

NARFE MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER 1927  
608 ENID AVE  
KETTERING, OHIO 45429-5414

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT  
AUTO  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
DAYTON, OHIO  
PERMIT NO. 1000



**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
**Oct/Nov 2022 NEWSLETTER - CHAPTER 1927, MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER**

PRESIDENT: Michael Webb (937) 435-###  
VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Early (937) 433-###  
SECRETARY: Jean Lynch (513) 932-####  
TREASURER: Scott Graham (937) 657-####  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Vic Bilek 1918-2020 R.I.P.  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Sue Garcia (937) 272-####

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Michael Madges (937) 433-####  
NET COORDINATOR: Mike Ryan (937) 435-####  
SERVICE OFFICER: Mary Robertson (937) 885-####  
LEADER, SPECIAL OPS TEAM: Fred Hoppel (937) 321-####  
LEGISLATIVE CHAIR: Albert Griggs (719) 432-####  
[www.NARFE.ORG/site/chapter1927](http://www.NARFE.ORG/site/chapter1927)

**CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING**

**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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.**

**AMBASSADOR HALL OCT 7 SPEAKER**

Ambassador and former Congressman Tony Hall will be our speaker at our October 7th Chapter meeting. Ambassador Hall has an extensive career of public service as a state and national legislator and as the US Ambassador to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture. Ambassador Hall currently serves as the Executive Director of the Alliance to End Hunger. The Alliance engages diverse institutions in building the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad. Join us in welcoming Ambassador Hall to our Chapter meeting. An opportunity to ask questions will follow his presentation.

**OPEN SEASON EVENTS**

Aetna Federal Plans representative will speak at a special chapter meeting on Nov 17th at the MCL Cafeteria from 11:00 am to 1:00. The Aetna presentation will start at noon.

Blue Cross/Blue Shields representative Wava Iker will be at the Greene County Chapter 2217 meeting on November 10 at the Lofino Plaza meeting room, adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center, 3868 Dayton Xenia Rd. The meeting will start at 1:00 and Wava will speak at 1:30.

Wava Iker will also appear at the Miami Valley Chapter meeting on December 2nd at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering from 11:00 am to 1:00. Her presentation will start at noon.

**FEDHub – Let’s Connect!**

By Dorothy Creswell, TX Federation  
FEDHub is an online community designed for all. Like social media sites it has a selection of communities, each focused on a topic or interest area. Many evolved from growing

discussions in the Open Forum that every member belongs to automatically.

The "Open Forum" has discussions on topics such as advocacy, Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) plan choices, and many more.

"Hail a CAB!" lets officers interact with the ten volunteers of NARFE's Configuration Advisory Board. The CAB serves as an interface for NARFE's Information Technology online systems. Here you can ask questions, get help, and find out about helpful resources.

To get started with FEDHub, go to the NARFE website at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) and from the "For Members" menu select "FEDHub: NARFE Member Community." Log in using the same credentials you use to log into NARFE's Member Portal. (If you haven't logged in before, click the "Contact Us" link near the top of the screen.) Once logged in, start at the top left by selecting the link to the Quick Start Guide at the top left. Next fill in your profile. You can add a picture or leave it for later.

Now, join the conversation! In the middle of the top menu is the "Communities" drop-down menu. You automatically belong to the "Open Forum", but if you select "Suggested Communities" you can see other choices. For each community you may select whether to receive a periodic digest of new messages options for frequency and combining forums, or none at all.

Shortly, FEDHub will have a community set up for each federation and chapter. Members will be notified once their community is available.

### **FEDCON2022 by Scott Graham**

I attended FEDCON 2018 in Jacksonville, which was incredible. Speakers included Joe Theismann, Henry Winkler, a former astronaut, and the Director of OPM. I knew this FEDCON was more "low-budget" compared to that one, but I still had a great experience!

First of all, the venue was amazing! And the cost per night for NARFE attendees was unbelievably low for the quality of the Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. I arrived on Sunday morning, and I attended the business meetings that afternoon. I was touched by a ceremony honoring the NARFE members that have died since the last FEDCON - thousands of them! The next day, Dave Bowman from NARFE HQ spoke about a vision for NARFE's next 100 years. He started by saying the median age of NARFE members is 80 years old! And out of 150,000 members, only 13% are active federal employees. We clearly need more young, active members. Dave talked about ways we can all work toward that goal - things like using "LinkedIn", something active employees are now using. He talked

about using Facebook, FEDHUB, YouTube videos, and existing recruiting materials.

The keynote speaker, Kevin Brown, left us with a beautiful story about how small acts of kindness can change lives. His talk was sponsored by one of NARFE's sponsors, so I am sure that helped with his cost.

The next FEDCON is planned for 2024 in St. Louis, August 18-20, at the Hyatt Regency at the St. Louis Arch. I plan to be there, and I hope you will, too!

### **AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

Membership Chair Michael Madges opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the troops and the Pledge of Allegiance. 33 attended the meeting. Michael announced the appointment of Chapter member Albert Griggs as our new Legislative Chair, who was also appointed Federation Congressional 10th District Leader by Federation President Tim Gartner. After few announcements, Michael turned the meeting over to President Webb.

President Webb recognized Donna Boensch who announced her and Frank's granddaughter, Sofia, was awarded a NARFE scholarship to Villanova University. NARFE will officially announce the scholarship awards in October.

Michael Madges talked about how beneficial NARFE Webinars are to members and spotlighted an upcoming webinar on the Best Health Insurance carriers for Medicare.

President Webb reminded the Board of the upcoming Chapter officer election at the December meeting.

June Chapter Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

The chapter treasury balance on hand as of 7/31/22 was \$3,373.08. Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Michael Webb reported that H.R. 82, repeal of the WEP and GPO, is coming up for a full House vote in September. Congressman Turner was one of the first cosponsors of the bill. Michael urged members to send letters to their legislators via the NARFE Legislative Action Center.

Meeting was adjourned and Montgomery County Sheriff Rob Streck was introduced who spoke about Scams and Fraud Impacting Older Adults.

**Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 7 October 2022; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 17 November 2022**

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

**SUPPORT CHAPTER 1927 - RENEW YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!**

**VISIT OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE AT <http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter1927>**