



# Ohio Federation Newsletter 2026

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

APRIL 2026

## OHIO FEDERATION UPDATE

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## President's Message

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tim Gartner, and I serve as President of the NARFE Ohio Federation. I have held various federation officer roles since 1998 and have been a member since 1992. Over the years, I have participated on several national committees and gained valuable insights from both past and current dedicated NARFE members. I am a firm believer in the mission of NARFE and am committed to ensuring that our advocacy on legislative matters impacting federal employees, retirees, and survivors remains robust.

NARFE's reputation for legislative advocacy is well-established on Capitol Hill, thanks to our dedicated Legislative Department. They actively engage with congressional leaders, keeping them informed about legislation affecting the federal community. It is essential for all members to support these efforts by communicating with their congressional representatives to express their positions on issues related to annuities and health benefits. Continued member engagement is crucial to maintaining the respect our voice has earned within Congress.

NARFE Headquarters has requested that each Federation appoint a NARFE Member as a Congressional District Leader/Liaison (CDL) for every national congressional district. In Ohio, we currently have fifteen districts. With approximately 3,500 members statewide, I am confident that we can identify volunteers in each district willing to serve in these important roles. The primary requirement is comfort in communicating with congressional representatives or their staff. CDLs act as points of contact for inquiries related to NARFE legislation. We offer training for volunteers interested in assuming the CDL role for their district.

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At the Federation level we ended the year on a positive note. During the “2025 Open Season” we ran an advertising campaign that gained us 20 new members. The campaign also gave us over 41,000 impressions. An impression is when an individual has seen and/or clicked on a NARFE Ad. All indications were positive that the campaign did well. HQ has been stating, we need to do better at “branding” the “NARFE name”. Impressions are just one way to assist with the branding of the NARFE name!

Total campaign cost were \$10,700 but, the federation filed and was approved for ‘Matching funds’. Our 2025 advertising was reduced to **\$5,350.00**, (money well spent). Based on the 2025 campaign, the federation advertising committee met with Street Level Studios (SLS) and we have contracted to do advertising again this year during the 2026 Open Season. The campaign will run from September 15th to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Matching funds have been requested and should be approved. Cost for 3-month time period is, \$11,720, with our share being \$5,820. We are hoping to include the Air Force Marathon on Sept 17-18, 2026. As many as 15,000 people may attend this event held at WPAFB in Dayton.

The Covid-19 pandemic has significantly altered our ways of living and conducting business, and affecting chapter attendance at local meetings. Many national-only, as well as chapter members now access information through online platforms. Email, Facebook, Twitter, GoToMeeting, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams are commonly used for communication, with some chapters meeting virtually. Even families are embracing these tools to stay connected.

**Outlined below are several initiatives and goals we may consider pursuing:**

- a) Support chapters in recruiting “new volunteers” for leadership positions.
- b) Assist chapters in recording live meetings for members unable to attend, enabling convenient viewing at their leisure.
- c) Open Federation meetings via Zoom to maximize chapter/national-only member participation.
- d) Recruit volunteers as CDLs for each congressional district.
- e) Utilize Zoom for legislative meetings with U.S. Representatives and Senators or their staff, ensuring district-wide engagement for both the chapter and national-only membership.
- f) The “email / letter / phone call project”. Basically, it is a membership retention project. Prior to 2016 each chapter had a chapter membership committee. Now that mandatory chapter membership is not a requirement, many of these committees are no longer in existence, so;  
**Chapters** - Ask for volunteers, 2 or 3 members, to contact chapter members coming due for renewal or ones that have been dropped from the roster to reinstate their membership dues. Maybe the chapter could offer them free chapter dues for 1 year.  
**Federation** – Seek volunteers to contact national-only members coming due or dropped.

\* Remind these dropped members they can save money by joining for 2-3 years or if retired to sign-up for Dues-withholding. The 3 yr and DW saves the member 15% on their dues. Anyone who wants more information on the project listed above can contact me or Mike Madges.

Success with any initiative requires collective effort toward achieving outcomes. By establishing and fulfilling these goals, we strengthen NARFE, elevate our presence and legislative influence, and grow our membership. I encourage all members to contribute to NARFE’s continued improvement and legacy for generations to come.

**Tim Gartner**  
**Ohio Federation President**  
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## MEMBERSHIP

### Go Paperless

This may surprise you; 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. Log into <https://members.narfe.org/> and click on My Account, then My Settings and click on My Auto Pay Account to preauthorize your card. Or you can 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. Please, sign up today! Here is the most recent "Lapsed Members" and the number of renewals. 24 Chapter members 'Lapsed', **8 renewed**, **64 Nat-only** members 'Lapsed', **12 renewed**. Of the "**88 lapsed** members", **20** were **1st yearers**.

**Mike Madges, Executive VP Membership Report**

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### On-Demand Webinars

NARFE provides expert guidance on federal benefits issues directly affecting current and former federal employees, as well as tips and tools to help ensure a safe and secure retirement for the federal community. Webinars are free to NARFE members; you must log in to get member pricing. If you need assistance logging in, please email [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org) for help.

**April 16, 2026**, 2 p.m. ET - Putting Your Affairs in Order: Covering Benefits Available to Your Family After Death, and How to Preserve Them.

Preparing federal benefits and recording end-of-life wishes is essential for responsible planning. Without proper organization, families can encounter avoidable legal issues, financial setbacks, and emotional hardship. Taking proactive steps ensures that benefits are protected and that loved ones receive clear guidance and support. Join NARFE federal benefits expert Michele Bollier as she outlines clear and concise instructions on documenting your wishes in advance.

**April 23, 2026**, 2 p.m. ET - Family Benefits: Marriage, Divorce, and/or Remarriage

Federal employees and annuitants have access to a comprehensive set of family-oriented benefits designed to support spouses, children, and eligible dependents both during active service and into retirement. These benefits are primarily administered through programs overseen by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Understanding these benefits for you and your family can be complex. Join NARFE federal benefits specialist Tony Opat for an informative session covering eligibility, application processes, recent updates, and answers to common questions. This webinar will help you navigate your options and make informed decisions.

**April 30, 2026**, 2:00 p.m. ET - Retirement Planning for Feds

Retirement is widely regarded as one of life's most important milestones — and it happens just once. How can you be ready? This session will provide strategies to help you avoid missed opportunities and make the most of your benefits and wealth, ensuring you gain the financial edge in your federal retirement. It's always the right time to start learning about retirement planning. Our goal is to help federal employees retire with greater financial security and happiness. NARFE federal benefits expert Wes Battle, CFP®, ChFEBC<sup>SM</sup>, AIF®, RICP®, will help you achieve your retirement goals by providing guidance and essential tools.

## MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

## CHAPTER NATIONAL-ONLY

## % FOR EACH YEAR AND DW-LIFE

Chp	ChpMb rs	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	DW	Life	% of 1yr	% of 2yr	% of 3yr	% DW/Lif e	N-O Mbrs	Chp & N-O
0014	29	5	1	3	19	1	17%	3%	10%	69%	57	86
0168	33	9	0	5	19	0	27%	0%	15%	58%	67	100
0187	63	23	10	8	17	5	37%	16%	13%	35%	86	149
0226	50	17	2	9	22	0	34%	4%	18%	44%	82	132
0235	107	26	6	14	58	3	24%	6%	13%	57%	291	398
0310	244	69	12	22	138	3	28%	5%	9%	58%	97	341
0317	23	4	0	1	17	1	17%	0%	4%	78%	36	59
0341	52	18	4	6	23	1	35%	8%	12%	46%	45	97
0382	13	3	0	2	6	2	23%	0%	15%	62%	29	42
0470	22	10	4	3	3	2	45%	18%	14%	23%	0	22
0569	147	42	8	25	69	3	29%	5%	17%	49%	319	466
0612	15	3	0	5	7	0	20%	0%	33%	47%	41	56
0624	14	2	0	4	8	0	14%	0%	29%	57%	10	24
0635	30	5	0	1	24	0	17%	0%	3%	80%	44	74
1592	91	30	5	11	41	4	33%	5%	12%	49%	294	385
1856	13	3	2	0	7	1	23%	15%	0%	62%	13	26
1927	128	53	10	24	38	3	41%	8%	19%	32%	110	238
2182	27	14	5	4	2	2	52%	19%	15%	15%	55	82
2217	104	39	6	27	27	5	38%	6%	26%	31%	92	196
2232	92	40	10	10	31	1	43%	11%	11%	35%	85	177
2238	72	26	6	13	22	5	36%	8%	18%	38%	154	226
2264	94	41	8	13	30	2	44%	9%	14%	34%	98	192
2359	1	1	0	0	0	0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0	1
<b>TO- TAL</b>	<b>1464</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2105</b>	<b>3569</b>

**Member voices are crucial to advancing NARFE's legislative priorities. Members of Congress want to hear from their constituents about how the issues are affecting their lives!**

**NARFE's advocacy strategy is a collaborative effort that involves Lobbying by headquarters, grasstops and grassroots which engages its members in various activities, and NARFE-PAC, NARFE's political action committee that supports fed-friendly candidates for office.**

## **FEDCON26**

This year's conference will be in Indianapolis, IN August the 23-25<sup>th</sup> Early Bird (till May 22,2026) Registration price is \$225.00 for early bird. After that time, the price goes up to \$250. Registration at conference is \$300. Hyatt Regency Indianapolis – Room rate \$179.00+ Tax. Parking is \$60.00 per night.

### **Friday, August the 21st. NEB / Federation Presidents registration.**

7:45 to 8:45 - NEB and Federation Presidents Breakfast.  
9:00 to 5:00 - Federation Presidents meeting and NEB meetings.  
12:00 to 1:00 - Joint NEB Federation president's lunch.

### **Saturday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – NEB & Federation Presidents pre-registration. (7:30 – 1:00)**

7:45 to 8:45— NEB and Federation president Breakfast.  
9:00 to 5:00— NEB meeting (if needed) and Federation Presidents meeting.  
12:00 to 1:00— Joint NEB Federation Presidents Lunch.

### **Sunday, August 23rd.**

7:45 to 8:45— NEB & Federation President's Breakfast.  
9:00 to 12:00— Joint NEB Federation Presidents meeting.  
1:30 to 3:30 - Officer reports pre-conference meeting open to all members.

***FREE FEDCON26 REGISTRATION*** – IF you are attending FEDCON26, the Federation Executive Board has voted to assist Ohio NARFE members by paying their registration fee (Up to \$225.00). This will be awarded to the first 10 members who contact a Federation Officer and send a copy of their FEDCON26 registration to them. Once at the conference you will need to see Tim Gartner, President to fill out an OH-1 (expense voucher) for re-imbursement of your registration.

### **Ohio Federation of NARFE ANNUAL Meeting**

Tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2026. Please watch the website ([www.narfe.org/OH](http://www.narfe.org/OH)) for more information and “how to” register for the Annual Meeting. We have scheduled it after FEDCON26 so we can talk about the Bylaw amendments and the candidates running for National Office / Region IV RVP. The Federation Officers will report on their areas of responsibility, as well as reports from the National office. This will be four to six hours based on the business covered at FEDCON26.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Saving the Civil Service Act (H.R. 492/ S. 134):** Bill would prohibit establishment of Schedule Policy/Career (formerly Schedule F) of the excepted service (or similar schedules), to ensure merit-based hiring & firing of civil servants. Cosponsors: H.R.492: 96; S.134: 23

**Equal COLA Act (H.R. 491, S. 624):** Bill would provide full cost-of-living adjustments to FERS annuities based on changes in consumer prices. Cosponsors: H.R.492: 66; S.624: 16

**Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act (H.R. 7480/ S. 3823):** Bill would provide federal employees with a 3.1% across-the-board pay raise in 2026, plus a 1% average increase to locality pay rates. Cosponsors: H.R. 7480: 24; S.3823: 11

**Limit on Sweeping Executive Reorganization Act (H.R. 5249):** Bill, introduced in Sept by newly elected Congressman James Walkinshaw, D-VA, would require the president and the executive branch to provide Congress with a Reorganization Impact Report, which Congress must approve before the President may enact major federal employee terminations. Cosponsors: 5 (5 D)

### ***Congressional District Leader / Senatorial Leader DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES***

Respond to NARFE's grassroots action alerts, which are shared through NARFE's NewsLine newsletter, NARFE Voices grassroots newsletter, NARFE Magazine, NARFE Insider and the Legislative Action Center on the advocacy webpage.

Work with the federation or chapter legislative chair on an action plan to mobilize members in the district and state to engage in the campaign.

If scheduling meetings with lawmakers and staff, work with advocacy staff at headquarters on the issue "ask," talking points and other relevant information.

Send thank you emails as follow-ups after meetings or engagements at events with a lawmaker and staff.

Meet with lawmakers during scheduled congressional recesses when they travel back to their home districts and states.

**Sandy Gartner**

**Legislative VP**

**sgartner@windstream.net**

**NARFE-PAC** <https://support-narfe-today.raiselysite.com/#donate> (copy & paste)

Defend Your Earned Pay and Benefits: Contribute to NARFE-PAC Now! NARFE's Political Action Committee protects members' pay and benefits by raising and allocating funds to help elect members of Congress who support the federal community. Contributions to NARFE-PAC also help build strong relationships with lawmakers, a key component to winning legislative fights. Make an investment in protecting your earned benefits by supporting NARFE-PAC today!



**SENATOR JON HUSTED—REPUBLICAN**



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Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3353

420 Madison Ave, Suite 1210, Toledo, Ohio 43604  
567-304-3777

John W. Bricker Federal Building  
200 North High St. Suite 600  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614-369-4925

300 North Main Street, Suite 200  
Middletown, Ohio 45042  
513-318-1100

1240 East 9th Street, Suite 3061  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199  
216-539-7877

**SENATOR BERNIE MORENO—REPUBLICAN**



SR-284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-2315

Bricker Federal Building  
200 North High St. Room 618  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614-469-2083

Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse  
801 W. Superior Ave., STE 1400  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
216-522-7272

John W. Peck Federal Building  
550 Main Street, STE 10-273  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
513-684-1021

## OHIO REPRESENTATIVES



Greg Landsman  
1st District D.



David Taylor 2nd  
District R.



Joyce Beatty  
3rd District R.



Jim Jordan  
4th District R.



Robert Latta  
5th District R.



Michael Rulli  
6th District R.



Max Miller  
7th District R.



Warren Davidson  
8th District R.



Marcy Kaptur  
9th District D.



Michael Turner  
10th District R.



Shontel Brown  
11th District D.



Troy Balderson  
12th District R.



Emilia Sykes  
13th District D.



David Joyce  
14th District R.



Mike Carey  
15th District R.

*Note: The 2026 elections for these seats will take place on November 3, 2026, following a May 5 primary, based on a new map approved in October 2025.*

# OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Committee Assignment</u>
1st	<u>Landsman, Greg</u>	D	1432 LHOB	(202) 225-2216	Small Business, Veterans' Affairs
2nd	<u>Taylor, David</u>	R	305 CHOB	(202) 225-3164	Agriculture, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
3rd	<u>Beatty, Joyce</u>	D	2079 RHOB	(202) 225-4324	Financial Services
4th	<u>Jordan, Jim</u>	R	2056 RHOB	(202) 225-2676	Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Fed Govt, Oversight and Accountability, Judiciary
5th	<u>Latta, Robert</u>	R	2467 RHOB	(202) 225-6405	Energy and Commerce
6th	<u>Rulli, Michael</u>	R	421 CHOB	(202) 225-5705	Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform
7th	<u>Miller, Max</u>	R	143 CHOB	(202) 225-3876	Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology
8th	<u>Davidson, Warren</u>	R	2113 RHOB	(202) 225-6205	Financial Services, Foreign Affairs
9th	<u>Kaptur, Marcy</u>	D	2186 RHOB	(202) 225-4146	Appropriations
10th	<u>Turner, Michael</u>	R	2183 RHOB	(202) 225-6465	Armed Services, Oversight and Accountability, Intelligence
11th	<u>Brown, Shontel</u>	D	449 CHOB	(202) 225-7032	Agriculture, Oversight and Accountability, Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China
12th	<u>Balderson, Troy</u>	R	2429 RHOB	(202) 225-5355	Energy and Commerce
13th	<u>Sykes, Emilia</u>	D	1217 LHOB	(202) 225-6265	Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology
14th	<u>Joyce, David</u>	R	2065 RHOB	(202) 225-5731	Appropriations, Ethics
15th	<u>Carey, Mike</u>	R	1433 LHOB	(202) 225-2015	House Administration, Ways and Means



## **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY**

### **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY**

A core mission of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is advocacy. Our advocacy entails protecting the earned pay, rights, and benefits of all federal/postal employees, retirees and annuitant survivors. Member voices are crucial to advancing NARFE's legislative priorities. Members of Congress want to hear from their constituents about how the issues are affecting their lives.

#### **Ways to Engage Effectively With Lawmakers and Staff**

**Meetings** – Consult NARFE's **sample meeting request** template to request an in-person or virtual meeting with members of Congress or their staff.

**Letters** – Sending letters to lawmakers through NARFE's **Legislative Action Center**. Refer to NARFE's **instructions for writing an effective Op-Ed or letter to the editor (LTE)**.

**Phone calls** – Calling lawmakers using NARFE's toll-free advocacy call center number at **202-224-3121** to be connected to their office. Access our **phone script**.

**Community events** – Participating in town halls and other community events. Utilize **NARFE's Advocacy Resources** to share with others!

**Bringing lawmakers to federations and chapter events** – Inviting lawmakers to speak at federation or chapter meetings and conferences is an effective way to build strong relations and rapport.

**Relationships with lawmakers** – Do you have existing relationships with your members of Congress? This information is vital to our advocacy effort. Share details of your relationship with us by filling out **NARFE's Relationship Tool**.

**Sharing details of interactions** – Reporting back to headquarters about your interaction with lawmakers by filling out the **online events feedback form**.

**[www.narfe.org/advocacy/grassroots-advocacy](http://www.narfe.org/advocacy/grassroots-advocacy)**

## Greetings from the desk of the Ohio Federation Treasurer -- Toledo District VP

English Proverb: No Matter How Long the Winter Spring is Sure to Follow!

### Treasurer

A friendly reminder to chapters to complete the audits of your accounts and to file the IRS-990. The Ohio Federation accounts will have a report at the Spring Annual Meeting. The Audit of the 2024 and 2025 transactions and accounts will be completed February 2026.

With a team of devoted officers – Regional VP – Ed Konys, Ohio Membership Chair – Mike Madges, Federation President – Tim Gartner and Nora MacDonald – NARFE HQ – we were able to ‘bank’ \$7800 to counteract two 2025 Membership Ads Campaigns. The mentioned officers and I would ask each chapter to consider using MATCHING FUNDS when your respective chapter officers and chapter membership committee have a membership drive.

The 2024 checkbook and accounts have been in order since January 2025. The 2025 accounts and checkbooks are in balance and are awaiting the audit committee. The basic checking and savings accounts were still showing low dividends rates; a Money Market account was opened in February 2025. The Money Market account is growing at a good rate.

### Toledo District VP

As a quick recap of this past year:

A year ago, Toledo District was comprised of five chapters

Fulton-Henry County – 1856, Williams County – Bryan Chapter 1136; Firelands-Sandusky Chapter 382; John Folk -Lima Chapter 317; Toledo Chapter 226.

Mid-year Williams Co – Chapter 1136 was successfully closed. Currently, two more chapters, - Chapter 1856 and 382 are in the early stages of the closing process. Yes, that will leave Toledo Chapter (226) and Lima Chapter (317) active.

Membership Counts as of January 31, 2026

<u>Chapter name and number</u>	<u>Chapter members</u>	<u>National Members</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Dues Withholding</u>
Fulton-Henry Co. #1856	13	13	26	7
Firelands-Sandusky #382	13	29	42	6
John Folk-Lima Chapter 317	23	37	60	17
Toledo Chapter 226	60	83	143	24

Toledo Chapter 226 had a great selection of informative Guest Speakers for 2025, and the 2026 season is shaping up with interesting Guest Speakers. The Chapter continues to use the Main Branch of Lucas County Public Library as its meeting venue.

Lima Chapter – John Folk Chapter 317 – has changed their meeting venue. At the end of 2025, there were separate locations for the Executive meetings – ODD numbered months, and the Chapter meeting – the EVEN numbered months.

Both Toledo and Lima ‘surviving’ chapters have strong leaders.

Thank you,  
LS Rarick

Please plan to participate in the Spring Annual Meeting  
Thank You!

**CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT  
SANDY GARTNER CENTRAL DISTRICT VP**

As always please make sure your address, phone number and email are current at NARFE HQ so that we can inform you about important issues that come up that could affect current and retired federal employees and survivor annuitant . Contact me at sgartner@windstream.net or call 740-404-9787 and leave and message and I can help you with that.

**CHAPTER 235 COLUMBUS**

As of this date Chapter235 is looking for a new meeting place. MCL Cafeteria where they have met for several years has closed.

As of 4/10/2026 they have: 107Current Chapter Members

291 National Only Members

Total: 398 Chapter + National

**CHAPTER 310 LICKING COUNTY NEWARK**

The Chapter meets at the Licking County Aging Partners facility at 1058 E. Main Street in Newark on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00am to noon. The chapter furnishes donuts and coffee and lots of good information about legislative issues that affect our annuities and health care. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting. Bring a prospective member

As of 4/10/2026 they have: 239 Current Chapter Members

95 National Only Members

Total: 334 Chapter + National

**CHAPTER 612 JOHNNY APPLESEED MANSFIELD**

The Chapter meets at the Gold Corral Restaurant at 575 Lexington-Springmill Rd, Onterio on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 for lunch followed by the meeting. The chapter has updates on legislative issues that could affect our annuities and health benefits.

As of 4/10/2026 they have: 15 Current Chapter Members

40 National Only Members

Total: 55 Chapter + National

**NOTE: We have lost 30 members since our last newsletter. All members need to recruit at least one new member. We all know someone that would benefit from NARFE membership.**



The Alzheimer's Association logo, which consists of the text "alzheimer's association" in a lowercase, white, sans-serif font, followed by a white circular icon containing a stylized brain or knot-like shape. The logo is set against a dark purple rectangular background.

## OHIO NARFE-ALZHEIMER'S REPORT

The first seven months of **Fiscal Year 2026** (July 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026) Ohio NARFE members donated **\$4,366.25** compared to \$2,811.00 raised in the same period Fiscal Year 2025. This is an **increase** of **\$1,555.25!** This is a **GREAT** way to start the new fiscal year! It is because of **YOU**, the NARFE members, who are making the sacrifice to help NARFE-Alzheimer's Research find a cure for Alzheimer's!

Ohio chapters raised **\$280.00** for **The Longest Day**, now renamed **DO WHAT YOU LOVE TO END ALZ**, and **\$2,767.53** in the **WALK to End Alzheimer's**. You can sign up online at [alz.org/dowhatyoulove](http://alz.org/dowhatyoulove) or request a paper registration. You can set up your fundraising webpage at [alz.org/narfedwyl](http://alz.org/narfedwyl) and click on "Create Fundraiser." You can choose your activity theme and participate as part of a National Team Partner by selecting your National Team **NARFE** under "Company/Organization/Group." Fundraising for **DO WHAT YOU LOVE TO END ALZ** will now be a year-round event; it will not end after the longest day. Our goal is to raise \$75,000.00 for 2026. A kick-start fundraising of a \$20 personal donation will get you a T-shirt and a welcome kit participant's guide to assist in your efforts and to help raise awareness in your community. **Checks are made payable to: ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION** and mailed to: **DO WHAT YOU LOVE TO END ALZ, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. Be sure to include your NARFE Team Name in the memo section.**

Looking at the **2026 WALK to End Alzheimer's**, there are **30 WALKS** scheduled in 2026 beginning on **September 5** (Circleville and Defiance) and ending on **October 24** (Springfield). You can check online at: <https://www.alz.org/narfe>.

Information on registering your NARFE chapter team can be found online by scrolling down until you find "Join NARFE Walk." If you can't register online, there is information for registering manually. And remember that you can still register for a **WALK** even if there is no WALK near you. Just register your NARFE Chapter Team and walk wherever you can. Donations collected can be forwarded directly to Alzheimer's Association or to your local Alzheimer's Association Chapter. You can find information on the website [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk). **A reminder to all:** When donating to the **WALK to End Alzheimer's**, be sure to make your check payable to: **Alzheimer's Association – WALK to End Alzheimer's**. Checks should be mailed to the local contact person shown on the website for your scheduled WALK. If you can't locate the address, please contact me and I will help you. All Chapter Presidents will be given a list of WALKS with contact and location information. Please check with your Chapter Presidents. You can donate online by using your credit card; a donation receipt will be emailed to you immediately.

As a reminder, all checks not designated for the WALK or DO WHAT YOU LOVE are to be made payable to **NARFE-Alzheimer's Research**, contain a complete address on the payor's check, and notate in the "memo" section your NARFE chapter number. Chapter Alzheimer's Coordinators or Chapter Treasurers are to mail checks along with the Chapter Transmittal Form to Diana Iuliano-Chan, Ohio Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator, 1055 Canyon St. NW, Uniontown, OH 44685-8534.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Ohio Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator Diana Iuliano-Chan, at [diananarfe341@gmail.com](mailto:diananarfe341@gmail.com).



The Alzheimer's Association logo, which consists of the text "alzheimer's association" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a white circular icon containing a stylized brain or network pattern. The logo is set against a dark purple rectangular background.

## NARFE-ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE

National NARFE-Alzheimer's total for the first seven months of **Fiscal Year 2026** covering the period July 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026 is **\$169,674.95**, which includes Planned Gifts of \$10,000.00. The cumulative total since 1985 is now **\$16,977,122.69**. **The 2025 Longest Day** raised **\$2,363.50** and **WALK to End Alzheimer's** donations totaled **\$99,583.97**. This was a very good turnout for 2025!

Registration is open for the **2026 WALK to End Alzheimer's**. Register by going to: <https://www.alz.org/narfe>, scroll down until you find "Join NARFE Walk Team." You will find information on how to register online. Locate your local **WALK** and register your team. Be sure to identify your team with the name "NARFE" and either your chapter number or other unique name you want to use. NARFE-Alzheimer's will be able to track all "NARFE" teams this way to ensure that we are accounting for ALL NARFE-Alzheimer's dollars raised. And remember that your fundraising can begin NOW! Help NARFE reach its goal of more than **\$100,000.00 in 2026!**

Funds raised through **Walk to End Alzheimer's** are used to advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. With your help, they are able to deliver information and education to millions of individuals, caregivers and medical professionals who face dementia every day, provide care and support across the area, advocate for the needs and rights of people facing Alzheimer's, and advance research seeking methods of prevention, treatment and ultimately, a cure.

On November 6-7, 2025, the National Alzheimer's Committee met virtually to discuss Alzheimer's research projects - results of prior years' projects as well as upcoming projects. Six new projects were reviewed and two were selected to receive NARFE-Alzheimer's funding. A total of **\$340,801** was awarded for the research projects.

The first project, which was fully funded at \$199,994, was awarded to Hong Seok Shim, Ph.D., The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, to study APOE4-derived Alzheimer's Disease. The second project, which was funded \$140,807 of \$199,997, was awarded to Swati Mishra, Ph.D., University of Washington, to study the role of microglia lysosome dysfunction in Alzheimer's Disease pathogenesis. The balance of the grant was funded by the Alzheimer's Association. More information will be in the NARFE March 2026 magazine.

Alzheimer's Association has set up a **Planned Gift Giving** for members who wish to make donations from their IRA (Individual Retirement Account), a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, and gifts through a Will or Trust. More information can be obtained from Alzheimer's by emailing [plannedgiving@alz.org](mailto:plannedgiving@alz.org) or by calling 866-233-5148. The amount donated by NARFE members in a planned gift also counts towards the NARFE's National Goal, which is now **\$17,000,000** by the end of 2026. Planned Gift Giving in FY 2026 is currently \$10,000.00.

**REMEMBER! The FIRST Survivor of Alzheimer's is out there! Let's continue to Fight to find a cure!**

If you have any questions regarding the NARFE-Alzheimer's Research Program, please contact Diana Iuliano-Chan, Region IV NARFE-Alzheimer's Regional Coordinator at [diananarfe341@gmail.com](mailto:diananarfe341@gmail.com).