



The Tennessee Federal Retiree

National Active and Retired Federal Employees

March 2007

NARFE members invited to federation convention

This year's federation convention will be held in Knoxville at the Days Inn North on April 16-17. Registration will begin on Monday, April 16, at 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Committee meetings will be held in individuals motel rooms.

A number of activities are planned, including a banquet at 6 p.m. on Monday evening at Ramsey's Cafeteria inside the Days Inn Motel. The buffet style banquet will include roast beef, baked chicken, four vegetables, drinks, dessert, salad. A door prize drawing will take place right after the meal. We ask that all chapters limit the door prizes to one prize from each chapter.

Following the banquet, musical entertainment will be provided by "Vintage Country." This group has provided the musical program for our chapter meetings for the last five December

meetings. We plan to have them back for the next December meeting.

A breakout presentation of Pet Therapy program similar to one last year in Clarksville. This was the presentation that I enjoyed most of all of them. We have asked the Knoxville Volunteer Emergency Rescue Squad to present a program around their new Heavy Rescue Truck, in the parking lot, and maybe an inside display as well.

The enclosed registration form should be mailed to me at the following address: Brice Umstead, NARFE Tennessee Federation, P.O. Box 530, Loudon, TN 37774-0530. Please make checks payable to: David Howell, Treasurer. I look forward to seeing you there!

- *Brice Umstead*
Convention Chair

John Wells presents legislative report

I am new to this position, and I know I have some big shoes to fill. Diane Taylor has done an outstanding job, but she has decided to spend more of her time in different areas. I wish her well, and many thanks for helping me get started.

The 110th Congress, 1st Session, was convened on January 4, 2007. We now have a new Congress to work with on our priority legislation. Everything we gain, everything we lose, is by act of Congress. As long as elected officials control our benefits, NARFE will be a political organization. In this effort we need you to help yourself by working to get the attention of our Tennessee members in Congress.

The current Status of Legislation in 110th Congress: H.R. 82—to repeal entirely both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA-28). Current cosponsors—169: 159 short of the 109th Congress, and only one (Bart Gordon) from Tenn. S. 206—to repeal entirely both the WEP and the GPO. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). Current cosponsors—8: 21 short of the 109th Congress, and none from Tenn. NARFE's legislative staff is working with key legislators prior to the re-introduction of

legislation on Premium Conversion. The NARVE Hotline will lead with the news of a bill introduction as soon as it occurs.

With a new Congress and the shift to the Democratic control of both the Senate and House, we may have a better chance of success. But we will need to put our energy into it to get all of the previous cosponsors back from the 109th Congress, and then get the bills out of committee. To do this will take every member's efforts. The Federation (8), District (9) and Chapter Officers (172) alone are not as much of an impact when working with Congress as is the effect of all of the NARFE Tennessee Federation members (4,628). Numbers do count. They translate to votes, and members of Congress only respond to those that make their interest known. How recently have you contacted your elected representatives in Congress to let them know how you feel about our priority legislation? Be a part of the solution by contacting your members of Congress soon and often.

- *John Wells*
Legislative Chair

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**TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
51ST STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION
HOSTED BY THE KNOXVILLE CHAPTER # 0204
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

APRIL 17-18, 2007

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Chapter No. _____ Chapter Name _____ Location _____

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CIRCLE ONE: [Delegate] [Alternate] [Federation Off.] [Nat. Off.] [Past Federation President] [Guest] [Member]

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CONVENTION FEE OPTIONS [*Select for yourself and spouse*]:

() FULL REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 (Incl. Registration and Banquet)
 () CONFERENCE ONLY \$15.00
 () BANQUET ONLY \$25.00
 () LATE FEE \$5.00 (AFTER MARCH 31, 2007) TOTAL enclosed _____

REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY **MARCH 31, 2007** (Late or on-site registration extra \$5.00)

Make checks payable to: David Howell, Treasurer

Mail to: Brice Umstead, P O Box 530, Loudon TN 37774-0530

For additional information, contact the Chapter President Brice Umstead at phone 865-567-8273

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

TENNESSEE FEDERATION
NARFE CONVENTION
April 16-18, 2007
Days Inn North,
5335 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville TN 37912
Phone: 865-687-5800 or 800-695-7065
FAX: 865-687-8706
Email: days07795@aol.com

\$70 per night plus tax (2 double beds)
\$65 per night plus tax (1 king size bed)

DIRECTIONS

Located off Interstate 75 in Knoxville Tennessee

Going North, take Exit 108 Merchant Drive, turn right
Going South, take Exit 108 Merchant Drive, turn left
Days Inn North is at the corner of
Merchant Dr. and Central Avenue Pike,
.01 mile from I-75

NAME _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATES YOU PLAN TO STAY _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE _____

Hotel Reservations Must Be Made By March 15th, 2007 – Late Reservations Subject To Availability

Mail reservation form directly to hotel and indicate on check, "NARFE State Convention"

Make checks payable to Days Inn or phone reservations: 1-800-695-7065

NOTE: KEEP A COPY OF ALL THIS INFORMATION FOR YOURSELF

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Signature of Chapter Secretary _____

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Instructions:

Fill out both sections of form with same information: mail top half to Mary Ruth Cutshaw, Federation Secretary, PO Box 4008, Sevierville TN 37864. Delegate should retain bottom half to present to Credential Committee at convention.

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