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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022
PLACE: MCL CAFETERIA
4485 FAR HILLS AVE
KETTERING, OHIO
TIME: SOCIAL LUNCHEON STARTS AT 11:00

MCL provides the private dining room for free since most members buy lunch. After paying for lunch, proceed to the private dining room. Cafeteria personnel will help those needing assistance. **The business meeting will start at 11:30.**

SINCLAIR LIFELONG LEARNING

Sinclair Community College's new Coordinator of the College for Lifelong Learning (CLL) Christopher Reeves is our guest speaker at the April 1st Chapter meeting, rescheduled from our cancelled February chapter meeting because of the winter storm. He will review the many courses, workshops, and seminars Sinclair's CLL offers the community. Most workshops and seminars are free, and seniors 60 and over can audit almost all college credit classes without paying tuition, only paying for lab fees and books. Sinclair also offers 6000-level non-credit 10-week courses in art, history, music, and physical education. The fee for 6000 level classes is \$20, which covers all classes for the term. CLL classes, workshops and seminars are offered at 56 locations in the region. A Q&A session will follow Chris's presentation.

BEAVERCREEK CITY PARKS

Our Sister Greene County Chapter 2217 May 12, 2022 Chapter Meeting will feature Kim Farrell, Parks Superintendent for the City of Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Division, who will discuss upcoming projects for 2022. She will have pictures and timelines to share, and will be available to answer questions after the presentation. All NARFE members, including Chapter 1927 members, are invited to the May 12th Greene County Chapter 2217 meeting at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM, 3868 Dayton Xenia Road. Kim will begin her presentation at 1:30 p.m.

FEHB COVERS COVID TESTS

FEHB plans will reimburse subscribers for up to 8 Covid tests per month. Subscribers just need to submit claim

forms downloaded from plan websites. Blue Cross members who purchase Covid tests at in-network retail pharmacies will avoid out of pocket cost by providing their member ID card to the pharmacist. Other plans may have similar procedures. Go to your plan's website for information about coverage for COVID home tests.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD)

Retirees who turn 72 this year are required to take distributions from their TSP, IRA, or other retirement accounts accruing from January 1st of the year they turn 72. A retiree who turns 72 in 2022 has until April 1st 2023 to take his/her first RMD for 2022, with subsequent RMD's due on December 31st annually. Retirees should take their first RMD in 2022 to avoid receiving two years of RMDs in the same tax year. Keep in mind that Medicare premiums increase significantly if income exceeds \$91,000 for single filers and \$182,000 for joint filers. To avoid a larger tax bill and/or increased Medicare premiums, some retirees start taking RMD's monthly starting in January of the year they turn 72.

2022 CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Chapter elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held at our annual chapter meeting on December 2, 2023. Members interested in running for any of those positions can submit nominations at any time prior to the annual meeting to the Chapter Secretary or make their nominations from the floor at the December 2nd meeting. Interested members can also submit candidate statements for posting on our chapter website and inclusion in our newsletter. Attending chapter board meetings is a good training tool for aspiring chapter leaders.

NARFE PAC MONTH

The March issue of NARFE Magazine features an article entitled "Safeguard Your Benefits With NARFE-PAC. Our chapter members cumulatively have led the state in donations to NARFE-PAC and in the top ten nationally. NARFE-PAC helps elect legislators who support the federal community and helps build relationships with lawmakers. NARFE-PAC paid for a local NARFE Delegation to attend a fundraiser for Congressman Michael R. Turner in 2018 where we were able to discuss NARFE legislative priorities and concerns directly with Congressman Turner. These contacts help to protect our hard-earned benefits. Please consider donating to NARFE-PAC on-line at www.NARFE.org or mailing in your donation by completing the form on page 27 of the March 2022 issue of NARFE Magazine.

NARFE PRIORITY LEGISLATION

Every NARFE Magazine includes the NARFE Bill Tracker which is your monthly guide to legislation NARFE is tracking. Among the bills listed are Postal Reform, WEP/GPO reform, and COLA reform for seniors and FERS

retirees. Go to the NARFE Legislative Action at <https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/> to contact your legislators and urge support for NARFE Legislative Priorities.

WPAFB PASS FOR DOD RETIREES

The following appeared in the Springfield Chapter 187 Newsletter and reprinted here with permission from Barb Wieland, Chapter 187 Newsletter Editor.

I, Barb Wieland, decided to get a pass that would allow me to drive onto Wright-Patterson AFB. Under recent rules, retired DOD civilians can shop at the Base Exchange. Also, we have always been allowed to exercise at the base gyms.

The first hurdle is to schedule an appointment with the ID Card office (Military Personnel Flight – MPF). The MPF is in building 2 in Area C near building 1. They, apparently, also have walk-in service on Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 0730. They will give appointments for later in the day to move people to the front of the line. Contact the MPF at (937) 522-3160, preferably before 0730.

To get on base to get to the ID card office, you must head towards the Area A gate in front of building 262, the Headquarters building. Use Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd or Col Glenn Hwy to get there. Do not go through the gate onto the base. Turn left into the big parking lot in front of buildings 262/266. Go to the old Pass and ID building in that parking lot to get a one-day pass to get on the base.

If you prefer getting an appointment, you must go on-line after 4 PM on the first Friday of the month to schedule an appointment for the next month. You can also check after 4 PM on any Friday and you may be lucky enough to get an appointment in the current month. That web site is <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/#/>

On the day of the appointment, leave time to get the one-day pass before driving a few miles to building 2. I took a valid passport and my driver's license as forms of ID. Apparently, one's fingerprints get fainter as we age, so they finally just approved me after the machine refused to read my fingerprints even though I can see them.

I feel proud of myself that I hung in through all of the hoops to get a pass. It was not easy. I have heard that people can maybe go to the Springfield airport to get a base pass that works for WPAFB. I would recommend trying that first if you are interested in shopping at the base exchange or using the base gyms.

In a follow-up email, Barb suggested that retirees take whatever ID DOD gave them when they retired and their SF-52.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11::00 a.m. Friday, 1 April 2022; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 19 May 2022

Chapter meetings are open to everyone. Board meetings are open to all Chapter members.

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