

NARFE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2026

Vice President, Mike Madges, opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance to include Chapter Officers Joyce Skinner, Nick Steiner, Mike Ryan, Sue Garcia, Scott Graham and Brian Normile. Member Ev Lake and friend were also present.

Mike asked for a Moment of Silence for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, as well as those currently serving around the world. He then led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Scott Graham reported that as of the month of December (12/3/25 – 12/31/25) we now have \$1,970.24 in our account.

Update on Chapter 1927 Newsletter 101 Process – Chapter board members and officers have been discussing the entire process required to produce our newsletter, i.e., article submission, developing total content, review and approval of final content and the most efficient and effective method to be used to get the newsletter to the membership. We have identified at previous meetings those members (primary and backup) who will be involved in performing the various steps outlined above. The only step that still needs to be finalized is the most efficient and effective way to get the newsletters to the membership. Currently the newsletters are sent by mail. Our past President, Mike Webb, has been setting up the Postal Service documentation requirements prior to forwarding the newsletter to the printer (Kettering MinuteMan Printing.). Mike Webb has offered to show Brian Normile/Nick Steiner, our volunteers, how he sets up the Postal Service documentation. Brian and Nick will backbrief us as to whether this arrangement is workable going forward. The alternative is to email the newsletter to all members with email addresses. Prior to our next Board meeting, Mike Madges and Brian Normile will be working on creating a consolidated list of membership emails. More information will be provided as the process continues to be finalized.

Meeting Publicity - We also talked about other possible publications we might utilize other than the DDN (Dayton Daily News) for publicizing our every-other-month Chapter Meeting announcements. We have found that although we had always submitted our meeting announcement requests in a timely manner, the DDN didn't always honor our requests for publication on a consistent/timely basis. Thus, our Chapter President asked our Publicist/Secretary, Sue Garcia, to investigate the possibility of publishing our meeting announcements in two local community papers, i.e., The Kettering News and the Oakwood Register. Sue said she would follow up on this request and report back at the next Board meeting.

Active Chapter Dinner Meeting - We also discussed in more detail our future dinner meeting for those Chapter NARFE members who are currently employed (as well as their associates who may be interested in joining NARFE). We had discussed previously how important it is to not only retain current members, but also to gain new

members as the currently employed members are critical to the future and longevity of our NARFE Association. We also recognized that because they are currently employed, we would need to schedule a dinner meeting rather than a luncheon so they could attend after work. Our Chapter President, Joyce Skinner and Chapter Publicist/Secretary, Sue Garcia, volunteered to determine the place, time, date and possible speaker for the meeting. They will also develop a finalized draft dinner reservation document to send to potential attendees along with meeting details. The information developed will be presented to the Board for their review at our next meeting. As always, Mike asked all attendees to let him know about any potential speakers for the new year that members might come across offering presentations on topics that would be both entertaining and useful to the membership.

Next Chapter Meeting Speaker - Mike also reminded us not to miss our Friday, February 6, Chapter meeting featuring a presenter from the Dayton Metro Library speaking to us about the My Chart medical platform. If members are part of a medical network such as Premier or Kettering, most of us have either already signed up for My Chart or were thinking about signing up. This presentation will be useful to us as it will enhance our understanding of the type of health information contained within the system, how to locate it, and how to make optimum use of it. It contains both historical and real-time information from medical providers

Pending Issues: (1) Magician for April Chapter meeting (2) Changing Chapter Dues Amount (3) Conducting or Not an Aug 2026 Chapter meeting

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

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Secretary Sue Garcia