senator [Name]

I am one of 16,000 current pensioners from Savannah River Site. I worked at SRS for (number) years before retiring in (year). I am concerned about the preservation of my benefits, including my pension, earned as a result of my civilian service to our country in missions performed by (Company) for the DOE at SRS. While government employees (and retirees) have had frequent increases to their pension (annually, with few exceptions) since 2002, the SRS retirees have not had an increase in pension. In that same time period, inflation has devalued the pension 50%.

As an SRS retiree that served the DOE as a contractor employee for (number) years, and as a member of the SRS Retirees Association, I would like to know what you are doing to help obtain a pension adjustment for SRS pensioners.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Won't you help by personally reaching out to your representative(s)?

Aging into Medicare Monthly Training

Do you know someone who is retiring? Share this link with them for more information, schedule sessions and registration information are available at: <https://srsretirees.org/resource-center-aim-scheduler-r0/>. This opportunity is available to all SRS employees, retirees, spouses and retiree caregivers. Vendors and processes will change over time so a refresher might be helpful.

Gas Card Winner

The second gas card winner for this issue is Clarence Geoff Reynolds. This SRSRA member has won a \$50 gas card courtesy of the SRSEA and SRSRA. Please text or call Bob Hottel (803 221-4248) or email (roberthottel27@yahoo.com) within 30 days to claim your gas card! Please verify your home address when you contact Bob.



In Memoriam: Jan – April 2026

SRSRA Board members obtain these names from local newspapers. If you would like your deceased loved one included, please send us their name via our website, email at SRSRA@srsretirees.org or leave a message at (803)508-7065.



Richard Preston Abee	Jackson	James Edward "Jimmy" Mills	Jackson
Melvyn Newman Boylston	Aiken	Herbert C Moxley	Augusta
Raymond Randolph Brantley	Piedmont	Ira Benjamin "Ben" New	Aiken
George Aubrey Carroll	Williston	Gloria Jean Overstreet	Clearwater
Richard John Dermody, Jr	Evans	Claude Cecil Parrott Jr	N. Augusta
Abraham Dunbar	N. Augusta	Mark Patterson	Augusta
William S "Bill" Durant	Hendersonville, NC	Glenn Keith Paulos	Grovetown
Kenneth M Fallaw	Aiken	William Butler "Buddy" Polson	Edisto Island
Kenneth Lydell Flanders Jr	Aiken	Dr. John Allen Porter	Williston
Thomas Jeffrey "Tom" Friel	Augusta	Lawrence William Price	Aiken
Stephen John Gavin	Aiken	Hubert Steve Pulaski Sr	Hampton
Lawrence Patterson "Larry" Glover	N. Augusta	Harold Edward "Hank" Sayne	Martinez
Kenneth Lewis "Ken" Griffin	Aiken	Frank A Simonetti	Olar
Harmon Nelva Hays	Barnwell	Charles Andrew Sims	N. Augusta
James Robert "Bob" Hester	Augusta	Penny L Smith Bolen	Blackville
Craig Alan Hollowell (2023)	Midwest City, OK	David William Edwin Smith	Evans
Roy "Jimmy" Hubbard	Augusta	Debbie Liles Still	Clarks Hill
Joseph K Jordan Sr	N. Augusta	Wilbur Still	Blackville
Dr. Edward Thomas "Ed" Ketusky	N. Augusta	Frank Robert Utsch	Canton
Patricia Ann "Pat" Mason	Aiken	Marcus Joel "Mark" Woodman	Blackville
Noel William McGahee	Augusta	Bobby Young	N. Augusta
James Bruce Mead	Long Branch		

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