

^CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CHAPTER 2209 NARFE

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Chapter Meetings during the next two quarters will be on April 20 and July 20. The meetings start at 9:00 AM at the same meeting place, Mary Ann's Country Kitchen restaurant located on U.S. 64 business proceeding West near Hayesville town square.

At the January meeting the Chapter members present will discuss the future of the chapter. The current officers have all served for 8 years and are seeking replacements. The current Vice President, Marjorie King, is willing to serve as President but a member is needed to take her place and members are needed to replace Gwen as Treasurer and Laura as Secretary. If no chapter members step forward the chapter will have to consider dissolution. The chapter has been in existence for 20 years. Many members including the current officers want to avoid dissolution. If you are willing to help keep the chapter going, please call me at 389-4720 or any of the other officer at the phone numbers listed above.

In the July newsletter I described the serious threat presented by the Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. Since July the commission has completed its deliberations, but 14 of the 18 members were unable to reach agreement on the Commission's recommendations. As a consequence, the Commission's recommendations will not be submitted for an up or down vote on the floor of the Senate and House. However the Chairmen of the Commission have made 45 proposals. One of the proposals has already been acted upon by President Obama when he proposed that the pay of federal civilian employees be frozen for two years. NARFE national has vehemently objected to federal employees being singled out to help reduce the deficit they played no role in creating. The reality is that federal employees are an easy target. The co-chairmen also proposed that a Federal Work Force Entitlement Task Force be created which should consider among other things basing annuities on an employee's highest five years of compensation instead of the current three years. Retirees would be affected by using a different index for determining their cost of living increases which would result in lower cost of living increases. There are many other proposals which would affect federal employees and retirees. It is imperative that you use NARFE's website to E-mail Rep. Shuler, Sen. Burr and Hagan or call them toll free #1- 866- 220- 0044 and stress that federal employees and retirees should not be singled out.

