



# Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (September 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.*

**August Program:** On Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 12:45 PM. Phyllis Brannon, **Just for Today**. The message was a number of items to do for yourself, just for today and Val Brooks led us in the pledge. There were 30 members present for Lunch and 24 Visitors for the Presentation by **Congressman Jim Cooper**.

**Our Program:** Our Program was a Presentation by **Congressman Jim Cooper** 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Congressman Cooper informed us about the May Flood and reported that before the rain had stopped there were 1200 FEMA and other Federal workers on hand to provide assistance. He also stated that the community of Nashville and other areas of Tennessee volunteered immediately to assist the victims. Congressman Cooper said that there is a disaster every 3 days.

**September Program:** On Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 will be Ms. Toni Buggs from Project Return Inc., to inform our members about a new program, **Coaching For Life**. Project Return Inc. is a non-profit organization in Nashville, and founded in 1979.

**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 July 12<sup>th</sup> in Checking at SunTrust is **\$2,106.01** our CD at SunTrust is **\$925.76**, for a Total of **\$3,031.77**

~~ Submitted by Pat Hagerty – Treasurer

## Status of Current Legislation: for August 9<sup>th</sup>



Every Month is NARFE PAC Month



Bill Name	Number of Sponsors
<b>S. 491</b> - 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.	<b>48</b> (19 R, 2 I, 27 D)
<b>S. 484</b> - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	<b>31</b> (4 R, 1 I, 26 D)
<b>H.R. 1203</b> - 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.	<b>210</b> (69 R, 141 D)
<b>H.R. 235</b> - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	<b>324</b> (107 R, 217 D)

## Legislative Report

Once again, we are concerned about the recommendations the Debt Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform will make in December. Our NARFE President Margaret Baptiste testified before the commission on June 30, 2010 concerning the earned benefits of Federal Retirees and Workers. She urged the 18-member commission to protect the compensation and retirement value of benefits for federal workers, retirees and their spouses. She noted that entitlements will be the focus of the group and that federal retirement and health benefits differ from other entitlement programs. She noted there is one significant difference: civil service retirement and health benefits are earned by employees, and designed to attract and retain a skilled workforce.

~~ Submitted by Glenn Turner - Legislative Chair

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**IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL**  
**DELIVER BY September 11, 2010**

**Current Resident or**

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**At our National Convention, NARFE delegates approved a dues increase. The new dues structure for NATIONAL DUES:**

- One year National Dues - \$40.00
- Two years National Dues - \$72.00
- Three years National Dues - \$102.00

The above is for National Dues only. Chapters will continue to establish their dues and National will continue to collect those dues and remit them to the chapters.

Those members who are on dues withholding will receive a 15% reduction on National Dues. Their annual dues will be \$34.00 plus chapter dues of record. Again, Chapters will continue to establish their dues and National will collect them and remit them to the chapters.

Finally, the National Executive Board (NEB) established a new First Year Membership Fee of \$45.00. Under our bylaws, "One-third (1/3) of the Membership Fee ... shall be returned to the Chapters in lieu of the first year's Chapter dues."

Implementation target date for these increases is 1 January, 2011.



### **Sunshine Report:**

**Elizabeth Pine**, a member who transferred from the Donelson Chapter, is slowly recovering from a bad fall which put her out of commission for 7 weeks, with a blood clot in her head. She is doing better and appreciated the call. Send her a card at 1427 Lebanon Pike, Apt. 201, Nashville, TN 37210-3109, or call her at 248-7882. Be sure to introduce yourself to her when she improves enough to be at our meetings.

**Chris Wasson** is experiencing a great deal of pain and discomfort with her back. She had an appointment with her primary care physician on the 8th and was hopeful that he may offer some relief or refer her to someone else. Call her at 227-3064 - she will cheer you up! She misses being with us and would be at each meeting if she were able

*~~ Submitted by Mary Lee Fielder~~*

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### **July 2010 Consumer Price News**

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.03% percent from June to July. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) or 202/691-6994 on August 13, the CPI-W for July is 213.898. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index, which will be averaged with the August and September indices, is still **0.74** percent below the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. (Due to price deflation, in the past measurement year, the 2008 third quarter average is still the point of comparison.) August consumer price indices will be released Friday, September 17, 2010.

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. July's index, 213.898 is 1.04 percent higher than the December 2009 index, 211.703.

**Membership:** As of **July 19<sup>th</sup>** we have **349** Chapter Members (voting) 394 Total. As of **August 8<sup>th</sup>**, 1 New Member (Martin Horn), **2** Reinstatements, **5** Members sent Second Renewal Notice, **5** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal.

**New Membership Incentive Program:** **2** Member send second Renewal Notice.

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### **New E-Mail Address for Member Records**

NARFE's Member Records office handles a host of member inquiries on a daily basis. Included in these contacts are change of address requests, dues inquiries and chapter assignments. Effective June 1, 2010, the e-mail address for the Member Records office will change from [memsrvcs@narfe.org](mailto:memsrvcs@narfe.org) to [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto:memberrecords@narfe.org). The toll-free number – **800-456-8410** – remains the same. Be sure to make a note of the new e-mail address as well as the phone number so you will have them on hand if you need to contact Member Records.

**Is your E-Mail address listed in your NARFE Member Records? If not use this service and update your Information!**