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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 5 June 2026

PLACE: MCL CAFETERIA

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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.**

WE WILL NOT HAVE A CHAPTER MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 (or a Board Meeting in July). AFTER OUR JUNE MEETING, WE WILL MEET AGAIN ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

******* WISHING EVERYONE A PLEASANT AND SAFE SUMMER SEASON.*******

Our guest speakers for our June meeting will be Margie Heckman and Pam Ulery from the Routsong Funeral Home. They will discuss the importance of pre-planning, issues to address and services available through Routsong. Please join us for their informative presentation.

FEDCON 26: Reimbursement Opportunity

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

While we will not be having a Chapter luncheon in August, don't forget about FEDCON 26 in Indianapolis Aug 23-25. This biennial national training conference is your opportunity to come and experience the collective energy of NARFE members from across the country. Come to learn, advocate and lead.

IF you have registered or plan to attend FEDCON 26, the Ohio Federation will reimburse you \$225 (the early-bird registration fee) after the event. This offer will apply to the first ten who file for reimbursement. It is open to all Ohio NARFE members (Chapter and/or National Only members). If interested, please register for the conference and forward a copy of your registration to Ohio Federation President Tim Gartner (narfetim48@gmail.com) and copy our Chapter Vice President Mike Madges mikemadges@aol.com. See www.FEDCON.NARFE.org for detailed FEDCON information.

YOUR NARFE WEBSITE

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

Have you ever just taken a minute and accessed our membership website: narfe.org? It is an incredible resource at your fingertips!!!

NARFE WEBINARS

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

Training opportunities are continual for NARFE members. Upcoming live offerings include "Understanding Alzheimers" on Thursday, May 28 and "AMS and Microsites Training" on Thursday, June 4th. Both sessions begin at 2 PM. Register for the webinars by signing in to your narfe.org account and click on "Education" and then "NARFE Webinars". And don't forget the extensive On-Demand Webinar Library available on the website for viewing at your convenience.

BENEFICIARY FORMS

By Brian Normile, Chapter Benefits Officer

Current federal employees and retirees are well served by ensuring that their beneficiary forms are updated. A beneficiary form documents who will receive your federal benefits such as Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (SF 2823), Designation of

Beneficiary for FERS or CSRS (SF 3102), Designation of Beneficiary for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee (SF 1152) and Thrift Savings Plan designation (handled online through MyAccount).

There are several reasons for filling out or updating a beneficiary form. The most obvious is to ensure that the right people get your benefits. This will avoid conflict for your loved ones and possible legal issues. (I have always believed that stories I have heard about benefits going to the "wrong people" after death are not urban legends.) There are not only primary beneficiaries (those receiving benefits first) but contingent beneficiaries (those inheriting if the primary beneficiaries are departed). This situation could come into play if you and your spouse perished in an automobile accident, for example. A review of your beneficiary forms can make certain that they are accurate so there will be no delays or disputes over assignment of your benefits.

Changes to designation of beneficiaries for FERS/CSRS and FEGLI can be accomplished by filling out the forms identified above which can be obtained on the website www.opm.gov and contain the necessary instructions. To update SF 1152 for unpaid compensation, please contact your servicing Civilian Personnel Office. To designate a new beneficiary for your TSP account, log in to "My Account" on www.tsp.gov or use one of the ThriftLine Service Center options listed in the "Death Benefits" booklet on the TSP site.

NARFE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2026

By Mike Madges, Chapter 1927 Vice President

- OPPOSE CUTS TO EARNED FEDERAL RETIREMENT & HEALTH BENEFITS
- PROTECT INTEGRITY OF GOVT OPERATIONS & MERIT-BASED CIVIL SERVICE
- SUPPORT FULL COLAs FOR FERS EMPLOYEES
- IMPROVE CHOICE & LOWER COST FOR FED'L & POSTAL SERVICE HEALTH BENEFITS
- IMPROVE OPM CUSTOMER SERVICE RETIREMENT SERVICES

Visit the NARFE Legislative Action Center on the narfe.org website by clicking on "Advocacy" and then "Take Action" and add your voice to any of the above or other issues cited therein.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday 5 June; July Board meeting Canceled.

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

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