

**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC.  
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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, January 8, 2010 at Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting starting at 12:00 noon. All members, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat at 11:30).

PROGRAM - The January meeting has always been to recognize our members who have died during the year. A list is in the opposite column. We are fortunate to have only a few that we have knowledge of. We will remember them in a silent prayer.

COLA - The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) increased to 0.2 percent in November 2009 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost of living adjustment) the index is currently 1.6 percent. December consumer price indices will be released on Friday, January 15, 2010.

MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS - Federal, state and local government retirees who are not eligible to receive Social Security were told by the Social Security Administration that their Medicare Part B premiums would jump from \$96.40 to \$110.50 in 2010, an increase of \$14.10. However, current law protects most other beneficiaries from a Part B rate hike when there is no Social Security cost of living adjustment. On Sept. 28, the House passed H.R. 3631, the Medicare Premium Fairness Act, which would protect over one million federal, state and local government retirees from the Part B premium increase in 2010. The Senate needs to approve this needed legislation too, but that is unlikely to happen before the recess.

ADDRESS CHANGE - Change address of Jeanne Garrison to 159 Braddock Road, Williamsburg, VA. 23185, tele. (757) 229-0978. E mail, Jeannewg@verizon.net.

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IN MEMORIAN

Mr. Robert White	1-28-09
Mr. William Beckner	4-23-09
Ms Alma K. York	date unknown
Mr. Richard M. Steinberg	8-22-09

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NARFE DUES REFERENDUM - The following is quoted from an E-mail from the National President of NARFE "Our members have spoken: 65.41 percent voted for and 34.59 percent voted against. Having failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority of votes cast, the referendum was defeated. We mailed 1,508 ballots to our chapters and delegates at large. Out of this total of 1,508, 224 ballots were invalid (wrong number of votes, no signatures, etc) and 256 ballots were not returned. This will be posted in the February issue of NARFE magazine"

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION - Delegates are needed for the state convention in Sevierville, TN. The dates are April 18-20 at the Oak Tree Lodge. Please make plans to attend. In the past, the Chapter has covered a portion of the registration fee. Contact Elmer Gillespie at 894-1606 if you can attend.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Ms Frances Presley, 8422 Oak View Drive, Chattanooga, TN. 37421

Ms Mary L. Broerman, P. O. Box 485, Signal Mountain, TN. 37377

**Note: More information is available at the Hq. NARFE Website; [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) and that of the Tennessee Federation [www.narfetn.org](http://www.narfetn.org). Copies of this newsletter and others may be found at the Tennessee Federation website (see 'Library').**