



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



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

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## Chapter 383, 2007 Officers

President: James  
Martin, 238-8539

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:  
Walter Germann, 209-  
1938

2nd Vice President:  
June Buckles, 238-6776

Secretary, Celina  
Vincent, 238-8575

Treasurer: Madelyn  
Brown, 238-5623

### • Chapter 383, 2007 Committees

Legislative, James  
Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, June  
Buckles, 238-6776

Public Relations, June  
Buckles, 238-6776

Service Officer, Walt  
Germann, 209-1938

Alzheimer’s, Opal  
Dalton and Virginia  
Adam, 922-6551 & 922-  
6706

Sunshine, Janet Harrel,  
238-7488

NARFE-PAC, Larry Young,  
238-3047

Calling, Violet (Vi)  
Martin, 238-8539

Decorating, Lillian  
Young, 238-3047 and  
Carlye Gilmore, 238-  
1897, Opal Dalton, 922-  
6551 and Virginia Adam,  
238-1897

Program - Vacant  
Newsletter, Dixie  
Thomas, 238-1455

Chaplain, Otis  
Scroggins, 238-1342

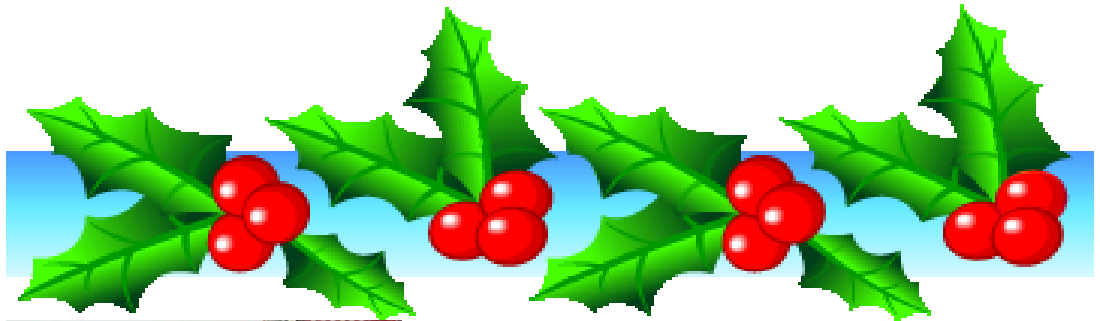
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## JIM MARTIN, PRESIDENT

### A man of many talents!

Not only has Jim Martin been your President  
For over 3 years but he has done many extra  
Jobs to keep the Chapter going and make it  
Better for all of us!

Just one of the many “tasks” Jim took upon himself to do was to make a cabinet for NARFE items left from luncheon to luncheon. Before making this cabinet, NARFE items were strewn over most of the back storage room. If the Chapter or the State needed to make money, Jim was one of the first there making beautiful wood items such as bird houses that everyone wanted. Although Jim is “retiring” from being President, he and his wife Vi, are very involved in the Chapter. We are hoping Jim and Vi will consider occupying the upcoming vacancy at State level as Area III Vice President. Although Jim will be missed as President, he has agreed to assist the new incoming officers in any capacity they would need. Vi Martin has served as Calling Committee Chair and as such, she will remain for the upcoming year. **Thanks to both of you for your participation and continued support.**





If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please send your request to Dixie Thomas at [bthomas56@cox.net](mailto:bthomas56@cox.net)

*Of course, those attending the luncheon will receive a newsletter at the luncheon - no change.*

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If any member who doesn't attend meetings wishes to contribute to the Alzheimer's Fund, you can send a check to Madelyn Brown, Treasurer, 1141 St. Mary's Road, Junction City, KS 66441. **Please make checks out to "NARFE Chapter 383" and write "Alzheimer's Fund" on the memo line.**

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## FORT RILEY HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN HOUSE 30 NOVEMBER



Top Photo: Don Campbell, June Buckles, Carlos Buckles, Carole Blixt  
Bottom Photo: Don Campbell, June Buckles, Walt Germann, Dixie Thomas (not pictured - Cameron Davis)

On 30 November, the above members attended the Fort Riley Health Benefits Open House and conducted a membership drive. Of the 214 current federal employees attending, an Old Trooper Member explained the benefits of belonging to NARFE to approximately 80-85% of these attendees. Every one we spoke to was given information on how to join. As of today, it is unknown how many actually DID sign up but within the next few months, we should know the outcome. It was a fun day and Fort Riley has certainly changed. There were so many "new faces" and new acronyms that we just reverted to the "old days." As a result of our attending the open house, Fort Riley asked the Chapter to attend the retirement seminars and scheduling is in the process. Many thanks to those attending and providing handouts, information and a fun day. Thanks to Don Cooper, Past State President, and currently State Public Relations Officer, Manhattan, and to John Lancaster, Area IV Vice President, Wichita, For mailing the NARFE displays in time for the open house. Without these, it would not have been such a success. An interesting fact we determined was that VERY FEW of the current federal employees had heard of NARFE

### January 2008 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be January 10, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. Speaker will be Richard Ross, Fire Investigator, Junction City Fire Department, and he will speak to us on Fire Safety. If you have any suggestions for programs, it would be appreciated. Just give the suggestion to a board member.)

### December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Raymond Bennett, Dale Bergston, Ginette Cullum-Wisecarver, Bobbi Davis, Opal Dalton, Ida Mae Higgins, Peter Kohlrus, Ruth Asbury, Ruth Owens, Carl White, June Walters, Joyce Peoples, Donna Yenser, Hermina Marston and Norman Lee.

### November Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Rex and Doris Pierson, George and Bessie Lighthall, Bert and Dixie Thomas, Rodger and Clarice Longhofer and Walt and Judy Germann. Many, Many More!!!



A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid-eighties).

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" The blonde says, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptist."

Minutes of the November Meeting (provided by June Buckles)  
 Celina Vincent, Secretary

**Opening:** President Jim Martin of the **National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)** called the November 8, 2007 meeting to order at 1130 hours, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

**Invocation:** Chaplin, Otis Scroggins led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance. **President Jim Martin** extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of November. He also **introduced new member(s) and guests**, Maria Rodney, Wilma Beales, Mildred Kausler, June Wood, Duane Evans, Kaye Hodison and Bob Hartung.

**President Jim Martin** called for the reading of the **minutes and the Treasurers report**. He then asked for a motion and second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. The motion was made by Ray Thompson, and was seconded by Lannie Pender. The motion was approved as written for filing for audit.

**New Business:**

A thank You letter was received from the Food Bank for the generous donation of non-perishable food items at the October meeting.

Jim Dodd, Legislative Officer, explained the way the NARFE Organization was originally established. Jim then performed the election of the new Officers for the 2008 Calendar year. The new Officers are: President, Dixie Thomas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is Don Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is Carol Blixt, Treasurer is Madelyn Brown and the Secretary is Lannie Pender. Walt Germann, Service Officer, urged all members to help him to get in touch with any Federal Employee that may be in need of assistance.

**Membership:** Walt also asked for help in getting names for new potential members so that he may contact them.

**Public Relations:** June Buckles gave a quick brief about the news paper articles and how she goes about submitting them for publication. She then provided information about the purchase of bricks for the Memorial Garden at the Geary County Community Hospital. There was a hat passed then so there will be three bricks purchased to honor our past members of NARFE OLD TROOPER CHAPTER 383.

There were 108 reservations with 102 in attendance. Alzheimer's Research collections were \$103.00.

**Today's Entertainment:** Kay Hodison, a representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield gave a very informative talk about the upcoming changes to the premiums, levels of coverage, discounts, and new drug changes back to MEDCO. She brought several handouts and information packets for those members desiring them. She took questions from the members. After updating the members, she gave out five (5) very nice prizes that she brought with her from her company. The winners of the prizes were Carlos Buckles, Jean Parker, Ray Thompson, Joyce Peoples, and Mike Cronin.

It was an outstanding program that all enjoyed.

**The program** for the next month meeting will be: T. J. Taylor and the Junction City High School Jazz Band.

**Next Month menu** will be: Pineapple Ham, Au gratin Potatoes and peas.

**Door prizes** were won by: Donna Schmutz, Dixie Thomas, Carl Wright, Opal Dalton, and Walt Germann

**The OLD TROOPER NARFE CHAPTER 383 was adjourned to meet again at 11:30AM on 13 Dec, 2007 at the Senior Citizens Center.**

**Treasurer's Report for November 2007**

**Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer**

<b>Beginning Balance, October, 2007</b>	<b>\$2,781.07</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$757.99</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$768.88</b>
<b>Ending Balance, November 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$2,770.18</b>



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**SUNSHINE REPORT:**

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Representative

With deep regret we announce the death of Rachel Bickerstaff, NARFE member, on 7 December 2007 and on 8 December 2007, the death of Raymona Stovall, Mother to Bert Thomas, Member.

A thinking of you card was sent to Dorothy Knox. Sympathy cards were sent to Donna Motley, Bobbi Davis and Martha Upshaw. A get well card was sent to Lester Smith, Sharon Griffin, Celena Vincent and Alice Hoover. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



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