



# Nashville Chapter 227. Newsletter (September 2007)

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 Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by President – Bruce Thomas at 1PM. New members and guests were welcomed. The invocation was given by Marie Anglin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bruce Thomas. There were 24 members in attendance.

The Jackpot drawing of \$21 was won by Faye Sandefur (\$11 to Lucy and \$10 to the chapter treasury). The \$3 was won by John Wells and the \$2 by Leo Bagdoian, both donated to the Alzheimer fund. The Manager of Piccadilly gave us a complimentary lunch voucher; this was won by Marie Anglin.

**August Program:** Herbie Hobbs introduced our speaker for the meeting, **James E. (Jim) Trusty** a retired pilot that works with FAA. He gave an informative talk on the security of aviation and the changes made necessary by 9/11. He stressed that the No. 1 priority is safety. The amount of items taken from passengers as they check through security was amazing. A question and answer session followed his address.

**September Program:** *A working session on the Chapters hosting of the Federations convention in 2008.* A status report by Nancy Wells will be made to get all members up to speed on the 2008 State convention that we are hosting for the Tennessee Federation at Montgomery Bell State Park on April 28-29, 2008. Discussions by every committee will be made and new specifics agreed to. Plan to be there at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at 874 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville TN (615) 367-4640

**TN Federation Convention:** If you want to volunteer contact either Bruce Thomas, President 781-6083 or Nancy Wells, Vice President 377-9011.

**Treasurer Report:** Current balance in Checking is \$1,617, Credit Union account is \$904, for a Total of \$2,521.

**Status of Current Legislation:** *as of August 2007*

## 1. Repeal of Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)/Government Pension Offset (GPO)

**H.R.82** now has 325 (74.7% of the House) up two from last month. Tennessee non cosponsors are Jimmy Duncan, Jim Cooper and John Tanner. We have 435 representatives in Congress, so with 323 cosponsors we have 74.3% as cosponsors

**H.R.82** is in the Ways & Means Committee, Charles Rangel is the Chairman, and John Tanner is a member of this committee.

**S.206** now has 34 cosponsors, up one from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors). We have 100 Senators in Congress, so we have 34% cosponsoring.

The other version of WEP Modification, **H.R. 726**, now has 13 cosponsors, up three from last month (none of the Representatives from Tennessee are cosponsors).

In addition **S,1254** to Modify GPO has eight cosponsors, up one from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors).

## 2. Premium Conversion

**H.R.1110** now has 242 cosponsors, up 31 from last month, Tennessee non cosponsors are Jimmy Duncan & John Tanner.

**S.773** now has 46 cosponsors, up four from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors)

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### **FACTS ABOUT THE NARFE-ALZHEIMER'S PROGRAM**

Since 1985, NARFE members have played a major role in seeking a cure for Alzheimer's disease. In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, which is headquartered in Chicago, NARFE members have donated well over \$6 million to Alzheimer research. By its active participation with the Alzheimer's Association, NARFE seeks to support research into the cause, prevention, treatment and cure for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, as well as educate the public on the need for research, which is our only tool for conquering the disease. Many of our members not only contribute their dollars to the NARFE Alzheimer's fund but also plan and participate in fundraisers, and volunteer at local day care centers and other respite care facilities.

A group of 10 NARFE members, one from each of the 10 regions, is appointed every two years to serve on the NARFE-Alzheimer's National Committee. These regional coordinators meet as a committee once a year, but all year round they are NARFE's "go to" group for our Alzheimer's program, functioning as facilitators, educators and encouragers in their respective regions to keep the research dollars coming in and to answer questions and provide resources for federations and chapters, in conjunction with National Headquarters and the Alzheimer's Association. All NARFE donations to the NARFE-Alzheimer's Fund are allocated to research. The Alzheimer's Association does not use NARFE donations to reimburse NARFE for administrative expenses incurred in the operation of the program.

NARFE National President Margaret L. Baptiste is the oversight officer for the NARFE-Alzheimer's program. President Baptiste also served as the oversight officer during her four-year tenure as National Vice President, and

feels that NARFE members can rightfully be proud of the phenomenal accomplishment of raising nearly \$7 million dollars for research since the program's inception. At the 2006 National Convention, NARFE delegates voted to raise an additional million dollars once our goal of "\$7 Million in 2007" has been met.

The Regional Coordinators currently appointed to the NARFE-Alzheimer's National Committee are:  
Region X – Joan S. Veazey, Vice Chair [rjv47@aol.com](mailto:rjv47@aol.com)

**COLA** - On August 15th, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi)) reported that the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, the CPI-W, for July 2007 is 203.7, **down 0.1 percent** from the June index of 203.9. The CPI-W for July is **2.3 percent higher** than the 2006 third quarter average base index of 199.1. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) the index has **increased 2.3 percent**. The CPI for the month of August will be released on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

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. Thus far, the index is **3.3 percent higher** than the December 2006 base of 197.2.

**Membership:** In July we have 1 new member, 1 Current Fed Employee new member, 2 prospective new members, 7 sent 2<sup>nd</sup> notice and 2 dropped for non renewal and 2 members passed away.