

# 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. 2009-2

Dinner 5:30 - Meeting 6:00 pm

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### NARFE DUES - NOW

by

Paul Carew, Regional X Vice-President

If you have not received it yet, in a few days you will get your June copy of the NARFE Magazine that includes an open letter from President Baptiste on NARFE dues. Please take the time to read it carefully because it provides the rationale and the schedule for the NARFE dues referendum.

In the coming weeks, President Baptiste's open letter will be followed by additional information on the referendum in the NARFE magazine and mailings to the Federation and the Chapter.

As I noted in my article for the North Carolina Federation newspaper, the clock is clipping along and before you know it, September will be here and all our chapters will have received their referendum ballots for the vote on the NARFE dues. This is a very important issue and, I believe, critical for the future of NARFE in terms of membership recruitment and retention. It is my hope that the proposed referendum will be discussed thoroughly by all our members before the ballots are returned in December. Remember, this is a vote by chapters, not individual members, so please attend your chapter meetings when the dues referendum is discussed, listen carefully to the proposal, and make your voices heard.

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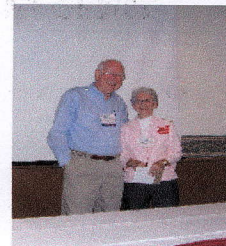
### DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHAPTER SERVICE OFFICER ???



Alvia Hearren, your service officer is here to help you get these things prepared and will assist your family as needed. The following are the six essentials to have.

- \* FORM 100 to be prepared for Life's Events
- \* Collaborate with loved ones to complete Form 100
- \* Know your NARFE Membership number
- \* Know your CSRS/FERS identification number
- \* Review and update date of birth on SF form 2808
- \* [www.opm.gov/forms/SF2808](http://www.opm.gov/forms/SF2808)

### NEW AREA VI VICE PRESIDENT



Chapter 808's Walt Smith (left) was elected area VI Vice President at the 53rd North Carolina State Federation of Chapter Conventions. Glenda Mcrary (right) was the past Area VI Vice President.

### Are you getting GEMS??



If not, you can by listing your e-mail address with NARFE. Gems will give you the latest information about what's happening to your entitlements and what NARFE is doing to protect them. Contact Sue Wyatt at 252-636-0278.

CHAPTER 808 AT THE 53RD CONVENTION

From Your President

Hello folks!

I can't believe that we are already in the month of May. Time never stops does it? Thanks again for your support at the meetings during my first months as President. I think we have had some outstanding information passed to us during this time which is what our members have requested.

A representative from our district Social Security Administration, Ethel Barnes, gave us the ins and outs of GPO and WEP and the NC NARFE PAC Representative, Joe Childers, insured we understood what PAC means to us as an annuitant. Our goal is to look after our benefits and to do that we have to have a voice in Congress. As I have learned, "The key to a strong Chapter is Member Participation". I also would especially like to thank George Besa for volunteering as our Sunshine Person. That means a lot to me. See you at the monthly meetings!

Gue Wyatt

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED



Joan Weeks is a faithful member of Chapter 808. She is a North Carolina native. She retired from the federal government in 1993 in Silver Springs, MD where she held positions as office manager and analyst. She studies painting, singing with the choir at her church, loves gardening and learning more about our beautiful state of North Carolina. She has two beautiful and loving kittens (Cinnamon and Allspice).

THE BAILEY ACT

This act exempts those employees who entered service prior to August 12, 1984 from paying NC state taxes on our annuities. There is a task force working on an admendment to extend this act to cover all federal and military persons living in North Carolina.

- \* BILLIE T BALANGIA
- \* JEANETTE E BESA
- \* JAMES R CARAWAM
- \* MARY CAYTON
- \* PAUL PATTERSON DAY
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- \* CHARLES F SMITH
- \* JOSEPH D STRICKLAND
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- \* JACK C TILLMAN

ITEMS COMING UP FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- \* NARFE'S legislative priorities
- \* Premium Conversion
- \* Repeal of GPO/WEP
- \* Defend Existing Benefits and Entitlements
- \* FERS
- \* NARFE-PAC
- \* Area Legislative Contact Officer (ALCO)

\* Please be aware that we will be discussing the issue of "Dues" in our July meeting. This is a very important issue and will be voted on in December. It will affect you! Your input is important.

\* At the convention Paul Sams, NC Federation Vice President, gave an overview on and you will be hearing about the Baily Act soon.



Meet our new "Sunshine" person, George Besa. We are very happy to have him volunteer for our chapter. Many thanks, George!

## SEE WHAT YOU ARE MISSING

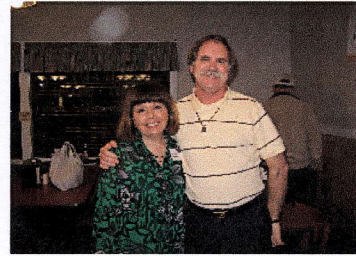


Ethel Barnes (left) Sue Wyatt (right)

NARFE Chapter 808 President, Sue Wyatt welcomed Ethel Barnes, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist from Goldsboro, NC at the February chapter meeting. Ms. Barnes gave an extremely informative presentation on Social Security and how it is affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) to the member. She also explained how a law covered by the Government Pension Offset Act (GPO) will create unexpected problems to widows/widowers. Ms. Barnes answered many questions as to what necessary actions can and must be addressed to resolve the issue.

NARFE - PAC Coordinator, Joe Childers, addressed the chapter at our April meeting. He discussed the definition of PAC and FEC regulations. Joe works as the conduit between the local chapters and National NARFE. He will ask the chapters representatives: "do you recommend approval of funds for the challenger or the incumbent?" It was noted that PAC money cannot come from NARFE dues or budget. It comes directly from NARFE member donations. NARFE is political but never partisan. Joe had pamphlets on the most frequently asked questions with answers. It was a very information session.

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTED



Sandi and her husband, Kevin Trundy became Chapter 808 members October 2005. Sandi was a claims representative for the Social Security Administration from 1973 - 1997. She was with the Naval War College in Newport, RI from 1970-1972. She retired from federal service in December 31, 1997 in Bedford, MA.

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### ☎ Contact your elected Officials ☎

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

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### Chapter 808 New Members

Floyd W Evans (Current Federal Employee)

**Welcome to Chapter 808!**