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Other important phone numbers:

<p>Federal & State Tax Withholding Changes, OPM: 1-888-767-6738 or 1-202-606-1234</p>	<p>Medicare Part B Dayton: 1-800-282-0530</p>	
<p>Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield 1-888-258-3432 Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio 1-888-534-1432</p>	<p>Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIPP)- Answers questions on Medicare. Help Line 1-800-686-1578 Direct Line 1-614-752-0740</p>	<p>Social Security-Xenia: 1-866-755-5372 Social Security-Dayton: 937-886-0687 Social Security-National: 1-800-772-1213 Federal Retiree Hotline: 1-888-767-6738</p>
<p>Greene County Council on Aging: 937-376-5486 Area Agency on Aging: 937-341-3000</p>	<p>Beavercreek Senior Adult Ctr.: 937-426-6166 Greene County VA Benefits: 937-562-6020 Dept. of Veterans Affairs: 800-827-1000</p>	



National Active and Retired Federal Employees "Protecting Our Future" Chapter 2217, Beavercreek OH Meetings held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center), 3868 Dayton Xenia Road (see map above), on the second Thursday of odd numbered months i.e., Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov @1:00PM. Current officers are shown below.

FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

----- CHAPTER OFFICERS-----

President: James Mills 937-426-####, (Leave message if you get answering machine), 1st Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-####, 2nd Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor: Tom Valdes 937-671-####, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Mills, Newsletter Publisher: James Mills. Membership Chairman, John Shoemaker 937-760-####. NARFE is the only association dedicated solely to protecting and enhancing the health care and retirement benefits of federal employees and survivors.

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Receiving this mail by Parcel Post does not mean you're dropped from our Email List. A bulk mailing requires at least 200 copies to be sent, close to our current membership. If you should have received an Email copy and did not, please let Jim Mills know so our lists can be updated.

Note: If you are a NARFE member but not receiving the National Magazine; also, please let Jim Mills know so the HQ address list can be updated.

***** **September Chapter Meeting*******

The 14 Sept 2023 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM for this meeting will be Mark Chandler, Deputy 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 Greene County in 2024 to softer water. If you do not get your water from GCSED, I believe you will find the scope of this activity interesting that will process millions of gallons of water so you can recommend this kind action to your water supplier. Sodium added to your water contributes to higher blood pressure.

***** **November Chapter Meeting*******

The 9 Nov 2023 meeting will be held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be Wava J. Iker, Account Executive for Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Anthem, Inc. She will present BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2024 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program. Also, she will discuss some additional benefits their program includes. She will answer any questions you may have. Open season is from 13 Nov to 11 Dec 2023.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 6 Oct 2023: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. Our chapter members have been invited. The speaker for this meeting is planned to be Congressman Mike Turner or a representative from his office. Go to www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927 for more recent information.

NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (118) Now available: See pages 14—16 of the Sept 2023 NARFE Magazine. 19 Bills have been introduced, 17 all of which NARFE approves. H.R.3115/S.1496 Public Service Reform Act, would allow Federal Workers to be removed without reason. Please review this Tracker before communicating with Congressmen and Senators. Numbers of Cosponsors are shown for each Bill.

WEP/GPO Repeal Bill Secures Majority Support in House, Introduced in Senate: H.R. 82 / S. 597 would repeal WEP and GPO Provisions. Be a voice for Federal retirees; Send messages to your legislatures. Go to <https://www.narfe.org/action> .

Changes in Thrift Savings Plan Have Occurred: The cost of the Thrift Savings Plan's investment funds has increased, while the cost of comparable investments available outside of TSP have decreased. It is important for TSP participants to understand all of their options. The TSP may or may not be the best choice for the needs of all retirees, dependent on their situation. There is a webinar on this subject before and after Aug 31 given by Mark Keen on the NARFE website that will help you better understand your options.

Budget Proposal for FY 2024 in House Takes Aim at our Earned Benefits: The list of reductions is too numerous to show here. See page 10 of the Sept NARFE Magazine for what is included. NARFE strongly opposes this proposal, as it breaks promises to federal workers by cutting earned benefits, especially those that have already been earned. These should not be up for debate and used as cost savings. Please notify your congressman that you consider these as outrageous.

House and Senate Appropriators Advance FSGG Spending Bills: This Budget is needed before the end of September, end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Some of the changes here are also very detrimental to our Benefits. See page 12 of the Sept NARFE Magazine for more complete information.

13 July 2023 Chapter Meeting Canceled: Therefore, there are no Minutes for this Meeting.

Countdown to COLA for 2024: The Consumer Price Index used to determine COLA increases has reached 2.7% as of the end of July 2023.

NARFE Membership Drive 1 Sept –31 Dec 23: You can earn \$10 from NARFE for recruiting a new Member. See page 50 of the Sept NARFE Magazine for details.

DOD Civilian Retiree ID Cards to be Terminated 31 Aug 2023: Access to WPAFB has become more complicated. If you need access, please let me know at james.l.mills@zoomtown.com and I will send you an Email with complete instructions.

Community FEDhub Available: Go to www.narfe.net/ to sign up. Here you can share advice, solve challenges, and develop new approaches. Join in discussions with fellow Feds to get the most out of our federal benefits.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$15,853,618.68 as of 30 June 2023; however, more is needed to defeat this disease. A new goal of \$16 million has been set. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. You can make donations using instructions on page 49 of the Sept NARFE Magazine; please show your Chapter number on the form and on your check. 100 percent of all contributions to this fund go to Alzheimer's research. There is an update to research findings on page 48 of the Sept Magazine.