



Shiloh Chapter 861

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
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Jay Souders,
Chapter President

If you are not an active member of our chapter, or a national only member, please come to our next meeting and check us out. You'll find the latest NARFE updates, and have a good time and good food. Warren Zimmer, our new Congressional District 7 Officer will speak at our August meeting; a USDA officer will be our September speaker, and a representative from Blue Cross-Blue Shield will be our October program. Pickwick Inn, 11 AM, 2nd Thursday. See you there.

As we go into our third quarter, with a national convention coming up, I need your help. Our August meeting is the only chance we have to plan how we want to vote as a chapter on the items that will be on the schedule of events in Albuquerque. Your input is important. I will bring two copies of the Bylaws and General Reso-

lutions to our August 10 meeting. We can cover some of the most important changes at least. Nell and I want to truly represent our Shiloh Chapter at the convention.

I hope we will have a good turn out for the meeting—not only will we discuss the upcoming convention, but we also have as a special

guest Mr. Warren Zimmer, our new NARFE District Officer for District 7. Mr. Zimmer will talk about some legislative issues.

We will look for you at the August meeting.

Jay

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NARFETN.org - that's the Tennessee Federation's new web page. Check it out!

Two guys were hunting in the forest when they unexpectedly came across a very large brown bear. Immediately, they both took off running. After a few minutes, one guy abruptly stopped running, took off his backpack, and pulled out a pair of running shoes.

The other guy saw this and was wondering what was going on. So he stopped, ran back to the first guy and asked, "Why are you putting on your running shoes? Do you really think you are going to be able to out run that bear with those?"

The other guy replied, "I don't have to out run the bear, I just have to out run YOU!"

Conventions

The National Convention will be in Albuquerque September 10–14. It's not too early to make your travel plans. Delegates will once again make decisions that will have an impact on the Association for years to come—building on the base created by previous conventions. We will discuss proposed resolutions and bylaws changes at our next meeting. Ya'll come!

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COLA Update

Inflation Moderates in June

On July 19th, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the consumer price index for June is **198.6**, up **0.2 percent** from the May index of 198.2. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost of living adjustment), June's index is **3.1 percent** higher than the third quarter average base index in 2005. Former federal employees now receiving monthly benefits under provisions of the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) receive a COLA based on the change in the CPI-W during each calendar year. The May index, 198.2, is **3.2 percent** higher than the December 2005 index of 192.5. July's inflation data will be released Wednesday, August 16th.

Our members are important to us!!!

Members recently dropped for nonpayment include:

Beverly Casey, Alfred Cowan, Bonnie Joyce Perkins, and Alice Teague.

Members sent second notice: James Major, Fairene Sewell, and Melvin Stroud.

Please help us contact these members and let them know that we appreciate them, and hope they remain NARFE and chapter members.

Legislative Update: Did you vote early? Are you confused on who to vote for? Check out the records or commitments of everyone running for office before casting your vote. We will have to live with the decisions we make now until next election time. That especially includes those running for Senator to replace Bill Frist. Van Hilleary does not have a good track record with us; Ford is a co-sponsor of Premium Conversion and repeal of GPO/WEP; Bryant supported us before and says he will again as he stated at our federation convention; Corker is an unknown.

A lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. To his dismay, there were thousands of people ahead of him in line to see St. Peter. To his surprise, St. Peter left his desk at the gate and came down the long line to where the lawyer was, and greeted him warmly.

Then St. Peter and one of his assistants took the lawyer by the hands and guided him up to the front of the line, and into a comfortable chair by his desk. The lawyer said, "I don't mind all this attention, but what makes me so special?"

St. Peter replied, "Well, I've added up all the hours for which you billed your clients, and by my calculation you must be about 196 years old!"