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**CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING**

**DATE: FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER 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.**

**SPECIAL OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER**

Join us for our October 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting as we welcome **Ms. Elaine Bryant** who serves as the Executive VP of the Dayton Development Coalition's (DDC's) Aerospace and Defense Department, as well as the Director of Jobs Ohio's Military Federal Sector. In both her roles, Elaine works to preserve and protect federal assets in the Dayton area and across the state. She has over two decades of experience in the US Air Force and has a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Academy. She leads a variety of aerospace and defense initiatives to attract jobs and capital investment from DoD and other

federal entities, and will speak about the positive impacts Federal installations have on Ohio's economy.

The luncheon meeting will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Friday, October 4 at the MCL cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave. Ms. Bryant's presentation begins at 12:00 pm. Please join us for what is certain to be an outstanding talk.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

By Albert Griggs, Chapter Legislative Chair

All NARFE supported legislation is still in various committees in the United States House of

Representatives and United States Senate. One bill H.R. 82, Social Security Act, which is the House bill to repeal both Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) is receiving tremendous bipartisan support. There is a big push to get it out of committee before the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress ends. A petition is circulating in the House that once signed by enough committee members will force the bill out of committee and on to the House floor for debate and vote. Please be aware of the Republican Study Committee's fiscal 2025 budget plan unveiled on March 25, 2024, titled: "Fiscal Sanity to Save America." The intent of the proposal is to balance the budget within seven years by slashing \$17.1 Trillion in spending. This would be accomplished by significantly reducing federal work's retirement and health care benefits while eliminating the president's authority to provide annual pay raises to federal employees. Please read the August 2024 NARFE Magazine page 10, "Lawmakers Support Cuts to Federal Benefits" for a complete list of proposed cuts. On September 9, 2024, NARFE Ohio Federation President, The Chapter 1927 Legislative leader, the Chapter 1927 Treasurer, and a guest participated in Congressman Turner's annual Golf outing. The group was sponsored by The NARFE PAC to foster a better relationship with the Congressman and his staff. We didn't get a lot of time with the congressman, but we did talk with his staff. We asked them to ask the congressman to sign onto the discharge petition for H.R. 82. They indicated they would. NARFE members are encouraged to call Congressman Turner's office at (202) 225-6465 to express their strong support for H.R. 82 Social Security Act.

### **OPEN SEASON REMINDER**

By Brian Normile, Benefits Officer

It's that time of year again; the Federal Benefits Open Season will be upon us starting 11 November and ending 9 December. The Federal Benefits Open Season is for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS) and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHB). There are a number of pending webinars from the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute covering different topics of interest associated with the Open Season. These include an overview of open season on 24 October and one dealing with the new Postal Service Health Benefits Program on 7 November. The website for these webinars is

<https://www.narfe.org/federal-benefits-institute/narfe-webinars/>. In the past, the plans, the tool for plan comparisons, premiums and other related information have become available on the OPM website shortly before the beginning of Open Season.

### **WEBINAR REGISTRATION COMING SOON**

- October 17: Medicare Part B—To B or Not to B
- October 24: Open Season Preview w/ FEDVIP
- October 31: Medicare Advantage Plans (in FEHB and out of it)
- November 7: Postal Service Health Benefits Program
- November 12: Choosing the Best FEHB with Medicare
- November 14: Choosing the Best FEHB without Medicare
- November 21: FEHB Prescription Drug Plans

### **NARFE OPEN SEASON EVENTS**

The following meetings are open to all NARFE members and their guests:

Aetna Federal Plans representative Bud Jones will speak at a special Chapter 1927 meeting on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering from 11:00 am to 1:00. Bud will start at approximately 11:30.

Blue Cross/Blue Shields representative Wava Iker will be at the Greene County Chapter 2217 meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lofino Plaza meeting room, adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center, 3868 Dayton Xenia Rd. The meeting will start at 1:00 and Wava will speak at 1:30. Wava Iker will also appear at the Miami Valley Chapter meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering from 11:00 am to 1:00. Her presentation will start at noon.

### **CHAPTER ELECTION**

Chapter officer elections for the 2025/2026 term will be held at our December 6<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. We will be voting for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. Members interested in serving in the above positions should send in their candidate statements no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> for inclusion in our December Newsletter. Floor nominations from members will also be accepted at the meeting. Our current President, Michael Webb, will not be running for another term.

**Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 4 October; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2024**

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

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