

"Old Trooper" Newsletter

Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,
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December 2015

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Message from NARFE President Richard G. Thissen

"This week, Congress passed a five-year highway bill that, due to the hard work of NARFE Legislative staff and NARFE members, did not use the federal community as an offset. We fought this fight in July and continued to send our 'enough is enough' message to Congress over the summer and into the fall, and it worked. Thank you to all who took action to keep your retirement benefits from being used to pay for unrelated legislation."

OPM Launches New Online Verification Center for Hack Victims

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced on December 1 the launching of an online verification center to assist individuals whose background information records were stolen in the second OPM data breach, which was announced this summer.

The government-run online verification center is designed to assist individuals who believe their data was stolen but have not received a notification letter, and individuals who received a notification letter but lost the Personal Identification Number (PIN) that was included in the letter. This new system is only for those impacted by the background investigation breach, not the first data breach that involved personnel files. Notification letters are still being mailed to affected individuals, so OPM is asking those who believe their data was stolen in the second breach to wait a few more weeks before requesting information through the verification center. To date, letters have been sent to nearly 18 million of the 21.5 million affected.

The online verification center is accessible 24 hours day, seven days a week, and will be available through December 2018 via OPM's [Cybersecurity Resource Center](#).

Alternatively, individuals can request the information by calling the verification center at 866-408-4555 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

NARFE updated its OPM Data Breach [page](#) with this information and will continue to update the page as new information is released.

Secretary's Report (Lana Pender): National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, NARFE, met November 12, 2015 Opening: President Bob Norcross, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE called the November 2015 meeting to order at 11:30, at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

President Bob Norcross opened the Chapter meeting at 11:30; Maxine Kroeplin led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance. President Norcross extended birthday wishes and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of November. New member Mary Fortier was recognized and the following guests were welcomed; John Ourada District III Vice-President and Mary Zimmerman.

President Norcross stated the Minutes are in the Newsletter, and asked for a motion and a second to approve them; a motion was made by Diana Dowling seconded by Ray Thompson, motion passed. He then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report, Ray Thompson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded by Vi Martin, motion passed subject to audit.

The President announced 98 lbs. of food had been collected for the Food Pantry. A thank you card was received from the Davis Family for donation in the name of Auguster Davis Sr. John Ourada, Area III District VP, said he went back in our chapter records and found that we have lost 32 members in the last three years but gained 7. We have 3 prospective members. We are the 2nd largest Chapter in the III District. He said the Salina Chapter set up a booth at the State Fair and gained a few members from that. He attended the CONK meeting and encouraged others to attend the next one, year after next. Next year's state convention will be held in Salina. The following members were nominated for the coming year; Pres. Dixie Thomas, 1st Vice Ray Thompson, 2nd Vice Jim Mitchell, Secretary Lannie Pender and Treasurer Wally Mitchell. This slate of Officers was elected by acclamation. Harold Macomber was nominated for President and he declined. Dixie announced that we will play Bingo with prizes in December.

Treasurer's Report (Wally Mitchell):

Beginning balance 1 November 2015:	\$2530.55
Receipts	494.17
Expenses	489.08
Ending Balance 330 November 2015:	\$2535.64

Sunshine Report (Wally Mitchell):

Get well cards were sent to Edward and Phyllis Gates, Mrs. Rebecca Fechner, Clarence Lehner and Theresa Hudson. We hope all are feeling better and able to get around.

Sympathy cards were sent to Carole Blixt for the passing of her mother and Clarise Longhofer on the passing of her husband, Roger. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grieving.

Happy Birthday to June Walters, Bobbie Davis, Donald Whitebread, Donna Yenser, Jim King, Joyce Peoples, Norman Lee, Opal Dalton, Dan Rickman and Raymond Bennett. Hope all of you celebrated in grand style!

Happy Anniversary to Bert and Dixie Thomas, Don and Dee Campbell, Tom and Bobby Case and Walt and Judy Germann. Hope you all have many happier anniversaries.