



Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (November 2009)

National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association

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NARFE's mission has remained the same since 1921, to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families.



October Program: On Monday October 12th our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 1:00 PM. The invocation was given by Marie Anglin. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Val Brooks. There were 21 members present.

Our Program: Our Program was a discussion of the Referendum on NARFE Dues, followed by a vote, it was 9 for the single dues and 8 against.

November Program: On Monday November 9th we will meet at **Park Manor** for a full lunch (Meat & 3, salad & drink including tax & tip for only **\$11.00**). Plan to be there at the **Park Manor, 115 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37205**. Lunch at 12:00 PM with Chapter Meeting to follow at 1:00 PM. Our Program Speaker will be Jeremy Bisgalia from Edward Jones. His speech is called "**16 Rules for Investment Success**". Also election of Chapter Officers, everyone is willing to serve another year, but we need a program chairman.

December 14th, Christmas Luncheon - TIME: 11:15 AM.; PLACE: Latitude Restaurant - second floor in the Marriot Hotel at corner of Natchez Trace and West End Avenues. Free valet parking. **Plan to be there, mark you calendar now.**

Directions: From the West or North get on 440 (Knoxville) and turn right off on Exit 1A and Bear right onto US-70S go 1.6 miles and turn left onto SR-155 (Woodmont Blvd.) then turn right to 115 Woodmont at Park Manor.

Directions: From South and East get on 440 (Memphis) and turn right off on Exit 1 and take ramp (left) onto US-70S go 1.6 miles and turn left onto SR-155 (Woodmont Blvd.) then turn right to 115 Woodmont at Park Manor.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of August 11th in Checking at SunTrust is **\$1,962.96** our CD at SunTrust is **\$925.76** and will be renewed, for a Total of **\$2,888.72**

~~ Submitted by Pat Hagerty - Treasurer

Status of Current Legislation: for October 12th



Every Month is NARFE PAC Month



Bill Name	Number of Sponsors
S. 491 - Premium Conversion To allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.	44 (17 R, 2 I, 25 D)
S. 484 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	30 (4 R, 1 I, 24 D)
H.R. 1203 - Premium Conversion - To allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.	195 (64 R, 131 D)
H.R. 235 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	308 (102 R, 206 D)

Are you part of the Solution, a member of NARFE Rapid Response Team?

Lawmakers sometimes schedule critical votes with little advance notice for the purpose of handicapping efforts to generate a grass-roots response. Fortunately, NARFE can respond to this challenge with e-mail action alerts, which mobilize members on short notice for or against legislation affecting federal workers and annuitants. But without your current e-mail address, you won't know when we need you. If you have an e-mail address and want to help federal workers and annuitants to be treated fairly by Congress and the administration, you have what it takes to join the "NARFE Rapid Response Team." In addition to action alerts, which are sent out on an as-needed basis, you will receive, via our GEMS e-mail system, the weekly NARFE Legislative Hotline, which will update you on all the national issues that affect your earned economic and health security. (NARFE members who currently receive the Hotline by e-mail are already part of the Rapid Response Team and do not need to send us their e-mail address.)

Visiting the NARFE Web site, www.narfe.org, clicking on "Members" or on "Membership" on the left side of the page, then clicking "Update Your Record" and following the prompts, which will lead you to your personal record. Add your e-mail address in the designated space; or by calling 703-838-7760

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IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL
DELIVER BY **November 7, 2009**

Late Breaking News

October 23rd. NARFE's victory on annuitant re-employment and FERS Sick Leave, news on the FLTCIP that OPM Will Expand FLTCIP Decision Window and reminds each NARFE member to enlist in the defense of FEHBP via NARFE's Action Alert.

On October 22, the Senate agreed to (and cleared for the White House) the Conference Report on the fiscal year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2647). During the past several years, NARFE has played a leading role, along with other federal and postal employee organizations, in overcoming several obstacles to pass the needed civil service improvements included in the final Defense bill. The Senate voted 68 to 29. **Congressional Quarterly** reports President Obama is likely to sign the bill despite objections to its funding for a controversial backup jet fighter engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Once signed by the President, federal agencies will have discretionary authority to re-employ federal retirees on a limited, part-time basis without offset of annuity; Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) workers will be able to initially credit half, and later all, of their unused sick leave toward retirement; and federal employees in Hawaii, Alaska and the U.S. Territories will be provided retirement equity.

(NARFE's press release provides more details as will December's **NARFE**. Use <http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=1924>)

September Inflation Rises 0.1 Percent

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased **0.1 percent** in September 2009 according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS). Released on October 15th, the CPI-W for September is 211.3. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) the index is currently **2.1 percent below** the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. October consumer prices indices will be released on November 18, 2009.

Benefits awarded under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) to individuals who left the workforce due to work-related injuries or illnesses are adjusted according to each calendar year's percentage change in the CPI-W and payable in the following year's month of April. September's index is **3.2 percent higher** than the December 2008 base of 204.8.

Membership: As of **October 13th** we have **352** Chapter Members (voting). As of **October 5th**, **2** New Members (**Cheryl Campbell and Ronald D Carr**), **6** members sent Second Renewal Notice, **1** Passed away, **7** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal.

New Membership Incentive Program: **1** New Member (**Clyde E. Chesney**).

Sunshine Report: Barry Wyatt is still in ICU at St. Thomas Hospital and needs our thoughts and prayers. Chris Wasson is feeling some better, had a good report from her oncologist, but is having some dizziness at times.

No news of others than our regular shut-ins. If you know of illness or bereavement, please let me know so that we can assure the families involved of our care and concern.

~~ Submitted by *Mary Lee Fielder*~~

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