

## NARFE CHAPTER 1927 MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 07, 2025

Former President, Mike Webb, opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance to include Officers, board members, NARFE members, and a number of potential active and/or recently retired federal folks who may be interested in becoming new Chapter members. There were a total of 30 attendees.

In lieu of his usual "Moment of Silence," Mike Webb delivered a prayer for our troops and the fallen. He also stated that despite the current divisiveness of our country, military members are often willing to come together to give their "last full measure of devotion," to keep our great country safe. The idea of giving one's life to protect others, no matter what their background or experience, is not new. It started quite a while ago, as Jesus said to his disciples (John 15:13), "No greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." This concept of self-sacrifice for others, especially in dangerous circumstances, is a primary tenant of the military. There was also a more recent example of this principle in 1945 during WWII. Four Army Chaplains, each of a different Christian faith, gave their lives to save others as the US Army Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine and was sinking fast. Each Chaplain felt it was their duty to help as many young soldiers as possible retain their lives by giving the soldiers their life jackets, and trying to calm them and lead them to safety. Each Chaplain lost their own life as a result, but ended up saving the lives of many more young soldiers as they were willing to die in place of those they saved. Mike then led us in a prayer requesting unity for our much-divided country.

The December 6 Board Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Mike Webb reported for Treasurer Scott Graham that our Treasury balance as of January 31, 2025 was \$1,679.70. National is finally catching up on the dues receipts owed to the chapters because of the system upgrade. Dues receipts totaled \$327.20, and disbursements were \$255.69 for a final balance on hand of \$1,679.65. This report was also included in our yearly audit.

Legislative Report – Mike also gave a quick update for Al Griggs, Chapter Legislative Chair, Ohio NARFE Federation Legislative Vice President and Congressional District 10 Leader. He stated that the administration is considering the implementation of several potential threats to our federal earned benefits to achieve budget savings. NARFE National is following these initiatives very closely. Early retirement "buy outs" have already been offered to thousands of federal employees putting their careers in jeopardy as to what the future may hold. Federal unions have filed suit against the buy outs, and a temporary restraining order is now in place. The NARFE Association has also sued the administration as to the legality of Schedule F and to block its' implementation. Also being considered by the administration are reducing the value of our retirement benefits, reducing the take-home pay or overall compensation of current federal employees, using a high five rather than a high three to determine federal

pensions, raising the FRS contribution amount, as well as many other anti-federal employee initiatives designed to be a cost offset for budget reconciliation legislation. A good way to protest these damaging issues is to access our NARFE.Org Advocacy web page to send an email voicing your opinion to the appropriate representatives concerning a particular issue. To learn more, NARFE.Org Federal Benefits Institute offers several current webinars not only about advocacy issues, but also about a variety of member benefits.

There is also another website called, "5calls.org." This website allows you to select from a variety of issues, determine which representatives you should contact based on your zip code, and provides prepared messages (that can also be modified) as well as phone numbers to contact your representatives to let them know your concerns.

Mike Webb also reminded attendees not to miss our next Chapter meeting, Friday, April 4. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Ryan Lippe, speaking to us on Consumer Scams. Mr. Lippe comes to us from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in Columbus. He will talk about how to recognize and protect ourselves against some of the most common types of scams, particularly those aimed at older adults. He will also inform us as to how to reduce our risk of identity theft. The presentation promises to provide us with very interesting and valuable information as to how we can protect ourselves and those we care about. Please join us for our next Chapter meeting!

Today's speakers, Ms. Amanda Arrington and Ms. Keilani Judkins, were introduced to the group. Ms. Arrington is the Volunteer Services Manager for Dayton Metro Libraries. Ms. Judkins serves as a Senior Library Programs and Services Specialist for the libraries. Ms. Arrington spoke about all the amazing services that are available through the Dayton Metro Libraries, as well as a wide variety of volunteer activities. Ms. Judkins discussed those services and programs geared particularly toward seniors. She provided all attendees with a Senior Library Programs and Services Feedback Form requesting information from attendees on what programs and services they would like to see provided by Dayton Metro Libraries in the future. It was a very interesting and informative session enjoyed by all attendees!

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Meeting Adjourned

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and volunteer opportunities available that may be of interest to Chapter members.  
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