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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 4 August, 2023

**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.**

TRAGEDY OF THE USS INDIANAPOLIS

Ms. Debe Dockins, from the Washington-Centerville Library, will be the guest speaker at the next in-person meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Association, Miami Valley Chapter 1927, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, August 4. The meeting will be held at the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Avenue. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m., with Ms. Dockins's presentation beginning at 12 noon.

Debe's presentation will feature the tragic story of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, the flagship for Admiral Raymond Spruance in 1943 and 1944 while he commanded the Fifth Fleet in battles across the Central Pacific during World War II. In July 1945, the Indianapolis completed a top-secret high-speed mission to the Tinian Island Naval Base to deliver uranium and other components that were needed for the "Little Boy," the first nuclear weapon ever used in

combat. The ship was then scheduled to depart for the Philippines for a training assignment. However, the Indianapolis never reached the Philippines. Now you can find out what happened during this ill-fated trip!

All current and retired federal employees are welcome and encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

HUBER HEIGHTS CHAPTER

This newsletter is mailed to all Huber Heights Chapter 2238 members to keep them informed about area chapter meetings. The Huber Heights Chapter hold chapter meetings at noon on the third Friday of every month except for July and August at the Studebaker's Country Restaurant, 416 N. Main Street, New Carlisle, Ohio in its party room. The June meeting is their chapter's annual picnic at a local park. Contact Huber Heights Chapter

President Gordan Quinn at 937-813-2266, or at gordyq@aol.com for more information.

GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER

Greene County Chapter 2217 invites all NARFE members, federal employees and retirees to its Chapter meetings held at the Lofino Plaza meeting Room, next to the Beavercreek Senior Center, 3868 Dayton Xenia Road, the 2nd Thursday of odd numbered months beginning in January. The 14 Sept 2023 meeting will start at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM for this meeting will be Jason Tincu, Director of Greene County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED). He will discuss Greene County water supply projects with emphasis on softening the water with a process that does not add sodium to the water. The change over will take place in 2024.

NARFE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

Our Miami Valley Chapter participated in a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Wellness and Resources Fair conducted at the Dayton International Airport on Wednesday, June 14th. Mike Webb and Mike Madges introduced NARFE to several active TSA employees at this midday event. It remains a recurring challenge to inform the federal community of our existence and the benefits we derive from NARFE membership. Many thanks to Wava Iker, BC/BS Account Executive for the invitation and to Michael Ludy, TSA Ohio Mission Support Team for her hospitality. NARFE Membership Recruiting is Always in Season.

DOD RETIREE ACCESS MOVES TO REAL ID

DOD civilian retirees must now enroll their REAL ID-compliant driver's license to maintain access to military installations. To enroll their REAL ID, civilian retirees MUST bring a copy of their retirement Standard Form-50 (SF-50) and their compliant driver's license to the SF Pass and ID building at the end of the Bldg 262 main parking lot (4185 Logistics Avenue, Bldg. 286, Area A). Enrollment is only good for Wright-Patterson AFB. You must enroll at EACH installation you plan to access. Once enrolled, retirees can use their driver's license as their base credentials. You must re-enroll when your license expires or have been issued a new one. CAC cards will no longer be valid for entry after August 2023. If you try to use the card, when scanned, the readers will say "denied" and the card will be confiscated. If you do not have a copy of your retirement SF-50, you can get a copy from OPM by requesting one in writing. Access to military installations and use of MWR activities is at the discretion of the installation commander.

DOD ID cards will no longer be issued to dependents of civilian employees and dependents of retired civilian retirees.

JUNE 2ND MEETING SUMMARY

Beginning with this issue, the full minutes of each chapter meeting will be posted on our chapter website at www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927 due to space constraints. A summary of meeting highlights will be published in the newsletter.

The June 2nd meeting was attended by 28 members and guests. Al Griggs, Legislative Chair, stated that it may not be smooth sailing ahead to garner bi-partisan support for federal-friendly legislation in the 118th Congress. Al said he met personally with Congressman Mike Turner's District Representative (Regina Holman) and noted that Congressman Turner has voted in favor of NARFE initiatives 75% of the time in the 117th Congress. Al also has invited Congressman Turner to be the speaker at our October 6th Chapter meeting. Al mentioned that he contacted a NARFE-PAC representative (Seth Ickes) to ask that he be given an "up-front" notification concerning any pending legislation that may negatively impact our current and retired federal community.

Al reminded all attendees that we should be consistently reviewing the legislative information in the Bill Tracker in our NARFE magazine, as well as doing a periodic review of the Legislative Advocacy Center on the NARFE website. We need to keep apprised of what's going on in Congress, and to take advantage of the quick and easy email feature on the website that notifies our representatives as to how we feel concerning pending legislation. We want to collectively promote a strong and united message to Congress that our federal community, both active and retired, is interested in and concerned about any legislation that would/could adversely affect our benefits.

Mike Madges introduced Mr. Scott Royal, from the Washington-Centerville Library. Mr. Royal has been an employee of the library since 2000 dividing his time between both the Public and Adult Services desks. Scott is a veteran of the US Air Force and a Wright State University graduate with a BA in English. He is a life-long lover of reading and writing, and is currently hard at work writing his own fantasy novel for young people. His presentation of what happened both on the day of the Xenia Tornado (April 3, 1974) as well as its aftermath, was detailed and very interesting. His own personal knowledge of storm characteristics enhanced his presentation and was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 4 August 2023; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 21 September 2023

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

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