



# “OLD TROOPER” NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees “Old Trooper” Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

October 2011

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## Upcoming Events

ON 8 NOVEMBER FROM 9-2 AT CPAC, BUILDING 329, FORT RILEY, THERE WILL BE HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN HOUSE FOR CURRENT / ACTIVE EMPLOYEES. NARFE WILL HAVE A BOOTH THERE FOR A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. DON COOPER, AREA V VICE PRESIDENT AND BARB PRETZER, ALZHEIMER’S NATIONAL CHAIR, WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST IN GETTING NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SOME OF US IN GETTING NEW MEMBERS, CONTACT DIXIE THOMAS OR JUST COME ON OUT ANYTIME.

 Happy Birthday Carmen Larkin, Daisy McTavish, Dixie Thomas, Eva Freeman, Gerald Vincent, Jack Herron, James Nelson, Jim Mitchell, Judy Germann, Kathy Triplett, Llellwyn McTavish, Marilyn Stephens, Max Albin, Melba Easley, Orval Rodgers, Vaughan Llewelyn, and Verleen Byrn.

 Happy Anniversary to Ken and Sharon Griffin, Jim and Jean King, Jim and Wally Mitchell, and Robert and Carol Bondurant. Many Many More!

## SECRETARY’S REPORT by Lannie Pender:

President Jim Mitchell called the Sep 8, 2011 Chapter #383 meeting to order at 11:30 at the 4H/Senior Citizens Center.

Invocation: Chaplin Otis Scroggins led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mitchell extended birthday and anniversary wishes to those members celebrating in the month of Aug and Sep. we are also adding Ray Thompson to the Aug birthday list. President Mitchell welcomed guest and new member Jean Boyd.

President Mitchell called for the reading of the Minutes and Treasurer’s report. He then asked for a motion and second from the floor to approve or modify the minutes. A motion was made by Ray Thompson and seconded by Dixie Rahorst motion was passed. He asked for a motion to approve or modify the Treasures report a motion was made by Virginia Smith, motion passed.

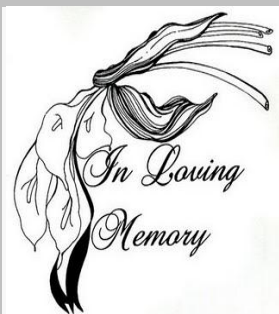
President Mitchell presented certificates of appreciation to the members that worked so hard during the State Convention to the following people; Celina Vincent, Ray Thompson, Leonetta Chaves-Bibby, Opal Dalton, Bob Norcross and Otis Scroggins. President Mitchell encouraged the members with emails to respond to the emails from NARFE HQ and contact their Congressmen to support the current benefits for current and retired Federal Employees. Please, remember that October is Food Pantry Month, please bring non-perishable items to the Oct. meeting. President Mitchell asked the members for ideas for a family program for Christmas. He also requested those members that have gone to only cells phones provide their cell phone numbers to Sharon Strain so she can update the calling numbers. President Mitchell announced the names of the Nominating Committee; Marie Sawyer, Don and Dee Campbell and Bob Norcross.

Legislative report from Jim Dodd: Congress is not in session. The Hot Line Messages was Aug 10, 11. Jim spoke on the Postal Workers and the statement about them pulling out of the FEHBP; he also spoke about President Obama’s upcoming speech. Jim explained to members about how to sign up for the Daily Union newspaper on line.

There were no reports from Service Office Walt Germann or Sunshine Chair Janet HarrelL,



**ALREADY  
RESERVED YOUR  
LUNCH AND  
SOMETHING  
CAME UP??? –  
PLEASE CALL AND  
CANCEL YOUR  
MEAL  
RESERVATION –  
238-4015 – THANK  
YOU!!**



May 2011 – April  
2012

*Wanda Williams,  
friend and  
member*

*Danny Hartung,  
spouse of Pat  
Hartung*

*Pippy Engstrom,  
sister of Carolyn  
Cook*

*Catherine Simon,  
friend and  
member*

*Donald Kohls,  
friend and  
member*

who we are so glad that she is doing so well and is able to attend the meetings.  
Membership report: Sharon Strain is asking the members to recruit new members, 17 people have not renewed their membership, if you by chance know someone that have not paid their dues, please, encourage them to do so.  
Our Entertainment was a talk by Col. John Seitz. He spoke about how he came to Junction City the first time to the 1st Division at Fort Riley and about his various military assignments, when he retired from the Army he tried other avenues of employment and discovered he is not an IT person. He then returned to Junction City and is resided next to his Uncle Richard Seitz. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.  
There were 92 reservations and 86 in attendance; \$133.00 was collected for Alzheimer's. Door Prizes were won by Don Campbell, Vera Vaughn, Barb Steppe, Melba Easily and Vanetta Brumbaugh.  
The meeting adjourned at 12:55 to meet again on Oct 13, 2011.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Madelyn Brown:**

Beginning balance	\$2,070.17
Receipts	\$651.52
Expenses	\$568.10
Ending Balance	\$2,153.59



### **SUNSHINE REPORT by Janet Harrel**

Please make sure you call Janet on members that need best wishes, sympathy or just a thinking of you.

**LEGISLATIVE RELEASE: 27 September 2011**

**WASHINGTON, DC – In response to the Office of Personnel Management's announcement today that federal employee health premiums will be increasing an average of 3.8 percent, Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, released the following statement:**

**"On behalf of the nation's retired and active federal workers, we are relieved that the average health insurance premium for our country's federal employees is rising this year at a rate that's comparable to private and other public-sector health insurance premiums – up 3.8 percent from the year before. Although modest, this increase will cause some federal workers and retirees to struggle. While employee salaries are frozen for two years as a sacrifice for deficit reduction, and retiree cost-of-living adjustments have not been paid the past two years, their living expenses keep increasing, including the cost of their health insurance premiums.**

**"Our nation's retired and active federal employees already pay 30 percent of their health care premiums – higher than many private-sector health insurance premiums.**

**"Unlike many public and private-sector employers, the Office of Personnel Management does not apply for an incentive payment made to employers that offer their retirees prescription drug coverage as generous as Medicare Part D. This billion dollar payment could have been used to lower worker and annuitant premium costs.**

**"NARFE supports an Obama administration proposal made part of the deficit-reduction package announced on September 19 that could contain prescription drug costs in the FEHBP. Under a plan similar to a recommendation first made by NARFE in 2001, the Office of Personnel Management would contract with a single pharmaceutical benefits manager, or 'PBM,' to negotiate discounts with drug manufacturers using the leverage of all nine million participants in the FEHBP. This proposal is modeled after the pharmacy benefit currently offered through the Defense Department's TRICARE For Life program. "While further review of the plan details is needed, NARFE supports the concept of better leveraging the nine million enrollees in the FEHBP to control skyrocketing drug prescription prices."**