



**THE BISON**  
**BUFFALO BILL CHAPTER 27**  
 NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



**ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**

**When:** Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

**Where:** Heritage Center, 109 Delaware

**Cost:** \$12.00 for Members & Guests

**MENU**

Brisket  
 Potato Salad, Assorted Salads  
 Desserts  
 Hot Rolls and Butter  
 Coffee and Iced Tea

**Note:** There is a ramp that makes the Heritage Center handicap-accessible. Also, plenty of free parking.

Chances for door prizes will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. One prize person.

**NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A  
 RESERVATION!!! SIGN UP NOW!!!**

**Reservations:** Eileen Sturgis  
 538 McDonald Rd.,  
 Leavenworth, KS 66048

For more information, phone: 682-5847.

**Cut-off Date: July 26, 2012**

**Reservations** are made when check or cash is submitted. If check is made out to NARFE, it will be cashed AFTER the dinner; if made out to Eileen Sturgis, it will be cashed right away, so you will receive your cancelled check faster.

**Please include, on a separate piece of paper, the name(s) of member(s) and guest(s). Also indicate that check is for Annual Picnic.**

**Thank You!!! See you there!! Eileen Sturgis**

**Important Announcement about  
 the Meeting on  
 September 6, 2012 @1:30 p.m.**

Guest: Carol Ek, Region V Vice President and a Skype Presentation from NARFE HQ.

Respond to questions about issues that directly impact Active and Retired Federal Employees. Interactive opportunity to ask question of members of the National Office through this new technology.

**From the President:**

Janice Neuschafer, Region V and Kansas Federation Alzheimer's Chair was our guest speaker at the last meeting and gave us valuable information on Alzheimer's research and NARFE donations. If you receive mail to donate to Alzheimer's and return to a Washington, D.C. address, it does not reflect a donation through NARFE. We were also glad to have Carol Ek, Region V Vice President as our guest. She brought information from NARFE Headquarters and the upcoming National Convention.

There will be no NARFE Chapter 27 meeting in July but plan on attending the Annual Picnic in August. Bring a friend and get your reservations in to Eileen Sturgis.

Chapter 27 proxy to the National Convention will be Janice Neuschafer and we will have resolutions to approve prior to the convention. Janice will keep us informed and hopefully, she will be able to come give a report about the convention at some time.

**Do you need to contact a congressman? Below are the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses where they can be reached.**

**LEGISLATORS' Topeka Address / Phone:** **Federal:** Sen Jerry Moran, 612 Kansas Ave, 66603 (785) 233-2503, [www.moran.senate.gov](http://www.moran.senate.gov). Sen Pat Roberts, 444 SE Quincy, Rm 392, 66683, (785) 295-2745, [www.roberts.senate.gov](http://www.roberts.senate.gov); Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-2nd Dist., 3550 SW Fifth St., 66601, (785) 234-5966. **NARFE member toll free line** to Congress members: 1-866-220-0044. **Kansas State (by Dist. at Statehouse, Topeka 66612, telephone (785) 296 + ext.):** Sen Tom Holland, R-3rd, 181 East, ext. 7372, [tom.holland@senate.state.ks.gov](mailto:tom.holland@senate.state.ks.gov); Sen Kelly Kultala, D-5th, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext. 7357, [kelly.kultala@senate.state.ks.gov](mailto:kelly.kultala@senate.state.ks.gov); Rep Owen Donohoe, R-39th, L27 Docking Building, ext. 7682, [owen.donohoe@house.state.ks.gov](mailto:owen.donohoe@house.state.ks.gov); Rep Melanie Meier, D-40th, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext. 7630, [melanie.meier@house.state.ks.us](mailto:melanie.meier@house.state.ks.us). Rep. Jana Goodman, D-41st, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext. 6014, [jana.goodman@house.ks.gov](mailto:jana.goodman@house.ks.gov); Rep Connie O'Brien, R-42nd, 300 SW 10th Ave, ext. 7656, [connie.obrien@house.ks.gov](mailto:connie.obrien@house.ks.gov). **State legislators hot line:** 1-800-432-3924.

We need to be aware of the changes for Leavenworth County in the redistricting maps: "The three-judge panel in U. S. District Court in Kansas redrew the boundaries for congressional, Kansas House of Representatives, state Senate and state Board of Education districts.....The maps will leave Leavenworth County in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. For the Kansas Senate, Leavenworth County will remain divided between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts. But some of the biggest changes in Leavenworth County can be found in the redrawn districts for the Kansas House of Representative." *Leavenworth Times*, June 9, 2012.

Information about where to contact all our legislators is located at the bottom of page 1 of each *Bison*. Keep in touch with your senators and representatives at both the national and state level. This is a good time to contact them during the break when they will be in their local districts.

We need to have you come to our meetings to be informed of events that might result in changes to active and retired federal employees' benefits. You can also keep informed through the Legislative Action Center on the website (<http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/bills/>) and through the *NARFE Magazine*.

*Diane Hall*  
im4\_mizzou@hotmail.com  
Home phone: 913-651-1331  
Cell phone: 913-704-8118

### **From the 1st VP—Membership:**

Thanks to all of you that gave me the okay to use your e-mail to distribute our *Bison* Newsletter! If you didn't get a chance to let me know last quarter, feel free to let me know any time. I received ten more e-mail addresses, which brings us to a count of 38 members getting the *Bison* via e-mail.

Please remember to let me know if you are moving, so I can get an address change to NARFE Headquarters and will be able to get your *Bison* to you if it is going via mail.

At our last NARFE meeting, we talked about trying to let active federal employees know that they are eligible to be members of NARFE, and encourage them to join. Right now, the active employees are the ones that are taking the hardest hit in the budget battles. If they know that NARFE is on their side and working to help them maintain their benefits, they may become members.

If you need forms to give to anyone, please let me know and I'll be glad to get them to you. Also, remember that it usually takes talking to someone more than one time to get them to join. Keep up the good work!

*Fran Gast*

### **From the 2nd VP—Programs:**

#### **July—No Meeting.**

**Aug. 2—**Annual Picnic at 6 p.m. See page 1.

**Sept. 6—**Carol Ek, Region V Vice Pres. & Skype presentation from NARFE Headquarters.

**Oct. 4—**GEICO Insurance speaker.

**Nov. 8—**Fall Festival at 11:30 a.m.; prizes and Power & Life singers from Leavenworth High School.

**Dec. 6—**Pam Maxwell, Kansas BCBS will give us valuable information.

*Billie Oertel*

### **From the 3rd VP—Service Officer**

The following comes from *The Service Officer Manual*:

"The information you will need when contacting the OPM about your benefits, by phone, e-mail, or letter.

- 1) Full name of annuitant or survivor.
- 2) Current address, with ZIP code.
- 3) Civil Service number, including either the CSA (civil service annuitant #) or CSF (civil service FERS #) prefix.
- 4) Social Security # of annuitant or survivor.

I would suggest you have this information on a 3X5 note card and keep it in a safe place.

If you want a call back from them, indicate the best date and time for them to return your call.

*Dick Hall*

### **From the Sunshine Officer:**

If you know of members who are hospitalized or ill at home let me know and I will send cards. We would also like to recognize wedding anniversaries and need your help by furnishing us with that information. Please call me at 351-3386. Thank you.

Get Well cards were sent to Gaylord Schultz and Lila Williams.

*Marilyn Murray*

### **IN MEMORIUM**

#### **Family Member**

Dorothy Wacker, mother of Martin Wacker

### **From the Alzheimer's Chair:**

The annual picnic is just around the corner and time

for the Forrest Holderman Annual Alzheimer's Challenge. Last August Forrest challenged the Buffalo Bill Chapter to donate \$3,000 for NARFE Alzheimer's Research by the time of the 2012 picnic.

His challenge is to pledge:

- \$100 unconditional
- \$100 If chapter receives two gifts of \$250 or more
- \$100 If chapter receives five gifts of \$100 or more
- \$100 If chapter's total exceeds \$3000

We did really well at the Federation Convention in April. We raised \$555.00 from the oral and silent auctions combined. I want to again thank all who donated items and all who helped get them to the convention. We are already talking about plans for next year.

We have also done well with donations throughout the year. Unfortunately we are still short of this challenge. We still need \$875 to meet the challenge. If you want to help us meet, or exceed, this goal, any donation would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research". Checks can be mailed to: Helen Stewart, 29228 179th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048, or turned in on the day of the picnic.

Did you know that Alzheimer's disease is the single largest unaddressed public health threat facing the nation. As many as 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's today, with someone developing the disease every **68 seconds**.

*Helen Stewart*

### **To Keep Updated. . .**

Read the *NARFE* magazine and keep informed on issues particular to National Active and Retired Federal Employees. These items were taken from the June, 2012 issue of *NARFE*:

"1). Get Involved in Political Campaigns to Make NARFE Heard. As political campaigns heat up this summer, NARFE members are presented with a prime opportunity to meet not only with incumbents fighting to keep their seats in Congress, but also with candidates who have not previously been elected to office, to acquaint them with NARFE and the issues of concern to federal employees and retirees. ARE YOU IN THE LOOP? To get timely Legislative Alerts and the weekly Legislative Hotline, make sure NARFE has your email address. Call 800-456-8410 or go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).

"2). OPM Issues "Call Letter" for 2013 FEHBP Plans: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has issued its annual call for benefit and rate proposals from insurance carriers participating in the Federal Employees

### **Fifth & Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (Due Process & Public Trial)**

Amendments V and VI explicitly require a trial and full due process for any "person" the government sentences. In part the fifth reads: No person "shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Until recently private property was taken, with compensation, by the process of eminent domain only for public uses such as highways, government buildings, military installations, and etc. Then a U.S. Supreme Court decision expanded eminent domain to include compensated taking of privately owned property for transfer to private enterprises, for subsequent development.

The Sixth Amendment defines "due process" as follows: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence."

The right to a public trial by an impartial jury is the principle of habeas corpus that a person may not be locked up in prison before being brought before a court to justify continued detention. This guarantees that innocent people are not just thrown into prison. A recent threat to this principle may be found in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012. This national law is so far-reaching that American citizens accused of being terrorists can be arrested and detained indefinitely by the military without benefit of habeas corpus.

If citizens do not know the Constitution, how will they know when a law or a court oversteps its bounds?

*Rae for the U.S.A.*

Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). For 2013, OPM expects FEHBP plans to eliminate all annual limits on the dollar amount of essential health benefits, provide coverage for approved clinical trials, and provide additional preventive care and screenings for women with no cost-sharing.

OPM has instructed FEHBP plans to submit their 2013 benefit and rate proposals by May 31, so that negotiations with the plans can be finalized by mid-August to ensure a timely FEHBP Open Season this coming fall...*Submitted by Federal Benefits Service Department.*"

"With hurricanes, tornadoes, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of swine flu and terrorist attacks. Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Jay Leno

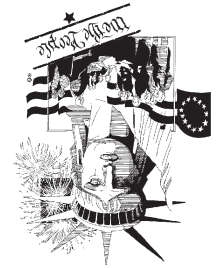


*God Bless  
Our  
Troops!*

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

June	<b>No Executive Committee meeting.</b>		Sept. 27	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.
July	<b>No Chapter Meeting.</b>		Oct. 4	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: GEICO speaker.
July 26	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	Oct. 25	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.
Aug. 2	6 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Annual Picnic	Nov. 8	11:30 a.m.	Fall Festival. Details in Oct. <i>Bison</i> .
Aug. 30	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.	Nov. 29	9:15 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting.
Sept. 6	1:30 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Skype presentation from NARFE HQ.	Dec. 6	1:15 p.m.	Chapter meeting: Pam Maxwell, Kansas Blue Cross Blue Shield.
			Dec.		<b>No Executive Committee meeting.</b>

**NOTE:** Chapter meetings are held in the **Heritage Center, 109 Delaware** at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Committee Meetings are held at the Leavenworth Public Library the last Thursday of each month at 9:15 a.m.



Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048  
Permit No. 101

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED  
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
1107 Wildwood  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED