



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

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, February 12, 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 - At press time, efforts are being made to arrange for a guest speaker. Should these efforts fail, we will discuss chapter activities and goal. Suggestions for future programs are sought from chapter members.

CANCELLATION OF JANUARY MEETING - Due to the prospect of bad weather on Jan. 8, it was decided to cancel the January meeting. It is hoped no one was inconvenienced by the cancellation.

COLA - The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.1 percent in December 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Released on Jan. 15, the CPI-W for December is 211.703. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index is currently 1.8 percent below the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. January consumer price indices will be released on Friday, February 19, 2010.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION - If you are planning on going to Sevierville, TN. for the State Convention of NARFE, please let me know at 894-1606 as soon as possible. The dates are April 19-20 at the Oak Tree Lodge. Lodging is available for April 18 if you plan on going over on Sunday. Chapter officer training will be available if someone desire to assist in keeping the chapter going. We need new blood as the current officers have been involved for several years.

HAVE A GREAT 2010.

**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').**

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\* IN MEMORIAN \*  
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\* Mr. Daniel L. Lorden Jan. 9, 2010 \*  
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\* Mr. Otis Wilson Jan. 11, 2010 \*  
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WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

- Ms Irene W. Dowdell, 422 Pembroke Lane, Chattanooga, TN. 37421. Transfer from Chapter 0203. Tele. (423) 892-5447  
1 YEAR SPECIAL
- Ms Gale P. Arden, 1011 Ariel Lane, Chattanooga, TN. 37405  
2 YEAR SPECIAL
- Ms Lynne Burnham, 2046 Hickory Valley Rd. Chattanooga, TN. 37421
- Mr. John A. Wells, 1003 Montrosa Ave., Jasper, TN. 37347

AARP TAX AID - If you need help in preparing your income tax return, contact AARP at 1-888-227-7669 to locate a site near you. In addition the VITA program is also available for middle or low income with special attention to persons 60 years and over. Both are FREE services.

DUES REFERENDUM - I hope all NARFE members have read President Margaret Baptiste's comments on single dues in the February NARFE magazine.

NARFE LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS - For members who complain that NARFE is not doing enough for its members, please review items on Page 16 of the February magazine.

NEW MEMBERS - Thanks for the new members listed at top of page. If you have knowledge of someone retiring or still working please make a contact and give them the application for membership in the magazine.