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**National Active and Retired Federal Employees "Protecting Our Future" Chapter 2217, Beavercreek OH** Meetings held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center), 3868 Dayton Xenia Road (see map above), on the second **Thursday of odd numbered months i.e., Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov @1:00PM.** Current officers are shown below.

FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

----- CHAPTER OFFICERS -----

President: James Mills 937-426-1012, (Leave message if you get answering machine), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-3763, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor: Tom Valdes 937-671-0088, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Mills, Newsletter Publisher: James Mills. Membership Chairman, John Shoemaker 937-760-6579. NARFE is the only association dedicated solely to protecting and enhancing the health care and retirement benefits of federal employees and survivors.

## MAR 2025 Issue

**If you are a NARFE member but not receiving the National Magazine; please let Jim Mills know so the HQ address list can be updated.**

\*\*\*\*\***Mar Chapter Meeting**\*\*\*\*\*

The 13 Mar 2025 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be James K Klein. James K Klein is a member of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) organization. He will be with us in-person at the Plaza Meeting Room and his material will be projected to a screen; also, he will be able to answer questions. He will present 2024 Income Tax information helpful in filing federal and state Income Tax returns.

**Some Information on VITA:** VITA is a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program conducted by IRS Certified volunteers to assist low to moderate income taxpayers and seniors with non-complicated filings. Tax preparation and electronic filing is offered. Ohio tax returns are also prepared and e-filed. There are 11 VITA locations in the Greater Dayton and surrounding areas with one at our Beavercreek Senior Center.

\*\*\*\*\***May Chapter Meeting**\*\*\*\*\*

The 8 May 2025 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza at 1:00 PM. The speaker for this meeting is in planning.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 4 Apr 2025:** The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. Our chapter members have been invited. The guest speaker for this meeting is Ryan Lippe from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in Columbus. Mr. Lippe's presentation will address consumer scams and will begin around Noon. Attendees having lunch can go through the MCL cafeteria line beginning at 11 AM. A Chapter meeting will begin about 11:30 AM before our speaker.

**NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (119) Is Not Yet Available:** The 119 Congress began 3 January 2025. All bills previously introduced must be reintroduced before they can be acted upon. We must start over in communicating with Congressmen and Senators for this new session. Very close attention needs to be paid to all new bills as Congress is looking for ways to cut expenses. Go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) for assistance. Subscribe to our Daily News Clips to receive updates Monday thru Friday.

**The H.R. 82/S. 597 Bills Social Security Fairness Acts:** These acts eliminate GPO and WPO legislation previously in effect. These Acts were passed 5 Jan 2025 with Pres Joseph Biden's signature. There are 3.5 million cases of federal retirees to receive increases in Social Security payments as a result, and the Social Security Administration is struggling to accomplish this by the end of March. You do not have to do anything to receive your increased payments. Your payments should be retroactive from January 2025. This is a major accomplishment achieved by NARFE and members. Point this out to any persons you are trying to convince to join NARFE. This is a major victory for NARFE and all NARFE members communications are very much appreciated.

**9 Jan 2025 Chapter Meeting Minutes:** The 9 Jan 2025 Chapter Meeting was canceled.

**GCSED Customers:** The Green County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED) has announced that their soft water treatment plan is now being completed. Your water is currently being softened to 11 to 13 grains per gallon. It was 27 grains per gallon before this program began. You need to make adjustments to your water softener. They are working toward a final level of 8 grains per gallon by the end of May 2025. You may choose to by-pass your softener for a short period of time to determine if it's needed at all.

**Ohio State Federation Conference 3 May 2025:** It is a one-day conference to be held the Quality Inn and Suite, 1000 Comfort Plaza DR, Bellville, OH 44813. If you could possible attend please let Jim Mills know.

**Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed:** The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$16,470,476.85 as of 31 Jan 2025. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. Our State Federation is asking that you send check contributions to Diana Iuliano-Chan, 1055 canyon St. NW, Uniontown, OH 44685-8534. Please show your Chapter number on the on your check. This is so the State Federation can keep track of contributions from NARFE members. 100 percent of all contributions to this fund go to Alzheimer's research. There is an Update on Alzheimer's activates on page 44 of the March NARFE Magazine.