

## NARFE CHAPTER 1927 BOARD MEETING MINUTES, 9-18-25

Vice President, Mike Madges, opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance. Chapter leaders Joyce Skinner, Mike Ryan, Nick Steiner, Brian Normile, Sue Garcia and Mike Madges attended. Scott Graham and Al Griggs could not attend.

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

### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

Treasurer's Report – Mike Madges, reporting for Treasurer Scott Graham, stated that this is an interim financial report that covers the months of June, July and August. During this time, all dues owed to our Chapter from National were received. We had one expense for printing the Newsletter. Our current balance on hand, as of 8/31/2025, is now \$2,125.20.

### **Chapter 1927 Newsletter 101 Process Update:**

Chapter board members and officers have been discussing the total process required to produce the newsletter, i.e., article submissions, developing total content, review and approval of final content, and methods used to ensure the newsletter is received by the membership. Going forward, Mike Madges and Mike Ryan will coordinate and develop the content of the newsletter. Joyce Skinner will coordinate the production of the newsletter. Currently Nick Steiner and Mike Madges will serve as production backups. Post Office training on the procedures for mailing the newsletter is scheduled to take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Dayton Post Office. More information will be provided as the process is being finalized.

All Chapter leaders are encouraged to provide articles for the newsletter. Requests for articles will occur by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding its issuance. Article submissions should be sent to Mike Madges by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Mike Madges will forward all articles to Mike Ryan who will develop the final product. The 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be the target date for commencing the production of the newsletter (MinuteMan Press/USPS).

### **Active Chapter Members/Dinner Meetings:**

As was briefly mentioned at our last Board meeting, we talked today about our currently employed NARFE members and how important it is to not only recruit more active members, but also how to retain these new members. Currently we have a total of 130 members in the Miami Valley Chapter 1927. Thirteen of these members are active civil servants. The future of the NARFE organization depends on the continuous recruitment of active working members from within the federal government. As part of our retention strategy to both keep and encourage these new active members, we are considering the establishment of a regularly scheduled dinner meeting they would be able to attend. As our current Chapter meetings are held from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on the first Friday of every other month, it is not feasible for our active members to attend due to their full-time work schedules. We have drafted a proposed RSVP invitation letter that will be sent to all active employee members to determine their

interest in attending evening meetings. This topic will continue to be explored at future Board meetings and more information on this new initiative will be shared as it is developed.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Meeting:**

Mike Madges also reminded attendees not to miss our Friday, October 3 Chapter meeting featuring the founder and CEO of Secure Future Tax Advisors, Mark Morris. Mark will speak on the importance of tax planning for all NARFE members, and how the recently passed “Big Beautiful Bill” affects both the active and retired federal communities. All current and retired federal employees are invited and encouraged to attend what should prove to be a timely and informative presentation.

**2026 Chapter Meeting Guest Speakers:**

All Chapter leaders were encouraged to suggest Guest Speakers for our 2026 Chapter meetings. For example, Webmaster Mike Ryan offered to check with the Dayton Public Library to see if one of their speakers could give our Chapter their presentation on “MyChart” at the February or April 2026 Chapter meeting. MyChart is an online medical application used by many Dayton-area medical networks such as Premier and Kettering that allows patients to receive near-real time information from medical providers via their computers or iPhones.

**Chapter FEHB Open Season Events:**

Bud Jones, Aetna Account Manager and Wava Iker, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Account Executive, will be presenting at our Chapter meetings in November and December.

Bud will be presenting at a special luncheon meeting at the MCL Cafeteria, Thursday, November 20, starting at 11:00 am for lunch and a short business meeting, with his presentation starting from 12:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Wava Iker, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Account Executive, will speak at our Chapter meeting on Friday, December 5, at the MCL Cafeteria. The meeting will start at 11:00 am for lunch and a short business meeting, with her presentation starting at 12:00 am – 1:00 pm.

For more information, please see our latest NARFE Miami Valley Chapter 1927 September-October 2025 Newsletter.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Secretary Sue Garcia