

# "Old Trooper" Newsletter

Old "Trooper" Chapter 383, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Junction City,  
Kansas 66441  
November 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Dixie  
Thomas, 238-1455

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ray Thompson,  
762-5249

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jim Mitchell,  
238-3423

Secretary: Lannie  
Pender, 238-6503

Treasurer: Wally  
Mitchell, 238-3423

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Legislative: Jim Dodd,  
238-8041

Membership/Public  
Relations/Editor: Dixie  
Thomas, 238-1455

Service Officer:

Parliamentarian: Ray  
Thompson, 762-5249

Alzheimer's: Ruth  
Linville, 223-1550

Sunshine: Wally  
Mitchell, 238-3423

NARFE-PAC: Jim  
Martin, 238-8539

Program: Karen  
Brough, 210-7420

Chaplain: Dan Rickman,  
238-4148

Calling: Mary Reed,  
223-6203

*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 survivors.*



**Thank you to Dan Rickman and Ruth Linville for volunteering to assist the Chapter in prayer and in Alzheimer's. These are two very important Chapter positions and I thank you so much for doing these duties.**

**I would also like to thank June Buckles for attending the Military Retirees Health Fair with me. We had a great time and enjoyed talking to all the attendees that stopped by our "booth." Those eligible were encouraged to register to receive a year's free membership to NARFE. The drawing will be held at the luncheon on 10 November.**

**If you would like to volunteer, we need the following:**

**Public Relations, Membership, Service Officer, Decorations, Sunshine, Assistant Program, Legislative**

**Happy Birthday** to Billie Jo Rivera, Dorothy Osburn, James Dodd, Madelyn Brown, Marshall Heath, Peggy Blevins, Paul Hood, Vanetta Brumbaugh and Connie Puett. I hope you all enjoy or enjoyed your day.

**Happy Anniversary** to Don and Florence Whitebread. Congratulations to you and may you have many more anniversaries.

**Sunshine Report (Wally Mitchell):** . Sympathy cards were sent to Clarence Lehner on the passing of his wife and my friend, Lorna Lehner. Another friend passing this month was Darlene Topping and her family was sent a sympathy card.

# ELECTION IS OVER!!!!

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**Treasurer's Report (Wally Mitchell):**

<b>Beginning balance 1 October 2016:</b>	<b>\$2357.63</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>404.77</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>386.95</b>
<b>Ending Balance 31 October 2016:</b>	<b>\$2375.45</b>

**Secretary's Report (Lana Pender):**

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) October 13, 2016: President Dixie Thomas called the October meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center, with Dan Rickman giving the benediction and led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Thomas welcomed a visitor, Marie Rhodes and extended birthday wishes and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of October.

President Thomas stated the Minutes are in the Newsletter, and asked for a motion and a second to approve them; a motion was made by Dan Rickman and seconded by Maxine Kroeplin, motion passed. She then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report, motion passed, subject to audit.

New Business: Ray Thompson opened the nominations for the Officers for the 2017 Year. No nominations came from floor. The current Officers have agreed to stay in their chairs for the next year, elections will be held at November meeting. Jim Mitchell made the announcement about the Retiree's Recognition Day being held Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, on Post at Riley's. If you do not want to stay for the meal, there will be a Food Truck in the parking lot. You will need to use the Marshall Field Gate and obtain a pass. The speaker will be about "Patton". If you are going to get shots, bring your shot records; they will be giving Flu, Pneumonia, and Shingles. Dixie told the members about a membership drive incentive; whoever signs up the most members by Valentine's Day 2017 will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Legislative by Jim Dodd: Congress is in recess. NARFE is working with the people that are still in D.C., to work on a solution to hold down the increase in Medicare for the people who do not draw Social Security; they must pay it themselves. Those people that draw Social Security, will not see a big increase, this is due to a Social Security regulation.

Dixie introduced the speaker, Captain Matt Jackson of the Junction City Fire Department; he has been with the Department for 28 Yrs. He spoke on Fire Safety (October is Fire Safety Month). He touched on several issues. He stated that Smoke Detectors should be replaced at least every 10 years, and change the batteries when you set clocks back, CO2 detector should also be installed in homes. The kitchen is usually the prime place for fires; be careful of long loose sleeves around the stove. People need to be cautious when using candles. People using Oxygen need to be careful with fire (smoking). Chimneys should be cleaned once a year. Never smoke in bed and check electric blankets for broken wires and they should be plugged into GFI outlets. There were several questions from the members. It was a very informative talk and we appreciate Matt taking time from his busy schedule to speak to us.

There were 55 members present and we collected \$75.00 for Alzheimer's

The winners of the door prizes were Bert Thomas, Leroy Walters, Edna Snyder and Elaine Byrd.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 and these minutes were transcribed by Secretary, Lannie Pender.