

# NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

## NEW BERN CHAPTER 808 NEWSLETTER

Meetings held at (Golden Corral) 400 Hotel Drive

New Bern, North Carolina

Third Thursday of Each Month

Newsletter No. 2009-1

Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:00 pm

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### NARFE CHAPTER 808 NEEDS YOU

One of NARFE's missions is to protect the earned benefits of active and retired federal employees and their families. "Entitlements" is another way of describing those earned benefits. With today's economic recession/depression every active and retired federal employee needs to be active in their local NARFE chapter. One must always remember that *"what the government giveth, the government can taketh away."* With the passing of the latest stimulus package, the government will be looking to cut in every way possible before long. It seems that we need to make certain that they do not look to the active and retired federal employees Entitlements as a good place to start.

Every member needs to become active in their chapter. Taking part in your local chapter helps you keep abreast of how your congressional representatives stand on your entitlement issues. There is more power in large numbers.

The Editor

### Newly Elected 2009 Officers

President - Sue Wyatt

1st Vice President - Etta Daniel-Smith

2nd Vice President - James Jackson

Treasurer - Phillip Treadway

Secretary -Diane Childers

Many thanks to last years officers for their dedication and hard work!



Great working hours - meet lots of nice NARFE members - No pay!!

Chapter 808 needs a Membership Chairperson. If interested please contact Sue Wyatt, President

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**NARFE Scores Legislative Win For Federal Retirees  
in Stimulus Package**

For Immediate Release - February 13, 2009

Margaret L. Baptiste, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), announced successful achievement of a legislative fix that ensures that all federal retirees--like other seniors--will be offered stimulus relief.

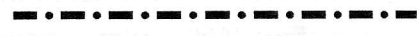
"Thanks to the tireless efforts of Senator John Kerry (D-MA) as well as Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) and other federal-friendly lawmakers, no federal retirees were excluded. These lawmakers went to the mat for federal retirees, and fought an uphill policy and timing battle to include these individuals at each step of the process," affirmed Baptiste. As originally drafted, the Senate stimulus bill provided a one-time cash payment to Social Security, Veterans, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Railroad Retirement recipients that inadvertently excluded non-Social Security public sector retirees --including many Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuitants, as well as certain state and local government retirees. NARFE's efforts, which included reaching out to legislators on Capitol Hill and to groups representing state and local government employees and retirees, secured language being incorporated into the final bill to accommodate these individuals.

Under the auspices of the stimulus package, tax relief via reduced payroll tax withholding will be provided to wage-earners under the 'Make Work Pay' provisions. Social Security, Veterans, SSI or Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, who are not otherwise wage-earners, will see a one-time \$250 increase in these payments. Federal retirees who are not eligible for any of these payments will be eligible to take a newly-created \$250 per person refundable tax credit. At this time, prior to the stimulus package's enactment into law, few details are available. NARFE will keep its members informed on all coming tax guidance.

"As federal retirees worked and contributed just like other Social Security retirees, NARFE is pleased that this tax credit was created and then successfully attached to the stimulus legislation," asserted President Baptiste. "NARFE applauds Congress for extending a tax stimulus to our nation's seniors so that retirees can join other taxpayers in bolstering our economy at a critical time."

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NARFE, one of America's oldest and largest associations, was founded in 1921 with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. The largest federal employee/ retiree organization, NARFE represents the retirement interests of nearly 5 million current and future federal annuitants, spouses, and survivors, [memsrvcs@narfe.org](mailto:memsrvcs@narfe.org).



From Your President

Sue Wyatt

What a great meeting we had in January for my first meeting as President. The support from all of you was terrific. As stated in our meeting, I hope to bring up more topics that relate to us as annuitants and active employees. We started out with the discussion of the "Windfall Elimination Provision" (WEP) and the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO) and discovered that everyone would like to have a knowledgeable person from Social Security come and talk to us about 20 minutes. Since then I have contacted public relations and I hope to have someone at our March meeting. We talked about the Premium Conversion and despite the combined efforts of NARFE, it was not included in the Stimulus Package as hoped. More NARFE members called and e-mailed their representatives and senators than ever before.

**Contact your elected Officials ☎**

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED**

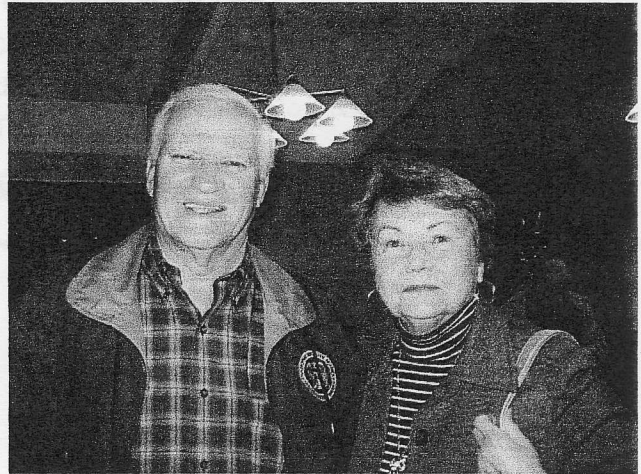
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**Walter Jones** (R-NC)  
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John Trueblood was with NSA and retired in October 1999. He and his wife Dolores live in River Bend. John enjoys fishing and boating. Dolores is a retired dressmaker. She also worked in the actuary department of Blue Cross Blue Shield for several years. They joined NARFE Chapter 808 in 2001.

**PAC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Terry Wethington, PAC Chairperson, discussed the need for members contributions at the January meeting. Dues cannot be used for political purposes. Terry will be asking for your contributions throughout the year.

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**NC Federation Annual Convention** will be held in Hickory, NC April 28 -30. If you would like to be a delegate for Chapter 808, please contact our president, Sue Wyatt.

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**Chapter 808 New Members**

Nina Powell - transferred from another chapter

- Audrey Day
- Beverly Wells
- Dennis Colbert
- James Trever
- Doris Burton
- Gloria Miller



**Good bye to : Dan Strickland**, longtime member who worked diligently to increase our chapter membership. Dan passed away February 9, 2009.

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED**



Barbara Emer worked at MCAS Cherry Point as an aircraft instrument mechanic. She retired December 3, 1987. She joined Chapter 808 in 2003.

