

## NARFE 1927 CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 06, 2024

Vice President, Mike Madges, opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance to include President Mike Webb, Mike Ryan, Joyce Skinner, Sue Garcia, Al Griggs, Scott Graham, Nick Steiner, and Brian Normile from the Leadership Team, as well as Greene County Chapter 2217 President Jim Mills and his wife.

Mike asked for a Moment of Silence for those who fought for our freedom, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The October 4 Chapter Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Scott Graham reported that as of November 30, we had two expenses: printing for the newsletter (\$133.90), and a free membership to our lucky person from the health fair at WPAFB (\$48). Once again, we did not receive any revenue from NARFE National as the AMS upgrade is still being worked. Our current treasury balance is \$1,608.14.

### Membership Report –

Mike Madges explained that NARFE dues are \$48 a year of which 10 % is allocated to the Ohio Federation and approximately \$8 to our local Chapter. Chapter dues are an additional \$10 per year. Examples of Chapter expenditures include publishing/distributing the Chapter newsletter, developing local recruitment materials and covering social expenses like the “free pie” provided attendees at this meeting.

Legislative Report - Al Griggs, Chapter Legislative Chair, Ohio NARFE Federation Legislative Vice President and Congressional District 10 Leader, shared the good news that the Social Security Fairness Act, HR 82 (repeal of the WEP/GPO), has been passed on to the Senate for final action. The companion Senate bill, S 597, will have to be reconciled with HR 82 and become one final version prior to the bill being voted into law. Hopefully, the Senate will act quickly to pass this important bill as it has substantial bipartisan support. If the new version of the bill is not passed prior to the end of the 118 Congress, the process to get this bill passed will have to start all over again when the new 119<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes under the new Administration. It should be noted that all Ohio House members, 10 Republicans/5 Democrats, supported passage of HR 82.

Officer Elections – Looking ahead at the future vision for Chapter 1927, we voted our new Chapter Officers into office, which includes our new President, Joyce Skinner, Vice President, Mike Madges; Secretary, Sue Garcia; and Treasurer, Scott Graham. We have several other Chapter members taking on a variety of responsibilities such as Web Master, Advocacy Chair, Membership Chair, and Benefits Chair. These positions, however, are non-elective positions of leadership. Mike also stated that any Chapter members that would be interested in attending Chapter Board meetings (in odd-

numbered months) would be very welcome! If interested in attending, please contact our Membership Chair, Nick Steiner. A round of applause was also given to thank and celebrate former Chapter President, Mike Webb, for his outstanding leadership of the Chapter for the last 13 years.

At our October 4 Chapter meeting, Ms. Elaine Bryant, 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, spoke to us about her job of preserving and protecting federal assets in the Dayton area and across the state. She recently contacted our Chapter to request that we nominate one of our members to serve on the Dayton Region Military Collaborative which works to foster communication, innovation, and partnership between the Dayton region and its military and veteran organizations. Our Chapter membership includes many active and retired defense and veteran members. Al Griggs, Chapter Legislative Chair, volunteered for the assignment due to his previous background and experience in this area.

Mike Madges also reminded attendees not to miss our February 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting featuring speaker Amanda Arrington. She serves as the Volunteer Services Manager for the Dayton Metro Libraries. The Dayton Metro Libraries have a wide variety of services and volunteer opportunities available that may be of interest to Chapter members. Please join us at this interesting and informative Chapter meeting!

Please do not forget to leave a tip for our MCL servers!

Mike then introduced our Chapter speaker, Blue Cross/Blue Shield's benefit representative, Ms. Wava Iker, who provided us with an overview of Blue Cross/Blue Shield health plan coverage and cost for 2025. Accompanying her was Alison Burke, a BlueCross/Blue Shield health plan representative, who spoke to us about the Teladoc Health services program which allows members to talk with board-certified doctors by phone or video at anytime and anywhere. She also explained the benefits of FEP 365 which is available to any member who carries any of the BC/BS insurance contracts (health, dental or vision).

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Secretary Sue Garcia