

THE BISON



Buffalo Bill Chapter 27

March 2016

Issue 1

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

When: Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Heritage Center, 109 Delaware

Cost: \$12.00 for Members & Guests

MENU

Fried Chicken & BBQ Brisket
Cheesy Potatoes
Pasta Salad & Cole Slaw
Assorted Desserts
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Iced Tea

Note: There is a ramp that makes the Heritage Center handicap-accessible. Also, plenty of free parking.

Chances for door prizes will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. One prize per person.

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A RESERVATION!!! SIGN UP NOW!!!

Reservations: Eileen Sturgis
538 McDonald Rd.,
Leavenworth, KS 66048

For more information, phone: 913-683-2222.

Cut-off Date: May 29, 2016

Reservations are made when check or cash is submitted. If check is made out to NARFE, it will be cashed AFTER the dinner; if made out to Eileen Sturgis, it will be cashed right away, so you will receive your cancelled check faster.

Please include, on a separate piece of paper, the name(s) of member(s) and guest(s). Also indicate that check is for Annual Picnic.

Thank You!!! See you there!! Eileen Sturgis

From the President:

We have had some deaths since the last *Bison* went out and there are some ill members

as I write this, so please keep all our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The Memorial Service will be held at the April 7th Meeting. Looking forward to having family members there to honor their loved ones by lighting a candle.

The Kansas Federation Convention is being held in Salina this year, April 24-26th. Helen Stewart, Bill and I will be going for sure. As in previous years we are looking for good, clean, used, or new items for the Alzheimer's Silent and Oral Auctions. They can be brought to the March or April meetings. Or if you need items picked up please just give me a call and we will be happy to do so.

The picnic is the last big thing on the agenda for this *Bison*. It will be held June 2nd at the Heritage Center. The menu and all the information is included in this *Bison* (left column).

I just want to remind you that if you cannot attend meetings, we miss you, but we are still taking Alzheimer's donations of money at every meeting. If you would like to make a donation, just remember to make your check out to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and all donations are tax deductible and 100 percent of the money is used for research, not one cent goes toward administration.

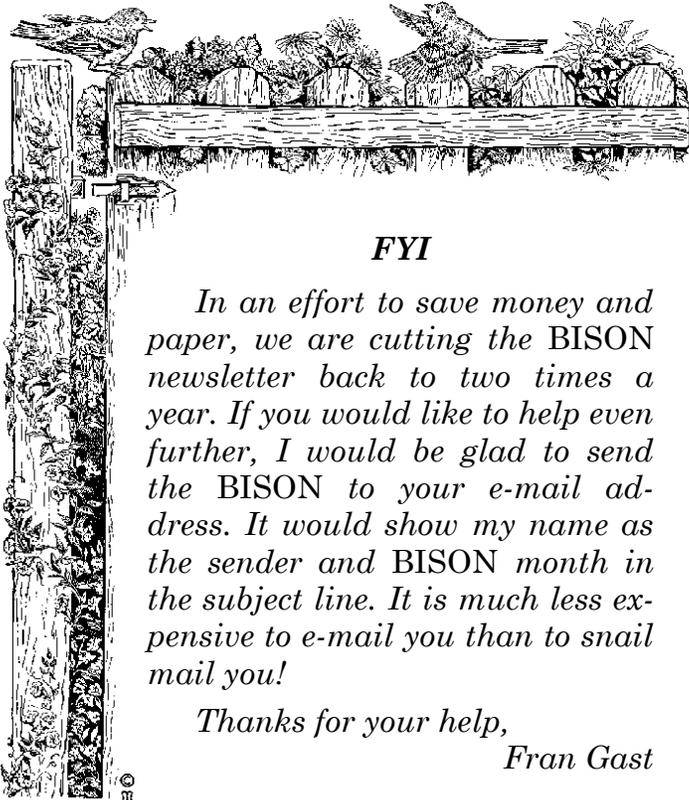
Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meetings.

Boni Lages
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Leavenworth, KS 66048
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From the 1st VP—Membership

This election year it is difficult to choose who to vote for out of those running for office. But we want to select those that we think will do the best job. For this reason, it could also be a good time to influence eligible personnel to join NARFE. No matter what the election results may be, we don't know for sure the changes that congress and the president may want to make that will impact both active and retired Federal employees. If we can let other federal





FYI

In an effort to save money and paper, we are cutting the BISON newsletter back to two times a year. If you would like to help even further, I would be glad to send the BISON to your e-mail address. It would show my name as the sender and BISON month in the subject line. It is much less expensive to e-mail you than to snail mail you!

*Thanks for your help,
Fran Gast*

retired and active employees know what NARFE does to support them, they might decide to join us.

We have a web site at www.narfe.org which is a wealth of knowledge. Even those who are not members can look around to see what NARFE provides.

We get *narfe* magazine on a regular basis that gives us more accurate information on what is happening regarding Federal Employees, than what we might read in the media.

We have leadership that lobbies congress to keep negative impact to a minimum for Federal employees.

We get many benefits from just being a member of NARFE. There are audiologists, hotel chains, car rental agencies and more that will give us reduced rates because we are a member of NARFE.

Please continue letting people know about NARFE and what it can do for us as Federal employees, retired or active.

Fran Gast

From the 2nd VP—Programs

Hope you all had great Holidays. The schedules coming up are as follows:

Mar. 3—Kathy Wolter & Margurite Bayles from Ft. Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks.

Apr. 7—Memorial Service.

May 5—Boni Lages & team will report on the State convention held in April at Salina.

June 2—Annual Picnic at Heritage Center (see insert on page 1).

July—No meeting.

Billie Oertel

From Sunshine Chair:

Over the past few years our NARFE chapter has sent an average of 37 sympathy cards, about 10 sick cards, and a few anniversary cards a year. Please call me if you know of anyone we need to send a card to. Also, we would appreciate any sympathy cards you are not going to use yourself. Feel free to bring them to the next meeting.

Get Well cards were sent to Kathy Ramirez, John Leavitt, Philip Billard, Shirley Studdard, and Lila Williams.

Marilyn Murray

IN MEMORIAM

Members

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| Phyllis A. Gable | Dorothy E. Medill |
| Calvin L. Foster | Ronald "Dusty" Rhoads |
| Gerald Martin | Charles P. Sturgis |

Family Members

- Dolores Vossmer, wife of John Vossmer
Edward G. Weber, brother of Leo and Donna Weber

From the Alzheimer's Chair:

In the future, Alzheimer's may be administered to people before cognitive symptoms of the disease appear. First, however, tests must be able to detect those at high risk. Toward that end, the Alzheimer's Association, the Cmhc Institute for Down Syndrome and the Global Down Syndrome Foundation have announced



\$1 million in funding for Alzheimer's disease research, including the study of a test requiring one drop of blood

All of the research will be related to Down syndrome. Because people with Down syndrome are at high risk for Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association, research in this population may result in quicker answers than research in the population with sporadic, late onset disease.

The "one drop" blood test study will examine whether changes in ribonucleic acid found in the drop accurately identify people who will develop Alzheimer's. If the test, is found to be accurate and if implemented, would make checking for Alzheimer's similar to checking glucose levels for diabetes, said one of the study's leaders, Marwan Sabbagh, MD, director of the Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Division of the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix.

Helen Stewart

An Opportunity for You

We have an opening on the Chapter 27 Board for the 3rd VP, Service Officer. This person is responsible for providing necessary services to members and their families needing help with contacting OPM in the event of the death of a member. If you are interested, please contact Boni Lages, 913-683-2222.

NARFE Legislative Hotline, Feb. 12, 2016

"We understand there are concerns over NARFE's support of H.R. 711 because it focuses on reform of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), not repeal."

"H.R. 711 was introduced by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-TX. The bill would reduce the WEP penalty, not repeal it. For individuals who turn(ed) age 62 prior to 2017, H.R. 711 would reduce their WEP penalty by a certain amount, not exceeding 50 percent. There would be no retroactive reimbursements under H.R. 711. We do not know

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Federal: *Sen. Jerry Moran*, PO Box 1154, 23600 College Blvd Suite 201, Olathe, KS 66061, (913) 393-0711, www.moran.senate.gov.

Sen. Pat Roberts, 444 SE Quincy, Rm 392, Topeka, KS 66683, (785) 295-2745, www.roberts.senate.gov.

Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-2nd Dist., 3550 SW Fifth St., Topeka, KS 66601, (785) 234-5966.

NARFE member toll free line to Congress members: 1-866-220-0044, www.lj@mail.house.gov

Kansas State (by Dist. at Statehouse, Topeka 66612, telephone (785) 296 + ext.):

Rep. John Bradford, R-40th Dist., 300 SW 10th Ave., ext. 7653, john.bradford@house.ks.gov

Rep. Willie Dove, D-38th Dist., 300 SW 10th Ave., ext. 7670, willie.dove@house.ks.gov

Sen. Steve Fitzgerald, R-5th Dist., 300 SW 10th Ave., Rm 135-E, steve.fitzgerald@senate.ks.gov

Rep. Tony Barton, R-41st, 300 SW 10th Ave., Rm 451-S, ext. 3924, tonybarton@house.ks.gov.

Rep. Connie O'Brien, R-42nd, 300 SW 10th Ave., Rm 187-N, ext. 7683, connie.obrien@house.ks.gov.

State legislators hot line: 1-800-432-3924.

how much the penalty would be reduced because it would depend on how much revenue is brought in from increased enforcement of the WEP for local and state government retirees. For individuals who turn 62 in or after 2017, the bill would replace the current WEP formula with a fairer one."

Accessing the Legislative Action Center

"NARFE members can use the Legislative Action Center (LAC) to send letters to members of Congress and track NARFE-related bills and votes. NARFE frequently updates the LAC, so check back often."

Obtaining the Hotline

"This weekly legislative message is sent to NARFE members via email, posted on the NARFE website, www.narfe.org, and available



to NARFE members via telephone (703-838-7780 and toll-free at 1-877-217-8234). Past editions are *archived* for NARFE member access. If you have any questions regarding the information in this Hotline, please email NARFE's Legislative Department at leg@narfe.org or call 703-838-7760."

Excerpts from Feb. 12, 2016 Legislative Hotline




Why I Like Retirement !!!

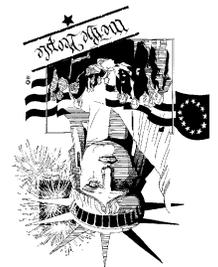
Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending coffee break.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar. 3	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Kathy Wolter & Marguerite Bayles from Ft. Leavenworth Disciplinary Barracks.	May 5	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Boni Lages & team reporting on the State Convention.
Mar. 31	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting.	May 26	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Apr. 7	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Memorial Service.	June 2	6 p.m.	Annual Picnic—see details on pg. 1.
Apr. 28	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting.	July	No Meeting.	

NOTE: Chapter meetings are held in the **Heritage Center, 109 Delaware** at 1:30 p.m.
Executive Committee Meetings are held at the Leavenworth Public Library the last Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m.



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 NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED