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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 7 June 2024

**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.**

A STANDING INVITATION

by Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 vice president
NARFE Chapters offer members an opportunity to socialize locally with others – establishing new friendships, maintaining others and growing NARFE's local presence in the community - all centered on our common identity as federal and postal career civil servants.

Our Miami Valley Chapter offers this opportunity by means of a bi-monthly luncheon at the Kettering MCL Cafeteria (4485 Far Hills Avenue) in their private meeting space on the first Friday of even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October and December). Most attendees come for lunch and begin arriving at or shortly after 11 AM. We conduct a short

business meeting at 11:30. And a guest speaker follows with the event concluding on or about 1 PM. Our June speaker is Alison Burke, BC/BS Wellness Aging Consultant , who will address healthy aging based on the four pillars of wellness. Our August presenter will be Dr Kathy Platoni, a practicing clinical psychologist, a retired Colonel of the US Army, a veteran of multiple deployments and the recipient of countless recognitions and awards. Hear her powerful message on Friday, August 2nd.
Not A Chapter member??? That's not a problem. Come join us! And bring a friend! Be assured you will be welcomed. See You soon!!! . . .

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by Al Griggs, Legislative Chair

All NARFE related legislation remains in committees. A notable exception is H.R. 159/S.59: Chance to Compete Act of 2023. It passed the House on 1/24/2023 on suspension of the Rules; however, it's still in committee in the Senate. This bill would implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring. NARFE supports this bill. The Bill Tracker in the May 2024 edition of the NARFE Magazine, pages 14-16, has a list of all legislation NARFE is tracking.

Twenty-Five members of NARFE Chapter 1927 signed letters that were sent to Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator J.D. Vance, and Congressman Mike R. Turner (10th District OH) at the May 5, 2024 chapter meeting. The letters contained requests for each legislator to strongly support H.R. 1002/S.399, Saving the Civil Service Act, and opposed H.R.3115/S.1496, The Public Service Reform Act.

H.R. 1002/S.399: Saving the Civil Service Act, would prevent the return of Schedule F which would effectively make many federal employees at-will.

H.R.3115/S.1496: The Public Service Reform Act. If passed, this legislation will make federal employees at-will employees and abolish the civil service merit-based employment system.

As of the date of this update, I have not received a reply from the legislators. However, the lack of a response shouldn't hinder/stop our efforts to advocate for what improves/saves our careers, and benefits we earned.

USEFUL TOOL FOR NARFE MEMBERS

by Brian Normile, Benefits Officer

One of the many advantages of belonging to NARFE is the availability to members of the Federal Benefits Institute. It is a members-only resource which helps educate NARFE members on their benefits. The site includes webinars covering a wide range of topics relevant to current and retired federal employees. After the date of a live webinar is past, previous webinars can be watched with transcripts and slides available for review. Examples of webinar topics are "Understanding the Pros and Cons of Medicare Advantage Plans" and "The TSP's New Mutual Fund Window".

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 7 June; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2024

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

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

A variety of resources are provided to include articles of interest and relevant reprints from NARFE Magazine and other sources. Perhaps the most indispensable aspect of the site is the ability to contact seasoned federal benefits experts for one-on-one help with your specific benefits questions. The Federal Benefits Question of the Week features interesting questions and answers regarding current benefits concerns. The Federal Benefits Institute can be accessed through the NARFE site at <https://www.narfe.org/federal-benefits-institute/>. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached via the CONTACT US link :at <https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/index.cfm?fa=contact>. If you have not ever visited the site or have not visited it recently, I think you will find it worth the time.

OTHER AREA CHAPTERS

Greene County (Beavercreek) Chapter 2217 meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of odd numbered months in the Lofino Plaza Meeting Room, 3868 Dayton Xenia Road.

The Huber Heights Chapter 2238 holds 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.

All NARFE members and in the federal community are welcome to attend area chapter meetings. Chapter information and contacts are available at www.NARFE.org

NARFE'S BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FEDCON 24 to be held Aug 18-20 in ST. Louis, MO this year. See pages 42-43 of the May NARFE Magazine for more details. If you could possibly attend, please let

Chapter Vice President Michael Madges know. Hotel reservations are required by July 19th to get the group rate - \$135.00 a night.

NARFE NATIONAL ELECTION

Members will be electing national and regional officers this year. Candidate statements will be published in the June/July issue of NARFE Magazine. The statements are now available on the NARFE website at www.NARFE.org. Ballots will be inserted in

September NARFE Magazine and online voting will be available. All NARFE members are encouraged to vote. NARFE's future depends on it.

APRIL 5TH CHAPTER MEETING

Approximately 37 members and guests attended the April 5th Chapter meeting which featured guest speaker Allen Nelson owner of Next Steps Senior Transitions. His topic was "Downsizing for Seniors. Complete meeting minutes can be found at: <https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/files/fullName46144.pdf>.

PROGRESS MIGRATING THE CHAPTER 1927 WEBSITE

By Mike Ryan, Chapter 1927 webmaster
The new Chapter 1927 website has tentatively been approved by the Microsites Working Group (MWG) for publication and is awaiting NARFE HQ action to "go live" replacing the [legacy \(existing\) website](#). We look forward to an announcement within a month.

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