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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 2026

The date for this meeting is an exception to our normal scheduling. Meetings routinely occur on the first Friday of even-numbered months.

PLACE: MCL CAFETERIA

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KETTERING, OHIO

TIME: SOCIAL LUNCHEON STARTS AT 11:00

MCL provides a private dining room for free since most members buy lunch. After paying for lunch, proceed to the private dining room. Cafeteria personnel will help those needing assistance. **The business meeting will start at 11:30.**

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Centerville/Washington Township Library whose presentation is entitled *"Getting your Kicks on Route 66."* It is the 100th Anniversary of this famous roadway.

Go Paperless
By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

It may surprise you, but your \$48 annual membership fee does not cover all costs related to

your NARFE membership. And yet, compared to other professional associations, NARFE membership is a tremendous bargain and especially so in this current chaotic environment. But **YOU** can help keep expenses manageable and avoid the issuance of repeated notices and possibly a temporary loss of membership benefits. **Quite simply, Go Paperless!** If you are a retired member, dues withholding is an option directly from your annuity. Refer to the application form within most issues including the 2026 March issue (page 48) or the April issue (page 41). Direct deposit members currently pay \$42 annually, a 15% dues reduction. (Note: It takes about 4-5 months to get Dues Withholding started.) **OR** any NARFE member can sign up for AutoPay for a one-, two-, or three-year renewal. Login to <https://members.narfe.org/> and click on **My Account** and then **My Settings** and click on **My Auto Pay Account** to preauthorize your card. Call 800-456-8410 and dial 1 for membership assistance to update your rate. Two-year renewals are \$46 annually and three-year renewals are \$42 annually. Going paperless reduces NARFE administrative costs and saves you a few dollars as well. Sign up today!

FEDCON 26

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President
NARFE's biennial national training conference is coming to the Hyatt Regency hotel in Indianapolis Aug 23-25. Register today at www.FEDCON.NARFE.org. Come to learn, advocate and lead. Indianapolis is just a two-hour drive from the Dayton area – a special opportunity nearly in our backyard. Come and experience the collective energy of fellow members from across the country. Four hundred members came together for the last national conference (FedCon 24) in St. Louis Missouri.

NARFE Webinars

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President
Training opportunities are continual for NARFE members. You are encouraged to view both the Live and On-Demand sessions available to you.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday 10 April; Board meeting May 20 at 11:000 a.m.

Chapter meetings are open to everyone. Board meetings are open to all Chapter members.

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VISIT OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE AT <http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter1927>

These sessions are free as part of your annual membership. Access the webinars by signing in to your www.narfe.org account and click on "Education" and then "NARFE Webinars" to view all offerings. Upcoming live offerings include "Putting Your Affairs in Order" on Thursday, April 16; "Family Benefits in Marriage, Divorce and/or Remarriage on Thursday, April 23 and "Retirement Planning for Feds" on Thursday, April 30. All sessions are scheduled for 2 PM

Injecting Partisanship Into Our Civil Service

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

OPM has published its final rule to create a Schedule Policy/Career (P/C) category which will allow for the reclassification of as many as 50,000 or more federal positions into the excepted service without protection against politically motivated terminations. The antidote to this rule is the "Saving the Civil Service Act of 2025" (**HR. 492/S.134**) which prohibits the establishment of this excepted status category. This bill is under committee consideration in both the House and Senate. NARFE National President William Shackelford stated "This rule will undermine the effectiveness of the civil service in carrying out government operations on behalf of the American people. It paves the way for this and future administrations to remove competent, non-partisan, professional civil servants and replace them with political cronies who are more apt to be incompetent or corrupt."

Another bill of note is the "Protect America's Workforce Act" (**HR. 2550/S. 2837**) which would overturn a recent Executive Order that targeted certain unions and ended collective bargaining for covered federal employees. Unions were targeted due to their opposition via public statements and lawsuits of certain administration actions. This bill has passed the House and is currently in the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The bill has 48 co-sponsors in the Senate. To voice your views on these bills visit narfe.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/.