



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Chapter 0002, Topeka, Kansas (Chartered 9/28/1947)



JUNE 2015



E-mail or call your Reservations AND Cancellations NOT LATER THAN Wednesday morning, June 24 to Jim Miller

June 26th \$9 Noon Buffet in Wesley Hall

**Meatloaf
Chicken & Noodles
Potatoes & gravy
Mixed vegetables
Jello/fruit salad
Rolls and Butter
Cake
Beverages**



PROGRAM

**PATRIOTIC
THEME**

**BY
NARFE MEMBER
DALE JIRIK**



JUNE 13TH

**NARFE MEMBERS
WALKING TO
END ALZHEIMER'S**

**Dolores Engel,
Joanne Miller,
Charlotte Pittman,
Richard & Sue Wike,
Marj Woytek and
Barbara McLain
(team captain).**

From President Jim Miller's Desk snyderfan89@cox.net 478-0651

I was chosen to accompany a Honor Flight sponsored by Lyndon High School and we flew to Washington, D.C. on June 1. While waiting for our plane in Kansas City, MO, Lynn Jenkins, my (and our) Congresswoman was also waiting and I seized the opportunity to have a cordial conversation with her. Main purpose? To show federal retirees don't just sit around waiting for the annuity checks to arrive! Also during the trip, which had a very busy agenda, we visited with Senator Jerry Moran and former Senator Robert Dole, although the flight wasn't intended to be political. The intent was for veterans and Lyndon High School students to visit war memorials and a most sobering visit to the Holocaust Museum. One comment made was, after just ten minutes "I'm ready to get out of here!" Too many grim reminders of man's inhumanity to man. Each veteran was assigned a student Guardian and I was fortunate to draw Dex Swinehart. Dex was both interested and interesting and I hope he enjoyed the flight as much as I did! We returned June 3 about 1:35 a.m. Short night!

Back to the political! Reflect on the many contributions we NARFE members make, including our support to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and KTWU-TV phone banks. It may be too late to contact your Kansas state Senator and Representative to tell them of how YOU contribute to improving the quality of life in our state and nation but I'm asked "What can you say to elected representatives?" As Will Rogers remarked "It ain't braggin' if it's the truth!" And truth is a quality sadly lacking in our politically charged nation and world.

Chapter Legislative Chairman Ron Richey and his wife Navella had a well deserved vacation and a break from Ron's many trips to the Topeka State House. This column is written after 10:00 P.M. on June 5 and as of tonight, there is little agreement between the House and Senate on how to resolve the financial hole our state is in. Being in overtime session isn't helping as the extra sessions have ran up a tab in excess of \$628,000.00! I heard somewhere that if you find yourself in a deep hole, STOP DIGGING! Perhaps by the time you read this, our fine Legislature will have achieved a plan they and the voters/citizens of Kansas can live with? Until then, I will look forward to welcoming you to (I hope) the completed remodeling at ALDERSGATE Village! Remember to access by SW 33rd Street!

From Ron Richey, Legislative Chair ronaldgrich@aol.com 234-4172

Today is June 5, 2015. There is no budget or funding for the budget and it is the 105th day of the Kansas Legislative Session. I would like to thank Jim Miller for monitoring the legislature while I am out of state. We are in need of more volunteers to monitor the activities of the legislature. As long as the legislature is in session our benefits are still at risk of being hit.

On April 18th I attended Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins Veterans Activities at the American Legion. I visited with Representative Jenkins while there and she sent her greetings to the Chapter. Later in the month Senator Jerry Moran, former Senator Bob Dole, and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins met together, and I was unable to attend, because I was monitoring the activities of the Kansas Legislature.

Congress recently wrapped up a budget process in which federal employees and retirees were targeted for \$318 billion in cuts. The federal community has already sacrificed \$120 billion toward deficit reduction over the past several years. With other upcoming funding deadlines, including the extension of highway funding, the federal community will remain a target.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO KNOW THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Send a letter urging your members of Congress to reject any proposal that uses cuts to the federal community to pay for unrelated priorities. Do it today!

A Regional Veterans Affairs Director told two members of Congress that the VA ER Room here in Topeka was expected to reopen and that has not yet occurred.

We hope to have more updates by the time of our next Chapter meeting on June 26th.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 3, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation proclaiming June 14 as Flag Day.





June 5, 2015

Dear NARFE members:

Last evening, I was informed directly by an official of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that the personnel records, including personally identifiable information (PII), of four million current and former federal employees were exposed to a cyberattack. NARFE is staying in close contact with OPM and the administration as they determine the extent of the data breach.

I want to stress that we were told by OPM that retiree records, including those of spouses and survivors, were not compromised in this breach. The data accessed by the hackers was employment data. However, some of the individuals affected may no longer be employed by the federal government, whether they retired or left federal service.

According to OPM, the following notification process will take place:

“Beginning June 8 and continuing through June 19, OPM will be sending notifications to approximately 4 million individuals whose Personally Identifiable Information was potentially compromised in this incident. The email will come from opmcio@csid.com and it will contain information regarding credit monitoring and identity theft protection services being provided to those Federal employees impacted by the data breach. In the event OPM does not have an email address for the individual on file, a standard letter will be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.”

I urge any NARFE members affected by this incident to take advantage of OPM’s offer of credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.

NARFE will continue to keep its members informed regarding this incident. Please continue to check the NARFE website for updates. For the most up-to-date information, visit <http://www.csid.com/opm/>. Should NARFE members have any questions, they may contact NARFE’s Federal Benefits Service Department at (703) 838-7760 or fedbenefits@narfe.org.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Thissen, NARFE National President

STEPS FOR MONITORING YOUR IDENTITY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Monitor financial account statements and immediately report any suspicious or unusual activity to financial institution.
- Request free credit report at www.AnnualCreditReport.com **OR** by calling 1-877-322-8228.
- Consumers are entitled by law to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus – Equifax®, Experian®, and TransUnion® – for a total of three reports every year. Contact information for the credit bureaus can be found on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website, www.ftc.gov.
- Review resources provided on the FTC identity theft website, www.identitytheft.gov. The FTC maintains a variety of consumer publications providing comprehensive information on computer intrusions and identity theft.
- You may place a fraud alert on your credit file to let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name. Simply call TransUnion® at 1-800-680-7289 to place this alert. TransUnion® will then notify the other two credit bureaus on your behalf.

If you’re a current or former federal employee impacted by this personal information exposure, and are eligible to receive identity protection coverage, you will receive confirmation one of two ways:

- 1. Email notification**
- 2. A letter via the U.S. Postal Service**

The delivery of notification emails and letters will commence Monday, June 8, 2015. These notifications will continue to be delivered over the span of two weeks and will contain specific instructions and PIN codes to access identity protection services provided for FREE to impacted individuals.

[Additional information regarding impacted agencies and individuals will be posted at www.csid.com/opm beginning Monday, June 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. CST.](http://www.csid.com/opm)

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