



Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (November 2010)

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 11th our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 12:45 PM. Phyllis Brannon did the invocation and Val Brooks led us in the pledge. There were 16 members present for Lunch and one guest.

Our Program: Our Program was **Jeremy P. Bisceglia** from **Edward Jones**. He spoke to use before, he talked about the current economic situation.

November Program: On Monday November 8th we will meet at **Park Manor** for a full lunch (Meat & 3 with salad & drink including tax & tip for only **\$11.00**) at noon. 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: Tonia Hardyway will be our Speaker. Tonia is the Program Manager for the Operation Enduring Freedom / Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) clinic at the VA. This office was mandated by Congress. In addition to Tonia Hardyway we will have two veterans of the Iraq/Afghanistan war as our guest.

Joe James and Chris Holzemer were seen in Tonia's OEF/OIF clinic at the VA and therefore both are well known by Tonia. Joe has been to Iraq twice and Afghanistan once. Joe lost both of his legs in Iraq. Chris has been to Iraq once and he has PTSD. Tonia will ask them to pass out some literature while we are at our tables.

We will also have election of Chapter Officers at the November meeting and final plans for the December luncheon.

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.

Status of Current Legislation: for October 11th



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.	48 (19 R, 2 I, 27 D)
S. 484 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	31 (4 R, 1 I, 26 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.	213 (69 R, 144 D)
H.R. 235 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	326 (107 R, 219 D)

Legislative Report

Our newly elected National Officers will assume their offices on November 1, 2010. They are as follows:

President, Joseph Beaudoin
 VP, Paul Carew
 Secretary, Elaine Hughes
 Treasurer, Charles Saylor
 Region X VP, William (Bill) Martin

Open season for Federal Employees Health Benefit Program will run from November 8th to December 13th, 2010. The new rates are unknown at this time, however the overall increase is expected to be an increase of 7.3 percent overall for 2011. President Baptiste testified that this increase is tough enough when no-COLA is expected.

~~ Submitted by Glenn Turner - Legislative Chair

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Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of July 12th in Checking at SunTrust is **\$2,443.53** our CD at SunTrust is **\$937.98**, for a Total of **\$3,383.51**

~~ Submitted by Pat Hagerty – Treasurer

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Current Resident or



Sunshine Report:

Theron F. Morris, a life member, passed away October 19 at the age of 91. He was a retired postal employee and for many, many years did the mailing of our monthly newsletter. I had tried unsuccessfully to reach him by phone for some time. He was a quiet, gentle man and was greatly missed when he no longer could attend.

Laurine Kroutter reports that she is about the same, hopeful of returning home before too much longer. She has been at McKendree since last November 1 and really misses her home and her association with the NARFE family. Call her at 871-8644.

Chris Wasson still has back problems but is doing fairly well at the present and still hopes to be with us for the Christmas luncheon. Her phone number is 227-3064.

~~ Submitted by Mary Lee Fielder~~

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Membership: As of **October 18th** we have **337** Chapter Members (voting), **382** Total. As of **October 6th**, **2** Members sent Second Renewal Notice, **5** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal. **3** Changes to address, Phone # or E-Mail.

September 2010 Consumer Price News

There will be no automatic cost of living adjustment (COLA), an increase to social security and government pension payments based on increases in consumer prices, for 2011. Social security and federal government pension payments increase automatically with increases in the cost of living, as measured by the CPI-W, an index of consumer prices used by the government to measure the cost of living.

Whether there would be a COLA for 2011 depended on whether the average CPI-W for the third quarter (July, August, and September) of 2010 was higher than the highest previous third quarter average, which was the third quarter average from 2008. (Prices declined from 2008 to 2009). If the CPI-W for 2010 was higher than the CPI-W for 2008, that would have indicated an increase in the cost of living from what it was in 2008, which determined the previous COLA increase to fixed retirement payments.

Unfortunately, the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2010 (214.133) was lower than the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2008 (215.495) – consequently, there will be no automatic COLA for 2011.

For the month of September, there was a very slight increase (0.05%) in the CPI-W, bringing it to 214.306. This figured averaged with the August (214.205) and July (213.898) figures to produce the 2010 third quarter average of 214.133.

Whether there is an automatic COLA for 2012 will depend on whether the CPI-W for July, August, and September of 2011 is higher than the 2008 third quarter average. The September CPI-W figure (214.306) is still 0.55% below that figure (215.495).

Determined by a different statutorily-set methodology, benefits awarded under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) to individuals suffering work-related injuries or illnesses, are adjusted according to each calendar year's percentage change in the CPI-W (rather than as measured by the change in the third quarter average). The September 2010 CPI-W figure (214.306) is 1.2% higher than the December 2009 index (211.703).

October consumer price indices will be released Friday, November 17, 2010.