



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees "Old Trooper" Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

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A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, 'Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?' The agent replies, 'Just a minute.' 'Thank you,' the blonde says, and hangs up.



**2012 NARFE
Biennial
National
Convention
REGION V
attendees.**

(If you look close you will see our Chapter representatives, Madelyn Brown and Lannie Pender.)

Report from Madelyn Brown on the convention:

I found the convention to be very interesting; especially when the OPM Director, John Berry, presented an update on OPM. He did state that OPM is still behind on the new retirees receiving their benefits. According to Mr. Berry, with the help of NARFE Headquarters, they are slowly catching up. The Alzheimer's report was given during the opening. Barb Pretzer was unable to attend due to failing health but the report stated Kansas was fifth in "NARFeland" raising money and also fifth in the Per Capita; but as usual, Virginia was first. The next Alzheimer's goal will be \$11 million dollars by 2014. As of August 26th, the amount raised was \$9,847,488.00.

The following days were involved with reports, motions, seconds, passing, etc. All NARFE national officers were reelected for another year and installed. Carol Ek, McPherson, remains the Region V Vice President. Several of the sponsor corporation representatives made comments and presented awards. Of special interest was the Service Officer Award going to John Redman, Florida.

We encourage members to attend, especially the president and/or vice presidents. We will be reporting on some of the issues brought up at the convention in different meetings.

Lannie Pender and I would like to thank the members of Chapter 383 for contributing to the trip to Sparks, Nevada, to attend the 32d Bi-Annual Convention. We had a good trip, met new friends and I got to renew old friendships from the past two conventions. I enjoyed my visits with Irene Roth and her sister Ruth Brooks. Our side trip home through the Grand Canyon is a lasting memory. Thank You again. Madelyn Brown & Lannie Pender

Upcoming Events

- 22 Sep 2012: Apple Days at Fort Riley. This year's official title is "Fall Day Festival/Scout Riley." (I believe Cavalry Parade Field by the Museum)
- 19 Oct 2012: Retiree Appreciation Day, Fort Riley Conference Center
- 8 Nov 2012: Fort Riley Health Fair, 9:00 to 3:00, (Location: TBD)



May 2012 – April
2013

Alan Stephen

A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?' The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week,' 'That's very fair, your honor,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Clarence (RAY) Thompson, Clyde Hill, Don Campbell, Dorothy Luttman, Faye Heath, Helen Westfall, James Ferguson, Judith Gardner, Lela Russ, Ramona Norcross, Robert Bondurant, Robert Clowe, William Cortez, and Vera Vaughn.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Carlos Buckles, Dixie Rahorst, Donna Schmutz, Florence Whitebread, Karen Harris, Mildred Smith, Naida Sanders, Patricia Hartung, Virginia Adam, and Becky Fechner.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Carlos and June Buckles, Clyde and Barbara Hill, John and Corky Briestensky and Marshall and Faye Heath.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clowe, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vincent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender: President Jim Mitchell, of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) called the May 10, 2012 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 5:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Invocation: Chaplin Maxine Kroepin, led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mitchell conducted a short meeting and then introduced "Cuz" and his friends, the entertainment for the evening. It was enjoyed enthusiastically by all and was only surpassed by the excellent food brought by the members. The meeting ended and thus began the summer hiatus.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:

Beginning Balance August 1,	\$2,315.73
Receipts	72.78
Expenses	710.00
Ending Balance Aug 31	\$1,678.51

(I enjoyed myself at the convention, was a lot of fun, ate too much, lost money on the slots, but found on the ground a total of 38 cents. That was the only positive money made.)



SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel: A thinking of you card was sent to Jonetta Rector, Alan Stephen, and Virginia Smith; a get well card was sent to Gerald Vincent, June Walters and Marie Sawyer; and a sympathy card was sent to Dixie Thomas, and the families of June Wood, Jonetta Rector and Richard Lacey. Our thoughts and prayers are with these members and their families.