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**KUDOS & THANK YOU'S TO:**

- ☞ Roger Lemmons for arranging to have Lynn Jenkins speak and answer questions at our March NARFE Chapter 378 meeting.
  - ☞ Lew Ruona for sending letters & NARFE information to former Corps of Engineers co-workers.
- Report deserving members to Wendy Hambly---

**UPDATE FOR MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

To date we have 23 reservations for the MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with Lynn Jenkins (R), the Kansas 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative. We need a sizable audience to show Jenkins that we are united and concerned about what Congress is doing to federal employees and retirees. RSVP TODAY! IF NARFE is to present a strong case to Congress, we need have a good turn out on MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>. Please send your reservations and invite other Federal active or retired workers to this important meeting.

A head count for the facility is needed by MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>. In order for the Chapter to avoid a room charge, all participants are responsible for the \$12 meal charge.

Making a reservation ahead of time promotes a smooth, timely, and efficient lunch and enables us to stay on schedule. The member volunteers, who welcome guests and assist with nametags, have time to enjoy their lunch, and the Chapter presents an organized atmosphere to our Congresswoman. We need to be finished eating by 11:45 in order to be ready for Jenkins' presentation and to meet her schedule needs. So please help ensure a smooth, organized, professional meeting by sending in your reservations. Submit questions for Jenkins with your reservation; questions also taken from the floor.

**MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting: A SPECIAL EVENT**

**Free State Chapter 378 is privileged to have Representative Lynn Jenkins (R) speaking and answering questions at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Help us be well organized by **returning your reservation by March 7<sup>th</sup> and submitting question(s) for the congresswoman.** Early registration facilitates the flow of the lunch and meeting schedule. It saves time at the meeting and allows all to fully participate in the event rather than making nametags and collecting money.

**NOTE: DATE, TIME, & LOCATION Differ from our regular monthly meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Location: **Lawrence Country Club**

Schedule: **Lunch 11 a.m. (finished by 11:45 am) Jenkins will speak for 25 minutes, beginning at NOON. She will then answer questions for 20 minutes.**

Lunch: **Soup, Salad, & Sandwich Buffet** includes 2 soup selections, a variety of meats, cheeses, bread, garnishes, full salad bar, potato chips, brownies, and tea or coffee. Other beverages are available on a cash basis.

**Head count needed, so complete the form below and return by March 7<sup>th</sup>.** Due to room cost, you must pay for lunch to participate in the presentation.

<b>Name: (please print clearly)</b>	<b># meals</b>
<b>Total cost of lunches @ \$12 each</b>	
<b>Total Payment enclosed:</b>	

**Your Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(allows me to send you a confirmation)

**Make checks payable to NARFE CHAPTER 378**  
**Mail form and remittance to:**

Wendy Hambly  
25029 Dehoff Dr, Tonganoxie, KS 66086

**Please submit your question(s) for Jenkins with your reservation on a separate piece of paper.**

## **FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING RECAP**

Dale Jirik would like to see more individual recognition for two of our major presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Dale provided our members with some interesting information about our Nation's first President, George Washington and the legacy he left us.

Washington had 3 careers. He was a farmer, a military leader, and a politician. Washington wanted to be known as the "1<sup>st</sup> Farmer of America." Some of the best years of his life were at Mt. Vernon. He loved his country and the soil and tried to improve the land. His copious notes in a diary made it possible to replant Mt Vernon as it was in Washington's era. After finding a 15<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit booklet on manners and culture, he wrote his own notebook of manners with such entries as "show a sign of respect to those present."

He was called into the British military at the age of 20 and was assigned to make a 600-mile trek to inform the French that that British would attack unless the French moved out. While in the British Military he learned the tactics that Indians employed in war. He would later use these tactics against the British in the Revolutionary War.

At 27, he married Martha Custis, who had 2 children. Washington inherited Hunting Creek, later named Mt Vernon after an Admiral his half brother, Lawrence, had served under. Washington was an early conservationist, as he rotated crops, developed a 12-sided barn with a grinding mill in the basement. He sold flour to the West Indies and ordered seeds from England. Washington had slaves, but was known as a benevolent owner. The Revolutionary War was brewing. England needed money to finance the war with France, so the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, which required an official stamp of the King to do business. John Adams moved to appoint Washington in charge of the colonial armies, and Sam Adams seconded the motion. Washington vowed to raise 1000 men at his expense and confront the British at Boston. The 8 years of war (1775-83) was fought with 13,000 troops against 30,000 British troops. In general the British troops were comfortable in cities, while the colonists camped outdoors. Washington stayed with his troops.

After the war, Washington resigned his commission. Feeling a call of duty, he reluctantly accepted the request that he be the first president of the United States (1789-97). Being the first, he

knew he would set precedents. He established a cabinet (advisors as he had done with his war council during the Revolutionary War). He vetoed 2 bills, one on taxation and one preventing the establishment of a navy. He had a successful Presidency, and foreign countries couldn't believe he would step down and have a smooth transition of power.

His legacy stems from his love of the land. He was an early conservationist and entrepreneur. His sense of civil conduct and lack of political ambitions set the stage for the transition of power and freedom we enjoy in this country to today.

(George Washington February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

## **BETTY SCRIBNER**

February has been a quiet month – Susan Krumm is now a member under the Membership Incentive Program, and Margaret Atkinson is officially a member of our chapter.

Thank you to Lew Ruona who sent letters and NARFE information to former Corps of Engineers co-workers. The time and expense spent to share information with these federal employees is much appreciated.

Roger Lemmons has this to say concerning membership..."Membership is up in Chapter 378 but there is potential for even greater numbers. I believe there are something like 600+ federal employees and retirees in Douglas County. Most of you probably know one or more that are NOT members of NARFE, but they are reaping the rewards of the efforts of current members who are fighting for our benefits. Encourage, invite and sign up at least one of those non-member people. A membership application can be found in the NARFE Magazine. Copy it if you need more."

Scribner, Membership Chair, at 785-865-8235 or email: [elisabethscribner@yahoo.com](mailto:elisabethscribner@yahoo.com).

## **ALZHEIMER's**

## **John Scott**

February contributions were \$7..

## **SUNSHINE CHAIR**

In Sandy Nease's absence, I am filling in. Please let me know about illness, special birthdays, celebrations, or honors our members receive, so I can send an appropriate card.

Wendy Hambly 913-845-0121

**2012 KANSAS FEDERATION CONVENTION**

**WHO:** Salina Chapter 0230 is hosting  
 Contact person is Ronald Lull  
 1200 Roach  
 Salina, KS 67401  
 785-827-6197

**WHAT:** The NARFE 2012 Kansas Federation  
 Convention  
 Register by March 30, 2012  
 Registration fee and meals are \$80

**WHERE:** Ramada Convention Center, Salina, KS  
 Room Rate is \$72/night and includes a  
 cold Continental breakfast  
 Room Reservations due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**WHEN:** April 22-24, 2012

The Delegates representing FREE STATE CHAPTER 378 are Tom Huntzinger (At-Large), John Surritte (At-Large), Linda Surritte, Betty Scribner, Elaine Seeman, and Roger Lemmons.

Any member may, and is encouraged to, attend the convention. Dianne Throop has registration forms and Delegate credentials.

The Federation is having a drawing at Convention. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 and are available through Dianne Throop.

The Kansas NARFE Convention April 22, 23, 24 in Salina is a great time and place to learn more about the NARFE organization. All sessions are open to membership. You are not obligated to stay in the motel nor are you obligated to attend any of the luncheon or banquets. You are obligated to pay a \$20 registration fee. In addition to business meetings and topical forums, there are door prizes, a silent auction, and a live auction for those in attendance. If you have something, homemade or "store bought" you would like to donate for a door prize, the silent auction (Items can be new or unused, but should be clean, in working order, and have a minimum value of \$5. If you wouldn't buy it probably no one else would either. Live auction items should also have a value of \$? and be of a type, size, or use on which people would likely place a bid.

**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM ROGER LEMMONS**

The program for the April 18<sup>th</sup> NARFE meeting will be the Sexton of the Lawrence cemeteries, Mitch Young. He will discuss the cemeteries of the city, their history, capacities, and fables.

**LEGISLATIVE**

**JOHN SURRITTE**

**NARFE Legislative Hotline (24/7): 877-217-8234**  
**U.S. Capitol Switchboard: 866-220-0044**

**On the following issue Representatives Jenkins and Yoder both voted YES, Senator Moran voted NO and Senator Roberts was one of 4 Senators to not vote.**

NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin reacted strongly to votes in the House and Senate the week of Feb. 13 **to require newly hired federal employees to pay more for their retirement so that the payroll tax holiday could be extended.** "Members of Congress must stop picking the pockets of America's middle-class federal workers every time they need more funds," Beaudoin insisted. In addition to financing the payroll tax holiday, Congress this year has proposed using federal worker paychecks to pay for the highway bill, to bail out the U.S. Postal Service, and to avoid cutting the Pentagon budget, he noted. "Ultimately, these attacks on federal workers will take a toll on public services that will take us decades to overcome." Prior to the vote, NARFE wrote a letter to every member of Congress, urging them to vote against the provision on federal employee retirement contributions.

Information provided by: John Surritte and NARFE website.

**THINGS TO DO**

- Send in your reservation and remittance for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. (see page 1)
- Think up some good questions for Lynn Jenkins
- Invite someone to attend the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Plan to attend the Kansas Federation Convention in Salina on April 22-24<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide something for the auctions or drawings at the Kansas Federation Convention. Remember the proceeds go to the ALZHEIMER's Research Fund.
- Explain NARFE's goal of enhancing and protecting federal employee and retiree benefits to a potential member.
- Inform Wendy Hambly of anyone needing a sympathy, get-well, or thinking of you card.
- Check out the NARFE website (NARFE.org) for up-to-date legislative information.
- Keep abreast of what is happening at the Kansas level –our annuity tax exemption may be next.