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OLD TROOPER Newsletter

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Message from Old Trooper President, Mary Reed:

“ All, I have just returned from Wichita. Jim Dodd and I both attended the two-day conference. I enjoyed the event. I was on the Bylaws/Resolutions Committee and took part in determining recommended changes and additions. Found out the Federation Bylaws were behind the Chapters in making Bylaws changes due to an error by our HQ. Those chapters who have their bylaws approved are ok. But, those who have not are asked to wait until the Federation Bylaws have been approved. I have requested the 2018 Voting Handbook through NARFE ONLINE. You can download it (which I did), but it is quite large, and I am unable to print it. 10 May – voting will be available online. There are 24 item changes. In June, the ballot will be available in the NARFE Magazine. John Ourada was voted as the next Federation President. Judy Grossnickle will replace him as Area 3 VP. Federation 2d VP is Rita Dawson. Federation Treasurer in Peggy Coder. Next conference will be in Manhattan 29-30 April 2019 at 4 Points Hotel. 2020 will be in Salina (still researching). Ruth Linville donated a patriotic table runner for the Alzheimer Silent Auction. It made around \$25.00. Thank you to Ruth. Met a lot of nice people from across the state. Looking forward to next year. Mary”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Happy birthday* to Marilyn Bielefeld, Carol Bondurant, Therisha Jo Hudson, Larry Langvardt, Doris MacLaird-Nelson, Barbara Rawlins, and Donald Stiers. Many more! (OK – sorry about inserting the May birthdays in April – been a loonng spring!)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: NO MAY ANNIVERSARIES

TREASURER: WALLY MITCHELL

Balance Beginning 1 April 2018	\$1,633.13
Receipts	345.09
Disbursements	325.25
Balance Ending 30 April 2018	\$1,652.97

SECRETARY: LANNIE PENDER

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE April 12, 2018 President Mary Reed called the meeting to order at 11:30.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Dan Rickman, led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Reed extended best wishes to all those with Birthdays and Anniversaries in the month April.

Rick Dykstra, from the Geary County Convention and Tourism Bureau and Acorns Resort, at Milford Lake was the speaker. Rick spent 14 years as the Assistant Director of the Geary County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. He retired from the CVB and has been actively

involved with Acorn Resort, while still supporting the CVB. Rick gave us information on the Bass masters College Fishing Tournament that is being held for the first time at Milford Lake in Mid-August. The College Fishing Championship involves every State; each State has a College Fishing competition. The winners then go to a District contest and on to a Regional



contest and one of the regional contests is what is being held at Milford Lake. It has taken quite an effort to bring this event to our area, and Rick is to be commended for his hard work. Rick also gave a demonstration, with the help of some of the attending members; he and Karen Brough demonstrated the Duck Call and Carolyn Cook helped with the Turkey Call. Rick gave an enjoyable presentation.

President Reed, asked for a motion to approve the Secretary's report, a motion was made by Carolyn Cook, seconded by Jim Mitchell, motion passed; she then asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Jim Mitchell and seconded by Diana Dowling, motion passed. She passed along an invitation from John Ourada inviting members to the Salina Chapter meeting.

Jim Dodd gave the Legislative Report; the latest hotline message was dated March 30, 2018. The U.S. House and the U.S. Senate passed a \$1.3 trillion (that is a lot of zeros) spending bill to fund the Government through the end of fiscal year 2018. Included in the FY18 bill is a 2.4 percent pay increase for military personnel. The Postal Reform Act of 2018 (S.2629) was introduced in the Senate. The bill would force postal retirees to enroll in Medicare or lose their Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHBP). A House bill included this requirement also. A year of Medicare coverage would cost about \$1,600 a year for those who do not already have Medicare coverage. NARFE opposed the bill because it unfairly burdens tens of thousands of postal retirees and their survivors by changing the bargain regarding their health benefits after retirement removing choice regarding their health care and setting a dangerous precedent for all federal employees and retirees.

There were 46 reservations and 53 presents; \$58.00 was collected for Alzheimer's research.

Door prize winners were Dan Rickman, Diana Dowling, Harold Macumber and Donna Schmutz. The 50/50 winner was President Mary Reed.

Diana Dowling made a motion for adjournment, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 12:45.

During the week of May 6-12, our nation will come together for Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) to show appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our public servants at all levels of government. To help your community in its celebration of PSRW, you can send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. A letter to the editor is an excellent way to share your story of public service and to honor your fellow civil servants who reside in your community.

PSRW is a time to thank our public servants and to acknowledge the sacrifices they make to raise our quality of life and make our great country operate exceptionally. Please take the time to send in a letter to the editor to express your gratitude and pass it along to others in your community. For more information on how to celebrate in your area please visit the Public Service Recognition Week [website](#).

Q & A Shorties:

Q: What did Ernie say to Bert when asked if he wanted ice cream?

A. Sure-Bert!

Think about it:

Feathers are light.

The sun gives off light.

Therefore, the sun gives off feathers.

