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



**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.

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

President: James Mills 937-426-#####, (Leave message if you get answering machine), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-#####, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor: Tom Valdes 937-671-0#####, 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.

## NOV 2023 Issue

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**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.**

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

The 9 Nov 2023 meeting will be held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek 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.

\*\*\*\*\* **January Chapter Meeting** \*\*\*\*\*

The 11 January 2024 meeting will be held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be Jim Charters, a spokesperson for Dayton History and interpretive guide at Carillon Park. I believe you will find his talk very informative.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have a Special Meeting Thursday 16 Nov 2023:** The meeting will be at the MCL cafeteria in Kettering with lunch at 11:00 AM followed by a business meeting at 11:30 AM and the speaker at about 12:00 Noon. The speaker will be a representative from Aetna Federal Plans. He will discuss their FEHB plans for 2024. The Aetna premiums for Aetna Direct are given in the Nov NARFE Magazine, page 40, only for the Capitol Region, but these premiums also apply to our region. A letter was mistakenly sent to all Aetna enrollees stating Aetna service would be terminated, but this only applied to the Kansas and Missouri regions. Our Chapter members are invited to this meeting.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 1 Dec 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 will also be Wava J. Iker from BC/BS Anthem.

**NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (118) Now available:** See pages 14—18 of the Nov 2023 NARFE Magazine. 21 Bills have been introduced, 19 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.

**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.

**Open Season Information Available:** See Open Season Report page 38 of the Nov NARFE Magazine. Webinars available at NARFE website include: Choosing the Best FEHB Plan: Medicare Edition, Understanding the Pros and Cons of Medicare Advantage Plans, and To B or Not to B (Whether or Not to Take Medicare Part B). If you didn't receive a Nov NARFE Magazine, go to <https://www.narfe.org/magazine-issues/>.

**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.

**14 Sept 2023 Chapter Meeting Minutes:** The 14 Sept 2023 meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM for this meeting was Mark Chandler, Deputy Director of Greene County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED). He discussed 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.

**COLA for 2024 Announced:** The Consumer Price Index used to determine COLAs has resulted in an adjustment of 3.2% for 2024 for Federal Retirees in the CSR system and 2.2% for those in the FERS system. H.R.866 "Equal COLA Act" would make adjustments equal in either system. Current Federal Employees and Retirees should be contacting their Congressmen and Senators about this bill. Go to [www.narfe.org/action](http://www.narfe.org/action) for help in this activity.

**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 were 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](mailto:james.l.mills@zoomtown.com) and I will send you an Email with complete instructions.

**Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed:** The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$15,883,811.51 of 31 Aug 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 65 of the Nov 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.