



# NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC. CHAPTER #108 - CHATTANOOGA, TN

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, June 11, 2010 at Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting, starting at 12 noon. All members, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat at 11:30)

COLA - The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.2 percent during April. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) or 202-691-6994) on May 19, the CPI-W for April is 213.96. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index is still 0.7 percent below the 2008 third quarter average (due to price deflation, in the past measurement year, the 2008 third quarter average is still the point of comparison) base index of 215.5. May consumer price indices will be released Thursday June 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. April's index 213.96 is 1.06 percent higher than the December 2009 index 211.703.

MEMBERSHIP - The monthly report of April 30 from National Hqs show three members were sent second RENEWAL notices. We had previously lost four members last month. In addition to losing members, we are also lax in attending chapter meetings. Wally's Restaurant is not that great, however, they do have good meeting facilities. It would appear that effort could be made to attend and socialize with other members, at least on occasions. In addition, it is quite a chore to prepare a newsletter and then get it printed and mailed. Come join the 10 to 15 that are faithful members.

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\* Charles Gilbert Brock May 5, 2010 \*  
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\* Parker Lynn Carroll May 23, 2010 \*  
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### WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Carey Goodwin, 2006 Silo Lane, Ooltewah, TN. 37363 Tele. (423) 309-9666

Mr. Donald A. Mitchell, 1848 Saunders Road Ringgold, GA. 30736 (Transferred from Chapter 1551, Dalton, GA.)

FREE CREDIT REPORT - The TV commercials that entice you to obtain a FREE credit report from them are no longer free. Most provide a "FREE" report if you sign up for some paid service. Now even [www.freecreditreport.com](http://www.freecreditreport.com) charges you \$1 which they will give to charity. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) states that you can obtain the free reports by phone at 1 (877) 322-8228 or by completing a request form and mailing it to Annual Credit Request Service, P. O. Box 10528, Atlanta, GA. Or by visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). The FTC informs all that this is the only authorized source to obtain your FREE credit report that is yours by law.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION - Chapter 1638 Sevierville, TN. hosted the 54th state convention in April. Approximate 100 delegates were in attendance. Outgoing Federation President, Gary Frazier, conducted a well run convention. Mr. Larry Cunningham, retired postmaster will be the new state president. Our own member, Mr. Larry Miniear, was elected as the state NARFE-PAC leader. The convention next year will be in Nashville, TN. at the Radisson Hotel across from Opryland in April.

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').