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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 6 October, 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.**

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

The October 6th chapter meeting will be dedicated to reviewing and discussing pending Congressional legislation affecting pay and benefits for federal employees, retirees, and other annuitants. You won't want to miss this informative meeting. Our legislative Chair, Albert Griggs, will lead the discussion. Albert is also the Legislative Vice President for the Ohio NARFE Federation and the NARFE Congressional District Leader for Michael Turner's 10th Congressional District. Albert will speak on the 118th Congress, why Congress is such a puzzle, how bills are passed, and how congressional elections work.

Come early to secure a seat!

OPEN SEASON EVENTS

This year's open season will run from November 13th through December 11.

Aetna Federal Plans representative will speak at a special chapter meeting on Nov 16th at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering from 11:00 am to 1:00. The Aetna presentation will start at approximately 11:30.

Blue Cross/Blue Shields representative Wava Iker will be at the Greene County Chapter 2217 meeting on November 9th 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; chapter members will receive a courtesy hardcopy by mail of this newsletter. Wava

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

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

It is imperative that NARFE remain a viable voice and an effective resource for those in the federal community, both active and retired. Membership growth is key to that outcome. To that end, our Chapter is sponsoring a Gift Membership initiative available to all current Chapter members. We invite you to gift a one-year membership to someone you know for only \$20. (Your gift can apply to anyone living in our Chapter area or beyond.) Our Chapter will cover the remaining \$28 dollar balance.

This program will run until ten gift applications are received or from September 1st, 2023 through our December 1st Chapter meeting. Please note that the National NARFE membership drive runs from September 1st thru December 31st.

As an added bonus to any gift membership you submit, NARFE National will issue you a \$10 check upon processing your gift, thus reducing your final out-of-pocket expense to just \$10.

Please contact Chapter Recruitment Chair, Mike Madges at (937) 475-#### or Chapter President Michael Webb at 937-356-#### to request a Gift Membership Application. Applications will also be available at our fall meetings. Completed applications with your \$20 check should be sent to Mike Madges. Use the NARFE Chapter 1927 [Contact Us link](#) to request Mr. Madges's address. Make your \$20 check payable to NARFE Chapter 1927.

This is an ideal way to gift a federal colleague and support our national association as well. Truly a Win-Win for us all!

TSP Resources by Brian Normile

Most federal retirees and almost all active employees are or have been participants in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). This article does not provide legal or financial advice. It does contain observations and some websites which could prove helpful to interested readers.

Some retired federal employees choose to move their

funds after retirement to individual retirement accounts (IRAs). There are pros and cons to doing so but it seems prudent to carefully evaluate the ramifications of departing from the TSP prior to a decision. A recent article from FedSmith.com covers some considerations (<https://www.fedsmith.com/2023/08/31/should-you-leave-money-in-tsp-2/>). FedSmith.com has several articles on TSP topics as well as other topics of interest to both active and retired NARFE members.

The recent addition of a mutual fund window provides choices previously unavailable through the TSP although there has been some criticism regarding the administrative costs using this option. The NARFE website has a number of archived webinars on TSP under the Federal Benefits Institute heading (<https://www.narfe.org/federal-benefits-institute/narfe-webinars/>). A 20 September 2023 webinar titled "Taking Charge of Your Thrift Savings Plan Account" will be available online within about 48 hours after it occurs. I have found the webinars on TSP helpful. An essential site is that of the Thrift Savings Plan (<https://www.tsp.gov/>).

I assist chapter members and survivors by providing information, answering questions and offering guidance in navigating issues relating to federal pay and benefits such as: procedures governing delivery of annuity checks, life insurance and health benefits, survivor benefits, change-of-beneficiary procedures, death benefits, and Social Security requirements. If you have any questions regarding TSP or the other areas just listed, please contact Brian Normile, Benefits (Service Officer) by using the Contact Us tab at: <https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/index.cfm?fa=contactus>

NEW DOD RETIREE CARDS

See instructions regarding new DOD retiree ID Cards issued by WPAFB. Click on: <https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/index.cfm>

For any further questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the Pass & ID Office at 937-257-6264. You may also visit <https://www.cac.mil/>.

AUG 4TH MEETING

Over 20 members and guests attended the August 4th meeting. Meeting minutes are available online on our chapter website at <https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/>.

Huber Heights Chapter 2238

Chapter meetings are held at noon on the 3rd Friday of every month except, June, July and August, at the Studebaker's Country Restaurant, 416 N. Main Street, New Carlisle. Contact President Gordan Quinn at 937-813-2266, or at goridyq@aol.com, for more information.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 6 October 2023; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 16 November 2023
Chapter meetings are open to everyone. Board meetings are open to all Chapter members.

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