



"OLD TROOPER" NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees "Old Trooper" Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

OCTOBER 2012

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Stop the unrelenting attacks on federal workers and retirees

On March 20th, Paul Ryan, R-WI, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, released his budget plan, proposing to extend the federal employee pay freeze through 2015, cut federal worker paychecks, and shave 1-in-10 federal jobs. Then, on May 10th, the House voted for a measure that essentially imposes a 5 percent payroll tax on federal employees and the federal workforce has already sacrificed \$75 billion in the ongoing budget process. **No other group of Americans has been asked to sacrifice in this way.**

Now is the time to speak out – We can't stand for any more attacks on federal employees and retirees. We need your help to make sure Washington looks for shared sacrifice in any further proposed cuts.

Tell Congress & the White House: Enough is enough – stop unfairly targeting federal workers and retirees!

Upcoming Events

- 19 Oct 2012: Retiree Appreciation Day, Fort Riley Conference Center
- 8 Nov 2012: Fort Riley Health Fair, 9:00 to 3:00, (Location: TBD)
- 19 Jan 2013: 2013 Volunteer Fair, 0800-Noon



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Daisy McTavish, Dixie Thomas, Eva Freeman, Gerald Vincent, Jack Herron, James Nelson, Jim Mitchell, Judy Germann, Kathy Triplett, Marilyn Stephan, Max Albin, Melba Easley, Orval Rodgers, Verleen Byrn, Jean Boyd, and Diana Dowling



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary to Ken and Sharon Griffin, Jim and Jean King, Jim and Wally Mitchell, Robert and Carol Bondurant and Dean and Nancy Wiehl. Many, Many more.....

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Lannie Pender President Jim Mitchell, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), called the September 13, 2012, Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center. Invocation: Chaplain Maxine Kroeplin led the Invocation; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mitchell extended Birthday and Anniversary wishes for the months of August and September. He welcomed guests Rebecca Davis, Pat Rager and Denise Harrel. President Mitchell asked for a motion from the floor for the approval or modification of the May 2012 Minutes, a motion was made by Jean Boyd and seconded by Ray Thompson; motion passed. He asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; a motion was made by Tom Case and seconded by Donna Schmutz; motion passed.



May 2012 – April
2013

Alan Stephen



Who's Running in our District (Junction City, Kansas)

These 7 candidates want to be your representative in 2013-2014:

Rep. Tim Huelskamp [R-KS1]

*Republican Party
Incumbent --- Won in 2010 with 74% of the vote.*

Alan Jilka

*Democratic Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.
Lost in 2010 with 23% of the vote.*

James A. Barnett

*Republican Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.*

Sue Ellen Boldra

*Republican Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.*

Tracey Robert Mann

*Republican Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.*

Monte Shadwick

*Republican Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.*

Robert Kirk Wasinger

*Republican Party
Returning challenger in your district from 2010.*

Rebecca Davis, President of the Fort Riley Union invited everyone to attend Apple Days taking place on Fort Riley on September 22-23. It was reported that Gerald Vincent had broken his hip. Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chair, sent a thinking of you card to him. Jim Mitchell stated that elections are in November and that Madelyn Brown is head of the nominating committee. He stated that Flu shots will be given on October 17th at the Senior Center. Lannie Pender spoke about the National Convention that she and Madelyn Brown attended and thanked the Chapter for the financial help the Chapter provided. Jim Mitchell reminded the members that October is the Food Drive; please bring your non-perishables for the Food Pantry to the October meeting. In January we hope to put a booth together at the Municipal Building at the 2013 Volunteer Fair. Please think about helping out.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jim Dodd reported there are many bills to be voted on before the next recess. He stated the Government is using the Retirees Funds to keep the Government running. He also announced that all of the past NARFE National Officers were re-elected at the National Convention.

SERVICE OFFICER: Walt Germann said he is available for the members; he always keeps his cell phone with him. He received a heartfelt thank you from Marilyn Stephan, for notifying the Office of Personnel Management, retirement Division of her husband Al's death and explained to Marilyn the procedures that would be followed; she wrote that Mr. Germann serves as a volunteer and willingly gives of this time to help others, his efforts are much appreciated.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Janet Harrel stated that the cards that had been sent in the last two months were in the bulletin and she asked that if you know of someone that is ill please let her know.

ENTERTAINMENT: Bev Montgomery and Dean Hudson played a medley of Waltzes and a foot tapping version of Turkey in the Straw. Bev did a great job on the fiddle. Mary Louise Stahl passed out Opera House Literature, and reminded the members that the Opera House is showing films that cost seniors \$1.00 the schedule is in the Literature she passed out.

There were 79 Reservations and 73 in attendance, Vi Martin requested that if you have made reservations and are unable to attend, please notify her or your caller. Alzheimer's collected \$83.50. Winners of the Door Prizes were; Clarence Lehner, Bill Cortez, Dixie Rahorst and one other. President Mitchell announced that 2nd Vice, Sharon Strain resigned due to health reasons. The next Chapter meeting will be October 11th please; don't forget your food donations. He also informed the members that there were free Opera House movie passes taped to some of the chairs and for everyone to check before they left.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:

Beginning Balance August 1,	\$2,315.73
Receipts	72.78
Expenses	710.00
Ending Balance Aug 31	\$1,678.51



SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel: Get Well cards were sent to Opal Dalton and Loren Fiest. Hope both are feeling much better and others too that are recovering from falls and illnesses.