

Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters
Regular Executive Board Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Junction City, Kansas
October 19, 2010

The Federation Fall Executive Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Junction City, Kansas.

Judy Etter, Chaplain, Area 1A Vice President, gave the invocation. Dixie Thomas, 1st Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was made by Louise Lloyd, Federation Secretary. All 19 board members were present.

Present:

- Carol Ek, President
- Dixie Thomas, 1st Vice President and Public Relations Chair
- Cindy Renee Blythe, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair
- Louise Lloyd, Secretary
- G.P. (Jerry) Ketter, Treasurer
- Robert Cranmer, Immediate Past President
- Florence (Flo) Mehl, Area 1 Vice President
- Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice President
- Gale D. Beck Area 2 Vice President and Training Officer
- Gary Kilgore, Area 2A Vice President
- Donald L. Cooper, Area 3 Vice President and PAC Chair
- Gary E. Townson, Area 4 Vice President and National Legislature Chair
- Ronald Katt, Area 5 Vice President
- Brenda Myers, Area 6 Vice President and Time and Place Chair
- James F. Miller, State Legislative Chair
- Janice A. Neuschafer, Alzheimer's Chair
- James E. Dodd, Historian/NARFE Netter
- Walter Germann, Retirement Benefits
- Richard Thissen, Region V. Vice President

Quorum – Louise Lloyd, Secretary confirmed that there was a quorum present.

Minutes of June 2-3, 2010 Meetings:

Minutes of all meetings had been mailed for availability of all members in advance of this meeting. Louise Lloyd moved that reading of the minutes be waived. (Robert's Rules of Order, Page 343). The motion was seconded by Don Cooper. Unanimous approval was given with an "aye" vote

Report by Region V Vice President Richard Thissen

Insurance Plans - Vice President Thissen reported that the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Care family plan rate was being increased by \$30 per month. Richard circulated a copy of the various 2011 rate schedules for the various health care plans for 2011. Richard indicated that more significant rate increases may actually occur next year after the additional expenses realized because of the new Health care law have been calculated and factored into the plans. Richard did mention that BC/BS policy on generic medications has changed, as there will no longer be free refills on the generic prescriptions.

Richard emphasized that Federal employees and retirees only account for 2.4 million votes, whereas Social Security affects 46 million people, thus we don't have as much influence. There is a public misunderstanding that federal employees and retirees don't contribute to health care, but in reality, government pays 72% of the health care premiums on a weighted average. The easiest and fastest way Congress can see some real savings would be to cut the percentage of participation that the government makes to the health care premiums. He emphasized that the news media has been steadily trying to tell its readers that public employees and retirees are overpaid and receive too many benefits compared to others. Our benefits are more threatened by all this media attention than at any other time in recent years.

Richard emphasized that with upcoming elections it is important to meet with all the candidates and incumbents since we don't know who may get elected. Regarding incumbents, he emphasized that the Debt Commission is to issue its report in December. The current incumbents will still be in office at the time this report is issued so it's important to visit with these incumbents and make it clear that our trust fund is solvent, and will continue to get even better as more CSRS retirees pass away, as FERS annuitants draw less than CSRS annuitants.

Dues Increase — Richard emphasized that if you renew your dues between now and March 1st, you will be renewed at the current rate. In trying to recruit new members, we can offer them the reduced rate of \$33 for their first year if they join by January 1st, after that the dues increase to \$45 for the first year. For those under dues withholding, dues will be only \$34 a year. If you are interested in becoming a life member, the amounts will increase after January 1st, so important to become a life member before that date to get rate based on current \$29 national membership dues.

HQ Going Green Initiative— Richard discussed HQ new policy regarding HQ going paperless for reports, and charging federations and chapters if they want to continue to receive paper reports, and checks rather than electronic deposits. Richard indicated that at the upcoming November meeting of NARFE Executive Board (NEB) that he intends to ask for relief on implementation of the new policy on chapters.

Dues Increase for AFE's — Richard announced that NARFE is going to break its promise regarding changing the dues for Active Federal employees, that the dues for AFE's will increase to \$35, \$62, and \$83. Renewing for three years is the best option. He indicated there could be some changes after the November NEB meeting. With overall dues increases, it is anticipated that almost 20,000 members will not renew next year. It will become more important than ever for chapters to work to retain existing members.

GPO/WEP/Premium Conversion - Richard indicated that he sees no change will be made on the GPO/WEP issue, or premium conversion. He also indicated that after 2014, members of congress will no longer be under the FEHBP, so after that the FEHBP will probably not receive any support from the congress after they are out of the plan.

On a positive note, federal employees and annuitants have not lost one benefit since 1993, we even added about five benefits this past year and those particularly were of benefit to active employees.

Transfer of Secretary Files — July 6, 2010.

Gale Beck made motion that the \$200 expended to transfer the secretary files from McPherson to Lenexa, Kansas (previously approved with ten yes votes) be approved. Motion seconded by Bob Cranmer, unanimous approval was given with an "aye" vote.

2011 Convention

Dixie Thomas introduced the following committee members of the 2011 Federation Convention: Jim Mitchell, Convention Co-Chair; Jim and Vi Martin, Chapter 0383 President and spouse; and Nancy Wiehl, Convention Financial Chair.

Copies of the proposed budget, letter of invitation from host chapter, and registration form had been provided to each member prior to the meeting via e-mail.

- a. *Letter of Invitation and Registration Form*- The letter of invitation and registration form were reviewed with the Executive Board. President Ek pointed out that if they wanted the welcome letter printed in color, that it would cost additional money. Jim Dodd agreed that he could print all the copies of the letter needed and get to the secretary for the mailing of the convention packet. President Ek indicated that 150 copies would be needed. (Note: she later contacted Jim to indicate that actually 350 copies would be needed, as a copy would be needed for each eligible delegate in all the chapters). It was suggested that it be made clear that breakfast was not included in the meal package. Richard Thissen pointed out that if attendees join the Marriott Rewards program, they can get \$2 discount on the price of the breakfast offered by the hotel. It was suggested that this opportunity for a discount on the meals be mentioned in the welcome letter. It was recommended that the printing at the bottom of the registration form be made larger to emphasize this.
- b. *Proposed budget*— The proposed budget for the 2011 Annual Convention was reviewed with the Executive Board. Each line item was explained and questions were answered. Committee will be requesting \$300 advance from the Federation. Richard Thissen recommended that the committee contact the NARFE Federal Credit Union to see if they would make a contribution for the convention. It was indicated that it may be difficult to get donation from GEFIA, as Kelly the primary contact for the past few years no longer is the contact for Kansas.
- c. *Meals and Refreshments* — Proposed meals as reflected on budget include taxes and 21% gratuity. President Ek suggested different type of lunch be considered due to potential allergies and digestive issues with the spices and salad items. Refreshments showed cinnamon rolls for Monday morning. Gary Townson moved that we omit food items on Monday morning, motion seconded, unanimous approval was given with an "aye" vote. For Monday morning refreshments it was generally agreed to just serve coffee and iced tea, and for the afternoon refreshments it was agreed that we have both iced tea and lemonade. Gale Beck mentioned that he can get Russell Stover's candy to put on tables for the banquet, Jim Mitchell will check to be sure that's allowed by the convention center.
- d. *Hospitality*— It was suggested that the committee inquire if we could bring in our own food and drinks to the hospitality room if it was in the hotel. Jim Mitchell indicated that the hotel had let him do that for another convention that he was recently involved in at the hotel. He will check

to see if he can get meeting room, and with that would just have to purchase the coffee. If the hotel will not allow us to bring in our refreshments, Gary Townson suggested that Federation might consider paying for using a hotel room to be the hospitality suite, and thus we could bring in our own refreshments.

- e. Honor Guard - As to honor guard, no cost determined yet, as still looking at possibilities for honor guard. Entire division of Fort Riley currently deployed, so if they aren't available, might be able to get ROTC, which he has used for another event. However, it was recommended that try to get soldiers from Fort Riley if at all possible.
- f. Microphones — It was agreed that two microphones (preferably wireless) would be needed, one for the podium and one for the floor.
- g. Decorations — Dixie reported that the committee is considering using a 150th Birthday theme as Kansas will celebrate its birthday in 2011. It was suggested that the committee check with the Kansas Wheat Commission in Manhattan, the Department of Commerce, as well as the Kansas Soybean Commission, both located in Topeka for possible displays or decorations they might have. Contact Gary Kilgore to get address for these offices.

Based on recommendations made regarding budgeted items, and savings realized by elimination of some of the refreshment costs, it was suggested that the convention committee see if they could now offer some kind of package deal for those attending the convention. Revised total budgeted expenses is \$12,356.70 (as of 11/15/10). Based on recommended changes to budget, Brenda Myers moved that we accept proposed budget as corrected, motion seconded, motion passed.

Convention Chairs Appointed

Based on a review of the appointments of chairmanships of committees for the convention, it was noted that only the Memorial Committee is currently without a chairman. It was agreed that President Ek will provide a CD player and that the Secretary will bring the music for the Memorial. Area Vice-Presidents will now read the names for each of their areas.

Requesting Representative from Headquarters to Attend Convention

It was generally agreed that National President, Joe Beaudoin, be the first choice and then request someone i.e., Dan Adcock from the Legislative Department as 2nd choice, with Chuck Timanus being the next choice. Federation would be expected to pay for the registration and planned meals of the speaker.

Auctioneer for Live Alzheimer's Auction

No auctioneer has been selected yet for the live auction. It was recommended that the committee try to locate an auctioneer who has had family member with Alzheimer's. Brown's Auction was the company used when the Convention was last held in Junction City. The auctioneer used In Topeka did not charge. The committee should contact Jim Miller if they want to ask the same individual as used at the Topeka Convention.

Computer — Internet Access

Jim Mitchell reported that the Convention Center charges \$100 to provide internet access. However, if a computer workshop is held in the hotel meeting rooms, there is no additional charge for Internet access. It was suggested that if they could get the Riley Room where the Federation Board Meeting was held, that room would have wireless Internet access that was working well. Richard Thissen indicated that he didn't anticipate needing internet access for his presentations, but if needed, he would be able to cover the costs as part of his allowable expenses. Richard also indicated he has access to three projectors and four computers if needed for a computer class.

Treasurer's Report—Jerry Ketter

Jerry Ketter provided a treasurer's report to each member. The report compared the income and expenses from April 26th to October 18th for last year and this year. The current regular checking account balance is \$5,290.89 (as of 10/19/10) with a separate CD balance of \$3,000 as of May 9, 2010. If necessary to keep current with paying vouchers withdrawing the CD will be necessary at a very small cost because of the low interest earning. Expenses have been higher because of the \$2,500 awarded for attendance at the National Convention and the two day Federation Executive Board training meeting held in June.

Break Taken for Lunch and Tour of Hotel and Convention Center.

A walk through of the accommodations was made with the tour led by Valerie Guy the Catering Manager. The facility appears to be adequate to handle all facets of the convention. The hotel has 119 hotel rooms, six of which are accessible for those with disabilities.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

National Legislative Conference

Discussion held about how much should be allocated for board members to attend the National Legislative Conference in March. Judy Etter made motion that we send two Executive Board members to attend the Legislative Conference with allowance of \$1,000 each. Motion seconded, motion passed with unanimous "aye" vote. It was generally agreed that the individuals that attend should be from different congressional districts. It was also agreed that one of the individuals should be Gary Townson as he is the Federation's National Legislative Chair.

Revisions to Policies and Procedures Manual

Paragraph 423 (a) - Vouchers for Expenses Must Be Presented to Federation Treasurer

Jerry Ketter made motion that Paragraph 423 (a) be revised to read as follows: that claims for expenses incurred more than six months ago should not be reimbursed. Motion seconded, and approved with a unanimous "aye" vote.

Report On Membership and Revitalization of Chapter 1939 Trip

Carol Ek, Bob Cranmer, Cindy Renee Blythe, Gary Townson and Gale Beck all reported on trip to Kingman, Anthony, Medicine Lodge and Pratt areas to work with Chapter 1939 in order to revitalize chapter. Generally these individuals felt the meetings held were productive, but were disappointed that there weren't more people in attendance. It was also agreed that in the future it would be better not to have meetings on a Saturday, as some of the offices were closed on Saturday. Overall, at least seven people were recruited for NARFE as a result of the trip. And several people seemed very enthusiastic and may be willing to be officers. President Ek noted that of all the individuals she talked to, none expressed particular concern about the dues increase. Overall it was also agreed that there was still a lot of work that needs to be done to educate individuals in the area what NARFE is, Cindy indicated that she had recommended that they hold quarterly meetings and rotate those meetings to different cities, i.e., Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Pratt, etc. (See attached board member reports for additional information about the meetings held in these areas.)

Richard Thissen advised President Ek if she would submit a report that was written up properly it might qualify for matching funds, emphasizing that it was done under the auspices of Public Relations, and Membership/ recruitment purposes and included visiting some post offices and other government offices.

It was suggested that the Area Vice-Presidents provide some NARFE magazines and postage free NARFE applications and Life membership information to some of the Farm Services Offices and Post offices, as many of these will allow you to visit them and provide this information.

Gale Beck Federation Advisor Report

Gale recommended that every chapter should have a membership chair and each chapter should be encouraged to have two to three people on the Membership committee. With the additional committee members it might allow more contact to be made to those members who get 2nd renewal notices. Gale also encouraged chapters to make good use of the information contained in the Federation newsletters as these contain a lot of useful information. The Chapter Presidents should share this information at chapter meetings. Gale reported that he had attended the FSA National Convention in Arkansas, with over 500 people in attendance.

Newsletter — President Ek thanked everyone for articles submitted for the newsletter, and encouraged everyone to send her pictures of NARFE events they wish to be included and she will try to include as many as possible in the Federation newsletter.

HQ charging for Paper reports - In order for chapters to advise HQ that they no longer need paper copies of reports, chapters should complete the appropriate block on the F-7 forms to indicate they no longer want the paper reports. At the present time, it is planned that chapters will be charged for paper reports. It was noted that the Direct Deposit forms will have to be printed out and be completed with the bank's information /signature. In the future HQ will charge chapters and Federations \$1.00 per paper check issued.

HQ Correspondence — President Ek indicated that she has tried to share any information she receives from NARFE HQ with the Executive Board. Richard Thissen mentioned that NARFE PAC reports now available to everyone on the computer.

Officer Reports

See attachments for the complete reports from the Federation Board members. Following are a few highlights from reports given by various board members:

Membership/recruitment - Based on discussion of F-100 form, it was discussed that it is OK to use this document as a tool in recruitment. It should also be noted that the F-100 form is available on the NARFE website and can be completed on line, and you can make changes to the document affecting only the pages in need of change.

Alzheimer's— Richard Thissen announced that Barb Pretzer has agreed to be the National Alzheimer's Chair for one additional year.

Chapter Anniversaries

- Area 2 A- Fort Scott and Chanute Chapters will celebrate 50th anniversaries in 2011.
- An Area 5 meeting was held in Stockton, Kansas on October 20, 2010, which also celebrated Stockton Chapter 2085's 25th Anniversary. Richard Thissen was in attendance to present the award to the chapter.

Meeting Adjourned

This meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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Secretary, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters

President's Report

October 19th, 2010, Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 5th, 2010, I attended the Chapter 0027, Buffalo Bill, Leavenworth, chapter picnic meeting where I installed officers for the 2010 year. The first elected President and 1st Vice President had resigned and new officers were elected. New officers are very enthused about assuming office and approximately 110 members were in attendance to support them. Janice Neuschafer, State Alzheimer's Chair, joined me on this trip. Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice President; and Donald Cooper, Area 3, Vice President and PAC Chair joined me on the program for the event.

Wednesday, August 11th, 2010. I attended the Chapter 0537, Salt City, Hutchinson, chapter picnic meeting. The guest speaker was Mike Zamrzla, representative for Jerry Moran who is running for election for Kansas State Senator. Approximately 70 were in attendance. Gary Townson, Area 4 Vice President joined me for the event.

On August 26, 2010, I picked up Janice Neuschafer, McPherson; and, Madelyn Brown, Junction City driving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to attend the National NARFE Convention. We returned home on September 4th, 2010. We had a very enjoyable trip and appreciated all of the work put toward holding the Convention. I attended the Federation Presidents meeting on August 27th, Both Janice and Madelyn assisted Barb Pretzer with the Alzheimer's donations.

September 16th, 2010, I attended the Chapter, 2137, Chisholm Trail, Abilene, Foeschler Annual Picnic meeting. Don Saunders provided steaks, shrimp, chicken and noodles and a huge Birthday cake in honor of the event. Janice Neuschafer and Donald Cooper joined the event and shared in the program. Approximately 30 were in attendance.

September 28, 2010, I attended Chapter 1162, Shawnee Mission, Shawnee, covered dish dinner meeting. Janice Neuschafer, Alzheimer's Chair; and Donald Cooper joined the event and share in the program. Approximately 32 were in attendance at the meeting.

October 15 and 16. I joined Juanita Henning, President of Chapter 1939, Ninnescah Valley Chapter, Kingman; Gary Townson, Area 4 Vice President; Cindy Renee Blythe, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair; Gale Beck, Area 2 Vice President and Federation Advisor; and Robert and Carla Cranmer, Immediate Past President and Advisor to Executive Board, for a recruitment and revitalization tour. Everything I wanted was not accomplished however I have a very positive view for this type of program for other areas of the State. The meeting in Kingman, Anthony, and Medicine Lodge were very positive. The meeting in Pratt was somewhat effective but did not carry the results of the other meetings. I need to find someone in that area that I can talk to that will give me information on why NARFE has a negative reputation. There are 60 annuitants in Pratt with only 5 being members of NARFE and the other 55 negative or unresponsive. One member who visited with us was very responsive however cannot participate a lot because of eye blindness. The other was very satisfied with the organization but was very pessimistic toward any participate from Pratt potential members. Juanita is respective to work with several of the new members who expressed interest in becoming officers. I plan to see what the next month reports bring on possible membership answers with letters sent out and then plan another meeting with all members to iron out any changes that need to be made. There are 180 potential retired annuitants and at least 40 potential active employees in this chapter area. Gary

Townson visited with two (2) Post Masters (Kingman and Anthony) and Gale Beck and Cindy Blythe met with NRCS (Soil Conservation) and FSA Offices in Kingman and Anthony. We could not visit active employees in Medicine Lodge and Pratt because it was Saturday. Participants expressed positive meetings with both offices. This was the first of these types of revitalization efforts for chapters. I believe at this time we have made positive strides. I will not plan Friday and Saturday tours again — I tried it this first time hoping it would bring in Active employees but I believe the office visits (if possible) are better. We will go to a **possible** Thursday and Friday attempt the next time around. We did get 4 (four) new members; one (1) pretty positive member; and, two (2) transfers for the chapter.

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It has been a slow summer with NARFE, up until the last few weeks. I have attended meetings of the Chapter 1996 Scott City, Chapter 1709 Great Bend and worked with Chapter 1939. Service Officer Walt Germann presented a great program to Chapter 1996 Scott City last week. Ask him where Scott City, KS is located.

Chapter 1939 President Juanita Henning asked the Kansas Federation for help with their struggling chapter.

Federation President Carol Ek assembled a team of Cindy Rene & Blythe (2nd VP and Membership Chair), Gary Townson (Area 4 VP), Gale Beck (Area 2 VP and training officer), and herself to help Chapter 1939, Kingman with their Chapter. Four meetings were held in the towns of Kingman, Anthony, Medicine Lodge, and Pratt. Chapter President Juanita Henning arranged for the team to be in Kingman Friday morning, October 15, 2010, and Anthony Friday afternoon and Medicine Lodge Saturday morning October 16, 2010, and Pratt Saturday afternoon. Even with the turnout small at each meeting, 7 new members were enrolled with lots of enthusiasm. All Government Agency's were visited in the area if open. The team asked for names of everyone in the community who were annuitants and not members of NARFE.

Workers all over the country, still do not know about NARFE. Every member of NARFE needs to talk to the annuitants they know or drink coffee with, ect. Educate the country about NARFE.

Immediate Past President Robert Cranmer asked to attend because of his prior work in the area.

I am still repairing hail damage from the August 14th storm.

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Immediate Past President
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Dixie Thomas, 1st Vice President

On 19 July I sent out an email to Public Relations Chairs that have emails asking them how they "got the word" out to their members about meetings. I received one email in response. The rest were not good email addresses.

I prepared a letter to be sent to Chapter presidents regarding what they do to publicize their chapter actions. This will go out via email after the 19 October EB meeting.

Other than letters and emails, I worked Chapter # 383 booth at the Fort Riley Military Appreciation Day on 15 October. The total new members were four with a possibility of two more.

I assisted Chapter #383 on the Convention proposed budget, registration, menu, committee chairs, program and welcome letter for presentation to the EB at 19 October meeting in Junction City.

Date

Chapter President
100 Main Street
Anytown, Kansas

Dear Mr. or Mrs. Chapter President:

I was recently elected the NARFE Federation 1st Vice President and appointed as the Public Relations Chair for the upcoming year. As PR Chair, a goal is to get information out to members and potential members in areas where we do not have a PR chair or the PR chair does not have access to email communications.

A great opportunity is to provide an article about your monthly meetings both before and after the meeting to your local newspaper to be published in the community section of the newspaper. This information gets to your members and provides you a tool to get the word out about NARFE hopefully generating interest to pick up new members. Also, this gives your Chapter an opportunity to inform the public of current legislative actions affecting every active or retired Federal employee whether they are a member or not

I'm asking Chapter Officers to provide me any other great opportunities I ideas that can be shared with Chapter's that need new ideas or want to change current procedures. Your newsletter editor and / or secretary may currently be providing information to the newspaper on your meetings.

Most importantly, could you please provide me the area newspaper name, address and email address (if you can get it) so I can either contact them directly or assist your Chapter in publishing information (and if it doesn't cost anything that's GREAT).

Sincerely

Dixie J. Thomas
First Vice President / Public Relations Chair
National Association of Active and
Retired Federal Employees

I attended the 31st National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. Got my first taste of "convention fever". If given the opportunity, will attend the convention in Reno in 2012 and am looking forward to the Orlando convention in 2014. I carried voting proxies for Emporia 0384, Ottawa 0785, Oakley 2032, as well as for my home chapter Osage City 2099. I really enjoyed the whole experience, especially dinner one evening!

I recently participated in the membership drive for Kingman chapter 1939. An intense, two-day schedule netted five new members for the chapter. It was a new experience for me; one that I shall not take for granted.

I am scheduled to attend the 47th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Leavenworth on Saturday, October 30th. I am looking forward to spreading the word to prospective members about the many benefits a NARFE membership provides it's members.

Respectively submitted by

Cindy Renee' Blythe

Report from Secretary

Louise Lloyd

Since last report, as Secretary I prepared and distributed minutes of the June Federation Board meeting to the executive board and all chapter presidents. Also coordinated the process of getting the delegate forms and/or Proxy forms from all 45 chapters, and working with the Federation President and Area Vice Presidents ensured all chapters were represented at the national Convention. This process was quite involved and also included a lot of coordination with HQ to send out replacement forms for those who had lost or never received forms. In addition, on October 1, a letter was transmitted to all Chapter Secretaries, Chapter Presidents and Executive board members that included copies of the F-7 Form that needs to be completed for new officers elected. Also transmitted forms that chapters can submit requests for amendments to Kansas Federation bylaws, or Convention Resolution.

I have tried to follow and complete duties of the secretary as prescribed by my predecessor for each month, including submitting article for the quarterly Federation newsletter.

As Chapter Secretary, I have also attended all Chapter monthly meetings, as well as most board meetings. Also serve as Chapter newsletter editor and have issued newsletter for months of July, August, September and October. Also serve as Program leader for the Chapter, and will be leading the October program. I will also be assisting with a NARFE booth at the Overland Park Senior Quest on October 26th. The idea to participate was one I suggested. Over 2000 people attended Senior Quest last year. Our chapter will do a drawing for a free membership to eligible individuals who complete the form for the drawing, which will provide us contact information. Also helping to coordinate what will be given out at the booth, including freebies to be given away, as those are encouraged by the contractor coordinating the Senior Quest. Also, making up documents that will provide contact information about our chapter and information about our chapter meetings.

Treasurers Report

We have a CD at Morrill & Janes Bank. The Principal amount is \$3000.00 and it matures May 9 2011.

Last year we had a CD at the Sunflower Bank, principal amount \$2597.76. It matured February 2, 2010.

After the October deposit from national our current balance is \$5290.89. That compares to last year's balance of \$5,266.99 same time and circumstance. We will continue to run close to running out of funds by the end of the year. Last year we ran as low as \$1200.00 in December after purchasing a new copier and supplies *and* the normal travel expense vouchers.

In addition to our normal expenses we have \$1000 National Convention Expense not yet turned in on vouchers and travel and lodging expenses of executive board members traveling to west Kansas. I expect we will be very close to considering early withdraw] of our CD. The good news is that the penalty for early withdrawl is loss of 3 months interest. With earnings so low the penalty is low. The bad news is that since we are using the CD this fall we will not have that cushion for the Legislative Conference next spring.

Area IA
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Since our last executive board meeting, I have been to the meetings for chapter 2136 (Doniphan County—Wathena) twice, and chapter 1948 (Pony Express—Nemaha County, Sabetha) and chapter 621 (Atchison) once. I have also attended the summer picnic for chapter 27 (Buffalo Bill, Leavenworth) and that chapter's political forum the first part of September. I also attended one of Lynn Jenkins's Office Hours that was held in Atchison.

While the Leavenworth chapter does not have a large number of attendees at meetings, they do have a strong executive board and an active chapter. Meetings are announced in the local paper and the minutes of the meeting are also in the paper (and the secretary mails me a copy every month).

The Doniphan County chapter is struggling. George Jorgensen's health is declining quickly, but no one wants to say he can't lead anymore. They only have about \$50 in their treasury and I feel guilty when they buy my meal. There were seven in attendance at the September meeting and one who came for lunch but was exhausted and went home (she usually doesn't come because she's in a nursing home, but her son was visiting). Two of those at the meeting are not members. No one can think of anyone to invite to become members or they have asked and the person is not interested. I also get the feeling that all the members are really watching their pennies. The chapter does announce the meetings in the local paper.

The Sabetha chapter is small, but half the members attended. The chapter rotates its meetings between three different towns; this seems to give the members an opportunity to have varied programs (the day I visited the chapter met in Wetmore and visited an antique car museum). However, this chapter also has no prospects for new members.

The Atchison chapter attendance is about 1/3 of the membership, but two members will be moving and another is now suffering from dementia and is in a nursing home (two of the three are officers). One new member will only be available during the spring and early fall months. The local paper will only announce the meeting.

The Kansas City chapter has been unresponsive. I have received one e-mail from the treasurer when I asked him for a copy of the newsletter (he is also the editor). I have not been able to contact the president by mail, telephone, or e-mail (she has moved). Carol suggested I call the vice-president but I haven't had time this past week. Carol has made some suggestions for the November meeting, but I've heard nothing from the chapter.

The Hiawatha chapter invited me to come this Thursday but we already had plans to be gone so I am going in November to install the new officers. I have talked to the president on the phone several times.

I have visited all my chapters at least once and two of them two times. We have focused on the National Convention both before and after it was held. Many of them do not have people attending them so it was good to hear their remarks.

Preparing for Life's Events is a bulletin that National has available. Every member is encouraged to fill out one and share with their family members where it is and what it contains. These bulletins were revised last February and are much more inclusive than the previous one.

We had a forty year anniversary celebration with one chapter, Shawnee Mission. It was a gala occasion.

Shawnee Mission also held a pot luck lunch and invited Carol Ek, Federation President; Janice Neuschafer, Federation Alzheimer's Chair; Don Cooper, Federation NARFE-PAC Chair and Ex-president of the Federation to speak and answer questions. It was an attempt to have more people attend the meetings. New people were called personally by the second vice president. More did attend.

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SUBJECT: Kansas NARFE Executive Board
Meeting Report, From June 2010

1. Visited Tri-River Chapter # 2098, Tuesday June 8
Visited Emporia Chapter #0384, Tuesday, July 12
Visited Iola Chapter #2077; Monday, July 8 and October 4th
Visited Ottawa Chapter #0785, March 16.
2. Provided Guidance to the Arkansas Federation of NARFE in providing a NARFE Display "Booth" at the USDA/ESA Annual Convention at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 4 through 6th, with some 500 in attendance. Space for the booth was provided at the Convention at no cost. Joan and I attended the convention
 - * A NARFE Federation appeared to not be aware that a National Convention was being held in their state, at Little Rock, which had Eligible NARFE Members, (Comment) New Secretary, President).
- 3...Joan and I attended the NARFE National Convention a Grand Rapids, Michigan August 29-31, September 1-2 with. each of us carrying Proxies for three Kansas Chapters: Sunflower Chapter, (1160), Brown County Chapter,(2164) Iola Chapter, (2077; Pittsburg Chapter, (0550); Solomon Valley (Stockton)(2085); Garden City, (1995).
 - ** Each chapter was contacted before the Convention and asked to provide information on how their votes should be cast for NARFE Officers, Resolutions, Dues and other Proposals.
 - ***Communications: After the National Convention, Each of the chapters was provided copies of the NARFE Daily Bulletins, Plus a Cover Letter, plus other information that was considered applicable and ask to make such information available to their chapter members. (Chapter 2077 members provided such information)
4. Provided "Roll-Over" information to some 27 NARFE members, by email from the weekly reports submitted by NARFE and Richard Thissen NFVP. Done on a routine basis..
- 5 October 15th &c President Carol Ek, and VP.Cindy Blythe with information prior to those dates and participated in the visitation to Area IV, Chpt.. 1939, Ninnescah Valley Chapter.(Kingman Area)

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Area 2, Vice President
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AGENCIES OF POTENTIAL NARFE MEMBERS

August 2010

(Current Federal Employees, Retirees and Spouses.)

Air Bases (Non-Military Personnel)	Office of Hearing and Appeal
Air Traffic Controllers	Office of U. S. Trustees
Aircraft Certification Officers.	OSHA
Army Reserve Employees	Railroad Retirement Board
ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms)	Small Business Administration.
Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training.	* Social Security Offices, Pittsburg,.
Bureau of Customs & Border Protection.	Wichita, Independence, Emporia, Dodge
Bureau of Indian Affairs.	City, Ks. Others _____
+Coast Guard Payroll, Topeka, Ks	United States Postal Service.
+Coast Guard (Civilian).	*Postmasters, Postal Clerks, Carriers ____
Comptroller of Currency.	U.S. Attorneys and Employees.
Army Corp of Engineers.	US Bankruptcy Court, Judges & Clerks.
++Located Near Federal Dams in each State)	US District Court, Judges & Clerks
DEA (Drug Enforcement)	US Marine Corps Reserve.
Defense Contract Audit Agency.	USDA Animal & Plant Inspectors.
Department of Commerce	USDA Federal Grain Inspectors at
Department of Defense	Hutchinson, Wichita, Salina.
Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service.	*Any cities where large amts grain stored
Department of State	USDA Food Nutrition Services.
DOT (Department of Transportation)	USDA Inspector General (Fraud)
EPA (Environment Protection)	Veterans Affairs, Wichita, Topeka,
FBI	Junction City.
FDIC	
Federal Prisons (Adm.-Guards, etc.)	
USDA Meat Inspectors, - - - - -	
Where meat slaughtering plants..	
Flight Standards Officer	
*Forestry Service.	
Homeland Security-TSA	
Homeland Security (Immigration)	
Military Hospitals: Wichita, Ft. Leavenworth,	
*Ft. Riley, Topeka, etc. (same in other states)	
Drs. Nurses, etc.	
Internal Revenue Service, Wichita, Kansas City.	
Kansas National Guard Staff, (some)	
*Air & Army are Civil Service.	
Mfg Inspectors office.	
Military Bases (Non Military Personnel) See following-	
*Ft. Riley, Wichita, Topeka, Ft. Leavenworth, Salina)	
*Personnel at National Archives-Eisenhower Library.	
*Personnel at Truman Library and all Other Presidential	
Libraries.	

National Park Personnel

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE: (IRS) Wichita - - - Also other Cities in Ks.

- *USDA: Farm Service Agencies, within counties.-STO, Manhattan, Ks.
(Office Employees, Federal; (Field Employee, under SS. Temp. Employees under SS)
- *Natural Resources Conservation Service, & Hq. office for Ks. SalMa, Ks.
(Formerly Soil Conservation Service)
- *Rural Development--Finance Rural Housing, etc..
- *NOTE: When there are USDA Agencies as listed above, they may be housed in the same office building, but separate offices areas, and each of these agencies normally have, their own State office within the state, sometimes in the same city and sometimes not. Their employees are Federal Employees
- *Extension Service. Most counties have such, Agents, (Employees)
However as the older employees are phased out(retired)
The new ones hired are salaried by the state and county
and are not Federal Employees. Offices in most. Counties
Ills phase out started in the mid 1990's, and some agents are still Federal within counties.

Office of Hearing & Appeals.

Office of US Trustee

OSHA

Railroad Retirement Board

- **ALL STATES that have any of the Agencies listed above "will" have Federal Employees.
- **ALL FEDERAL BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON a c and the DC AREA, ALL HAVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES. = EXAMPLE: THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING; ITS EMPLOYEES ARE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES" AND THE SAME APPLIES TO *CONGRESSMAN, SENATORS AND THEIR STAFFS."
- ***Check Telephone directories for names of Federal Agencies that may be in your Community or locality.
- ***NOTE. Spouses of these Federal Employees, and Spouses of these retirees are eligible To join NARFE.
- NOTE: The above listing will vary, within some agencies, due to transition from one retirement system to another.

WHY PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER?

1. Newsletters are one of the most efficient public relations tools for an organization.
2. Newsletters establish credibility and authority.. if they read like news.
3. Newsletters build loyalty. ... If the information is valuable to the reader.
4. Good newsletters present a professional and winning image.
5. Newsletters teach and inform.
6. Newsletters create an interest in your organization and demonstrate its benefits.
7. Newsletters can help to sell your product or service-NARFE MEMBERSHIP.
8. Newsletters provide opportunities to announce new successes.
9. Newsletters keep members better informed.
10. Newsletters allow you to target specific audiences.
11. Newsletters give members a way to share their passion about the organization.
12. Newsletters serve to boost morale among membership.
13. Newsletters educate members to work toward a common goal.
14. Newsletters promote "coming attractions".
15. Newsletters can profile members and highlight significant achievements.
16. Newsletters can provide recognition for the organization.

SOME ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER

1. Think like an editor---What do I want to accomplish with the newsletter?
2. What's in it for the people who will read it?
3. Choose a simple format and name for the newsletter
4. Gather a diverse and lively assortment of newsworthy pieces. All articles should be different in tone and content.
5. Research the information for accuracy.
6. Run articles that will be current when the newsletter is published.
7. Allow space for pictures and other visuals.
8. Keep articles brief and the language simple.
9. Use a headline for every article and a caption for every picture.
10. Encourage your members to send you articles for publication.
11. Vary the content and types of articles (news, features, and editorials).
12. Provide the name and telephone number of the editor.
13. Double-check your spelling and grammar with someone before it goes to print.

Newsletters are one of the least expensive—and *most effective*—public relations tools that exist for drawing attention to an organization. By sending out a well-written and well-constructed newsletter on a regular basis, you keep your members and prospective members up-to-date and well informed about NAKFE and your chapter activities.

LET'S WRAP IT UP

Newsletters have a responsibility to:

1. Teach and inform.
2. Be objective.
3. Provide members with "news they can use".
4. Keep the language simple.
5. Use correct spelling and grammar.
6. Set a professional tone.

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Report to Kansas Federation of NARFE October 19, 2010 meeting, Junction City, KS.

I attended the following NARFE functions:

July 12, 2010 Black Squirrel Chapter 1947 at Rome City, KS
August 3, 2010 Buffalo Bill Chapter 027 picnic at Leavenworth
September 13, 2010 Black Squirrel Chapter 1947 at Home City, KS
September 15, 2010 Kaw Blue Chapter 0366 at Manhattan, KS
September 16, 2010 Chisholm Trail Chapter 2137 Picnic at Abilene, KS
September 28, 2010 Chapter 1162 Meeting at Shawnee Mission - spoke
on NARFE-PAC
September 28, 2010 ClayCo Chapter 1998 at Clay Center

Barb Pretzer gave a fine report of the National Convention to the Kaw Blue Chapter 0366 at the Chapter meeting.

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Kansas NARFE Federation
Area IV Vice President
Gary Townson

October 19, 2010

Since the Federation Board last met in McPherson, I have completed the following activities;

- Visited 'Salt City Chapter' in Hutchinson twice.
- Visited 'Heart of America Chapter' in McPherson twice.
- Visited 'Cowley County Chapter' in Winfield once.
- Made a two day trip with President Carol Ek, Kingman Chapter Juanita Henning, Cindy Rene Blythe and Gale Beck to Kingman, Anthony, Medicine Lodge and Pratt KS in an attempt to revitalize the dwindling and faltering Kingman Chapter. Immediate Past President Bob Cranmer joined us in the efforts. President Ek had arranged meetings and secured locations in all four towns. There were not very many people interested enough to show up at the meetings but we were successful in signing up a few new members and getting others that live in the area to transfer their memberships to the Kingman Chapter. We also obtained the names of some individuals eligible to become members. Time will tell whether we were successful or if other steps must be taken.
- I attended both Chapter meetings of my home Chapter, Wichita. At the July meeting I moderated the roundtable of candidates for the 4th Kansas District to the U.S. Congress. Both Democratic and three of the Republican candidates attended. (The winning candidate from each party was at our meeting.)
- I also have participated in fourteen political events [Rallies, Debates, Parades, etc.] sometimes by my self and other times with other NARFE Members. Although I attend these activities as a private citizen and not in any official NARFE capacity, I make sure the candidates are aware of the presence of NARFE and the need to represent Federal employees, both active and retired, if elected.

As a private citizen I served as Campaign Treasurer for a candidate for County Commissioner. You can read about that in the latest Federation newsletter. I just finished the final report to the Kansas Ethics Commission to close out that duty.

Starting November 3rd I will commence working on the newly elected legislators to make sure they comprehend the needs of NARFE. And begin preparations to attend the Legislative Training Conference next March.

Respectfully,

Gary Townson

Area V
Ron Katt, V. P.
Executive Board Meeting Report
October 19, 2010

Assisted via telephone President Mike Gawith of Chapter 2085 Stockton in finalizing plans for the Chapter's 25th Anniversary celebration October 20, 2010. Plans appear to be in place for an informative and fun celebration.

Attended Chapter 2053 Oberlin meeting September 26, 2010 in Oberlin. Presented the program on dues increases and installed elected officers for 2011 at the meeting_

Attended by invitation Chapter 1996 Scott City meeting October 12, 2010. The Chapter had arranged for a program presentation by Federation Service Officer Walt Germann. Mr. Germann gave a very informative presentation of being prepared for life's events as well as his duties and functions as Service Officer.

OCTOBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JUNCTION CITY 2010

Area VI Brenda Myers

Dodge City Chapter 1803 met August 9 at the Senior Center. As Area Vice President I had called all the members of that chapter to see if they could attend. The majority of them are not of good health so they could not drive from their city to Dodge City for a meeting. Richard Goodnough, President, was out of town so three members were in attendance. Richard has indicated he would like to resign.

September 9 I attended Garden City Chapter 1995 and reported the convention information. Several of that chapters members were out of town so this information was repeated at the October meeting.

October 12 Scott City Chapter 1996 had as their guest speaker Walt Germann, Kansas Federation Service Officer. Seventeen were in attendance. Two area Chapter Service Officers listened to Walt talk about how he helps widows or widowers complete the paper work involved in reporting a Federal Employee death. President Betty LaTousch and Secretary/Treasurer Darrel Miller have indicated they have resigned at the end of this year.

I am working again as a substitute Paraprofessional at Wiley School in Holcomb. I will continue to do Area VI work as time permits.

Report to Federation Executive Board, October 19, 2010, Junction City, KS

No need to preach to the choir but I'll say it anyway. Be sure to research the candidates and voting records, then vote. Voting by mail-in ballot use is increasing in popularity. That's about the only thing in politics that seems to be popular !

The Special Committee on Taxation met in Topeka September 16 and 17th was received from the KS Revenue Department stating they were short on revenue expected from income and sales taxes.

Individuals gave testimonies on how to expand the sales tax and to lower the level of the sales tax; how to eliminate deductions, and lower the income tax percentage.

ELIMINATION OF INCOME TAX was discussed and it was suggested the state reduce their budget by eliminating programs (My note...with about 52 % of the budget devoted to education.....)How schools are funded and can this be reviewed ? How counties are funded and that many formerly budgeted items had been turned over to counties; can counties be allowed to increase their sales tax ; the closings of state hospitals and how that has been termed by mental health professionals as a dismal failure.

Cities budgets and shortages; suggestions included a city income tax, earnings tax, several combinations of taxes to meet needs. Property taxes debated, some believe those are too high, the other side not high enough and the disparity needs review.

The Committee will meet again on November 12th, AFTER the election results. A Flat Tax was briefly mentioned and will be part of that agenda. My thoughts on a Flat Tax. some of those based on the opinions of Robert S. McIntyre, the Director of Citizens For Tax Justice. He wrote You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that getting rid of our graduated tax rates in favor of a single (flat) rate---taxing more of worker's incomes but giving huge new loopholes to the wealthy---has to mean a colossal tax shift away from the richest and onto everybody else. Occasionally, even some flat-tax supporters will admit this obvious truth. Flat-tax advocate Steve Moore, then of the CATO INSTITUTE told the New York Times (1999) Anything you do to flatten tax rates will lead to lower taxes on the rich (the Koch Brothers of Wichita and New York City) and more taxes on those on the bottom..

The original designers of the Flat Tax plan, Robert Hall and Alvin Rabushka said in 1982

Now for some bad news. It is a obvious mathematical law that lower taxes on the successful will have to be made up by higher taxes on average people. Or borrow from China, India, Japan as the USA has done for ten years.

So be warned. As a elected member of the Silver Haired Legislature and attending these committee meetings as a unpaid Citizen lobbyist, should I be asked to, or forced to testify when a Flat Tax for Kansas is promoted, my opinion is already formed. A Flat Tax will be a sad mistake to make...but that won't stop the Kansas Legislature for voting for the Fair, Simplified, Equitable fill out your income tax return on a post card product that may be introduced.

Jim Miller, Chairman, State Legislative Chair

A GUIDE TO KANSAS LEGISLATURE GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

(1) The best advocates for NARFE are those who can, and will apply gentle, but firm pressure on Kansas lawmakers. NOT IIIIT AND MISS! Remember the poor widow in the Old Testament. She was such a nuisance, the judge finally relented .

(2) Advocacy (lobbying) can be emotionally intensive. It can be a fickle union, as lawmakers meet with hundreds of well paid lobbyists.(See Follow the money !)
Compromise is Non-negotiable ! Too many causes have failed because the advocates adopted a 'fake No Prisoners/ the whole loaf or none position. Most of time you'll end up with the none. It is a long time commitment and requires constant nurturing.

(3) It IS.. WIIAT you know ...and WHO you know. Know your policy-makers. (Name your State Senator....name your State I louse of Representatives member.) Have you contacted them ? Are you comfortable contacting them ? I lave you established a relationship ? Second, know your issue, and NEVER quote facts and figures you can't document; can't prove.

(4) A1.1, POLITICS IS IA)CAL. Public perception is KEY. Legislators are part of the public. They listen to friends, colleagues.. .and the media. They listen to " the public.- Advocacy ellbrts are most effective when applied by an organization that appears to be 1,000 people wide by 10.000 people deep. (Membership !) Is the legislator a friend.. .or a b e ? That depends on the issue, but it's best to find out BEFORE any key votes are taken. NARFF has members in most of the districts in Kansas, and all members should know their Senator and Representative .

(5) DO YOUR HOMEWORK ! That is mandatory ! Study the issues, know the official NARFE position and familiarize yourself with it. Become better acquainted with the process and the rules. FOLLOW TIII MONEY ! Most legislative debates center around money. Who needs some ? Who has it ? What are we going to spend it on ? The budget is the state's primary policy document. As the session draws to a close, and the amount of available funds are estimated, everything that has made it it into a bill to be read, will be considered.. .usually lumped together in the Omnibus S endin¹ Bill.

(6) Talk, if given the opportunity but use the KISS method. KEEP IT SIMPLE AND STUPID. Speak with a unified voice. You MUST have a clear, simple message. THREE major points are sufficient. Documentation is NOT an option, it is a necessity. Stay in control of your message. Include key points, but define the problem in your terms, based on your knowledge and perspective. Be clear in your position. State the consequences to your membership if the contested bill passes (or is defeated.)Tell the law-makers what you want them to do. Please support (or oppose) SB 00000 / FIB 00000.

(7) Stay connected ! Phone calls ? Few and far between. Timely letters and e-mails are effective. Postcards ? Almost never. Write the message yourself That is much easier if you have established a relationship. That gives credibility to you and to your organization. Direct communication (face to face, heart to heart.. .not toe to toe) is far more accurate,

(8) Attend Committee meetings ! You want to hear what opponents are saying and this is your opportunity to take notes and be prepared to refute those arguments. If you allow someone else to carry our message, be prepared to be misunderstood at best, or in worst case, die, politically speaking. Many committees have set schedules and will honor your request to speak, if your notice of intent is given at least 24 hours (some cases require 48 hours notice)...BEFORE the next committee meeting.

(9) CRUNCH TIME ! should not be the first time lawmakers have heard from us and from NARFE ! Ask for time to visit, be on time, state the purpose of the meeting and how many will attend. This isn't a card game but constituents trump members. If a bill is involved, know the bill and number. Rehearse with your group first ! Know who will lead who will make which points. Be courteous and stay on message. Some lawmakers are masters at switching topics and getting off your message. (Hey ! What about those Jay hawks ? How is the wheat crop ?) As you do, pose THE question ! Can we count on your support ? Or your opposition ? Remember your members. They need to know/ hear the results of your visit. YOU need to know how THEY fared on their visits if they were able to schedule. Send Thank-You notes ! Lawmakers receive very few !

(10) Find out when lawmakers will be in your district and schedule an opportunity to meet with them again. Attend their community legislative events. Coordinate with your members to be in attendance whenever and wherever possible. Promote the contributions NARFE members make to the state (the numerous taxes we do pay, sales, property, personal property) quality of life in the community; service organizations supported; projects we help with; locally and nationally, ALZHEIMERS Research.

(11) Why bother ? What good will all this do ? We have our answer every year when we calculate our state income tax ! Recently, a new member, CSRS retiree told me until he read about Kansas being one of the few states who had the income tax benefit, he had been paying full state tax for five years ! He, with NARFE's help, filed for the three years he could recover, and received a check for almost \$ 8,000.00!

Our presence has one purpose, one objective ! Influence the legislative process by representing our membership! Why bother ? If not you, than who ? If not now, when ? **THE FOOL SAYS I WILL PREPARE TOMORROW. THE WISE SAYS I PREPARED YESTERDAY. IF A BILL WAS SUBMITTED TO STRIP THE TAX EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL RETIREES ONLY ? WHAT WOULD THE CHAPTER MEMBERS AND THE FEDERATION OFFICERS DO? QUESTIONS?**

Resources ! KS Legislature www.kslegislature.org Local newspapers, **Public Television** to help answer telephones, and wear those NARFE shirts !

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19 October 2010

NARFE NET/HISTORIAN REPORT

To make the Kansas NARFE historical information more easily available to NARFE members, all of the NARFE newsletters sent to me will be posted on the KSNAARFE.org web site. Currently there are 218 newsletters posted. To view click on item # 14 on the KSNAARFE.org home page.

The Kansas Net list I passed out contains a list of the e-mail address that accepted the KS NARFE net message sent out recently. There are 332 names on this list. The full list currently has 638 names on it. KS NARFE members who have their web browsers "full" spam filters turned on should be reminded that if they do not add the NARFE chapter, Federation and HQ e-mail addresses to their "accepted" list they will not receive any of the NARFE messages. The e-mail addresses can be obtained from your latest NARFE magazine, the NARFE.org and KSNAARFE.org web sites.

Jim Dodd