



**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC.  
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NEXT MEETING - Friday, October 8, 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). SOME LUCKY PERSON WILL GET A FREE LUNCH. HOPE YOU WILL BE PRESENT.

COLA - On September 17, the Labor Department Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the consumer price index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical workers, the CPI-W for August is 214.205, an increase of 0.1 percent from the July index of 213.898. As reported in earlier Hotlines, there is unlikely to be a retiree COLA for 2011. With only one month remaining, three beneficiary groups, social security, military and civilians, should plan to receive NO COLA in 2011.

FEHBP OPEN SEASON - The Office of Personnel Management has set the 2010 Federal Benefits Open Season. Open Season will begin Monday, Nov. 8 and run through Monday, Dec. 13. During Open Season, federal employees and retirees can enroll in or change their health, vision and dental plans. NARFE magazine's Open Season coverage begins with the October issue, pages 48-56. November and December issues will provide additional coverage.

JOIN NARFE NOW - By joining now, you will save \$12. At the recent NARFE National Convention, delegates voted to raise NARFE dues. The new first-year dues rate of \$45 takes effect Jan. 1, 2011. Join now at the current rate of \$33 and save. If you know of a retiree who is not present a member, sign him or her now. The new rate will occur at the time of renewal. Current chapter rate of \$10 will remain the same for the present.

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\* WELCOME - NEW MEMBER \*  
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NATIONAL CONVENTION - The November issue of Retirement Life magazine will have a full report on the recent convention. Mr. Joseph A Beaudoin of Winchester, VA. was elected National President. He is the first sitting National Vice President to succeed to the presidency in recent memory. The National Vice President and the National Secretary are newcomers to the National office. The National Treasurer, Charles W. Saylor had previously served as Treasurer. We wish the retiring National President, Mrs. Margaret L. Baptiste many years of good health.

MEMBERSHIP - The latest Activity Report from NARFE Hqs. show three members sent second renewal notices and two members dropped for non-renewal. We may need to make some adjustment in our chapter dues after we get the full report on the increase. The national increase was needed and hope it will not cause membership to drop.

CHAPTER OFFICERS - It is time to elect chapter officers for the coming year. All positions are open and available; Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider serving in one of these positions.

**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').**