

THE BISON



Buffalo Bill Chapter 27

September 2016

Issue 3

FALL FEST

When: Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.
With meal at noon.
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Heritage Center, 109 Delaware

Cost: \$12.00 for Members & Guests

MENU

Turkey, Ham, and Dressing
Mashed potatoes and turkey gravy
Sweet potatoes and Roll
Assorted Pies
Coffee, Tea and Water

Catered by Terry Booker.

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: 682-5847.

Cut-off Date: Oct. 27th, 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 Fall Festival.

Entertainment will be provided.

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

From the President:

The temperature and humidity could go down a wee bit and not hurt my feelings. I know this is Eastern Kansas and this is August, so I am thankful for the nice Spring we had and I think about the cold and snowy days that will be coming, Brrrrr!

I want to thank everyone who was so generous in donating to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research last year. Buffalo Bill Chapter 27 had one of the highest per member amount collected and were honored with a certificate at the Kansas Federation Convention.

We have all known someone who now has Alzheimer's or has passed away from it, so you know what an incurable disease it is. This newsletter has a Blessings Tax sheet in it and I am asking that everyone remember to fill it out and mail it or bring it to the September or October meeting. It is important to remember that 100% of all the money collected goes directly to research. Please send your Blessings Tax amount made out to NARFE Alzheimer's Research, to Boni Lages, 1817 Ridge Road, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Questions 913-683-2222.

The October Meeting will be a **FREE** luncheon sponsored by the Neighborhood Hearing Aid Center, beginning at 12:00 pm, Heritage Center. **Please note the time change.**

Our Annual Fall Fest will be held on 3 November at the Heritage Center. There will be good food, door prizes and great company with other NARFE members, so hope to see all of you there.

Boni Lages
913-683-2222
boniwoody@gmail.com

From the 1st VP—Membership

One of the ways that you can let people know why they should join NARFE is to tell them that NARFE is working for them. If you look at the legislative updates on the NARFE website, (www.narfe.org) you will find information that will be helpful to you and that you can share with those eligible to join NARFE.

Another way is to share the Buffalo Bill chapter newsletter, *The Bison*, with others to let them know



what is going on in our NARFE chapter and invite them to the next meeting.

If you know a place where we can post flyers about NARFE, let me know and I can order them from NARFE headquarters. Sometimes flyers in the break room or the hallway where federal employees work can help educate people about NARFE keeping their benefits safe, keeping our retirement safe and secure and guarantee answers to questions regarding retirement and benefits.

Encourage active and retired federal employees to join NARFE.

Fran Gast

From the 2nd VP—Programs

Sept. 1—Eric Rathburn from the Toon Shop will be our speaker.

Oct. 6—Free Luncheon at 12 p.m. will be provided along with a presentation by Ryan Hasseltine, Neighborhood Hearing Aid Centers.

Nov. 3—Annual Fall Fest at 12 noon, with check-in time between 11—11:45 a.m. See details on page 1.

December and January—No meetings.

Feb. 2—To be announced.

Billie Oertel

From the 3rd VP—Service Officer

The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be In Leavenworth, Oct. 27—Oct. 30, at the Ray Miller Park. The Wall will open to the public at noon, Thurs., Oct. 27th.

- The Opening Ceremony will be Thurs., Oct. 27th at 6 p.m. and the speaker is Gen. Lundy.
- On Friday, Oct. 28th, 6 p.m. ceremony honoring all veterans and the speaker is Maj. Gen. Braden.
- On Saturday, Oct. 29th, 2 p.m. ceremony honoring all Vietnam Veterans. Speakers will be Medal of Honor recipient, Chuck Hagemester and Col. Shoffner.
- On Sunday, at 10 a.m. there will be non-denominational church service led by Chaplain Grubbs and the speaker will be a former POW. The exhibit will close at 3 p.m.

Each day during the ceremonies there will be music with bands and singers. This is a rare opportunity

From Alzheimer's Chair:

BLESSINGS TAX

Taxes seem to be in style, and we've come up with a dilly! You may have some fun, for our tax is somewhat silly. So figure up the things you have, then gladly pay your fee. You will see that we are taxing your "dearest property". When the tax is computed, you will surely know precisely just how 'rich' you are and what you sort of 'owe'. Please send this form right back to us and, oh ... Don't forget the 'dough'!

	Tax \$.	Amt Due
I have a place to live	.75	_____
I have a dishwasher (other than spouse!)	.50	_____
I have fireplaces	.25 ea	_____
I have TV's	.25 ea	_____
I have VCR's or DVR's	.25 ea	_____
I have cars or trucks	.25 ea	_____
I have boats or RVs	.20 ea	_____
I have computers	.25 ea	_____
I have children	.50 ea	_____
I have grandchildren	.30 ea	_____
I have great grandchildren	.30 ea	_____
I have pets	.25 ea	_____
I have bird feeders	.25 ea	_____
I have a flower garden	.50	_____
I have a vegetable garden	.75	_____
I have a best friend	.50	_____
I am over 55 years old	.50	_____
Years retired	.10 per yr	_____
Total:		\$ _____

Make check payable to:
"NARFE/Alzheimer's Research" and give or mail to:

Boni Lages
1817 Ridge Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Thank you so much for counting your blessings and helping to fight Alzheimer's Disease!

for the citizens of Leavenworth and the various veterans organizations hope the public will take advantage of it.

Rod Ziemer

From the Alzheimer's Chair:

What is Brain Health?

Your brain changes as you age. It's natural. But the central mission of your brain never changes. It's job is to help you make sense of the world and



NARFE is Your Advocate!

- **NARFE** prevented the reduction of federal employee & annuitant compensation during fiscal cliff negotiations and budget deals;
- **NARFE** has maintained the integrity of the FEHBP by defeating an onslaught of proposals aimed at dismantling the FEHBP or increasing premiums for participants;
- **NARFE** worked to permit FERS workers to credit all of their unused sick leave toward retirement; and
- **NARFE** pressed rule changes to allow federal employees to transition to phased retirement, while being able to collect a partial annuity.

The NARFE legislative staff lobbies persistently on your behalf.

Support NARFE by spreading the word to retired and active federal employees. **Your local chapter needs you!**

oversee your daily operation and life. It's being able to draw on the strength of your brain—information management, logic, judgment, perspective and wisdom. Brain health is also a key part of your overall health.

So when should you start concerning yourself with brain health? **NOW!** By taking steps to keep your brain and body healthy you can enhance your brain as you age. Being active is associated with lower risk of brain issues. Get moving. It doesn't matter what physical activities just as long as you're getting your heart pumping for 30 minutes most days. (*Alzheimer's Association*)

Helen Stewart

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.

A Get Well card was sent to Alice Theis.

Marilyn Murray

LEGISLATORS' Address / Phone:

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

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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

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

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IN MEMORIAM

Members

Lois Audrey Clark	John Leavitt
Patricia R. Huycke	Tillman L. Nester
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Elsie G. Zuburg	

Family Members

Virginia Gordon, mother-in-law of Gene (Gloria) Schneider
Jacqueline Mikesich, sister of Wilma "Billie" Oertel

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**Don't Forget to VOTE on
November 7th! ☒**





*Remember our
Veterans!*



Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

“And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?” the reporter asked..

She simply replied, “No peer pressure.”

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 1:30 p.m. Chapter meeting: Eric Rathburn from the Toon Shop

Sept. 29 9:15 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Oct. 6 **12:00 noon** Chapter Meeting: **Free Lunch** and presentation by Ryan Hesseltine, Neighborhood Hearing Centers.

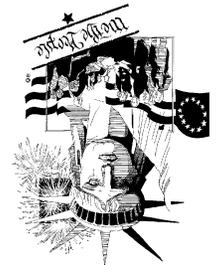
Oct. 27 9:15 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Nov. 3 11:45 a.m. Fall Fest, see page 1 for details.

December & January No meetings.

Jan. 26 9:15 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Feb. 2 1:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting: Program TBA.



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