

THE BISON



Buffalo Bill Chapter 27

January-February 2013

Issue 1

From the President:

Happy New Year—2013! I am looking forward to being your president for this great organization—NARFE, Chapter 27. The past president, Diane Hall, will be hard shoes to fill, but I am excited to step in and will do my best to fill them. The board members that agreed to accept their same positions to serve with me are all very capable and proficient in their respective positions, which will make my transition into being your president much easier. A thank you goes to John Leavitt for agreeing to fill the open position left by Dick Hall as Service Officer. The board is still short a Political Action Committee Officer, so if you have an interest in that please contact me.

I was excited to read in the December 2012 *NARFE Magazine* that our member, Sy Nyhart's grandson, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship check from NARFE. Sy's grandson, Mathew Briggs, of Leavenworth, was one of 5 winners in Region 5. Congratulations Mathew.

See you all at our chapter meeting on 7 February 2013, 1:30 pm at The Heritage Center.

Boni Lages

913 683-2222

boniwoody@gmail.com

From the 1st VP—Membership

Are you aware of all the benefits you have available to you as a member of NARFE? Listed below are (some of) the ones shown on the NARFE.ORG website. You might use these benefits to encourage others to join NARFE.

• **NARFE's Official Credit Union**—As a NARFE member, you have the privilege of joining the NARFE Premier Federal Credit Union, which has been serving active and retired federal employees since 1935. The credit union offers extensive services at competitive rates to members nationwide at more than 4,100 shared branches, 57,000 surcharge-free ATMs and 24/7 phone access. Ac-

New Officers for 2013

President: Boni Lages

1st VP—Membership: Fran Gast

2nd VP—Programs: Billie Oertel

3rd VP—Service Officer: John Leavitt

Treasurer: Ross Perkins

Legislative Chair: Wayne Stalnaker

Sunshine Chair: Marilyn Murray

Alzheimer's Chair: Helen Stewart

counts are insured by NCUA up to \$250,000.

- **CREDIT CARD**—NARFE WorldPoints® MasterCard Credit Card: Bank of America now offers the officially approved credit card program for NARFE, featuring the Platinum Plus® MasterCard with WorldPoints. You can earn points and get the rewards you want—cash, travel, merchandise and gift certificates—now with easy online redemption, too! Only the WorldPoints card gives you the freedom to choose so much, so easily. Carry the only card that helps support NARFE programs and initiatives at no additional cost to you.
- **HOME BENEFITS**—Shop a variety of loan products and programs. NARFE members can get personal advice, a great mortgage rate and reduced fees on a new home loan or even a refinance.

TRAVEL

- **CAR RENTALS**—You can rent a car at discounted rates and receive other special offers from one of NARFE's Preferred Car Rental Agencies: **Alamo, National and Avis.**
- **Wyndham Hotel Group:** Members can save up to 20% off the best-available rates at participating locations when they travel. Whether you are looking for a luxury hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more budget-conscious, Wyndham Hotel Group has the right hotel, in the right place, for the right price.
- **Choice Hotels International®:** Choice Hotels International is proud to offer NARFE members 20% discounts at more than 6,000 hotels in the United States and throughout the world. Members can join the **Choice Privileges®** rewards program and earn points with every qualifying stay toward free nights, Airline Rewards, gift cards and more.
- **VACATION RENTALS**—Government Employees



Travel Opportunities—**ENDLESS VACATION RENTALS®** Government Employees Travel Opportunities® offers Government employees, retirees and their families 7-Night Stays for ONLY \$349 on accommodations worldwide.

- **NARFE Insurance Services:** Designed and administered by Marsh U.S. Consumer, a service of Seabury & Smith, Inc., exclusively for NARFE members: senior age whole life, term life, Medicare supplements, hospital income plan, short-term recovery insurance, pet insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, cancer care, enhanced dental insurance and long-term care.
- **GEICO®:** NARFE members with good driving records may be eligible for quality car insurance from GEICO at discounted rates. Discount amount varies in some states and is not available in all states or in all GEICO companies. One group discount is applicable per policy.

REAL ESTATE & MOVING SERVICES

- **Bekins Van Lines:** NARFE members receive special discounted pricing for all interstate shipments. Discount applies to packing and moving services, and valuation protection. All intrastate shipments, and local and international moves will be competitive in cost, based on geographical location.
- **ALLIED MOVING BENEFITS:** NARFE members are entitled to preferred discounts on interstate (state-to-state) moving and storage in transit services.

NARFE HOME BENEFITS

NARFE members work with a knowledgeable local realtor to buy or sell a home and earn cash rewards of up to 1,000 or more.

OTHER SERVICES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Medical Air Services Association:** (MASA) has been the industry leader in prepaid emergency assistance services for more than 30 years. NARFE members have experienced MASA's "peace of mind" services since 2001. NARFE members are now entitled to even more: air ambulance transportation, helicopter transportation, ground ambulance, vehicle, return, mortal remains transport and much more.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Ivy Bridge College:** NARFE members and their

families can save 5% on tuition when they enroll in an online degree program at Ivy Bridge College. Ivy Bridge's degree programs allow students to earn an associate degree online and then transfer to one of more than 140 public and private four-year partner institutions across the United States to finish their bachelor's degree.

- **Life Line Screening:** America's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. Life Line Screening will conduct a variety of screenings in your neighborhood using state-of-the-art ultrasound technology. NARFE members receive discounts on screenings.
- **TruHearing:** The TruHearing program can save members hundreds of dollars. Benefits include a free hearing screening, three-year warranty, a one-year supply of batteries and financing.

Fran Gast

From the 2nd VP—Programs

Feb. 7—Memorial Service for members who died in 2012.

Mar. 7—Speaker, Frank Gieb, Belden-Larkin Funeral Home.

April & May—TBA.

Billie Oertel

From the Legislative Chair:

As I write this in early December, I am aware the world may be turned upside down by January. But, if you are reading this, apparently the world did not end December 21st. I also doubt that other than a probable deferral, little will have been accomplished long term deficit and fiscal cliff wise.

All we can be assured of is that Congress will still be trying to cut Federal Employees, Retirees and everyone's Social Security earned benefits. All of which are still fully funded and have not added a single dime to our current deficit.

The prior paragraph is what I routinely remind my representative or senator of when I contact them. I suggest you remind them frequently of what you feel is important, and that you are an informed voter.

Wayne Stalnaker

From Sunshine Chair:

If you know of members who are hospitalized or ill at home let me know and I will send cards. We



LEGISLATORS' Topeka Address / Phone:

Federal: Sen Jerry Moran, 612 Kansas Ave, 66603
(785) 233-2503, www.moran.senate.gov.

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

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

NARFE member toll free line to Congress members:
1-866-220-0044.

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

Sen. Tom Holland, D-3rd, 181 East, ext. 7372,
tom.holland@senate.state.ks.gov.

Sen. Kelly Kultala, D-5th, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext.
7357, kelly.kultala@senate.state.ks.gov.

Rep. Owen Donohoe, R-39th, L27 Docking Building,
ext. 7682, owen.donohoe@house.state.ks.gov.

Rep. Melanie Meier, D-40th, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext.
7630, melanie.meier@house.state.ks.us.

Rep. Jana Goodman, R-41st, 300 SW 10th Ave,
ext. 6014, jana.goodman@house.ks.gov.

Rep. Connie O'Brien, R-42nd, 300 SW 10th Ave,
ext. 7656, con-nie.obrien@house.ks.gov.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Members

Muriel Marie Brown	Francis J. Mondero
Carl Ditsch	Jack Pierce
Thomas J. Edmonds	Rita Sundet
Mary Ellen Junk	Cleo Wells

Family Members

Orville Hundley, brother-in-law of Alvan Floray
Mary Alice Jones, daughter of Eula Kerr
Gladys Kenton, mother-in-law of Ruth Kenton
Joseph Kolb, son of Joe Kolb
Evalyn Linaweaver, sister of Bill & Regina Aaron
Bruce Wells, son of John & Cleo Wells

would also like to recognize wedding anniversaries and need your help by furnishing us with that information. Please call me at 351-3386. Thank you.

Get Well cards were sent to Eileen Sturgis, Greta Inkman and Kathy Ramirez.

Marilyn Murray

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 or DVR	.25 ea	_____
I have car or truck	.25 ea	_____
I have boat or RV	.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:

Helen Stewart
29228 179th Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048-7513

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

Helen Stewart



Why I Like Retirement !!!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays,
1 Sunday



NARFE Legislative Hotline—January 11, 2013

**Message from
NARFE President Joseph A. Beaudoin**

"I salute and thank NARFE members, current and past, who have now donated \$10 million directly to Alzheimer's research. We bragged about your achievement in a recent press release, which in-

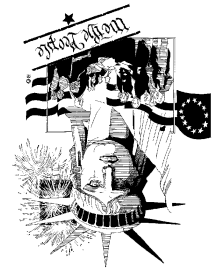
cluded the following praise from Alzheimer's Association President and CEO Harry Johns: 'For more than 25 years, NARFE has demonstrated steadfast commitment to the mission of the Alzheimer's Association. We appreciate their unwavering dedication to the Alzheimer's Association research program and our efforts to end this disease.' "

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan. 31	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	April 4	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: TBA.
Feb. 7	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Memorial Service	April 25	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.
Feb. 28	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	May 2	11:30 a.m.	Chapter meeting: TBA.
March 7	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Frank Gieb, Belden-Larkin Funeral Home	May 30	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.
March 28	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	June 6	1:15 p.m.	Chapter meeting: TBA.
			June 27	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee 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.



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
3012 Girard Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048
Permit No. 101**