

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

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NEXT MEETING - Friday, September 11, at Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting starting at 12:00 noon. All member, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat 11:30).

PROGRAM - No speaker has been lined up, however, we have several matters to be discussed. Please make an effort to attend.

COLA - The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.2 percent in July 2009 according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS). Released on August 14 the CPI-W for July is 210.56. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost of living adjustment) the rate is currently 2.3 percent below the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. August consumer price indices will be released on September 16, 2009. It is highly unlikely that inflation will climb sufficiently to overcome the negative number and bring us into a positive position in the remaining two months. Given that possibility neither federal retirees nor social security will see any COLA beginning in January 2010.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Louise Terneus,  
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IN MEMORIAN

Mr. Richard Marshal Steinberg  
Died August 22, 2009

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MEMBERSHIP - MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM

Six members were reinstated due to a letter sent to them from Chapter 108. They had previously been contacted from Headquarters BY MAIL and failed to return.

2009 NARFE DUES REFERENDUM

In the August issue of the NARFE magazine a sample ballot was enclosed for review of the instructions. Suggest you recover that issue and be prepared to answer any questions.

STIMULUS CHECK - On page 40 of the September issue contains information on how to get your check if you are one of the many that failed to get a rebate. It appears that NARFE WAS THE LEADER IN THAT Narfe was the leader in getting the ball rolling

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSION LEADER - IF any of you have made contact to our Congressman or Senator a report will be appreciated to forward it on to National HQS

AUGUST NEWS LETTER - The reason you did not receive a newsletter was because the lady that was printing it moved out-of-state and left us ignorant as what to do. Hopefully, things will improve. I did get a few calls.