

"Old Trooper" Newsletter

Old "Trooper" Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,
Kansas 66441 December 2017

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their...

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Chaplain: Dan Rickman, 238-4148

Calling: Mary Reed, 223-6203



Merry Christmas! Note from Dixie Thomas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Old Trooper Chapter 383 members. This has been a year of ups and downs for all of you and hoping 2018 will be a better year.

Elections were held in November and I would like to congratulate our new board members especially Mary Reed, our new Chapter President. Thank all of you for what you do for our Chapter. It's going to be a great year.

I know that you will support Mary and her officers/chairs for the upcoming year which she will appreciate very much. Sometimes, as board members, we plan programs and activities in a vacuum because we do not know what our members want/like. So, I'm asking you, what do you like/want for your chapter meetings? Do you have suggestions how we can do better? As President, I have infrequently had

someone tell me whether they like a program or not. Do you like entertainment mixed in with informative programs? Do you not like entertainment? Do you want a suggestion box for future programs, trips, activity ideas? Let me know or Karen Brough.

I want to thank Ray Thompson, Jim Mitchell, Lannie Pender and Wally Mitchell for being my support group also known as the board members. Thanks to Madelyn Brown, June Buckles, Carlos Buckles, Bert Thomas, Jim Dodd, and all members who assist me every month in making sure the Center is ready for the meeting.

Always remember, there is an ever-present threat to our hard-earned benefits and is why NARFE is so important. Our Chapter needs to take a more active part in writing and calling our representatives.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Raymond Bennett, Opal Dalton, Bobbie Davis, Dixie Hostetler, Norman Lee, Dan Rickman, B. June Walters, Don Whitebread and Donna Yenser. A very happy birthday to you all.

Anniversaries:

Bert and Dixie Thomas, Don and Dee Campbell, and Dixie and Dennis Hostetler. Many, many more.

Treasurer's Report: Wally Mitchell

<i>Beginning Balance (1 November 2017)</i>	<i>\$2,018.57</i>
<i>Receipts</i>	<i>518.43</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>515.85</i>
<i>Ending Balance (31 November 2017)</i>	<i>\$2,021.15</i>

Secretary's Report: (Lana Pender): National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE November 9, 2017: First Vice Ray Thompson (standing in for President Dixie Thomas) called the meeting to order at 11:30.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Dan Rickman, led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

First VP Thompson stated the birthdays and anniversaries, for the month of November were printed in the Newsletter and he didn't feel it was necessary for him to have to repeat them; so everyone with a birthday or anniversary please stand and the members could give them a round of applause.

First VP Thompson announced a number of functions that would be going on at the Senior Center in the month of November.

Lindsey Younger from Blue Cross Blue Shield was the speaker. She gave a very concise report on the increased prices, the expansion of the Dental and Vision programs. She provided carry bags with updated information on; Medicare at a Glance, 2018 Standard and Basic Option Service Benefits. This included information on the Wellness incentive rewards

for the Blue Health Assessment, Diabetes Management Incentive Program, Hypertension Management, Pregnancy Care Incentive Program, and Smoking and Tobacco Cessation Program. There have been numerous improvements to BC/BS coverage. It was a well stated program, thank you Lindsey.

First VP Thompson stated that we need new officers for the 2018 year, he stated that in order to have a successful Chapter, members need to come forward and accept responsibilities. He for one is stepping down, as he has many commitments and he is getting tired. Mary Reed came forward and said she would accept the Presidency, Jim Mitchell stepped forward as First Vice, June Buckles would accept Second Vice, Lannie Pender will remain as Secretary and Wally Mitchell will stay as Treasurer. Members voted on this slate of Officers and were sworn in. Ray Thompson is certainly a persuasive speaker. A big thanks to all of you who stepped up.

The new Calling Chair is Mary Zimmerman, thank you Mary.

The Secretary does not have the names of the door prize winners, but you know who you are.

(Sorry the minutes are so brief, but the Secretaries goat ate the notes, well she doesn't really have a goat, but you get the idea.)