The boys of summer: Chapter 1257 in Farmerville, LA, sponsored a youth baseball team.
So Much to Celebrate

Michele and I had the opportunity to attend five of this year’s 23 Jurisdictional Conventions. It’s an opportunity that we and all the members of our National Board of Directors look forward to. Meeting with and hearing from membership is crucial to gauging our progress as an organization.

As I reflect on the experience, what comes to mind is repeated often within WoodmenLife: families are at the heart of what we do. You are the reason we’ve made huge contributions to the fight against hunger and the reason we recently surpassed 3 million U.S. flags presented. Thank you for all that you do.

Our Regional Offices have planned some exciting, customized family activities for this summer, so please watch for your postcard invitation. You may also search for upcoming events in your area on WoodmenLife.org.

With our National Convention coming up next month, I’m excited about speaking with more of you in Nashville. Your service and spirit of fraternalism never cease to amaze me. Thank you again for giving WoodmenLife so much to celebrate.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Dees
President & CEO

Our Mission: WoodmenLife provides members with financial security while making a difference in your community.
WoodmenLife members made a difference in 2016!

Collected 303,084 Pounds of Food

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WoodmenLife, founded in 1890, is a not-for-profit life insurance company that also offers member benefits.

Our nearly 700,000 members, who hold close to one million insurance and annuity certificates, belong to nearly 900 chapters throughout the United States. Local chapters sponsor family activities and conduct community projects. These projects include: presenting U.S. flags to civic and community organizations; donating equipment to police, fire and rescue units; providing assistance to senior citizens, the physically impaired and orphans; and providing monetary assistance.

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On the Cover
Cary and Daphne Rosbury found the right life insurance to help protect their large family with WoodmenLife’s Family Term.

Cover Photo by Sarah Eubanks Photography
Recently, WoodmenLife sponsored a Families Volunteering Photo Contest via the corporate Facebook page. Individuals were invited to submit a photo of their family and a short story about how they give back together in their community. Facebook users were then invited to vote for their favorite photo, with the winner receiving a $500 donation for their charity of choice.

Contest entries were received from nine different states, and after more than 2,500 votes were counted, the winning photo was submitted by Sheryl Pedersen, a member of Chapter 6011 in Council Bluffs, IA.

Sheryl and her husband, Lee, volunteer and serve as foster parents with Nebraska Boston Terrier (& French Bulldog) Rescue. “Being able to donate this money to the rescue will truly make a difference!” Pedersen said.
A.M. Best, an independent rating company nationally recognized for its objective reporting and rating of insurers, awarded WoodmenLife an A+ (Superior) rating with a stable outlook for our financial strength and operating performance in 2016. A+ (Superior) is the second-highest rating out of 15 awarded.

This rating is based on a comprehensive and qualitative evaluation of WoodmenLife’s balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile.

“We remain in a superior financial position, and we continue to make sound decisions based on the best interests of our members, as we have for the last 126 years,” said Patrick Dees, WoodmenLife President & CEO. “Our assets and surplus are at record highs, and we continue to be well-positioned for long-term financial strength and stability.”

To learn more about WoodmenLife’s financials, visit WoodmenLife.org/about/financial-strength.cfm.

Did You Hear the Good News?

Focus Forward with Family Term

Our new Family Term1 products cover your entire family on one certificate, and the rate is guaranteed for 20 years. Plus, with your entire family covered, your high school-aged children may qualify for the WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship.2

Contact your local Representative for more information.

Life’s PERKS

Save on Summer Staples

Do you spend summer at the lake or on the links? At the ballpark or on a bike? With Life’s Perks, the WoodmenLife Customer Discount Program, you could be saving on:

» Event tickets
» Hotels and rental cars
» Bicycles
» Swimsuits
» Camping gear
» Sports equipment

It’s Easy to Save!
1. Log in to the Member Website at WoodmenLife.org
2. Click on “Customer Discounts.”
3. Sign up for Life’s Perks and start searching for discounts!

1. 8063 R-1-16, ICC16 8063 R-1-16. Certain eligibility requirements may apply. 2. Fraternal benefits are not contractual, are subject to change and have specific eligibility requirements. D1448 6/17
Aerni Named Vice President & Chief Actuary

As the Vice President & Chief Actuary, Jon Aerni leads WoodmenLife’s efforts to assure compliance with state and federal regulations, optimize WoodmenLife’s risk and reward position and assure equitable treatment for all members. Prior to his current position, Aerni was Director, Financial Analysis.

Aerni graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1997 with a B.S. in Business Administration and a major in Actuarial Science. Before coming to WoodmenLife, he worked as Director of Financial Planning for CIGNA Retirement and Investment Services and as Director of Planning and Analysis for Prudential Financial.

Aerni joined WoodmenLife in 2006 and became a member of Alpha Chapter 16 in Omaha. In addition to service for WoodmenLife, Aerni is a regular volunteer for ABIDE, a non-profit organization supporting Omaha’s inner city, and is a board member of Good Neighbor Ministries.

In his free time, Aerni enjoys preparing and enjoying healthy foods and helping his wife, Jennifer, homeschool their six children: Ella, Meg, Lydia, Livi, Punya, and Caleb.

Savage Named Director, RSM Development

Kyle Savage leads WoodmenLife’s recruiting efforts, providing Recruiting Sales Managers with support and additional resources to strengthen their recruiting and production results, as the Director, RSM Development, effective May 1, 2017.

Savage began his WoodmenLife career in February 2013, when he became a Sales Representative and joined Chapter 558 in Durant, OK. He was named Oklahoma Fraternalist of the Year in 2013, was Oklahoma’s Top Hat Representative in 2014, won the Sure Start Trophy in 2014, and earned President’s Cabinet status each year from 2013-2016.

Savage was promoted to Recruiting Sales Manager in 2015 and was Oklahoma’s Top Hat RSM in 2016. He has held the offices of Vice President, Publicity and Vice President, Outreach in his chapter.

Savage earned his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational and Strategic Communication from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He has also earned his Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC) designation.

In addition to his WoodmenLife involvement, Savage has been a member of the Rotary International in Durant, OK, since 2014, serving as Vice President in 2014, President Elect in 2015, and President in 2016. He also served on the Three Valley Museum Board in Durant, OK, from 2014-2017.

He and his wife, Kristen, have one son, Jonah. In his free time, Savage enjoys spending time with his family, golf and photography.
Megel Named Director, Agency & President

Patrick Megel leads Woodmen Insurance Agency, WoodmenLife’s subsidiary offering additional insurance options beyond our core products, as Director, Agency & President, effective March 16, 2017.

He joined WoodmenLife in July 2003 as an Internal Wholesaler with Woodmen Financial Services. He was promoted to Senior Securities Sales Analyst in November 2003. He then served as the Advanced Markets Manager from December 2004 through 2008. From January 2009 through March 2017, Megel served as Regional Sales Manager, responsible for designing training programs while providing entry and advanced market educational and sales support for the Sales Force nationally.

Megel came to WoodmenLife from SEI Investments, where he served as the Wholesaler for First National Bank of Omaha’s Retail and Institutional proprietary investment products. Prior to joining SEI, Megel developed his skills in private practice as a Financial Advisor for Investment One/First National Bank and American Express Financial Advisors in Omaha. He has earned his Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and FIC designations, along with his FINRA Series 7, 24, 63, 66, and life insurance licenses.

Megel graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a double major in 1980, and completed his Master’s Degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1981.

Megel resides in Omaha and has two children, Mackenzie and Jason.

Griffin Appointed Regional Director of TX SE

As Regional Director of Texas Southeast, Jill Griffin leads WoodmenLife’s sales and recruiting efforts in the Region, effective June 1, 2017.

Griffin began her WoodmenLife career in 2008 as a Sales Representative, earning Rookie of the Year honors that same year. In 2010, she was promoted to Recruiting Sales Manager in the Georgia South region. In 2015-16, she was recognized as Georgia South Recruiting Sales Manager of the Year.

Griffin earned her Associates Degree in Agribusiness from South Georgia College in 1996, and has earned her FIC designation, along with the Series 6 & 63 securities licenses.

She became a WoodmenLife member in 2008, joining Chapter 278 in Hazlehurst, GA, and was named Georgia South Fraternalist of the Year in 2009.

Griffin has three children: Dagan Askew (husband, Austin); Emalee Smith and Koehn Smith. She is also eager to welcome her first grandchild in the fall of 2017.

In her free time, Griffin enjoys traveling, Bible journaling and spending time with family and friends.
Member Highlights
Cary and Daphne Rosbury
Chapter 7
Atlanta, GA
Members since 2012
Cary and Daphne Rosbury know better than most how important it is to follow a schedule and be organized. That’s because they have nine children, including a four-month-old.

It’s also important to have a budget. That’s why WoodmenLife’s Family Term Life Insurance was the perfect fit for them.
“They need to watch their budget, so Family Term was the best way to get coverage for everyone and stay within their guidelines,” said Representative Billy Pate. “They knew the price would be the same as they had more children.”

Family Term is an affordable way to cover up to two adults and all eligible children1 with one life insurance certificate – making it the right choice for the Rosburys and their growing family.

“It’s a great value,” Daphne said. “I love that (my spouse and I) and all of our children are covered, regardless of our family’s size.”

Little Anson joins his eight older siblings: Christian, 20; Aiden, 17; Ethan, 15; Corrine, 13; Terren, 11; Rowan, 9; Gavin, 5; and Bastian, 2.

To support their family, Cary works as a General Manager for a local concrete company and Daphne homeschools all of the children (except Christian, who’s in college). Each child also has their own interests and activities – so there’s no such thing as a typical day in their household.

“I usually wake up at 6 a.m. while Cary is home,” Daphne said. “I get his lunch and start making breakfasts for when the children wake up at 7 a.m.”

Before they start the homeschool day at 9 a.m., there are chores to be done. They then do lessons until lunch, take a break and more lessons until about 3 p.m. when the extra-curricular activities and interests take over.

“Several kids have outside the home classes, lessons and labs during the week, so that involves a bit of running around,” Daphne said. “Then everyone has chores to do before and after dinner, but with so many hands, the load is light.”

For the Rosburys, faith is a strong driving force behind their family.

“Strong Family Bonds

That family size recently increased with the birth of baby Anson in February. “He has been such a blessing to our family,” Daphne said. “There’s usually a line to hold him.”

— Billy Pate, Representative
WoodmenLife’s Family Term Life Insurance offers coverage that grows – and changes – with your family. Family Term is an affordable way to cover your entire family – up to two adults and all eligible children1 – with one life insurance certificate. Here’s how you can protect your family now and later with Family Term:

**Current Advantages**
- Provides 10- or 20-year level term life insurance to a single-parent family or two-parent family, ages 18 through 50.
- Premiums are guaranteed not to increase for the initial policy term.
- Adult face amounts available are $50,000; $100,000; $250,000; or $500,000.2
- After the initial policy term of 10 or 20 years, the adult coverage is annually renewable to age 95.3
- Coverage is available at certificate issue to eligible children,1 ages 15 days through 17 years.
- Provides $10,000 of term life insurance for eligible children until age 25.

**Future Advantages**
- As additional children are born or adopted, they are covered by the insurance for no additional cost.4
- Primary or Other Insured’s coverage may be converted to permanent coverage at any time through age 72, for the same amount or less, without proof of insurability.5
- Upon the death of the Primary or Other Insured,6 all coverage continues on the other insured adult and on any eligible children, with no additional premiums required.
- Each child’s coverage may be converted to the same amount of permanent insurance at any time before the child’s 25th birthday, without a medical examination. And 60 days before the final conversion, the coverage may be converted for up to $20,000 without proof of insurability.

For more information, contact your local Representative or visit WoodmenLife.org.

1. Children born or adopted by the Primary Insured or Other Insured, or for which the Primary Insured or Other Insured has been appointed permanent legal guardian. The child must be less than 18 years of age on the date of application.
2. The face amount of the Other Insured can never be more than the Primary Insured.
3. Once the initial policy term ends, your premiums will increase on an annual basis until age 95. Any increase in premium will not increase the certificate benefits.
4. Certain eligibility requirements and age restrictions apply.
5. Upon conversion of the Primary Insured, the base certificate, including any attached riders or endorsements, will terminate.
6. Except by suicide within two years from the effective date of the certificate. In Missouri and North Dakota, except by suicide within one year from the effective date of the certificate.

**The Best Value**
For a large, busy family like the Rosburys, Family Term life insurance was the right product to fit their needs and budget.

“They’re young and healthy, and this was the best value for them right now,” Pate said. “Then with its future options, they can convert it to permanent life insurance down the road for them and their children before the Term runs out.”
When an F-3 tornado hit the communities of Hattiesburg and Petal, MS, on January 21, WoodmenLife responded.

“After the storm and after surveying all of the damage, we put out a bulletin to WoodmenLife chapters nationwide,” said Steve Kowalski, Community Outreach Manager for southern Mississippi. “Almost immediately, we started receiving donations from across the country. Money came in from as far away as upstate New York and Texas to the Carolinas and our neighboring states.”

Those generous donations topped $23,000 in no time, with $15,000 of that amount earmarked to help students at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. Every single building on the University’s campus was damaged in some way by the tornado.

“We thought it would be a good thing to provide money for the students to help them get their life back in order and replace belongings such as computers and books lost in the storm,” said Recruiting Sales Manager Eddie Jenkins.

According to Kowalski, the University was extremely grateful for the donation, and quickly started putting the money to work toward helping students and the rebuilding effort.

The additional $8,400 that was raised was donated to Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Petal, which also suffered heavy damage in the storm.

“The church received a double whammy,” Kowalski said. “Last year, the church finally celebrated its reopening after being damaged by a tornado in 2013. Then it took a big hit again with the storm in January.”

WoodmenLife presented a check to Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Petal, MS, to help them rebuild after a tornado.
When she was just 11 months old, Marissa Chumley lost her mother to a brain tumor. Despite this tragedy, the future is looking bright for Chumley, now a college junior.

Chumley was raised by her grandmother and great-grandmother, Diane and Betty Mayfield. Because of the financial help the family has received through the WoodmenLife Orphan’s Care Benefit, Chumley has been able to attend college without taking out any loans. “I am thankful that my maternal grandmother and lifelong WoodmenLife member Connie Larie bought this policy for my mother when she was very young,” Chumley said.

“It has been wonderful,” Chumley continued. “Without the help, I’d have to work a lot more and it would take me a long time to pay off loans. It has helped me so much.”

She is majoring in early childhood education at the University of Arkansas, Beebe Campus, and looks forward to becoming a teacher. “I’ve always loved to be around kids,” she said.

College has been a great experience for Chumley. “I love meeting new people and I like going to class,” she said. In addition, she’s had opportunities to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and helped with English classes at a college in El Salvador.

Orphan’s Care Benefit

$1,000 a month toward the care of your children if they are orphaned

$12,000 per year
WoodmenLife
Orphan’s Care Benefit

$13,000 per year*
Average cost to raise a child in America

$145,000
WoodmenLife’s Projected 2017 Orphan’s Care Benefit payments

Some families serve their communities occasionally, but for others it’s a way of life. This is especially true for WoodmenLife members who are also first responders.

Chad Hart is a 15-year veteran on the Jackson, TN, Fire Department and a reserve with the Madison County Sheriff’s Department. He follows in the footsteps of his father, who served as a firefighter for 33 years. He has also given time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate helping children in need. His wife, Tasha, works at the western Tennessee Regional Office. “We believe in protecting and serving our community, as well as our family through volunteerism and through our daily professions,” she said.

Ricky Garrison of Scottsville, KY, has been fighting fires as an Allen County volunteer for more than 40 years. He is a certified instructor, and taught the majority of fire and emergency training classes in his areas over the course of four decades. This includes teaching his wife, children and mother … who are all emergency response certified. And, this is in addition to his full-time career of managing a community center. “It’s great just being able to help people in our communities,” he said.

WoodmenLife member and first responder Chad Hart speaks to children about safety and taking care of others.
Thinking About the Unthinkable
Neither Hart nor Garrison asks for anything in return for their service, but they do worry about how it may impact their families.

“When I’m on duty, I stay in a constant state of concern for my family and what they would do without me,” Hart said. He spends a lot of time researching ways to prevent injuries and accidents.

Both men have seen a lot of hard times in their decades of service, but are happy they can at least help a little. “People are going through tragedy, so I enjoy helping how I can by putting out the fire,” Garrison said.

How WoodmenLife Helps
If the worst should happen, and a WoodmenLife member who is a first responder dies in the line of duty, the family will receive financial support (see details below).

“I’ve seen people have trouble financially and emotionally because of the expenses left behind after a loved one, who was also the bread winner, lost his life in the line of duty,” Hart said. “It is not only devastating for that family but also very emotional for that loved one’s fellow firefighters.”

Garrison agrees that the First Responder’s Benefit is helpful in a terrible time. “That would greatly help families with final expenses, medical bills and the financial burden they face,” he said.

Both first responders take comfort in knowing their families will receive help if something tragic happens. “Every time I go into a potentially life-threatening situation, I feel as if WoodmenLife is going with me,” Hart said. “WoodmenLife is there reassuring me that my family will be okay if something were to happen to me.”

Your community depends on you.
You can depend on us.
WoodmenLife will pay $25,000 for First Responders killed in the line of duty.

Visit WoodmenLife.org/customer-benefits for more details.

Fraternal benefits are available to members. These benefits are not contractual, are subject to change and have specific eligibility requirements. An individual becomes a member by joining our shared commitment to family, community and country, and by purchasing a WoodmenLife product.
Jeffrey Goodman of Lenoir City, TN, is not your typical teen. “Just about every weekend, he’s out there doing something for someone else,” said his mother, Laura.

Goodman got involved in WoodmenLife when his family moved to eastern Tennessee. He became involved with his chapter and the East Tennessee Junior Fraternal Alliance (ETJFA) after learning more about them at a youth event.

“I saw you can make new friends, help a lot of people and it makes you feel good,” he said.

Goodman helps with any event he can, from building birdhouses to grilling for veterans. In addition to WoodmenLife and ETJFA activities, he helps the local American Legion and Ruritan Club. He also volunteers at local animal shelters.

“If he hears about any need in the community, he jumps in or starts a project,” said WoodmenLife Representative Rochelle Clayton-Cordova.

Goodman’s WoodmenLife chapter and the ETJFA have both recognized him as a Fraternalist of the Year, but he doesn’t help for the recognition.

“People who volunteer do it because it makes them feel good,” he said.

That’s why he plans to continue helping however he can. Goodman will enter high school this Fall, and play his third year of football, but volunteering will still be an important part of his life.

“When help is needed, Jeffrey’s the first one to step up,” Laura Goodman said.
When 11-year-old Max Itson stepped in to help a fellow student on the school bus this past January, he didn’t think that much of it. “Because Max didn’t make a big deal about it, I didn’t realize at first how serious the situation was with the other child,” said his mother, Vicki. “But once I realized it could have easily been a life-or-death situation, I was so proud of Max. Not only for his quick thinking, but also for his humbleness.”

When Max saw a second grader choking on a piece of candy, he stepped in to save him. He was prepared because of his own past experience. “When Max was about 3 or 4 years old, he choked on a piece of food. I had gone through annual CPR trainings in my previous job, so I knew what to do,” Vicki said. “Since then, he brought it up several times throughout the years, so I knew he remembered it, and we would talk about what to do in that instance.”

His local WoodmenLife chapter in Rocky Mount, VA, noticed his efforts, as did the local sheriff’s office. Both presented him with Lifesaver Awards, and he is believed to be the youngest individual to save a life in his county.

Though Max was not prepared for all the attention he’s received for doing it, he offers good advice to others who may face similar situations. “Stay calm and do everything you can to help someone else, because you would want them to help you someday,” he said.

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- Max Itson

Franklin County Sheriff’s Office officials honored WoodmenLife member Max Itson with its Lifesaver Award.
WoodmenLife chapters meet every two years to elect delegates to jurisdictional conventions across the country. This year, members gathered in 23 different cities to discuss new ideas, elect officers, support the National Community Focus, vote on fraternal matters, and plan for the future. It was also announced that the National Community Focus of fighting hunger will continue until our next National Convention in 2021.

Presiding President: Gerald Howell
Host Regional Director: Don Bray
National Directors in attendance: Denise McCauley and Danny Cummins

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Gerald Howell
President – Kimberly Kervin
Vice President – Paula Bedran
Secretary – Kathryn Skipper
Treasurer – Julie Huff
Trustees – Anna Black (chair), Ardella Exum, Mary Allen, Jerry Benford, Kenneth Bates
VP, Community Outreach – James Kendrick
VP, Youth Outreach – Patsy Little
VP, Membership – Linda Sparks
VP, Publicity – Mechell Smith
Fraternal Committee – Jerilyn Ingram (chair), Karlton Wilson, Janice Taylor, Bobbie Spain, Pauline Hood

Donated $2,000 to the Fultondale Food Bank to purchase a commercial refrigerator.

National Director Danny Cummins congratulated newly-elected Jurisdictional President Kimberly Kervin.
Arkansas

57th Biennial Convention

**Presiding President:** Laura England

**Host Regional Director:** Kevin Crouse

**National Directors in attendance:** Dr. James Bosler and Ron Aldridge

**2017-2019 Officers:**
- **Immediate Past President** – Laura England
- **President** – Michael Buchanan
- **Vice President** – Rebecca Ross
- **Secretary** – Nancy Garner
- **Treasurer** – Joyce McCullah
- **Trustees** – Brenda Moon (chair), Harlie Treat, Henry Swift, Tawana Gilbert, Michelle Fahey
- **Sergeant at Arms** – Susie Mitchell
- **Musician** – Tharon Yandell
- **Fraternal Committee** – William Mitchell (chair), Laura England, Karen Greenhaw, Pamela McCullah, James Palmer
- **Escort** – Judith Triplett

Purchased $1,000 worth of food for Ouachita Children’s Center.

Food collected and donated by the jurisdiction.

California

40th Biennial Convention

**Presiding President:** Michael Duke

**Host Regional Director:** Bill Arden

**National Directors in attendance:** Danny Rice III and Bob Maher

**2017-2019 Officers:**
- **Immediate Past President** – Michael Duke
- **President** – Carol Anderson
- **Vice President** – Sheila Eakle
- **Secretary** – Stephen Ensey
- **Treasurer** – Karen Forbes
- **Trustees** – Thomas Trisler (chair), Laurel Foster, Theresa Varney, Mark Hayes, Cheryl Johnston-Carr
- **Sergeant at Arms** – Theresa Uyeda
- **Greeter** – Patricia Burke
- **Musician** – Bonnie Buechner
- **Fraternal Committee** – Patricia Peterson (chair), Geneva Trisler, Joyce Herndon, Mary Anderson
- **Escort** – Lorna Kumabe

Donated a bench to Bruce Trent Park.

Pictured is the bench that was donated by the jurisdiction.
Florida

52nd Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Linwood Holley
Host Regional Director: Bryan Carroll
National Directors in attendance: Pat Dees and Dr. James Bosler

2017-2019 Officers:
  Immediate Past President – Linwood Holley
  President – Bernadine Stanaland
  Vice President – Robby Molony
  Secretary – Kim Enfinger
  Treasurer – Joelle Roberts
  Trustees – Elizabeth Rafford (chair), Terri Dubois, Chris Desrochers, Ken Harshman, Jonothan Bowman
  Musician – Heather Parker
  Greeter – Cynthia Goodson
  Sergeant at Arms – Ben Parker
  Fraternal Committee – Brian Alsup (chair), Danny Henley, Stacy Nickerson, Leslie Wyrosdick, Maxine Scott
  Escort – James Simpson

Donated $2,500 each to Tranquility Country, Avenue 12 Women’s Recovery House and the Emory L. Bennett Veterans’ Nursing Home.

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers.

Georgia

59th Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Nora Waters
Host Regional Director: Pat Frappampina
National Directors in attendance: Pat Dees and Wes Dodd

2017-2019 Officers:
  Immediate Past President – Nora Waters
  President – Senoria Henderson
  Vice President – William Jones
  Secretary – Donna Harris
  Treasurer – Sherry Waldrop
  Trustees – Andrea White (chair), James Cook, Emily Smarr

Purchased a three-well mobile warming table and repaired a steam kettle for the Master’s Table Soup Kitchen.

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers and National Directors.
Great Lakes
3rd Biennial Convention
(including IL, IN, MI, & the Missouri counties of Audrain, St. Charles & St. Louis)

Presiding President: Audrey Fanselow
Host Regional Director: Greg Robertson
National Directors in attendance: Bob Maher and Matt Ellis

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Audrey Fanselow
President – Christine Noble
Vice President – Travis Coomer
Secretary – Sharon Goldstein
Treasurer – Tianna Ruelas
Trustees – Marsha Shull (chair), Patricia Johnson, Yolanda Rinconeno, Annamaria Farris, Tamara Golubski
VP, Community Outreach – Connie Smith
VP, Youth Outreach – Cody Skees
VP, Membership – Jinelle Manchester
VP, Publicity – Denise Coomer
Sergeant at Arms – Nicholas Lippard
Greeter – Jonathan Pedigo
Musician – Brenda Pearson
Fraternal Committee – James Carey (chair), Nancy Galambos, Kevin Popkey
Escort – Tamara Riley

Collected and purchased more than 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food for the Bensenville/Wood Dale Food Pantry.

Iowa
55th Biennial Convention
(including IA, MN & WI)

Presiding President: Jerry Wilson
Host Regional Director: Randy Horrocks
National Directors in attendance: Matt Ellis and Dwayne Tucker

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Jerry Wilson
President – Dean Kenkel
Vice President – Joshua Axness
Secretary – Heather Gouker
Treasurer – Pamela Kenkel
Trustees – Terri Ammann (chair), Carol Molak-Eich, Henry Fox, Sharon Bierl, David Pierzina
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Fraternal Committee – Gina McDaniel (chair), Sandra Knutson, Sheri Fox, Sharon Pithan, Lawrence Nordeen
Escort – Wade Joy

Assembled grocery bags for the NE Iowa Food Bank.

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers.

CONVENTION PROJECT

Members celebrated their donation to a local food pantry.
Kentucky

55th Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Charles Slaton
Host Regional Director: Greg Robertson
National Directors in attendance: Larry King and Dr. James Bosler

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Charles Slaton
President – Gary Riggs
Vice President – Michael Faihst
Secretary – Karlie Smith
Treasurer – Patricia Latimer
Trustees – Julia Davis (chair), Benny Cavender, Jesse Sumner, Virgil Dryden, Kara Barone
VP, Community Outreach – Mary McNew
VP, Youth Outreach – Mary Meredith
VP, Membership – Joe Young
VP, Publicity – Margie Henderson
Sergeant at Arms – Richard Gordon
Greeter – Brandon Adams
Musician – Connie White
Fraternal Committee – Michael Phillips (chair), Connie Lewis, Brenda Montgomery, Barry Anderson, Susan England
Escort – Mary Baldwin

Packed 600 bags of toiletries for the Kentucky State Police Trooper Island, a free camp for disadvantaged children.

All delegates participated in the convention project.

Louisiana

54th Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Bobby Duhon
Host Regional Director: Desi Doise
National Directors in attendance: Larry King and Daryl Doise

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Bobby Duhon
President – Rufus Fruge
Vice President – Elizabeth Jordan
Secretary – Evelyn Stringer
Treasurer – Judy Gaudet
Trustees – Ralph Bende (chair), Janice Blanchard, Minos Landry, Lynda Leonard, Lee John
Sergeant at Arms – Lorraine Landry
Greeter – Raymond Richard
Musician – Lou Comeaux
Fraternal Committee – Gerald Collins (chair), Patsy Babin, Janice Meaux, Gene Simmons, Barbara Lejeune
Escort – Lynette Oubre

Donated $5,000 in supplies and services to St. Joseph Diner.

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers.
Presiding President: Carol Kirchner
Host Regional Director: Travis Lowe
National Directors in attendance: Mark Schreier and Danny Rice III

2017-2019 Officers:
   Immediate Past President – Carol Kirchner
   President – Kathryn Jenkins
   Vice President – Lucy Stein
   Secretary – Ronda Houser
   Treasurer – Chari Michaels
   Trustees – George Zimmerman (chair), Janet Freeland, John Gee

Fraternal Committee members – Calista Sommerkamp (chair), Deborah Zimmerman, Catherine Moore

Presented canned goods and $3,500 to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

Delegates presented a check to Interfaith Food Pantry.

Presiding President: Charles Calvert
Host Regional Director: James Hofmister
National Directors in attendance: Ron Aldridge and Denise McCauley

2017-2019 Officers:
   Immediate Past President – Charles Calvert
   President – Edna Boyte
   Vice President – Jannie Brown
   Secretary – Lucrecia Hemphill
   Treasurer – Larry Strohm
   Trustees – Jarvis Winstead (chair), Toby Embrey, Raymond Burcham, Carolyn Mounce, Shirley Howell
   Sergeant at Arms – Daniel Hart
   Greeter – Taylor Mc Lemore
   Musician – Regina Austin
   Fraternal Committee – Connie Kidd (chair), Patsy Coats, Kenneth Phillips, Sandra Creel
   Escort – Sandra Cozart

Presented $15,000 to Heartland Hands Food Pantry for a walk-in freezer and toiletry items.

Members presented a check to representatives from the Heartland Hands Food Pantry.
Nebraska

Presiding President: Linda Filipowicz
Host Regional Director: Randy Horrocks
National Directors in attendance: Mark Schreier and Denise McCauley

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Linda Filipowicz
President – Randy Rotschafer
Vice President – Blake Warneke
Secretary – Laura Sparks
Treasurer – Charlie Richardson
Trustees – Dorothy Margrave (chair), Shawn Bengtson, Michael Bednarz
VP, Community Outreach – Christy Hodges
VP, Publicity – Mary Craig
Fraternal Committee members – Debra Hansen (chair), Judy Moser, Ben Del Rosario, Samuel Griffin

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers.

New Mexico

Presiding President: Melvin Chavez
Host Regional Director: Justin Clough
National Directors in attendance: Dr. James Shaver and Mike Shealy

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Melvin Chavez
President – Clark Peters
Vice President – Shirley Lockyer
Secretary – Joyce Brantley
Treasurer – Arline Quintana Thomas
Trustees – Norman Smith (chair), Valerie Cordova, Samantha Cordova, Deborah Rodriguez, William Solomon
Sergeant at Arms – Jose Sanchez
Greeter – Celina Ortiz
Musician – Antonette Cordova
Fraternal Committee members – E Martinez-Ojeda (chair), Roland Soto, Carla Jaramillo, Annette Winfield, David Gallegos
Escort – Dolores Montoya

Packed 120 bags of groceries for Food Bank for the Heartland. The jurisdiction also presented flags for fire trucks, and a 30’ x 60’ flag to the Omaha Fire Department.

Volunteered at The Rock to serve meals and hand out toiletry bags to individuals in need.

Regional Director Justin Clough addressed the convention.
North Carolina

51st Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Lowell Keel
Host Regional Director: Jeremy Carroll
National Directors in attendance: Pat Dees, Danny Rice III and Dr. James Shaver

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Lowell Keel
President – Deborah Johnson
Vice President – Timothy Corriher
Secretary – Karen Carter
Treasurer – Barbara Hedgpeth
Trustees – David Dupree (chair), Thomas Amann, Robert Lambert, Brenda Van Derven, Phyllis York
VP, Community Outreach – Donald Shepard
VP, Youth Outreach – Sue Surratt
VP, Membership – Shirley Peele
VP, Publicity – Alice Ammons
Sergeant at Arms – Garland Woolard
Greeter – Linda Pendry
Musician – Audrey Quinn
Fraternal Committee members – Karen Garner (chair), Joyce Snider, Brian Rollins, Harvey Knowles, Rebecca O’Dell
Escort – Atlanta Hodge

Renewed their support for the NC Children’s Home/Nursing Home Program and made a donation to the Food for Summer Program in Raleigh.

Northeast

3rd Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Lucille Stemkowski
Host Regional Director: Rodney Barber
National Directors in attendance: Mike Shealy and Wes Dodd

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Lucille Stemkowski
President – Wilfred Trombley
Vice President – John Ellis
Secretary – Elaine Roman
Treasurer – Carol Norton
Trustees – Philip Yanulis (chair), Jacqueline Fayette, Joan Edwards, James Knoeller
Sergeant at Arms – Donna Zabrosky
Greeter – Robert Grasso
Musician – Jon Wilcox
Fraternal Committee – Russell Blaise (chair), Prescott Fayette, John Lacy, Glenn McEntee, Linda Gonyo-Horne
Escort – Michael Horne

Provided support to the Southbury Food Bank and Animals for Life organizations.

Northeast jurisdictional delegates.
Ohio

54th Biennial Convention

**Presiding President:** Julie Mullins  
**Host Regional Director:** Pat Carter  
**National Directors in attendance:** Wes Dodd and Dwayne Tucker

**2017-2019 Officers:**  
*Immediate Past President* – Julie Mullins  
*President* – Brenda Serrano  
*Vice President* – Cindy Wetzel  
*Secretary* – Valerie Adkins  
*Treasurer* – Kathy Jones  
*Trustees* – Carmen Laboy (chair), John Mullins, Dolores Kolb, Mary Mullins, Richard Serrano  
*Sergeant at Arms* – Marjory Joseph  
*Greeter* – Rebecca Tidwell  
*Musician* – Frederick Joseph  
*Fraternal Committee* – Peggy Barker (chair), Kelsey Mullins, Katalin Mullins  
*Escort* – Madeline Rodriguez

- **CONVENTION PROJECT**  
  Purchased two refrigerators for the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center and donated money to purchase food.

- **Delegates presented a check to Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center.**

Oklahoma/Kansas

54th Biennial Convention

**Presiding President:** Thomas Cline  
**Host Regional Director:** Stephen Priest  
**National Directors in attendance:** Danny Cummins and Mark Schreier

**2017-2019 Officers:**  
*Immediate Past President* – Thomas Cline  
*President* – Gary Taylor  
*Vice President* – David Morris  
*Secretary* – Mary Aitson-Roessler  
*Treasurer* – Molly Nye  
*Trustees* – John Moy (chair), Christopher Roessler, Dustin Donnell, Jadee Hoskison, Jeffrey Thrasher  
*VP, Community Outreach* – Larry Barnett  
*VP, Youth Outreach* – Susan Sullivan  
*VP, Membership* – Andy Bergeron  
*VP, Publicity* – Marzellia Veal  
*Greeter* – Louie Pool  
*Musician* – Phillip Pitt  
*Fraternal Committee* – Ronda De Caire (chair), Teresa Armstrong, Trina Burdge, Nancy Thrasher, Loretta Abney  
*Escort* – Kathy Cline

- **CONVENTION PROJECT**  
  Purchased $2,025 in groceries for Midwest City Food Bank.

- **Members gathered to present their donation to a local food bank.**
Pennsylvania

Presiding President: Janice Halterman  
Host Regional Director: Travis Lowe  
National Directors in attendance: Pat Dees and Daryl Doise  

2017-2019 Officers:  
Immediate Past President – Janice Halterman  
President – Christine Frazier  
Vice President – Mary Beckey  
Secretary – Karen Schreffler  
Treasurer – Melodie Paul  
Trustees – James Ford (chair), Faye Deibler, Dennis Moyer, James Irwin, Karen Harring  
Sergeant at Arms – Susan Irwin  
Greeter – Gerald Gelgot  
Musician – Kathryn Sheetz  
Fraternal Committee – Sara Bender (chair), Jessica Truesdale, Anna Johnson, Clarence Halterman, Steven Zellers  
Escort – Victoria Tauser  

Presented and collected canned goods and a check for $6,000 to New Hope Ministries.  

Members participated in a walk for New Hope Ministries.

South Carolina

Presiding President: Walter Merritt  
Host Regional Director: Don Molineau  
National Directors in attendance: Michael Shealy and Matt Ellis  

2017-2019 Officers:  
Immediate Past President – Walter Merritt  
President – Alisa Sistare  
Vice President – Iris Bedenbaugh  
Secretary – Leila Balliet  
Treasurer – Beverly Hollowell  
Trustees – Adrian Falgione (chair), Allen Lee, Clifton Rogers, James West, Mary Christmas  
Sergeant at Arms – Johnnie Bolt  
Greeter – Matthew Senn  
Musician – Ronnie Howard  
Fraternal Committee – Mikel Eargle (chair), Horace Delk, Loretta Dickard, Dorothy Richardson  
Escort – Cathy Meetze  

Assembled 2,000 backpacks for Harvest Hope Food Bank’s Child Hunger Program.

Newly-elected jurisdictional officers.
Tennessee

59th Biennial Convention

Presiding President: Linda Mullen
Host Regional Director: John Walters
National Directors in attendance: Dr. James Shaver and Dwayne Tucker

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Linda Mullen
President – Bobby Tucker
Secretary – Gary Thompson
Treasurer – Deborah Collins
Trustees – Tracy Nelson (chair), Shirley Orr, Terry Carter, Lowell Gable
VP, Community Outreach – Vicki Wimberly
VP, Youth Outreach – Theresa Waters
Sergeant at Arms – Janet Cunningham
Musician – Mike Roby
Fraternal Committee – Margaret Love (chair), Marion Emerson, Elisa Barr, James Taylor
Escort – Bobby Barton

Presented more than 6,000 lbs. of collected food and a check for $16,750 to the Central Texas Food Bank.

Delegates presented a check to the Gatlinburg Fire Department.

Texas

58th Biennial Convention

(Except for the counties of El Paso & Hudspeth)

Presiding President: Dierdre Harris
Host Regional Director: Bill Sharpe
National Directors in attendance: Dr. James Shaver, Daryl Doise and Danny Cummins

2017-2019 Officers:
Immediate Past President – Dierdre Harris
President – James Garrett
Vice President – Jessika Morris
Secretary – Patricia Cleaton
Treasurer – Jessica Clark
Trustees – Marianne D. Huizar (chair), John Martin, Lynnta Peralez, Amy Woodward, Peggy Shaver
Fraternal Committee – Timothy Owen (chair), Billie Atkins, Anthony Adams, Olga Delgado, James Rodriguez

Presented $7,000 to the Gatlinburg Fire Department to aid with Smoky Mountain Fire Relief.

Delegates presented a check to the Central Texas Food Bank.
Virginia

57th Biennial Convention

 Presiding President: Annette Brown
 Host Regional Director: Terry W. Carroll
 National Directors in attendance: Pat Dees and Danny Rice III

2017-2019 Officers:
 Immediate Past President – Annette Brown
 President – Ashley Simpson
 Vice President – Stacey Ferrer
 Secretary – Dawn Hardister
 Treasurer – Thomas Gilliam
 Trustees – Joyce Linkswiler (chair), Irvin Davis, Tamara Lockridge, Rachael Patchett, Douglas Wheeling
 Sergeant at Arms – Garland Moody
 Greeter – Stacie Champion
 Musician – Arlene Gunter
 Fraternal Committee – Geraldine Wallace (chair), Deborah Flynn, Dawn Mundy, Bonita Hamlett
 Escort – Ginger Shotwell

Donated $4,742 to the Virginia Federation of Food Banks and donated a computer to CASA of Central Virginia.

Allison Stronza from CASA accepting the jurisdiction’s donation.

West Virginia

50th Biennial Convention

 Presiding President: Margaret Conner
 Host Regional Director: Pat Carter
 National Directors in attendance: Bob Maher and Ron Aldridge

2017-2019 Officers:
 Immediate Past President – Margaret Conner
 President – Ruth Plum
 Vice President – James Workman
 Secretary – Rebecca Lego
 Treasurer – Donna Mick
 Trustees – Deborah Watkins (chair), Mary Thomas, Douglas Smith, Rox Workman, Amy Jarvis
 Sergeant at Arms – Bobby Brown
 Greeter – Jon Mick
 Musician – Norma Snyder
 Fraternal Committee – William Thomas (chair), Susan Beerbower, Sandra Salyers, Anna Spears, Tamara Cooper
 Escort – Anthony Lunsford

Presented $1,108 to Tender Mercies to purchase a large freezer and refrigerator for their food pantry.

Delegates presented a check to Tender Mercies.
Representative Joey Bailey and Community Outreach Manager Philip Robertson (not pictured) presented a Lifesaver Award to Locust Fork Elementary School Teacher Jenny Goble at a school assembly. She performed the Heimlich maneuver to save a student.

The chapter presented a new flag for the Calloway County High School’s football field.

Representative Janeva Caldwell presented an American flag to Firefighter Tyler George from Booneville Fire Department Station #3.
Members handed out American flags to veterans, thanking them for their service.

Chapter officers (from left) Joley Phillips, Jane Simon, Bobby Simon, and Linda Garcia participated in the National Night Out on Crime by serving free hamburgers to attendees.

Members presented two $1,000 checks to Karen Guyton, founder of Karen’s Kause Foundation, a non-profit organization that benefits cancer patients.

The chapter presented a new American flag to the Columbus Fire Department.
Member Bianca Salazar and Representative Milton Sherwood presented a $500 scholarship to member Todd Torres, who will be attending the University of Texas – San Antonio.

For more Fraternal Spirit photos, visit RealWoodmenLife.com.

Answer key from puzzle on pg. 40

“Our chapter would like to congratulate them on their nomination, and we hope you continue to grow your leadership skills to build a bright future for you and your generation.”

– Janet Freeland, Chapter Auditor

The chapter supported two third-grade students from Crellin School so they can attend the Pathway to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) summer camp in Washington, D.C.

The chapter cleaned WoodmenLife headstones at the St. James Catholic Cemetery to prepare for All Saints Day services.

Chapter 2126
Corpus Christi, TX

Chapter 1446
Gulfport, MS

Chapter 11
Oakland, MD

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Members presented an American flag to North Rock Creek Public Schools.

The chapter presented West Virginia and American flags to the Short Gap Senior Center. The chapter presents flags to the center every year.

The chapter grilled and wrapped hamburgers at a Water for Christ event, and raised $1,700 to help the organization drill a water well at a shelter for victims of human trafficking.

Members presented a flag to Jasper Mountain, a facility for hope and healing for disabled children.

Representative Bob Kenward presented Boy Scout Troop #61 with a Community Partner Award.

The chapter presented Elijah Dowell with a Caring for Others Award because for his seventh birthday, instead of receiving gifts, his family and friends donated 32 Bibles to the Gideons and food to Soup for the Soul.
The chapter organized a Color My World 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Mayfield-Graves County Need Line and Food Pantry. Chapter volunteers posed with hunger fighting heroes masks.

Chapter members collected food to be distributed at their local food bank.

Representative Darin Hartman, Treasurer Sharon Bierl (back left) and Secretary Diane Vonname (back center) presented a $200 donation to help stock their local food pantry’s shelves.

Chapter 6204
Arcadia, IA

Chapter 1075
Loris, SC

Chapter 115
Mayfield, KY

Hungry to Help

Chapter 6204
Arcadia, IA

Chapter 1075
Loris, SC

Chapter 115
Mayfield, KY
The chapter donated more than 500 fruit bags for the elderly in their area.

The chapter donated food to St. Catherine’s Children’s Home.

The chapter collected and delivered 126 pounds of food to Seashore Mission in Biloxi.

The chapter donated $300 and 400 pounds of food to the Terrebonne Church Food Bank.

Secretary Cathy Ayers presented a Veterans Box to Hans (Danny) Capino at The Trail of Tears Memorial Walk at David Crockett State Park, to help fight hunger.
Sheriff Honored for Keeping Others Safe

“I was speechless, and I’m very seldom without a word.”

That was Sheriff Michael Brown’s response when he learned he was the recipient of the 2017 Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year award from the National Sheriffs’ Association.

Protecting Children and Officers
Now serving his sixth term as sheriff in Bedford County, VA, Brown was honored for his longtime involvement with programs and activities that keep communities across the country safe.

These programs focus on everything from protecting children from Internet predators and cyber bullies to providing ballistic vests to fellow members of law enforcement.

“Other than helping people whenever we can, the thing I’m most proud of is our work in protecting children,” Brown said. “This is the work I hope I’ll be remembered for.”

Brown and his team were one of the first 10 law enforcement agencies in the country to receive a federal grant to start an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). Since 1998, Brown’s Southern Virginia ICAC has maintained a 100 percent conviction rate, and they’ve started other programs to protect children online through their Safe Surfin’ Foundation.

Inspiration to Serve
After more than 50 years in law enforcement at the federal and local levels, Brown says he was drawn to this career as a child.

“It was the heroism and the loyalty in the western movies with Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. Those movies had a big influence on me,” he said. “Of course, real-life law enforcement is nothing like the movies.”
When Dolores Kolb sees a need, she does what she can to help and she sticks with it.

When she saw her daughter receiving assistance from a local organization, she decided to volunteer there. “It was a way to pay them back,” she said.

More than 17 years later, she still gives her time every week at Open M in Akron, OH. The Neighborhood Center offers services including food programs, job training and health care services.

Kolb spends each Monday greeting visitors, answering the phone and connecting clients with Open M staff. She enjoys helping an organization that does so much in her community.

“They do a lot of good,” she said. “They host AA meetings, find jobs for people and even give bus passes for people to get to work.”

Taking the Lead
Kolb is just as dedicated to WoodmenLife as she is to Open M. She joined in 1990 when she purchased life insurance for her teenage grandchildren, and has been active in Chapter 232 since. She currently serves as Treasurer. Kolb has led countless community events. She helps organize flag presentations, monetary donations, a chapter-sponsored scholarship, and other events.

All-Around Dedication
Giving back just comes naturally for Kolb. She has donated more than 16 gallons of blood in her lifetime, simply because she saw the need for it. “I donated as often as they would let me,” she said.

Kolb also takes time for herself. She has walked two miles every day for more than 20 years.

Keep it Going
Kolb, who is 84 years old, has no plans of slowing down anytime soon. She doesn’t expect praise for her efforts; she just enjoys doing what she can to help as much as she can in Akron. She demonstrates what a difference just one person can make.
Flags and Fireworks

Independence Day is right up WoodmenLife members’ alley. Whether in your backyard, at a parade or just sitting and remembering our great nation’s founding, you can find 23 patriotic words and phrases in the Word Search below. (Answers can be found on page 34.)

Word Bank

Fireworks
Independence
Thomas Jefferson
Alexander Hamilton
George Washington
John Philip Sousa
Star Spangled Banner
America
Betsy Ross
Crispus Attucks
Freedom
Colonies
Constitution
Declaration
Patriotism
Boston
Flag
Liberty
United
Parade
Picnic
Holiday
Barbeque
July Jokes

Q: The difference between a duck and George Washington is:
A: One has a bill on his face; the other has his face on a bill!

Q: What kind of tea did the American colonists thirst for?
A: Liber-tea!

Q: Why were the first Pennsylvania settlers like ants?
A: Because they lived in colonies.

Q: Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
A: Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

Q: What did one flag say to the other flag?
A: Nothing. It just waved!

Q: How is a healthy person like the United States?
A: They both have good constitutions!

Q: What dance was very popular in 1776?
A: Indepen-dance!

Q: Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?
A: Yeah, it cracked me up!

Q: How was the food at the Fourth of July picnic?
A: The hot dogs were bad, but the brats were the wurst.

Q: What is Uncle Sam’s favorite snack?
A: Fire-crackers.

Have a good joke?
Make your fellow fraternalists laugh. Please send contributions to WLEditor@woodmen.org.
In Memoriam

Mabel Berry
Age: 90
Chapter 658
Glasgow, KY
Widow of Former National Board Member Harry Berry

Sharon Cloninger
Age: 62
Chapter 16
Charlotte, NC

James H. Conner
Age: 81
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Kitty Cope
Age: 86
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Miriam B. Craft
Age: 88
Chapter 2
Columbia, SC

Johnnie L. Crocker
Age: 96
Chapter 4647
Madisonville, TX

Walter D. Eddins Jr.
Age: 85
Chapter 4
Wadesboro, NC

Thomas E. Devor Jr.
Age: 59
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Joseph Forlano Sr.
Age: 87
Chapter 1025
Norwalk, CT

Michael Bruce Friedline
Age: 90
Chapter 50
Carbondale, IL

Harley L. Hargis
Age: 90
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Kristy Kelley
Age: 36
Chapter 1901
Reeltown, AL

Thom MCNeill
Age: 91
Chapter 750
Sanford, NC

John Henry Melton
Age: 84
Chapter 1753
Roxboro, NC
Former National Representative

Frank W. Moody
Age: 98
Chapter 560
Sylva, NC

Martha J. Morton
Age: 75
Chapter 803
Knoxville, TN
Former National Representative

Bobby Odom
Age: 75
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Jeanette C. Pierce
Age: 88
Chapter 186
Landrum, SC

Elmer Delbert Plessinger
Age: 91
Chapter 49
Gloucester, VA

Robert Poague
Age: 92
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Cynthia Shemwell
Age: 49
Chapter 115
Mayfield, KY

Josephine Tabor
Age: 93
Chapter 254
Sissonville, WV

Jack Thompson
Age: 88
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Brenda H. Turner
Age: 76
Chapter 25
Albemarle, NC

Bradley Waddell
Age: 47
Chapter 117
Benton, KY

Robert L. (Bob) Whitsett
Age: 84
Chapter 6297
Fayetteville, TN

Michael Long
Age: 48
Chapter 5
Elkton, KY
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