

NARFE 1927 BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Mike Madges, Vice President, opened the meeting welcoming those in attendance. Present were Mike Webb, Mike Ryan, Joyce Skinner, Sue Garcia, Scott Graham, Al Griggs, and Brian Normile.

The July 18 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer Scott Graham reported that as of August 31, the Chapter account balance was \$2,031.59. We had one disbursement for \$340.14 to Minuteman Printing to print and mail the August membership letter, and we received \$81.88 in national dues.

President Mike Webb also stated that the September-October Newsletter was at the printer and will be sent out shortly to the Huber Heights Chapter members as well as to our Miami Valley Chapter members for a combined total of 225 members.

Membership Report - Mike Madges gave an update on two upcoming membership events. We have been invited to attend the National Air and Space Intelligence Association (NASIA) luncheon at the Hope Hotel on Tuesday, September 24th. Mike Madges will be giving a 15-minute presentation on NARFE's mission and functions and the wide variety of benefits that a membership in the organization provides to both active and retired federal employees and their families. He also reminded attendees that volunteers would be needed for the regularly scheduled Blue Cross Blue Shield health fair at the Hope Hotel, on Tuesday, November 5, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. As in past years, an email will be sent out soon asking for volunteers to sign up for a preferred shift on that day.

Legislative Report - Al Griggs, Chapter Legislative Chair, Ohio NARFE Federation Legislative Vice President and Congressional District 10 Leader, reported that the NARFE PAC had invited him to attend Representative Turner's recent Golf Outing at the Moraine golf course. He reported a good time was had by all attendees. Al stated, however, that he was disappointed he did not get an opportunity to talk to Congressman Turner about advancing the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R.82 (repeal of the WEP/GPO), out of the Ways and Means Committee with a favorable bi-partisan recommendation to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote, and then forward on to the Senate for consideration.

Chapter 1927 President Mike Webb also mentioned two additional bills recently forwarded to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Fiscal Commission Act of 2023 (HR 5779) and the Fiscal Stability Act (S.3262). Both of these bills propose establishing a commission on fiscal stability and reform that could have a potentially devastating effect on both active and retired federal employees' pensions and benefits. More to come on the details of these two bills!

Mike Madges reminded members again to be sure to vote in the NARFE National Election. The last day you are able to vote is September 30. Please see all the information available and instructions on how to vote either online or by mail in the September NARFE magazine.

Open Discussion – Looking ahead at the future vision for Chapter 1927. President Mike Webb and Vice President Mike Madges led our on-going discussion from our last Chapter 1927 Board meeting concerning some possible changes we should consider going forward in the new year. We discussed duties and responsibilities of various vacant officer positions and how we can best handle all responsibilities in the coming year. More to come on this important topic!

Mike Madges also reminded Board members not to miss our October 4th Chapter meeting featuring speaker, Ms. Elaine Bryant. Ms. Bryant is 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. 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 is a degreed Aeronautical Engineer. She leads and advocates for a variety of aerospace and defense initiatives to attract jobs and capital investment from DoD and other federal entities to the Dayton area and the state of Ohio, and will speak about the positive impacts federal installations have on Ohio's economy.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Secretary Sue Garcia