

# 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

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Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:00 pm



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## DOES YOUR VOTE COUNT?

*ONLY IF YOU VOTE!*

### NARFE DUES REFERENDUM

The dues referendum is very important. The outcome will affect every member. You have been receiving information about it in your NARFE magazines and news letter. Chapter 808 will vote at the September meeting. Below is a coupon for members who are unable to attend this meeting. Please vote and make your wishes known so that our chapter can cast ballots to reflect your wishes. Your paper ballot should be in to Sue Wyatt, President by September 30, 2009. **DO NOT send to NARFE Headquarters.** Each chapter gets 1 ballot for each 50 chapter members. A copy of this ballot was listed in the August NARFE Magazine (page 36). I have listed below our president's name and address for you. Every member should cast their vote on this very important issue.

## Planning to move? Notify NARFE

Telephone 1-800-8410

or e-mail [memsry@narfe.org](mailto:memsry@narfe.org)

and don't forget to notify Sue Wyatt or Jo Ann Shell

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Watson, Chairman - IBM in 1943 said "I think there is a world market for maybe 5 computers."

Ken Olson, President & Chairman of Digital Equipment Corp. in 1977 said "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home!"

A Yale University Professor told Fed Smith, a student "the concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn a "C" the idea must be feasible." Fred Smith went on to create an overnight delivery service known as "Federal Express".

Where would we be today if they were right?

### Special Voter's Coupon

#### *Make Your Vote Count on the 2009 NARFE Dues Referendum*

Note: If you cannot make your chapter meeting when members vote on the NARFE Dues Referendum (see pp. 42-43 of your August 2009 NARFE Magazine), Please note below.

I vote **YES** on the NARFE Dues Referendum \_\_\_\_\_

I vote **NO** on the NARFE Dues Referendum \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut out this coupon and mail/take it to your chapter president:** Sue Wyatt

Address: 1001 Colleton Way, New Bern, NC 28562

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**You can vote only if you are a member in good standing!**

From Your President

This year is really moving fast. We have had a lot of concerns that are coming before us as Congress looks at ways to save money. So far we have been saved but as stated in the last Gems email from Headquarters by Senator Coburn, R-Ok, who filibustered against a package that would give permanent FERS System workers credit of their unused sick leave toward their retirement, he quoted that **“There is no guarantee to your Federal Pension based on the economics we face today in this country. If you think it is guaranteed you have another thought coming because the world economic system is going to determine whether we can honor that pension”**. We have to work together to fight against statements as this. Also in September we will be voting on a new referendum on NARFE dues. Please come and vote your wishes at this meeting. Well enough from me see you at the next meeting and thanks again for your support!

Sue Wyatt

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Recently letters were sent to the area's local editors asking them to put a notice in their meeting announcements for NARFE's Chapter 808's meeting time and date. These letters went to newspapers in Taberna, River Bend, Trent Woods, Carolina Pines, Greenbrier and Fairfield Harbour. The editors were advised that many federal workers - both retired and active - lived in their communities. Thus far several papers have complied.

President, Sue Wyatt, had an advertisement placed in the Cherry Point Windsock newspaper asking current and retired federal employees to help NARFE preserve their benefits and annuities with her telephone number to call!

It's up to you to work to preserve your benefits!

Walt Smith

Public Relations Chairperson

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

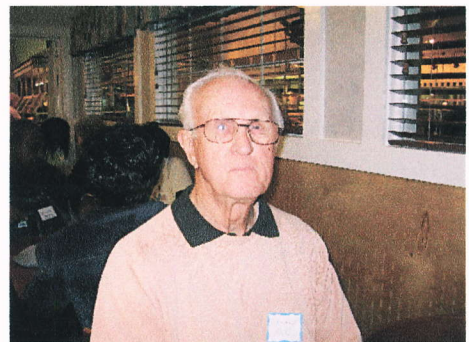
Ronald Cherry has volunteered to be our Membership Chairperson. He joined Chapter 808 in August 2006. He retired as an aircraft metal-smith and industrial engineer technician (NADEP) at Cherry Point, NC January 3,2008. Ron also retired from the NC National Guard after 28 years service and spent time as a Military Policeman.

Please thank Ron for taking on the job as Membership Chairperson. It is a tough job and we are lucky to have him.

Thanks Ron!

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### MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED



Roland Hill, Jr.

Roland has been a member of Chapter 808 since 1983. He has served as Vice President of the chapter. He was the budget officer when he retired from NARF Cherry Point. In 1947 Roland attended the first apprentice class of NARF at MCAS Cherry Point, NC.

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The Region Vice President and their federation presidents and national legislative officers have been preparing for **NARFE Grass-Roots Advocacy Month (August through Labor Day, September 7)**, The plan is to conduct face-to-face visits with every Representative and every Senator. Representatives Walter Jones and G. K. Butterfield have been contacted by James Jackson to speak to our chapter in September.

## COMING SOON

**AUGUST:** Speaker from AAA to explain the benefits to its members.

**SEPTEMBER:** **Vote** on the Dues Referendum  
We have asked **Representative Butterfield** to speak to our group awaiting for confirmation,

**OCTOBER:** Pat Cahoon, Clerk of Superior Court will be our guest speaker.

**NOVEMBER:** Election of New Chapter Officers for 2010.

**DECEMBER:** installation of new officers for 2010. Southern Gentlemen will provide a Christmas Program.

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**NC NARFE FEDERATION**

The NC Federation will be reviewing and updating our strategic plan. Officers and Area Vice Presidents will provide input to revisions and changes that will have a positive impact on our membership, including on-going improvements for the NC Chapters.

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NARFE President, Margaret Baptiste, praised Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) for winning passage of her NARFE supported amendment to allow federal agencies to re-employ retirees on a limited part-time basis without offset of annuity from salary. In addition to NARAFE, the Collins amendment, cosponsored by Sen. Voinovich (R-OH) and Sen. Kohl (D-WI), has a strong support of the Government Managers' Coalition and Coalition of Effective Change.

<http://www.narfe.org/departments/publications/>

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED



### Grace Monast

Grace was born and raised in Portugal. She is a citizen of the United States. She retired from the Social Security Administration as a claims representative August 2007 in Warwick, Rhode Island. Grace joined Chapter 808 July 2007. She attends our chapter meetings on a regular basis. Her hobbies are reading and she is a devoted animal lover.



### **Contact your elected Officials**

#### **Senators:**

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(R-NC)

1-866-220-0044

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#### **Congressman:**

**Hon. Walter Jones** (R-NC)

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