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KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S.

John Rowe, Service Officer Chapter 378 for assisting Mike Michaud's family in contacting OPM.

CORRECTIONS

In the NARFE Chapter 378 May Newsletter, under the "Kudos and Thank You's" section and in the article "NARFE KANSAS FEDERATION CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS," recognition should have gone to **Martha** (not Mary) Rowe for being a chapter delegate at the NARFE Kansas Federation in April 2015.

Also, apologies for misspelling members John and Perdy Scafe last name. It is **Scafe** not Scarfe.

CHALLENGE TO MEMBERS ROGER LEMMONS

A challenge to our members that regularly attend monthly NARFE meetings: ***IF each one of us signed up 1 new member and/or got a member to renew their membership, we might have 30 or 40 attend our monthly meetings.***

For some of you this would move us out of Conroy's into a larger venue, and I think we would attract more prominent programs. Not that our programs have not been good. Several of you have remarked to me that you have enjoyed the programs we have had.

The payoff from this challenge: Every one that recruits a new member and/or gets a former member to renew their expired membership, will have their name entered in a drawing for a free dinner. Your name will "go into the hat" for each body you sign up. We will draw at the July meeting.

JUNE 17TH MEETING Roger Lemmons

NARFE Chapter 378 will meet June 17, 2015, in the south meeting room of Conroy's Pub. The program begins at noon, lunch entrée (choose from 3 entrées) and coffee or tea for \$10 is at 12:30, and a brief meeting follows the lunch.

Jim Miller, his title here???, is the speaker. He is a retired government employee who represents NARFE at the State Capitol by keeping abreast of proposed legislation that affects federal retirees and current government employees. He presents NARFE viewpoints to legislators in this fight to preserve and protect our benefits.

Hope to see you there. This should be a good program!

MAY 20TH MEETING RECAP

Doug and Pat Crockett, Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) out of Lenexa, gave an interesting and enlightening presentation on the establishment, missions, and programs of the CAP. Pilots who could not serve in the military because of age or physical conditions established CAP on December 1, 1941, (6 days before Pearl Harbor).

These civilians flew their own planes and began coastal patrol in March of 1942, looking for U boats that were attacking the trade lanes. They established 21 Coastal Patrol bases from Maine to Mexico with over 3,000 volunteers. Patrols conducted missions up to 60 miles off shore with 2 aircraft flying together. These volunteers' aircraft carried 50 and 100 pound bombs and 325 pound depth charges. At the conclusion of 18 months of patrolling the coast, CAP was credited with: 57 submarines attached (2 sunk), 82 bombs dropped against submarines, 91 vessels in distress reported, 363 survivors in distress reported, 5,684 convoy missions escorting Navy ships, 86,685 total missions flown, 20,500 missions towing targets (which resulted in 7 deaths, 5 serious injuries, the loss of 25 aircraft), rescued 7 missing Army and Navy pilots in February 1945, flew 790 hours on forest fire patrol missions and reported 576 fires. Because of exceptional emphasis on safety, only 150 aircraft were lost. By the end of the war 65 CAP members had died on active duty, and CAP had flown nearly 750,000 hours during the war.

On April 29, 1943, CAP was transferred to Army Air Forces. In 1946, Congress chartered CAP as a nonprofit public service organization. In 1948,

CAP became an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force (USAF). Cap members who served during WWII received the Congressional Gold Medal on December 10, 2014. The first Congressional Gold Medal recipient was General George Washington in 1776.

The 3 missions of CAP are providing emergency services, aerospace education, and the cadet program. In fulfilling CAP's Emergency Services mission, CAP conducts 85% of federal inland search and rescue (S&R) missions directed by the USAF, provides disaster relief and humanitarian relief, and provides the USAF with support. They use an Urban Direction Finder (UDF) to pick up distress signals from aircraft. They also take aerial photos of devastated areas, which can be sent from the aircraft directly to the White House. CAP used this equipment to take photos of the ground zero, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania after 911.

The Aerospace Education mission consists of training Cadets about flight and the forces of lift, thrust, lift, and drag. CAP also provides orientation rides in powered and glider aircraft and military aircraft. The Cadet Program's cornerstone is aviation with emphasis on rank structure to develop leadership and management skills. The program prepares Cadets (ages 12-21) to be whatever they want to be by developing leadership and responsibility. The program goes farther than most scouting programs and annually holds a 300-cadet encampment lead entirely by cadets. Summer programs include Cadets 16 years and older directing landings, flight opportunities, and survival training. The first female Thunderbird pilot and an astronaut were CAP cadets. Twenty percent of the Cadets go on to the Air Force Academy or engineering at K-State.

For more information the website is: heartlandssquadron.com

NARFE PAC **TOM HUNTZINGER**

Tom Huntzinger, Chapter 378's President and Political Action Committee (PAC) chair, explained the importance of the NARFE PAC and encouraged members to donate. The revenue goes directly to campaigns. Legislators pay attention to contributors, so NARFE makes contributions to candidates. NARFE remains bipartisan and contributes to both Republicans and Democrats. You can become a sustaining PAC supporter online with a credit card. The minimum contribution is

\$10/month, or you can write a check for any amount with which you are comfortable. Tom will begin passing a box for donations at the June meeting.

Tom also emphasized the importance of contacting your legislative representatives in both Topeka and Washington. The NARFE website provides form letters for your use, but personalized letters are more effective and carry more weight with representatives. You can edit a NARFE form letter to personalize it or write your own, but do tell what you did/do as a federal employee and why your job was/is important. Then detail what your concerns are. Numbers count, so write your legislators.

Apparently a donation of \$5000-\$10000 will get NARFE access to a legislator. So the PAC contributions are to get NARFE's *foot-in-the-candidate/legislator's-door/ear*. {Talk about the need for campaign reform!!!!} Make checks payable to NARF PAC.

ALZHEIMER'S **JOHN SCOTT**

May 2015: \$14 YTD \$107.75.

MEMBERSHIP **DIANNE THROOP**

Welcome new member Jim Putnam. Jim is a retiree of USGS and transfer, Ralph Clement.

TOURS **PARKS AND REC**

John Brown Historic site and Black Jack Battlefield, Thursday, August 20, 8:45 am-1:30 pm. Learn more about the Civil War on the Western Frontier era in Osawatomie and Baldwin. Registration includes transportation and fees, lunch on your own. Class code 427420, fee \$27

Check out fall tours at Lawrence Parks and Rec:

> Fort Scott and Louisburg Cider Mill, Sept. 22

> Tree Treasures of Old KU, Sept 29

> Oregon trail Tour, October 8

> Safari Museum and Walker Art Gallery, Oct. 20

> Lawrence Architecture, October 22

> Kansas Stte Capitol, Nov 3

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CHAMPSS, The Douglas County meals program for seniors, next orientation meeting is Monday, July 6, 2015, at the Library. You must attend the orientation meeting to participate in the CHAMPSS program.

NARFE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE 6/12/15**From NARFE President Richard G. Thissen**

“NARFE continues to stay in communication with the Office of Personnel Management regarding the cybersecurity incident at OPM. We are updating the NARFE website with any new information we learn. Should you have any questions, please contact NARFE’s Federal Benefits Service Department at fedbenefits@narfe.org or 703-838-7760. More information is below.”

OPM Security Breach Update

Information on the recent cyber-security breach at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) continues to be released both by the administration and by NARFE as it becomes available. Here is the latest:

Recent claims made in a letter sent from the president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) to OPM Director Katherine Archuleta state all federal employee, retiree, military and veteran personnel data was compromised during the security breach. NARFE believes that AFGE’s evaluation of the incident is overstated, and OPM continues to say that it believes only 4.2 million individuals were affected. OPM also commented that it does not keep congressional or military employment data.

*Since the announcement of the security breach last week, NARFE has been in close communication with OPM officials who say the employment data, which contain information such as Social Security numbers, job assignments and salary information, was the information most likely exposed in the breach. OPM is contacting all individuals whose information was compromised by email or U.S. mail. **OPM has contracted with CSID to assist with the response effort and will be sending out the email or postal notifications from June 8 to June 19. Emails will come from opmcio@csid.com. More details will be provided in the notifications.***

*NARFE has set up an **OPM Security Breach** webpage on the NARFE website, which is updated as more information becomes available. The page provides more details about the breach and what steps are being taken to manage the incident. NARFE members should regularly check the page for updates.*

<http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=3835>

NARFE Seeks OPM Response on Extent of Breach 6/12/15 Note: This post has been updated.

A statement by NARFE President Richard G. Thissen: “This evening, it was widely reported that the extent of the security breach within the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) may be much greater than initially reported.

“NARFE implores OPM to speak directly to the media reports. Misinformation and speculation at this point only serves to illicit fear among those affected and possibly affected. It is incumbent upon OPM to provide additional information as soon as possible.

The federal community is entitled to know the extent of the breach in order for federal employees, former employees, retirees and their family members to take the proper precautions to protect themselves.

We will continue to update this page with more information as it becomes available.”

OPM released the following statement this evening:

The cyber intrusion announced last week affecting personnel records for approximately 4 million current and former federal employees was discovered through enhanced monitoring and detection systems that OPM implemented as part of an aggressive effort in recent months to strengthen our cybersecurity capabilities. Upon detecting that intrusion, OPM launched an investigation – in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security’s U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the FBI – to determine its full scope and impact. On June 8, as the investigation proceeded, the incident response team shared with relevant agencies that there was a high degree of confidence that OPM systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former, and prospective Federal government employees, and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been exfiltrated.

OPM continues to work with US-CERT and the FBI to determine the type of records that may have been compromised and the population of individuals affected. OPM takes very seriously its responsibility to protect the sensitive data we manage. Once we have conclusive information about the breach, we will announce a notification plan for individuals whose information is determined to have been compromised.

OPM remains committed to improving its

security capabilities and has invested significant resources in implementing tools that have not only strengthened our security barriers to outside threats, but have also enabled us to detect and thwart our constantly evolving cyber adversaries.

June 10, 2015, OPM Guidance for Federal Employees on Signing Up for Credit Monitoring Services: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) provided NARFE with the following update for federal employees affected by the OPM data breach: Agency privacy officers should have the list of affected employees. Email and postal notifications will both come from CSID, the private contractor that is assisting OPM with the incident response. It is best for individuals to wait to receive their notice, which will include a PIN, before calling CSID or visiting the website <http://www.csid.com/opm/>. The notices will be sent to nearly everyone (employees) via email, which will come from opmcio@csid.com. Because of the volume of notifications, OPM cannot be sure when everyone will receive their email notice. Notices to employees without a valid email address will happen via postal delivery over the next two weeks. (Note: OPM is working on the issue for DoDEA teachers.)

At this point CSID only has the names of affected individuals, the PIN that is included in their notices and the last four digits of the employees' Social Security number (SSN). When affected individuals call CSID or visit the website, CSID initially will not ask for date of birth or full SSN, but will ask for the PIN or the last four digits of the SSN to help validate individual identities against the lists that they have.

It is important to understand that once an affected individual has been validated against the CSID list, if they choose to enroll in CSID services they will have to provide personally identifiable information, just as they would when applying for a credit card or a bank loan. OPM strongly encourages agencies to allow employees to reach out to CSID while on duty time. If an employee does not have Internet access, OPM strongly encourages agencies to work with those individuals, as appropriate, to provide them access. OPM knows that

some employees have already begun calling CSID, but advises that it is best to wait until after being contacted by opmcio@csid.com or via postal delivery.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.opm.gov/news/latest-news/announcements/frequently-asked-questions/>. I went to this site. It lists several questions. When you click on a question, the response comes up immediately. Below is the response to "When did this incident occur?" "The intrusion occurred in December 2014. OPM became aware of the intrusion into its systems in April 2015 after implementing tough new measures to deter and detect cyber-attacks. During its investigation with its agency partners, the FBI and US-CERT, OPM became aware of potentially compromised data in May 2015."

If you need another selling point for attracting new members to NARFE, the coverage and information provided by NARFE to its members on this security breach is excellent!!

For those of you who do not have email or internet service, find a friend or family member who does and take this newsletter with the above website address in blue and have someone help you get on the NARFE website.

NARFE.org then click on **OPM Security Breach** located right below the **"Latest from NARFE"** in the center of the page.

By all means pay attention to how you will be contacted (column on the right) if you are affected by this security breach.

**Be sure to come to the
Wednesday meeting!**

Jim Miller is sure to have an informative presentation!