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SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION!

John F. Surritte, President & National Legislative Coordinator:

This is our first newsletter for 2007. We have much to talk about.

First of all, the new Congress has introduced two new bills to eliminate the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Those bills are HR 82 in the House and S 206 in the Senate. In Kansas, Representatives Moore and Moran support HR 82. We need to contact Representatives Boyda and Tiahrt and Senators Brownback and Roberts to solicit their support for HR 82 and S 206. Thanks to John Lancaster, Area 4 VP, for bringing this to my attention. More information can be found in the GEMS bulletin dated January 12, 2007. We will also continue to work for re-introduction of Premium Conversion Legislation.

This leads me to the NARFE Legislative Conference, which will be held in Bethesda, MD, on March 3 through March 6, 2007. NARFE will pass on much information we in Kansas will need to successfully lobby our Senators and Representatives. We now have four folks from Kansas who have indicated they will attend, Linda Surritte, Gary Townson, Elizabeth Bornman and myself. We still need folks to attend from Congressman Moran's District. Please solicit your Chapter membership and encourage your members to attend. I am presently scheduling meetings with our Congressional members the morning of March 6. It's very important we have members from each Congressional District attend.

Our Junction City Chapter is making great progress on preparing for your 2007 State Convention. The convention will be held on April 29 through May 1. The program has been finalized and is included in this newsletter. The hotel is ready, the convention packages have been sent to each Chapter and all you have to do is send in your registration and make your hotel reservations. Please contact Jim Martin, Chapter President, or Dixie Thomas, Convention Coordinator, if you need assistance. I'm sure you will have a good time.

Don't forget the College of NARFE Knowledge, which will be held in South Sioux City, NB, August 29 through 31. This conference provides lots of good information, which will strengthen your Chapters in meeting the goals of our members. Remember that your Federation Board has approved an incentive of \$60.00 per Kansas member to attend this conference up to a limit of \$2300.00. Our National Field Vice President, Richard Thissen, will provide more information at our State Convention.

Congratulations for your efforts in 2006. We had very good participation in contacting our Congressional delegation. While we have not yet been successful in passing GPO/WEP Repeal and Premium Conversion, we were successful in protecting our present benefits. Your work throughout the year, especially during National Lobby Week, played a big part in this success. We also had a very good year in raising money for Alzheimer's Research. According to my beautiful wife, Linda, you raised \$3.86 per member, far exceeding your goal of \$3.30. Kansas NARFE raised over \$19,000. Finally, we have work to do on membership. According to Mr. Thissen, we lost over 150 members in 2006. We can and must do better in 2007. You and I can do better. We have over 22,000 retirees and 34,000 active Federal Employees in our State. We need to find them and sign them up.

In closing, I've had a good time serving as your President this past year. I've met many interesting and dedicated folks. I hope to meet more of you in the future. **SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION IN JUNCTION CITY.**

Gary E. Townson, 1st Vice President/PAC Coordinator:

Well we have successfully concluded another year. Financially NARFE-PAC supported Nancy Boyda's victorious effort to unseat Jim Ryun. We also contributed to our long time friend Congressman Moore's winning campaign. Kansas contributed \$19,644.10 to NARFE-PAC in the two-year cycle from January 2005 through December 2006. I expect us to receive a warm welcome from both Boyda and Moore when we go to Washington for the Legislative Training Session in March. Congress-man Jerry Moran is always congenial and even though Congressman Todd Tiahrt seldom supports our bills, he is still friendly (in a politician's manner). I am very pleased that H.R. 82 and S 206 were introduced in both the House and Senate on the first day of this session of Congress. These bills will entirely repeal both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) from Social Security. If this effort is successful, the majority of NARFE members will realize a financial increase monthly. We also intend to pursue the Premium conversion bills. Our PAC contributions are important to gaining the ear of our Legislators. I hope you all have a great winter. I am looking forward to spring. Hopefully we will see you at Legislative and/or the Federation Convention.

Thomas E. Raby, 2nd Vice

President/Membership:

Well, after a warm 4-5 weeks we now have experienced winter. I've seen, and passed on, some photos of the extreme snow and ice damage in western Kansas. We got an Arctic cold with ice, sleet and freezing rain on Jan. 12-14.

Most of this 2" of ice is still here and we got a fairly benign 5" of snow over this weekend. My article would have been submitted before this snow except that I fell on the ice Jan 17. (no broken bones, but possible rotator cuff damage) I'm still typing with mostly one hand. I'm offering this as a reason for not submitting a "kick-ass" article about membership. However, I do want to commend those in the federation that got personally involved in the election process in 2006. We have some true believers that know how to get things done. The election of Nancy Boyda could be a tuning point in our organization. It shows what individual and group efforts can accomplish. What we need to show now is an increase in numbers so we can continue to get the attention of candidates and officials.

The members in North Dakota continue to perform wonders in recruiting results. They have a better excuse than we do for not getting around in winter. I hope chapter officers, and Area VP's will provide me with some positive membership stories. We have to do more than replace our deceased members.

Start planning, now, for the convention in Junction City and the CONK in South Sioux City.

Carol R. Ek, Secretary:

Corrections Made

Area 1 Change Florence Roy, Alzheimer's Chair, address to Apt. 2203 and Telephone number to 913-663-1987

Area 1A Don McKim, Secretary/Treasurer of Chapter 2164, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2006.

Edith Ketter, Alzheimer's Chair of Chapter 1948: correct e-mail address to gketter@local.net

T. J. Robinson, Area 1A Vice-President: please use e-mail address tjrobinson@prepaidlegal.com when sending NARFE material.

Area 2 Cindy Blythe, President of Chapter 2099, Osage City: correct e-mail to cindy.r.blythe@uscg.mil

Area 2A Mark Peters, 2311 Samuel Pl., Independence, KS 67301-2040, and Telephone: 620-331-8831, New President for Chapter 1763, Independence.

Waldo L. Cain, P. O. Box 303, Independence, KS 67301-0303, Telephone 620-331-5522, New 1st Vice President for Chapter 1763, Independence.

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Area 4 John Lancaster, Area IV Vice-President no longer carries a FAX number.

Carol Howell, Treasurer of Chapter 537, Salt City: Carol passed away suddenly on December 21, 2007.

Lawrence R. Whitney, Secretary of Chapter 757, Cowley County: correct e-mail address to lmwhit@sucocoopwb.com

Melissa A. Whitney, Treasurer of Chapter 757, Cowley County: correct e-mail address to lmwhit@sucocoopwb.com

David A. Nigh, President of Chapter 1794, Heart of American: correct e-mail address to nighdna@hotmail.com

Area 6 Corrections: Brenda A. Myers, President of Chapter 1995: Address to P. O. Box 995 and telephone: 620-277-0027

Reflections and Goals

As I write this column for the newsletter mixed thoughts cross my mind, the travels that would never crossed my mind to take; the new friends I've met; the old friends I've lost; and the new goals yet to meet. As with everything in life, there are times when I question – is it really worth the time and money put into it?

Every day, that question is answered with a confirmed "Yes" and at the same time I wonder why more of our members don't wish to take this same journey? The hours spent working for NARFE are hours spent working for your friends and family. You can only hope during this journey that you reach a few of your goals. Send your resume` to Don Cooper to hold an office for the Federation during the coming year. Offer to hold a job in your Chapter. Our chapters are the grass roots of this organization. Some times when you don't even realize it, your input is being used directly to

headquarters then passed on to your congressmen for related issues.

The 2007 Kansas State Convention will be my fifth (5th) and hopefully will be as good as or better than the other four (4). Each one holds special memories.

Every year elections are held for officers for the coming year; reports are made from current year officers; committee meetings are held where you not only learn but help set goals for the coming year; headquarters sends it's representative to fill us in on the latest issues facing us; you eat too much good food and enjoy the convention site and city.

Junction City is hosting the convention and with the building boom have had a lot of obstacles to overcome. The site is wonderful and the members are going all out to make this a wonderful convention. I hope we will all support them and have one hundred percent chapter representation. Interstate 70 (I-70) takes you within approximately six (6) blocks of the convention site.

Dan Adcock, assistant director of legislation at headquarters, is the speaker this year. Dan has been to Kansas before and if you have heard him, you will enjoy him again. If you haven't had the opportunity to hear him, you will learn a lot.

Turn your Chapter forms in as soon as possible, make your hotel reservation, and meet us in Junction City.

Madelyn Brown, Treasurer:

Per Capita Dues are coming in, but there are a few chapters that have not sent theirs. Area VP's and Chapter President's please insure that their dues are paid. We would like all chapters to have a vote and the convention.

Agnes Shellhammer, Area I Vice-President:

I hope everyone had a nice Holiday Season. Mine was great. Went to a party every week in December and some weeks two. January seems dull after that. Not much to report going on in Area 1. Now it's time to get back to business as usual.

Theodore "T.J." Robinson, Area IA Vice-President:

Time is definitely something we can't control. Moving so rapidly, it's difficult to keep up with appointments, birthdays and suspense's. Point being made is that the Federation Convention is moving upon us within less than ninety days and already there are no longer double beds rooms available at the host hotel in Junction City only rooms with king beds. The Federation Secretary has forwarded a menagerie of letters and forms with information and suspense dates. Let us not procrastinate getting things taken care of, for there are no penalties for submitting early and ahead of suspense dates. Come on, everybody let's have 100% participation throughout the state at this year's Federation Convention.

Leavenworth's "Buffalo Bill" Chapter 27, once again promoted an enjoyable "Christmas Gala" with good food, entertainment and a chance to associate with members not often seen. Not to single out one chapter from another, there have been visits to other chapters, which are just as joyful and meaningful. Making visits to chapters around the state is sometimes difficult during the winter months. Telephone calls and Emails have mostly been the method of checking on and communicating. As the climate changes and the snow and ice tend to be less on the highways, travel to chapters will be more forthcoming. Be careful, stay healthy as possible and if we all keep watching the sunrise in the east, we'll soon meet in the spring.

Gale D. Beck, Area II Vice-President:

Area 2 Activities for the Area Vice President have been rather slow during this past Holiday Season. Joan and I did attend the Kansas City Chapter #1160 Christmas Meeting Friday, December 8, 2006. This we have done for the past 15 years excluding one year. It is always great to return once a year to visit, eat a great meal and to Celebrate Christmas. We always arrange so that we can be in Kansas City area for that particular Chapter meeting.

I installed officers for Iola Chapter #2077 on the first Monday in December and have provided several chapters with information on membership. Glenda Failing, Chapter Secretary for the Emporia Chapter #384 has asked for some specifics on membership and this I have provided by email and the Postal Route.

Meetings have been scheduled with Ottawa Chapter #785 on Tuesday, February 20th and Emporia Chapter #384 on Monday, March 12. Maxine Brown, President of the Ottawa Chapter

has asked for some assistance to rejuvenate their chapter and I hope we can start addressing this when the weather improves. Like many chapters they need new members, members that are interested in protecting their benefits and willing to be apart of NARFE.

UPCOMING CONVENTION. Every Chapter President in Region 2 should have received their "convention packet" by now. Please work with your chapter officers in seeing that the information you received from the Federation Secretary, Carol Ek, is shared with your membership. Ensure that all reports are submitted timely for the convention. **PLEASE DO NOT LAY IT ASIDE UNTIL THE APRIL MEETING TO ADDRESS.** Select your delegates now. Consider paying part of their expenses. After all those who attend from your chapter represent "all" of the membership of the chapter.

Attendance at the Convention. Our President, John Surritte has been able to secure Dan Adcock of NARFE's Legislative Department to be our guest speaker. Dan will also offer a "Power Point" Presentation on Sunday afternoon as well as speak at the Banquet on Monday evening. I have known Dan for many years and he is well qualified to represent NARFE in the Legislative Department. I might add that Dan is also a NARFE member in his own right, so make plans to attend. You may never have an opportunity to meet him and hear him speak again.

L.J. "Jim" Gaskell, Area IIA Vice-President

With the New Year well underway, it is time to be seriously planning for our NARFE Convention in Junction City. What I have heard about the programming and schedule for our meeting should make it a good one. I encourage each chapter to send as many delegates and members as possible. For chapters who had no one attending last year, remember the Federation has promised the chance to each chapter not attending last year to win up to \$200 dollars in a drawing. The odds cannot be more than 16 to 1 and could be better than that if not all chapters send delegates to this meeting.

All chapter officers and members need to focus on why we have a NARFE organization and chapters. It is very important for us to maintain and enlarge our membership in order to continue to be able to influence our congressional leadership in protecting our earned benefits.

As the federal debt continues to rise there will be more pressure on Congress to look for ways to cut

spending. Federal employees and federal retirees seems to be a group that are under continual pressure to fight off idea on how they can reduce the cost of wages and benefits for us.

We talk a lot about contacting our legislators when bills are before our legislators to reduce wages for workers or benefits for retirees. I am asking each person if they have not personally contacted their legislators in the past year concerning legislation we are concerned about to make yourself a promise that you will take action and not just be another member this year, letting "others" take care of that kind of business. This is important business for every retiree, worker and/or spouse.

W. Duane Evans, Area III Vice-President:

I have enjoyed attending your Chapter meetings and installing 2007 Chapter officers. We have strong capable leadership in each chapter. Thanks to each of you for assuming your leadership roles.

I have noticed how much chapter members enjoy being together. NARFE fellowship is a good thing. NARFE is our union to protect our individual benefits and further our fair share associated with changing legislation.

Thanks to Junction City for hosting the 2007 Kansas Federation Convention. Each chapter in our area has been excited about sending delegates to it. The facilities are excellent and the program will be beneficial for each member. We should have representatives from all chapters.

John Surritte sent me an e-mail January 18, 2007 requesting a few more members participate in the March 3-6, 2007 NARFE Legislative Conference. The State Federation will assist some with costs. Chapters may be able to help with costs as well. The Manhattan Chapter has two or three persons interested in going. Other chapters may have members wanting to go. Please contact John and let him know if interested.

John Lancaster, Area IV Vice-President:

Welcome to the world of ice, snow, sleet and cold weather. In spite of these adversities we need to look forward to better days!

In the line of better days, it should be noted that the 110th Congress has introduced HR82 and S 206. These bills both deal with the elimination of the GPO/WEP onus which saddles, among others, Federal retirees. As of this writing, there are 140 cosponsors on HR82 and 4 on S 206. Neither Kansas Senator has signed yet, nor only

Congressmen Dennis Moore and Jerry Moran have signed on the House bill.

I received an email from a member of the National Education Association and they are also pushing for an elimination of the GPO/WEP. I could not find them as a member of the coalition of persons with like interests listed on the NARFE web page nor could I find NARFE listed on their web page. It appears that NARFE should be diligent in looking for persons with similar interests to us. The email was forwarded to our Kansas NARFE President and Legislative chairs and our Region V Vice President. He did forward it to National.

Barry Rock, Former National Field Vice president from Region 1 has a good comment in one of his recent missives from the Northeast. He has asked why NARFE is not visiting with congressional members and seeing if we can get a progressive deduction of our premium conversion needs since we are having a hard time getting anything. His suggestion is to ask for something like 25% the first year, and 50% the second year, etc. It makes sense to me if they appear to use the cost as the detriment. A stepped deduction is better than nothing.

We look forward to seeing you all at the convention. There should be a tentative schedule elsewhere in the newsletter.

Ronald Katt, Area V Vice-President:

A wintry blast in Northwest Kansas brought power outage for the town of Grainfield from 3:00 a.m. December 30, 2006, until 6:00 p.m. January 3, 2007. The receipt of much needed moisture offsets the inconvenience and cost of no electricity. It is said that a storm is needed to break a pattern; therefore, the possibility exists that 2007 will be cool and moist instead of hot and dry.

All chapters should have received "Convention packets" for the 53rd annual convention to be held in Junction City, Kansas, April 29 – May 1, 2007. To assure a smooth convention each chapter needs to complete the reporting requirements within the time designated. To assure a successful convention, each chapter needs to be represented preferably by delegate or proxy.

As we start the year 2007 Area V wishes each NARFE member a healthy and happy year. It is also our wish that the year bring favorable passage of NARFE legislative issues that will result in not only maintaining but the receipt of earned benefits

for all Federal employees / retirees.

Bob Cranmer, Area VI Vice-President:

January has been a cold month. We were without electricity for only two days during the ice storm unlike most of Western Kansas who were without for several days.

I have visited most of my Chapters within the last 2 months. The rest of the chapters were visited by telephone.

Don't forget the Federation Convention in Junction City, April 29-30-May 1.

Jim Miller, State Legislative Chair:

Monday, January 22 was the last day for legislators to submit bills for consideration. Bills may still be submitted in several committees that will be of continued interest to NARFE members.

Thursday, February 1 will be the last day for many committees with these exceptions: Taxation (2) Ways and Means (3) Retirements (4) other "select" committees.

April 7 (yes, that is a Saturday) NO bills will be considered after this date, EXCEPT bills vetoes by Governor Sebelius; Omnibus; Appropriations; Omnibus Reconciliation Spending Limits.

Both the House and the Senate agreed to settle higher education issues early, in response to voter dissatisfaction with legislative logjams and extra sessions required in the past. The mood, so far, has been to try to solve as many problems as possible, even though problem solving requires compromise. There have been very few bitter disputes.

The KPERS retirement system (# 3 above) has been an issue, with one side demanding action on a COLA for retirees, and opposition hinting if a COLA is granted, to take a harder look at KPERS (and other retiree groups) income tax free status. That issue could mean trouble for our members...and those non-members who are simple minded enough to believe they don't need NARFE. (Membership plug there!)

Ron Richey, Topeka Chapter Legislative Chairman has monitored several key committee hearings and we will attend more, as priority dictates. Thursday, January 25 has two committee meetings scheduled, so we will divide forces and cover both.

If any member is on a first name basis with your KS Legislator and would like to attend any committee meetings or stop by their office, please let me know and we'll be glad to serve as guides.

The State House access is a little messed up due to remodeling, but we can still find our way around.

**Jodine A. Elwick, Service Officer:
Greetings from your State Service Officer:**

How nice to see the sunshine after all of the ice and snow! The moisture was certainly most welcomed in our area. It also kept us rather home-bound.

The 109th Congress ended the year by passing a tax and health care bill, which can be of benefit to us. The tax credit provided research and development tax credits through 2007, and a two-year extension of the college tuition education (\$3.3 billion) and a two-year renewal for the deduction for state and local sales tax in states with no income tax (\$5.5 billion). Other provisions included credits, deductions and other benefits related to energy production. For instance, if you have installed new storm windows or other energy saving remodeling that will provide an energy savings this past year, this may provide you a tax credit on your income taxes. The health care provisions eliminate the threat of the 5.1 percent in Medicare payments to physicians in 2007. Instead doctors will receive zero percent payment update, meaning they will not receive a reduction in their reimbursements.

I hope you are all reading your NARFE magazine each month, as there is so much valuable information in each of the issues. I note that NARFE is receiving many more questions from active employees. I'm sure this is a result of the reduction of personnel offices in many of the facilities and not having knowledgeable individuals on staff to answer their questions. Remember this is a good recruiting tool for enrolling current active federal employees. There were some excellent questions and answers in the February issue for both retired and active members.

Important dates for all our NARFE members are April 29 – May 1, 2007 for our 53rd Annual Convention, being hosted by the “Old Trooper” Chapter 383, Junction City, Kansas, at the Courtyard by Marriott and Convention Center, 310 Hammons Drive, Junction City, KS 66441. (Phone 1-800-321-2211 or 1-785-210-1500) DEADLINE for registration is April 13, 2007. Register to be there and to serve as a delegate if your Chapter needs delegates! It's and enjoyable time as well as very informational. Contact your Chapter President for enrollment forms and additional information. I'm planning

on being there and hope you will too.

With a new congress being seated it is important to watch for legislation that can affect Federal employees. Your input Counts! Your officers will keep you informed.

Remember, if you have a benefits question or problem, I'll do my best to help you with an answer. If you call and I'm not home, please leave your number and I will return your call.

Linda A. Surritte, Kansas Alzheimer's Chair:

As of this date, the Kansas chapters have collected \$19,696.21, which computes to \$3.86 per member for calendar year 2006. Our goal was \$3.30 per member. You've surpassed that goal! THANK YOU. I will be sending the final 2006 totals to Chapter Alzheimer's Chairs in early April.

Well, we are starting to make plans for the Federation Convention to be held April 29-May 1, 2007 in Junction City. The Alzheimer's committee at that convention will establish our 2007 goal. We will again have both the live and silent auctions during the convention. Remind your chapter members to start thinking about items they may be willing to donate. The success of these fundraisers depends on the quantity and quality of these items. This year, we are requesting that donated items be new or 'antique quality' and have an estimated auction value of at least \$3 or more. As usual, crafted items are especially appreciated. Your chapter may also be willing to donate a purchased item using chapter funds, if approached, or a local business may be willing to donate an item if asked. Remember that tracking credit for auction items goes to the donating chapter.

If your chapter is interested in having a drawing to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research, please look for detailed information in my article in the 'Dec 2006 / Jan 2007 Newsletter'.

The Alzheimer's Association is now making Alzheimer's logo pins available to NARFE chapters free of charge. These pins, which are available in gold tone or silver tone, can be used for fundraising when offered for donation, which is suggested at \$5 per pin. I sent order forms to all chapter Alzheimer's Chairs, or designees, in early January. If you want pins and do not have an order form available, contact me and I will mail one to you. A maximum of 50 pins per chapter can be ordered, but please be cognizant of the Alzheimer's Association's production and distribution costs and only order what you will be able to use. Funds collected from distribution of these pins should be

sent to me along with any other contributions using the normal contribution submission procedures.

Reminder: All checks you submit to me should be made out to **“NARFE/Alzheimer’s Research”**.

(Checks made out to “NARFE/Alzheimer’s” or “Alzheimer’s/NARFE” will also be accepted.) If you have Internet access, the regular monthly contribution submission form is available on the KS NARFE website (www.ksnarfe.org) as option # 32. If you need an original of this form and do not have Internet access, just contact me and I will send one to you. You can then copy as needed.

Jim Dodd, NARFE Netter/Historian:

The Convention program is enclosed at the end of this newsletter. **SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE CONVENTION!**

Donald Cooper, Immediate Past President/Public Relations:

Immediate Past President - One of the duties of the Immediate Past President of the Federation is to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. May I ask that if any of you are interested in being a candidate for consideration of one of the elected offices of the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapter, please make that fact known to me. Prepare a biographic statement of your qualifications for the position of the Federation Office and why you believe you are qualified to be a Candidate for that position. If you know of a member, who you feel should be seeking nomination to the Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters, please make that fact known to them.

Public Relations - Do your part in letting others know of the purpose of NARFE. There are 20,000 federal annuitants in Kansas who need to hear the message of what NARFE is doing for them and what their membership in NARFE can do for the strengths of NARFE. Much of what NARFE is expected to do for the protection of Federal Workers’ earned and future benefits are dependent upon the strength by numbers. As the politicians we are asking to protect our earned benefits look at the record and note what percentage of the annuitants are members of NARFE, they can't be too impressed with our only having about 26% of eligible persons in our membership. Ask yourself, how many of the people of my acquaintance, have I asked to become a NARFE member? How many active federal workers do I know? How many have I taken the time to inform

them of their stake in the success of NARFE objectives?

Chapter Presidents, have you secured a Public Relations Officer for your chapter? Have you encouraged that person to take a report of your Chapter meeting to the local News Media? Every NARFE Chapter should have a Public Relations Chairperson. I note in the F-7 summary of the 2007 Chapter Officers a number of the Chapters do not show a name in the Public Relations spot. If your Chapter is one of those not having a Public Relations Chairperson – “go shopping” for a good person to fill that position.

A part of public relations is the recognition of those persons who have performed activities that have benefited NARFE in your Chapter area. The Chapter Secretaries have received a form from the Federation Secretary, in the convention packet, that is to be used for the submission of name of persons deserving an award, in recognition of the good work they have done in your Chapter. Fill out one of those forms to nominate deserving members for an award certificate.

Have you considered the use of clothing for making others aware of the existence of NARFE. Check out the NARFE store for shirts, jackets, caps, etc. That is another opportunity for Public Relations.

Don't forget the NARFE Displays. I have the Federation owned NARFE Displays and the banners. Give me a request by email, phone or letter and I can mail the display material to you.

NARFE works for you when NARFE members work for NARFE.

Dixie Thomas, EDITOR:

Newsletter is a “bit” longer this month. NARFE has so much going on and that keeps Chapters and members at all levels working hard. With the convention plans, our “Old Trooper” Chapter members are extremely busy and as one of the Alzheimer’s ladies said last week, “I’m NARFE’D OUT!” But they get rejuvenated and start on the next project. **SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE STATE CONVENTION!** It’s going to be informative, supportive and FUN!

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NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS 8TH QUARTER 2005-2006 CYCLE NATIONAL

		CONTRI- STATE BUTORS		AMOUNT
1	CA	6780	\$	146,906.65
2	VA	3520	\$	82,351.22

3	FL	3920	\$	77,577.39
4	MD	3434	\$	75,318.54
5	PA	3842	\$	67,930.49
6	TX	2719	\$	57,491.00
7	NY	2616	\$	44,374.00
8	WA	1946	\$	44,366.16
9	OH	1993	\$	36,572.50
10	IL	1817	\$	34,344.39
11	NJ	1915	\$	32,789.00
12	NC	1506	\$	30,333.75
13	AZ	1400	\$	29,514.00
14	MO	1436	\$	29,368.82
15	GA	1491	\$	28,491.50
16	CO	1209	\$	26,781.00
17	MA	1498	\$	26,249.61
18	MI	1302	\$	25,458.50
19	OR	1051	\$	24,459.50
20	MN	1128	\$	22,504.00
21	TN	953	\$	20,330.00
22	KS	1195	\$	19,644.10
23	WI	1017	\$	19,642.25
24	AL	968	\$	18,743.16
25	IN	968	\$	17,915.60
26	IA	938	\$	17,410.57
27	HI	795	\$	15,058.00
28	KY	796	\$	14,731.50
29	OK	731	\$	13,843.95
30	SC	666	\$	12,832.00
31	LA	580	\$	11,189.00
32	NM	546	\$	10,865.39
33	AR	583	\$	10,661.09
34	DC	378	\$	10,448.00
35	WV	449	\$	9,493.50
36	MS	486	\$	9,223.00
37	NV	447	\$	9,130.00
38	NE	486	\$	8,732.00
39	CT	487	\$	8,323.00
40	ID	374	\$	7,602.00
41	SD	378	\$	7,333.87
42	ND	393	\$	7,100.50
43	UT	345	\$	6,909.00
44	MT	327	\$	6,764.00
45	ME	325	\$	5,865.00
46	NH	288	\$	5,626.00
47	RI	328	\$	5,414.00
48	DE	228	\$	4,357.00
49	AK	147	\$	4,047.50
50	PR	198	\$	3,225.00
51	WY	113	\$	2,237.00
52	VT	87	\$	1,590.00
53	MISC	16	\$	611.00
54	RP	3	\$	300.00
55	GU	4	\$	65.00
56	JP	1	\$	15.00
57	PI	1	\$	10.00
58	VI	0	\$	-
		2804	\$	54,136.00

TOTAL 63548 \$1,270,470.00

Total NARFE contributions to PAC during Oct/Nov/Dec06
\$ 11,444.50

Kansas 2007 NARFE CONVENTION (DRAFT PROGRAM)
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007

12:30-5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION Conv. Ctr. Hallway
12:30-5:00 P.M. CREDENTIALS Conv. Ctr. Hallway
12:30-5:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY Sunflower Room

12:00 p.m. Sunday to 4:15 P.M. Monday--
-----SILENT AUCTION-- Cottonwood Bb

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. AUDIT Wheat Boardroom
1:00 P.M. NOMINATIONS Prairie Room
1:30 P.M. ALZHEIMER Cottonwood Bb
1:30 P.M. CONST & BYLAW Room F
1:30 P.M. GEN RESOLUTIONS Room F
1:30 P.M. LEGISLATIVE/PAC Room D
(National & State)
1:30 P.M. RETIREMENT BENEFITS Room E
(Service Officers)
1:30P.M. RULES (of Convention) Room F
1:30 P.M. TIME & PLACE Cedar Room
1:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP Room E
3:00 P.M. ROUNDTABLE FORUM Room C
(Hosted by Federation & State Officers, Immediate Past President)
4:15 P.M. Federation Board Meeting Prairie Room
5:15 P.M. Sunday Buffet Dinner GREEN TICKET REQUIRED
Cottonwood Ballroom A & B

6:45 p.m. Opening Session Cottonwood C
Call to Order John Surritte
Presentation of Colors VFW 8773
Pledge of Allegiance Dixie Thomas
Invocation Otis Scroggins
Welcome to Junction City J C Mayor
Response Jim Martin
Introduction of Federation Officers Carol Ek
Introduction of Dignitaries John Surritte
Remarks & Announcements Dixie Thomas
Alzheimer Auction Linda Surritte
Door Prizes
Recess until Monday Morning

Alzheimer Live Auction

Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC

7:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m. Cottonwood C
Linda Surritte
Silent Auction Cottonwood Bb
Linda Surritte
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday
7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday

MONDAY APRIL 30, 2007

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
7:30-8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION Conv. Ctr. Hallway
8:30 am. Business Session Cottonwood C
Invocation Otis Scroggins
Pledge of Allegiance Gary Townson
Introduction of Federation Officers Carol Ek
Introduction of National Officers John Surritte
Introduction of Guest Federation Officers John Surritte
Preliminary Credentials Report June Buckles
Rules Committee Report Regina Barger
Reading of Minutes & Correspondence Carol Ek
Federation Officer Reports

President	John Surritte
1st Vice President	Gary Townson
2nd Vice President	Thomas Raby
Secretary	Carol Ek
Treasurers Report	Madelyn Brown
Audit Committee Report	-----
Nomination Report	Donald Cooper
Election of Officers (2007-2008)	John Surritte
10:15 A.M. — 10:45 a.m.	
30 Minute Break	Conv. Center Hallway
<u>Sponsored by Blue Cross / Blue Shield</u>	
Door Prizes	
10:45 a.m. Business Session Resumes	John Surritte
Resolution Committee Report	T. J. Robinson
Const & By Laws Report	Harold Gottsch
Officer Reports — Area Vice Presidents	
Area I	Agnes Shellhammer
Area IA	T. J. Robinson
Area II	Gale Beck
Area IIA	Jim Gaskell
Area III	Duane Evans
Area IV	John Lancaster
Area V	Ronald Katt
Area VI	Robert Cranmer
12:00 NOON	Luncheon — <u>BLUE TICKET REQUIRED</u>
	Cottonwood A & Ba
Speakers:	Richard Thissen
	(Region V Field Vice President)
	Barb Pretzer
	(National Alzheimer's Chair)
1:30 P.M.	Cottonwood ---C
	Call to Order John Surritte
1:35 P.M.	Memorial Service Abilene Chapter
	Invocation Otis Scroggins
	Reading of names Carol Ek
	Memorial Placement Area Vice Presidents
	Benediction Otis Scroggins
2:15 P.M.	Area Delegate Caucus & Election of Area VP's
	Gary Townson, 1st Vice President
	Area 1 Agnes Shellhammer
	Area IA T. J. Robinson
	Area 2 Gale D. Beck
	Area 2A L. Jim Gaskell
	Area 3 Duane Evans
	Area 4 John Lancaster
	Area 5 Ronald Katt
	Area 6 Robert Cranmer
2:45 P.M.	BREAK- Conv. Center Hallway
	<u>Sponsored by GEHA</u>
	Door Prizes
3:15 P.M.	Introduction of Area Vice Presidents Gary Townson
	State Legislative Report James Miller
3:45 P.M.	National Legislative Report John Surritte
	Vendors Drawings
	Recess John Surritte
4:15 P.M.	<u>SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES – PICK UP ITEMS</u>
5:30 P.M.	Social Hour (Cash Bar) Conv. Center Hallway
6:30 P.M.	Banquet ----- <u>RED TICKET REQUIRED</u>
	Cottonwood A & Ba
Master of Ceremonies	John Surritte
Invocation	Otis Scroggins
Dinner Entertainment	Charles E. Faulke
<u>Banquet</u>	(Piano music)
Story Teller	Marge Chamberlin
Introduction of Guests	John Surritte

Introduction of National Guest	John Surritte
Banquet Address	Dan Adcock
(Legislative Division, National HQ)	
Installation of Officers	Richard Thissen
Recognition of Convention Committees	Dixie Thomas
Door Prizes	
Closing Remarks	John Surritte

Recess till 8:30 Tuesday
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007
BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:30 A.M.	Cottonwood Ballroom -----C
	Business Session Resumes
	Call to Order John Surritte
	Invocation Otis Scroggins
	Flag Salute John Surritte
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
	PAC Gary Townson
	ALZHEIMERS Linda Surritte
	CREDENTIALS June Buckles
	MEMBERSHIP & AWARDS Thomas Raby
10:15	30 Minute Break No Refreshments
10:45	RETIREMENT BENEFIT SERVICES
	(Service Officer) Jodine Elwick
	TIME AND PLACE L. James Gaskell
	CLOSING REMARKS John Surritte
	ADJOURNMENT

11:30—1:30 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (No lunch)
Sunflower Meeting Room

