

How To Update Your Information on the NARFE Website

Hope everyone survived the 'Blizzard of Oz - Parts I & II'. Since there was no local chapter meeting, I am addressing the issue of updating your membership information on the NARFE website.

Step 1 - logon to NARFE @ www.narfe.org

Step 2 - In the left hand column you will see: WHAT YOU CAN DO ONLINE

Step 3 - Click on UPDATE MY RECORD to change your Name, Address, Phone and E-mail Address.

When you update your email address you can join GEMS which is: The NARFE Global Electronic Messaging System (GEMS) is used by NARFE Headquarters, regional vice presidents and federation presidents to distribute crucial and timely NARFE information, including - Legislative Hotlines, Action Alerts, health and benefits news, press releases, newsletters and other NARFE-related news to members. Don't be left out! Sign up today.

Adding your email address also allows you to have access to local news from your local chapter quickly.

If you have any questions, please contact your local officers for assistance. **Gwen Ketter, Secretary**

Looking For Delegates to Attend April 28-30 State Convention



The convention site is Holiday Inn & Suites Overland Park West. Topeka is allotted 16 delegates. Contact Jim or Gwen before our March meeting if you are interested in representing our Chapter.

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MARCH IS NARFE PAC MONTH!

Although we accept any time of the year! In response to the question "How do I fill out the check?" NARFE PAC.

What information required? I made copies of the NARFE PAC form and will have those at the March 22 mtg.

What amount? Any amount is accepted.

Check the special NARFE cover for the March 2013 issue.

My response to a question tossed at me during a DC conference was "How can a state as small as Kansas compete year after year with states like Texas, Florida, and Pennsylvania?" Answer TRUST! Trust the people you hand the check to, trust those at NARFE HQ who receive it, and trust it will be used wisely. **Jim Miller**

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MARCH 2013

Tuesday, March 12 is NARFE National Call Congress Day!

Call the Capitol using NARFE's toll free number 1-866-220-0044.

Ask to be connected to your representative's office. Give your name and address and then say if you are an active or retired federal employee and member of NARFE. Express your concern that they not single out federal employees and retirees as they deliberate on federal spending and the budget.

Friday, March 22 NARFE Luncheon @ NOON

Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene's Youth Room (NW Corner of the facility) ~ 730 Fairlawn Road
Parking available in front of the building and behind the offices in front of the Chapel.

Program

Searching for
Serenity,
Happiness in a
Chaotic World

By
Dr. Robert Conroy
Retired Psychiatrist



March 22nd Lunch Menu

Turkey, Ham,
Veggie or Tuna
Sub Sandwich

Chips, Yogurt
or Apples

Cookie

Coffee, Tea, Water

Cost: \$9.00

Jim or Gwen need
your reservation
and choices
not later than
March 20th

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From The President's Desk

Old adage..." Let's try this one more time." Translation, we will meet and eat at the Fairlawn Church of the Nazarene for the March meeting! The ALDERSGATE remodeling has started (Feb. 25) and hoped for completion is thought to be around May 1st. That's about the time the Kansas Legislature is scheduled to adjourn; we can hope/dream they will, without causing too much permanent damage?

Legislatively, by March 22, we may have news to share on where " sequester" is, and a better line on how far over the latest fiscal cliff we, and our nation may be. Retired basketball coach Bobby Knight, now a TV commentator refers to players committing fouls with their hands. He coached players to NOT use hands at all but to guard by moving their feet. Perhaps Bobby should coach Congress, at all levels, because many of our legislators believe the road to good government is gained by pointing fingers at the opposition, declaring firmly the current disaster of the month is all " their " fault, then go piously on their way.....with nothing achieved. Well, one thing has been achieved. Ignore the internet charges that Congress draws a full retirement after just one term. That wasn't true in the past, and is untrue now. Congress now has virtually the same retirement as our FERS federal employees! Plus their pay is also frozen. Too bad some of them can't be fined!

The miserable winter storm contributed to the miserable voter turnout for the primary, as did the decision to consolidate ALL voting locations at the Expocentre. (That decision did cancel Ron and Navella Richey's employment as their work location was one of those canceled.) 04.45 % of eligible voters made it to the polls, even with several mayoral candidates offering transportation! To our veterans, isn't voting one of the rights we were supposed to protect? Pray/hope for fairer weather for the general election!

And for fairer weather for March 22nd! I hope to see you then!

Call in those reservations before close of business on Wednesday, March 20! 478-0651
Jim Miller, President

Legislative and Insurance News

You are encouraged to get out and vote at the County Election on April 2, 2013. **Contact your County Election Office by March 12th to register AND/OR request an advance ballot.**

We extend our sympathy to the Wayne Owens family. He was a Kansas House Sergeant-of-Arm at the Kansas Capital and he passed away February 15, 2013.

At the February executive meeting I was asked to pass out a letter to be signed and sent to our US Senators and US Representative. **I will have them at our NARFE meeting on March 22nd.** The US House passed a bill to freeze the wages for Federal employees for the rest of this year and the bill was sent to the US Senate. Right now we do not know how sequestration is going to impact Federal workers. US Representative Lynn Jenkins is having a Veterans Resource Fair at the Topeka VA Hospital on March 16th Room C114 from 9 AM to 12PM.

Jim and I continue to monitor the Kansas Legislature. On March 1st the turn-around occurred. Now the House and Senate need to review the bills that were passed by the opposing side and work out their differences to arrive at an agreement. Besides producing a working budget the Kansas House or the Senate can send out new bills to be worked from the Tax Committee, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House Appropriation Committee.

***Ronald Richey, Legislative Chair* SEE BACKSIDE FOR NEW CONTACT INFO FOR SENATOR MORAN**