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## **PRESIDENT**

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By this time, most of the NARFE Chapters will have elected their 2005 Chapter Officers and the appointed Chairpersons will have been secured.

Many F-7's have already been sent. Some indicate changes and some a continuation of the same Chapter Leaders. Which ever case - we must all focus on NARFE's objectives. All Chapters have very capable persons who would provide excellent leadership. Some members prefer to not hold a chapter office. When this option is exercised, the member should provide full support to those officers who have accepted a nomination to office.

Most of us are expecting an increase in our 2005 annuity checks. That is one of the earned benefits we expect the NARFE organization to protect. How would the membership react to the COLA increase of 1.5%? Would a COLA of that amount be accepted a, "well, that's okay" - "I didn't put my full support into the effort". Not hardly! So, we must all put forth effort to recruit new members and retain members. (statistics indicate that NARFE lost 18,420 members to death, during the period between the 2002 National Convention and the 2004 Convention) We need to keep up the effort to offset those losses and to increase total members. Kansas has 5,700 members. But, there are 18,000 annuitants out there that haven't become NARFE members and joined our ranks.

Let them know that there is an organization working for them - NARFE. Let them know what NARFE has to offer. ASK. Ask eligible persons to become NARFE members. Be prepared, carry membership applications. Offer your chapter officers leads on good meeting program prospects. Help members and prospective members want to attend chapter meetings. Help make it so interesting that they won't want to miss a single meeting. Read your NARFE magazine and share it.

The National NARFE Executive Board has decided to cut the National Resident Officers travel, by only offering to send an NRO out to the Federation Conventions only every other year. Not good!

I was invited to participate in the Hays Chapter 25th anniversary observance. They had an excellent turnout. I also was privileged to attend the Topeka Chapter meeting. Area V.P. Woolfolk, Federation Secretary Ek, Immediate Past President Lancaster and I attended the Cowley County Chapter November meeting to provide support in securing their 2005 Chapter Officers.

The Federation table top NARFE Display kit has seen heavy use. It has been to Osage City, Olathe, Lawrence,

Topeka, Hiawatha, Hays, Kansas City, Manhattan, to Leavenworth, to Topeka and back to Junction City. The Federation has most certainly gotten good use of that fine display kit.

The 2005 NARFE Legislative Training Conference will be held February 26 through March 1, 2005 at the Hyatt Crystal City, VA.

College Of NARFE Knowledge (CONK) will be held August 29 through September 1, 2005. It will be at South Sioux City, NE.

Planning is underway for the 51st Annual Convention of the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters. It will be held in Kansas City, KS April 24, 25 and 26, 2005. It would be great if each of the Kansas Chapters had delegates in attendance. Start working to encourage attendance.

I have been invited to attend a number of Chapters during December, and January. Let me know if you would like for me to attend your Chapter meeting.

*Read Your NARFE magazine.*

## **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

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The elections have come and gone and with the national elections now over, it may be hard but not impossible to pass our priority legislation, GPO/WEP and Premium Conversion. However, working together we will get it done.

All chapters should contact our Senators, Brownback and Roberts, and their US Representative and let them know how important this legislation is to our retirees and their spouses. I would suggest that chapters prepare a letter to each Senator and their Representative asking for their support. Remember, only Congressman Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> District is supporting us on both pieces of legislation.

Finally, the NARFE Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 26 - March 1, 2005. All chapters are encouraged to send a representative to the conference to meet with our Senators and their US Representative. I will be scheduling the meetings for Tuesday, March 1, 2005 in the near future. For more information on the Legislative Conference please refer to page 17 of the December issue of the NARFE magazine and the GEMS message of November 16.

In closing, have a very happy holiday season with your friends and loved ones and a great and prosperous New Year.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM  
YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS**

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**QUARTER 7 REPORT**

Chap-Contributors-Amount:			Chap-Contributors-Amount		
1162	141	\$3015.00	2231	10	\$165.00
138	164	\$2814.00	2086	6	\$160.00
2	128	\$2443.00	792	7	\$155.00
27	75	\$1322.45	1995	9	\$150.00
366	54	\$ 885.00	384	7	\$125.00
2098	45	\$ 785.00	1991	6	\$115.00
1160	31	\$ 525.00	2136	8	\$115.00
383	27	\$ 440.00	1873	7	\$105.00
2077	26	\$ 405.00	1933	8	\$105.00
799	22	\$ 380.00	2085	5	\$105.00
1994	20	\$ 370.00	2100	6	\$ 95.00
2215	21	\$ 365.00	1947	6	\$ 90.00
1794	15	\$ 350.00	1996	5	\$ 80.00
550	16	\$ 313.00	1998	5	\$ 80.00
537	18	\$ 312.00	1763	5	\$ 75.00
378	16	\$ 245.00	2032	4	\$ 70.00
739	15	\$ 240.00	2099	3	\$ 60.00
785	15	\$ 235.00	2164	4	\$ 60.00
1948	4	\$ 220.00	2257	3	\$ 40.00
280	12	\$ 210.00	2291	2	\$ 40.00
1709	13	\$ 210.00	621	2	\$ 30.00
2137	7	\$ 183.00	757	1	\$ 20.00
2050	10	\$ 175.00	2053	1	\$ 20.00
1939	8	\$ 165.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$18677.45</b>

**NARFE-PAC DISBURSEMENTS IN KANSAS-  
 CAMPAIGN 2004**

Rep. Dennis Moore House of Representatives Dist. 3 received \$2000.00 for the primary \$3000.00 for the general election.

Senator Sam Brownback received \$2000.00 for the general Election.

Nancy Boyda Candidate House of Representatives Dist. 2 received \$2000.00 for the general election.

Senator Brownback and Representative Moore both were successful in their efforts at re-election. Ms. Boyda failed to unseat Rep Jim Ryun. The knowledge that we supported Ryun's opponent might be a wake-up call to Mr. Ryun. It will be interesting to see the responses we receive at the Legislative Training Conference Feb. 26 thru March 1, 2005.

**SECRETARY**

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Forms F-7, Chapter Officer Rosters, effective for the 2005 year are coming in slowly. Be sure you submit yours as soon as possible after officers are elected. Installa-

tion of officers is not necessary before the F-7 is completed.

Chapter 1160, Sunflower, Kansas City members are working diligently to host an outstanding convention for 2005. The Hilton Garden Inn is a beautiful hotel with the convention center connecting. Both facilities will make for a fun and lifelong convention experience. Remember to add April 24-26, 2005, to your calendar for attendance to the convention. The "Call to Convention" packets will be mailed approximately December 27, 2004, to the Secretary shown on the current form F-7 that I have on file. This is another reason to make sure your new Chapter Office Roster is on file.

If you haven't checked the www.narfe.org site, do this. In addition to getting your orders for forms requisitioned from this site, you will find many forms which can be printed out using your Acrobat Reader. Several really nice posters are available which you can print out and add your own Chapter information for persons to contact for additional information. Post these wherever a bulletin board is available and tack up a few applications with it. You never know - you just might get a new member this way.

Remember, review the Bylaws and determine whether your Chapter may want to submit any resolutions to be considered during convention. These need to be sent to me by February 13, 2005, for me to have time to copy and send to all Chapters for review 60 days prior to convention. You may use either the computer generated form or the F-3A which was mailed to you earlier this year.

I was given the opportunity to travel to Winfield to visit with members of Chapter 757, Cowley County. We enjoyed a very nice Mexican luncheon and discussed issues currently of importance to their Chapter and how those issues relate to other Chapters and the organization. Our NARFE organization must continue to survive to protect our invested interests as both current and retired federal employees. To accomplish this, we must have strong leadership and as strong a membership. We do make a difference when we contact our leaders in Washington and we must continue keeping them aware of our concerns. Please make time to contribute your talents and strengths to your local, state and national organization. We need you - and you need us!

**Changes: Area 5:** Chapter 1991, Sec/Treasurer Opal Seaman, correct address to: 105 Arcade St, Goodland, KS 67735-2121, and telephone to: 785-890-8423

\*\*\*\*A complete listing of 2005 Chapter officers listing will be mailed with the "Call to Convention". This will be taken from the new form F-7, Chapter Officer Roster. \*\*\*\*

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Our Federation funds remain in line with budget projections so far this year. The Federation receives the ma-

majority of its funds back from National in the form of Monthly Federation Rebates much like the chapters do for their dues paid any given month. Our other main source of revenue is the per capita that each chapter pays to the Federation each year. The end of December I will be sending out the billing for per capita. I hope each chapter Treasurer has checked their chapter membership roster and made sure they are in agreement with our national office so that the National Membership Summary for Kansas will be accurate. The billing for per capita will call for the return within 30 days, but as a practical matter I hope that chapters will authorize their Treasurers in advance to pay this annual per capita so they can pay it when they receive it and are thinking of it. Each year we seem to follow a pattern where most are paid within the first two weeks yet two or three forget and go beyond 30 days and causing extra last minute work for our Federation Secretary who uses the final Per-Capita figures to authorize chapter delegates to the Federation Convention. I will be billing from the November summary information.

Edith and I wish each of you a Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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Recognition is always good. It is good to see someone you know get their name in print, unless it is an obituary or under those arrested for drunken driving. Needless to say, NARFE is always looking for success stories about NARFE members. We see the names of those who have anniversaries in the NARFE magazine and on occasion we have a picture and/or a story about members from Kansas. Just look back at the July 2004 issue of NARFE to see the story about Doris Anderson and Evelyn Riley from Chapter 2099!

Be sure to send copies of articles about NARFE members that get into the papers to Chuck Timanus at NARFE and we will try to get more recognition.

Did you know that you can get greetings from the President of the United States for your members for certain special events. I realize that some of them are not applicable to our group, but others are. We probably would not need the baby's birth, girl scout and boy scout awards, however.

We can get greetings for birthdays for members who are over 80 and anniversary greetings for couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> (and subsequent) wedding anniversaries. Requirements: U.S. Citizens; 6 week advance notice; request by fax (202 395 1232) or by mail to The White House ATTN: Greetings Office, Washington, D.C. 20502-0039.

The name, address, and information about the person(s) for whom the greeting is requested as well as the name, address and phone number of the requestor. Full information is available at [www.whitehouse.gov/greeting/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/greeting/). It might make a

member's day to receive a greeting from our President.

**AREA 1 VICE PRESIDENT**

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All six chapters in Area 1 stepped up their contributions to NARFE/PAC in the first 9 months of 2004. This shows the concern of our members. Keep up the good work. We also are on the road to a record year in Alzheimer's contributions. Area 1 is well on the way to leading the state in per-capita contributions.

Your VP has joined Area 1A Vice President, Kay Crossley, in contacting and visiting the Greater Kansas City Federal Executive Board. We are attempting to get more access to Pre-retirement Seminars and access to distribute materials within federal agencies.

A housekeeping item of possible concern: Olathe, Chapter 1994, has petitioned the Federation President to merge with Shawnee Mission, Chapter 1162. Both chapters are in Johnson County and compete for publicity and recognition. A merger could generate local interest and improve the chapter efforts.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE**

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Area 2 chapters are in the process of selecting chapter officers and committee chairs for the coming year. It is hoped they all have officers in place by the end of the year. As is the custom, many chapter members are reluctant to come forward and share their talents. It is easier to sit back and let someone else do it. Talents if not used deteriorate, just as the lack of exercise lets the body go down hill at a faster pace. Many use the excuse for not serving as an officer or on a committee, that they have too many other commitments. My question is, shouldn't NARFE be near the top of the list, after family and church? NARFE is the only organization looking after our pocketbook and NARFE should be each and every members responsibility..

The Emporia Chapter #384, participated in the Veterans Day parade as they have done for the past several

years. They have made signs with a magnetic backing so they can easily be attached to vehicles. These are use on vehicles for their County Fair Parade and Veterans Day Parade. I am sure that they will be used as other occasions arise to promote NARFE and Alzheimer's.

Since the last letter I have visited the Iola Chapter #2077, Ottawa Chapter # 785, and the Osage City Chapter #2099. The Tri-River #2098 will be visited within the next few weeks to install their new officers.

#### TRAINING

Training continues to be of concern since we need to be continually updated on how to function as a chapter, as chapter officers and on chapter committees. Members can always learn more about NARFE by attending a one day training session. It is also a good time to socialize, and visited with old friends and make new ones.

Area 2A of southeast Kansas, Area VP, Jim Gaskell has scheduled a one day training session for January 2005. Robert Cranmer, Area 6 VP and Ron Katt, Area 5 VP are planning training in March. Their training sessions are planned to be back to back sessions. These sessions will not only be for chapter officers and committee chairs, but "all" members and spouses are asked to attend since there will be information presented that will be of interest to all who attend.

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One of the needs I find in our NARFE chapters is a better understanding of what we need to do and how we got to where we are. There is a brand new one page brochure that National issued in April of this year that is great. It is a form F-117. I suggest that ever chapter get a supply of these and get them to their members and use them in recruiting. On the front side it shows NARFE's current legislative priorities. On the reverse side it lists several of NARFE's accomplishments including: Providing survivors benefits; Election of survivors benefits for a post-retirement marriage spouse; Allowing Annuitants to participate in "open season" and to change their FEHBP; Protection of annual, unreduced federal retiree COLAs against proposed delays and reductions and more.

I believe that we can interest more active employees and retirees when we show and tell them about what NARFE has done in the past. Show them how it really affects what our retirement benefits are and should continue to be if more of us keep our federal legislators informed as legislation and proposed changes are presented to Congress.

Wishing all of you a great Thanksgiving and holiday season.

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November is the time for giving thanks for the many blessing we enjoy in our lives. As of this writing I have been able to visit several of the chapters within Area 3. I am always amazed by the diversity of work experiences of the membership. I worked for the Department of Defense, specifically, the Department of the Army. The workforce outside of that realm was and still is foreign territory. One of the main benefits, to me, is the wonderful opportunity to learn about my fellow member's diverse backgrounds. I've also been blessed by all of the NARFE newsletters that I receive from Chapters, both within and outside Area 3. I especially enjoy the spotlight articles on our members.

It's almost time for a new year. Whether, good or bad, the voters in my area voted to retain the same representatives in our national offices. On the plus side that means that we know how they responded to the four biggest areas of NARFE concern:

- Government Pension Offset
- Windfall Elimination Act
- Premium Conversion
- Medicare

It also means that we already know that we will have to continue to bombard our representatives with telephone calls, e-mails and regular mail to persuade them to our point of view. Will this be easy? Not by any means! We will have to work hard to convince them that it is in our best interest and the best interest of the country to level the playing field to insure that our retirement benefits remain viable with the rest of the retired community. Naturally, I want my retired income to increase, not decrease. With just the passage of the Premium Conversion, my retirement check would increase by \$600.00 per year. However, if the cost for Medicare continues to rise, my \$600.00 would quickly vanish.

In closing, although our organization is comprised of people from diverse backgrounds, we are united in one goal, the protection of our retirement incomes. Therefore, I urge you to remain vigilant and bombard your representatives with messages urging passage of bills to increase our retirement income.

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I visited Chapter #1939 at Kingman on 4 October and reported what I had learned from the meeting at Wichita Chapter # 138 regarding the National Convention in Reno, NV. They had their discussion regarding Officers for 2005, but the same ones will be operating next year.

For some who knew I couldn't attend the State Board Meeting in Kansas City in preparation for State Convention in April 2005, I will mention that I had a Cancerous Lesion removed from below my left eye. I will have the last stitches removed on 13 December, and believe all is going well. It hasn't affected my vision.

This month on 13th November, President Cooper, Past President Lancaster, and State Secretary Carol Ek, and myself went to Winfield to visit with Chapter # 757 to encourage them to find persons to retain their Chapter status. President Ed Brewer had requested process of abandonment as they couldn't recruit anyone to assume the offices for the Chapter. All had been in these positions for a number of years. However with comments from President Cooper, Past President Lancaster, Secretary Ek, and myself, enough pressure did enable the continuance of their Chapter for year 2005. Ed Brewer agreed to continue as President, Willie Vaughn will continue as Treasurer, and Max Handlin who is a new member in this Chapter has agreed to be the Secretary.

We have all received information regarding increase of 2.7% COLA beginning in January and open season is in place for reenrollment in Health Benefits programs.

I hope any who will be able to travel to Washington D.C. for the Legislative Conference in February are getting their contacts made. Also, be making plans and get ready to fill out the forms regarding State Convention in April.

**AREA V VICE PRESIDENT**

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Form F-7 submission comes with elective and committee appointments of Chapter leadership for 2005. Chapters are reminded that Roster Form F-7 needs to be submitted whether or not officers and/or committee appointments change or remain the same.

It's not too early to mark the calendar to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> Kansas Federation of Chapters Convention at The Hilton Garden Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas. To date six members from Chapter 2032, Oakley noted that they are planning to attend the Convention. It would be great if each Chapter in Area V could inform me that they would be having a delegate from their Chapter attending the State Convention. Wishing all NARFE members a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

**AREA VI VICE PRESIDENT**

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Hello Everyone: The holiday's are upon us. It is time to get together with the family.

The Kansas Federation of NARFE would like to conduct a training session for all members of Area 6, in

March 2005. This will cover all office duties and members of the Chapters. Garden City looks like the best choice for the Area.

Great Bend Chapter 1709 will hold its 25th Anniversary, Thursday, March 10, 2005 at the Stone Ridge Club, 24th and Frey in Great Bend. Several Federation officers will be in attendance along with Region V, National Vice-President, Richard Thissen. All available charter members will be guests.

The 51st ANNUAL NARFE CONVENTION, will be held April 24-26, 2005, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 502 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. Lets try to have a representative from every Chapter attend.

I attended the Kansas Federation Board meeting in Kansas City, October 19 & 20, 2004. We visited the host convention hotel during the board meeting. The Hilton Garden Inn has a large convention area. They are trying to make our convention a pleasant stay.

I have visited 4 out of the 5 Chapters in Area 6, within the past 2 months. Ulysses Chapter 2086 only meets quarterly, so I will visit them later. Great Bend Chapter 1709 is busy planning their 25th anniversary meeting in March. Scott City Chapter 1996, is a small chapter but very active. Sec. Everett Lindemuth does a great job with the chapter. Garden City Chapter 1995 is a healthy chapter and may be getting some new officers.

New members are needed in all chapters. Every one needs to contact a current or retired federal worker who is not a member and invite them to a meeting.

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1. Open Season, November 8 through December 13, 2004. Many 'Health Fairs' are in small and large towns. Marilyn Buzzell, Human Resource at the V.A. Health Care Centers was in charge of the 'Fairs' at Leavenworth, November 9 and Topeka in the 10th. She asked both Presidents, #02 and #27 to participate.

President Helen Gallagher and Greta Oertel, 1st VP/ Membership Chair manned the Kansas Federation Display at the Leavenworth and explained the items on the Display, what NARFE is, who could join NARFE and distributed brochures and NARFE Magazines to the Current Federal Employees.

Chapter President, Judy Shetter of the Topeka Chapter was in Europe at the time of the Health Fair. Barbara Brownell, Federation Membership Chair and #02, 1st VP/Membership Chair stayed all day at the Fair. She scheduled 'times' for their members: Julius Brosa, Member-at-Large; Marge Woytek, Membership Committee; Barb McLain, 2ndVP/Program; Maynard Cox, Treasurer and Jim Miller, Federation State Legislative Chair. Both 'Fairs' em-

ployees noticed the Display with 'NARFE' and wondered what the sign was. The Topeka Chapter pointed out the many items on the Display, answered questions and distributed 180 brochures and the November NARFE Magazines. The employees that visited the table, signed and deposited their name address, home phone and Agency, for a drawing in hope that they would be the employee who received a free-one-year NARFE Membership.

Leavenworth and Topeka Chapters, Thanked Marilyn Buzzell for inviting NARFE to the "Health Fairs."

2. Remember: December 31, 2004, is the deadline for recruiting current employees as members (that means every member is a recruiter) to receive the \$8.00 fee from the National Program for recruiting Current Federal Employees.

3. *Enjoy Your Holidays!*

**STATE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

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Nothing alarming on the state front, yet. The makeup of the KS Legislature will remain solidly GOP. Some of the committees and chairmanships will shuffle, some due to seniority and some for personal preference or a combination of both.

On the national scene, as few if any Member of Congress lost their job, I don't expect any anti-federal retiree " lame duck " legislation to hit the floor. Threats in past post-elections have included loss of COLA's, just what we wouldn't need with increases in MEDICARE and health plan premiums. What you can expect is a Congress that has to RAISE the debt ceiling of the USA to continue funding necessary programs, and replace at least part of the money that's been borrowed from the CSRS fund. The increased ( from the present limit of \$ 7.384 TRILLION ! ) debt ceiling will also pay back the lost interest our reserve fund would have earned.

In case of really cold weather, stay in tune with the predicted increases in retiree health plans premiums, a reduction of benefits or a combination of both. If the risk pool changes as younger, healthier participants switch to the Health Savings Accounts, isolating aging retirees with increased health risks and costs into our very own risk pool, better start saving your extra change now. OPM and Congress DIDN'T do us any favors, regardless of the campaign political spins. Those glowing thoughts should keep you warm this winter ! They will help inspire me as I tromp the State House halls and meeting rooms

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR SERVICE OFFICERS**

Sometimes when we are called upon to assist members and their spouses to help obtain the benefits to which we are entitled, looking for the phone numbers may be cumbersome. Below is a list of numbers that can be beneficial to you and your members to get information on benefits. We hope that you can put it to good use and pass them along to your chapter Service Officer.

NARFE Retirement Benefits	703 838 7760
NARFE Retirement Benefits	<a href="mailto:fedretben@narfe.org">fedretben@narfe.org</a>
NARFE Ken Glass	703 838 7760
NARFE Joe Ikenberry	703 838 7760
NARFE Elsa Kurtz	703 838 7760
Assistance with SF 2800	1 724 794 5216
Change Direct Deposit	1 888 767 6738
Change of Address OPM	1 888 767 6738
Federal Tax Question-IRS	1 800 829 1040
FEGLI (After Claim)	1 800 633 4542
FEGLI (Assistance with form)	1 800 633 4542
FEGLI (Living Benefits)	1 800 633 4542
Health Insurance Open Season	1 888 767 6738
IRS-Taxable Portion of Retirement	1 800 829 3676
Kansas Agency on Aging	1 800 432 3535
Non Receipt of 1099-OPM	1 888 767 6528
Non Receipt of Check	1 888 767 6738
Obtain OPM Forms	1 888 767 6738
OPM Customer Services	1 888 767 6738
Report a Death-OPM	1 888 767 6738
Retirement Information Services	1 888 767 6738
Retirement Info Office- DC	1 202 606 0500
Retirement Info Office-TDD	1 800 878 5707
SSA-Social Security	1 800 772 1213
Tax Changes-State	1 800 409 6528
Tax Forms-Obtain-IRS	1 800 829 3676
Tax Withholding Changes (Automated)	1 800 409 6528
Tax Withholding Changes	1 888 767 6738
Total Contributions in Retirement	1 202 606 3676
VA-Veterans Benefits	1 800 827 1000

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Year to date, through the end of August, Kansas NARFE Chapters have collected \$12,511.66, which com-

putes to \$2.25 per member. Our 2004 goal is \$3.00 per member. Thank you for your continued support.

Jefferson County Chapter 2231 has donated a quilt which will be given away by drawing at the NARFE Kansas Federation Convention next April. It is a queen/king, multi-colored 'log cabin' patterned quilt. A picture of the quilt and tickets will be sent to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries in the Convention Packages that will be mailed out the end of December. If you would like a picture of the quilt and some advance tickets, contact me now and I will get them to you before that mailing. We will be asking for a \$1.00 donation per ticket. Tickets can be sold to members and non-members so you can sell them to friends and family also. It is a beautiful quilt and we are hoping this will be a major fundraiser for us next year. Thanks again to Chapter 2231.

Another quilt... Do you remember the quilt that was made from quilt pieces supplied by and representing Kansas Federation Chapters a few years ago? That quilt has been donated back to the Federation and it will be offered as part of the live auction at the state convention in April. Something to think about... Would you like to have that quilt? Or would your Chapter like to have it? You may want to discuss a Chapter bid for it. Remember all monies paid by the successful bidder will go to Alzheimer's Research.

The form used by your Alzheimer's Chair to submit donations to me is now available on the NARFE Kansas Federation Web Site ([www.ksnarfe.org](http://www.ksnarfe.org)). It is option 32. Please let your Alzheimer's Chair know about this 'web accessible' form.

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I have purchased a program that lets me change Microsoft Publications to Adobe PDF format. Starting with this Dec/Jan edition there will be a "special" KS Federation Newsletter page on the web site. There will be a line on the page to click for the current Federation Newsletter. The PDF converter program in your computer will open and format the page for you to read in the same two column format that John Lancaster normally prints the newsletter. This new format will also let us gradually keep a years worth of newsletters on the web site for historical purposes. I hope this works out OK for everyone. Please let me know if you have any problems with this format.

I have purchased the KSNARFE.org URL for another 5 years, so we will have it until at least 2010.

Please be sure to change your e-mail address at the NARFE HQ web site if you change servers.

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA  
FEBRUARY 26, 2005 THROUGH  
March 1, 2005.

What about supporting a representative from your chapter OR maybe assisting a member from a nearby chapter to attend?

More information and rates are in the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President column or in the NARFE magazine.

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**KANSAS STATE CONVENTION**

KANSAS CITY KANSAS  
HILTON GARDENS  
HOTEL AND RIORDAN  
CONVENTION CENTER

April 24, 25 and 26, 2005

Let's try to get all the delegates from each chapter to the convention. 100% participation will help keep us strong.

Look for more information coming to your chapter in December!

## **MORE UPCOMING EVENTS**

### C.O.N.K.

College of NARFE Knowledge

South Sioux City, Nebraska  
August 29- September 1, 2005

Marina Inn  
On the banks of the beautiful  
Missouri River in  
South Sioux City, NE

Training for ALL NARFE members from Region V.

National Officers and Regional Trainers!

Room Rates \$69.00 for one or two persons. We will also get a coupon to get a \$6.95 breakfast for \$4.00

Registration will include training, a lunch and banquet.

Watch for more information from our Region V Vice President  
Richard Thissen.

C.O.N.K. was started by Former National President Charles Jackson when he was our Region Vice President and has been continued by Gale Beck, Perry Baker and our present Region Vice President Richard Thissen.

*May each of you, NARFE members, officers, spouses and families and potential members have a blessed, bountiful and safe holiday season.*