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## ➔ NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

The 2021 election of FMCA National Officers will be held July 7, 2021, at FMCA's 103rd International Convention in Gillette, Wyoming.



### **FMCA's Nominating Committee has submitted its slate of candidates for national office for the 2021-2023 term.**

The members of the committee are Chairman Lisa Mitchell, F165576; Jim Duncan, F253901; Melvin Jones, F385597; Marge Mazzone, F217160; and Al Zimmerman, F407361.

Following are the resumes submitted by each candidate. Although balloting is restricted to national directors and national officers, all FMCA members are invited to review the candidates' resumes and to communicate their preferences to their respective national director or area vice president. Doing so will help him or her better serve members on election day. Also, nominations can be made from the floor of the Governing Board meeting; however, committee members ask that this be done only with the prior consent of the proposed nominee.

FMCAssist / Member Benefits seminar presenter or co-presenter at 6 international conventions, 13 area rallies, and 6 chapter meetings:  
2017 - present  
Attendee at 25 FMCA International Conventions in the last 15 years  
Security volunteer at 21 FMCA International Conventions  
Security volunteer captain at 2 FMCA International Conventions: Madison 2015, W. Springfield 2016  
Security volunteer co-captain at 2 FMCA International Conventions: Pomona 2015, Perry 2016  
FMCA National Long Range and Development Committee: 2015-2016  
INTO Nominating Committee: 2015  
Beaver Ambassador Club (BAC) representing approximately 1,000 coaches as National Director: 2013 – 2017

- Vice President Region 4 (10 states: AZ, AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, UT): 2011-2013
- Director Region 4: 2009-2011
- Tally Committee: 2008-2009
- Budget Committee: 2007-2012

Member of **13 FMCA Chapters:**

ANASAZI	Lone Star
Beaver Ambassador Club	Military Veterans
Beaver and Friends	Overland Trailblazers
Security Volunteers	Racecar Fans
Diesel RV Club	Rally in the Pasture
(formerly CAT RV Club)	(RIP)
Eastern Gourmands	RVQue
Elk International	South Texas Renegades



## NATIONAL PRESIDENT



### **CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

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#### **FMCA EXPERIENCE**

National Senior Vice President: 2017 – 2021  
(re-elected 2019)

Convention Committee Chairman: 2017 – 2018

Visited and vetted sites for new convention locations

#### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

U.S. Air Force – 32 years, 8 months; retired as Colonel: 2003

5 1/2 years, Vice Commander – Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC), Denver, CO: 1998 - 2003

- Supervised 550 employees maintaining personnel records, holding promotion boards, providing career guidance, processing recall and mobilization to active duty of USAFR and Air National Guard worldwide



- ARPC International Call Center serves over 1,000,000 personnel stationed worldwide
- 5 years, Pentagon – Contingency and Joint Matters Division, U.S. Air Force Personnel: 1993 – 1998

#### Realtor:

Licensed Louisiana Real Estate Broker: 1969-1985  
Monroe-West Monroe Board of Realtors

- Board of Directors
- Committee Chair

Louisiana State Board of Realtors

- State Director
- Trustee of Louisiana Realtor Political Action Committee

Licensed Colorado Real Estate Broker: 2003-2005  
Denver Realtor Association

Meadow Hills Estates HOA, Vice President  
and President – Aurora, CO: 2000-2002

Kiwanis International 1968-2014

Past President, Pacemaker City Kiwanis Club,  
Monroe, LA: 1981-1982

Past Lieutenant Governor, Louisiana, Mississippi,  
West Tennessee, District 6: 1983-1984

Member, Sun City Texas Kiwanis Club: 2005 to 2014

Rotary International, Aurora, CO: 2004-2005

Monroe, LA Police Reserve Officer Association: 1973-1985

Commissioned Officer, rank of Lieutenant  
Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):  
1980-1983

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)  
in Real Estate and Insurance – University of Louisiana  
at Monroe (ULM): 1970  
Air Command and Staff College – U.S. Air Force: 1992  
Air War College – U.S. Air Force: 1993

#### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

pickleball, NASCAR, singing, reading, dancing, traveling

#### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

I am serving 2017 – 2021 as FMCA National Senior Vice President. During my term as Chairman of the Convention Committee, FMCA held two of the most successful International Conventions in the recent past with over 5,500 people attending the 97th FMCA International Convention, Perry, GA, and over 3,500 people at the 98th FMCA International Convention, Gillette, WY. I have attended every one of the 10 area rallies. I have been at all Executive Board and Governing Board meetings in person or by Zoom since I took the oath as National Senior Vice President. I served on the FMCA Long-Range and Development Committee. My wife, Claire, and I are currently members of 13 FMCA chapters. As an Air Force officer, I was a military leader for more than 32 years, making decisions that impacted millions of lives.

I served on the church board at both Covenant Presbyterian Church in Monroe, LA, and Hope United Methodist Church in Englewood, CO.



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I am experienced in addressing large audiences, getting to the root of issues, and solving problems. My FMCA, military and real estate backgrounds have provided me with the skills for leadership and training to guide FMCA. In these difficult times, it would be easy to let others take on the responsibility. I envision an FMCA with teamwork, team spirit, listening to members, involving members, and caring for members. I have the desire to lead this organization into the after-pandemic future. I would be honored to serve as your FMCA National President and would appreciate your support. ●



**CANDIDATE FOR  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

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I graduated from the Williamsport area high school in 1964. Immediately following high school, I attended Thompson Institute in Harrisburg. My first job was at Avco/Lycoming, where I oversaw the accounting department. In 1967 I decided to join my family’s business, Reynolds Iron Works, Inc. I started as a laborer, and in 1987 worked my way up to partner and president. I hold the title of President and Treasurer to this day. In 2011, I partnered to form a natural gas company called GW Gas. I have held the title of President and CEO since its formation

My wife, Jayne, and I have been married for 55 years. We attended Bethany Lutheran Church in Montoursville, PA.

We have two children. Our son, John Jr., is Vice President/Field Superintendent for Reynolds Iron Works. Our daughter, Joy, is a Lycoming County Judge. We have two furry companions that travel with us: a silver dachshund named Baby and a red dachshund named Lady.

Jayne and I joined FMCA on July 1, 1993. Much like I did at Reynolds Iron Works, I have worked my way up the leadership ladder. After joining the Penn Coachmen chapter, I served as Regional Vice President, Senior Vice President, and President of the chapter. After that, the Eastern Area elected me as Regional VP of the Central Region, the Northern Regional VP, and the Senior Vice President. In 2012, I had the honor of being elected as the National Vice President of the Eastern Area. After serving in that capacity, I was elected to National Treasurer in 2017.

Along the way, I have happily volunteered countless hours to FMCA outside of serving in the positions above.

At the area level, I served as the Security Chair for the Eastern Area Rally. Jayne and I also served as rally master for the Eastern Area Rally for six years.

At the national level, I have served on the Technical Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee (chairman for four years), the Membership/Member Services Committee (chairman for three years), and presently serve as the chairman of the Finance Committee. My positions and volunteerism in FMCA have helped me develop a deep understanding of chapters, governance, areas, events, membership, and finances. FMCA needs a leader who understands and has experience in all facets of FMCA. My years of experience running two companies helps me understand not only the needs of members, but how to run FMCA as a business to assure its survival for years to come.

I have upheld all my promises as National Treasurer. Realistic and balanced budgets have been passed. No investment funds have been used to pay for operating expenses. Through my advice, guidance, and working closely with our CEO, FMCA has experienced four straight months of positive operating income from May 2020 through August 2020. The Financial future of FMCA looks bright. ●

## ↓ NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



**CANDIDATE FOR  
NATIONAL SENIOR  
VICE PRESIDENT**

**GARY MILNER, F409834**

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### EXPERIENCES

#### Leadership

1. 20 years as an Army Officer.  
12 years in position of Commander.
2. 20 years in public education.  
12 years as Superintendent of Schools.
3. 12 years as an Adjunct Professor  
at Williams Woods University, MO

#### Education

1. Ph.D. in Business
2. Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership
3. Two Master's Degrees: Educational Leadership  
and Human Relations
4. Undergraduate in Business and Public Education

### VOLUNTEERISM

1. Volunteer at International Rallies:  
Parking, Water Captain, Information Booth  
Volunteer at Area Rallies: Captain of  
New Coaches, Seminars, Parking, Vendors
2. American Red Cross and American Kidney  
Foundation charity events. Officiated sporting  
activities for charity for 6 years.
3. Voted 4th Army Family of the Year in 1989  
for volunteerism in support of Indianapolis  
Indiana Youth programs.

Serving in my second term as the Midwest Area President. Joined FMCA in 2008 and started attending International Conventions and Area Rallies in 2015. In the last six years, have attended 9 International Conventions and 19 Area Rallies. Successfully organized and conducted two Midwest Area rallies in Amana, Iowa. Served on two FMCA advisory committees; Chairman of the Membership/Member Services Committee (2016 thru 2019) and served on the Convention Committee (2017 thru 2019). We are currently members of 14 FMCA chapters.

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Two daughters who are currently public education teachers.
2. Owned and operated family business for 16 years.
3. Collegiate official for basketball and softball.
4. Home remodeling and restoration for 10 years (part time)
5. Have maintained and been held responsible for multiple-million-dollar budgets as an Army officer and Superintendent of Schools.
6. Held the position of Project Manager for a \$12 million construction of Elementary School Building in Missouri.
7. Scholarship player for Arkansas State University; guard

### SPOUSE SUPPORT

Glenda Milner, married October 1972. She currently serves on FMCA's Education Committee. Serves as Secretary to the Midwest Area and National Director for the On the Road Stitchers Chapter. She also has a doctorate degree in Education. ●

A portrait of Joe Wright, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark blue shirt. The photo is part of a graphic with green and white background sections.

**CANDIDATE FOR  
NATIONAL SENIOR  
VICE PRESIDENT**

**JOE WRIGHT, F51289**  
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### FMCA EXPERIENCE

Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee  
Chairman 2020-2021  
Audit Committee 2019-2020  
Membership/Member Services Committee 2017-2019  
Nominating Committee Member, elect  
(became SCA National Area Vice President)  
Six-State Rally Association, South Central Area,  
Sr. Vice President/Rally Master, 2016-2017  
Six-State Rally Association, South Central Area,  
Golf Cart/Radio Cadre Captain, 2005-2015  
Kansas Twisters Chapter - President, 2004 & 2005  
Kansas Twisters Chapter - National Director 2006-2012

South Central Wanderers - Chapter Member  
Lone Star - Chapter Member  
South Texas Renegades - Chapter Member  
Stars of Texas - Chapter Member  
Military Veterans - Chapter Member  
Rally In The Pasture - Chapter Member

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

**U.S. Army**, 1958-1978 – Nuclear Weapons, Field Artillery & Air Defense Missiles (First Sergeant). Military Assignments: Germany; Viet Nam; Okinawa; Hawaii; Korea; Japan; Greece; Switzerland; Texas; Oklahoma; Indiana; North Carolina; Arkansas; Louisiana; California.  
**Coleman Company**, Wichita, Kansas RV Products (R.V. air conditioner Department Manager).  
**A.O. Smith**, Division Director/Manager Health & Safety – Trainer (Nationwide & International).  
**ENSAFECO** Parsons, Kansas (Owner/Principal) Safety & Health Consulting. Trainer, Compliance Manager  
EPA, Certified CPR/First Aid Trainer. Professional Member American Society of Safety Engineers.

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Chaminade College, Honolulu, Hawaii; BBA. Various Military Schools. Trainer, Industrial Safety - Emergency response. Instructor, OSHA compliance courses.

### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Camping, motorhome travel and gardening

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

2 Children, 4 Grandchildren

### FMCA GOALS

Have been a member of FMCA since 1981 (40 years) and a Volunteer at numerous National Conventions as Safety Team or Parking. Held position as Cadre or Officer of the Six-State Rally Association since 2005. I have a lot of knowledge and experience about both the National and Area Associations. I would like the opportunity to be your representative at the National level and to represent the FMCA National Organization. As the National Senior Vice President, I would work closely with all the elected officers to try to ensure growth of FMCA and to represent the members' point of view at every opportunity. I pledge to be non-political and transparent to all our Governance and members and to try to bring FMCA back to our core values that have served us so well. ●



## ↓ NATIONAL SECRETARY



### CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY

**KATHIE BALOGH,  
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#### FMCA EXPERIENCE

National Secretary – 2019 to present  
 National Vice President, Northwest Area – 2014 to 2018  
 National Convention Committee Member – 2014 to 2015  
 National Membership/Member Services Committee Member – 2010 to 2016  
 National Membership/Member Services Committee Member - 2019 to 2020  
 FMCA Store Advisory Committee Chairman – 2013 to 2018  
 Rally Master Northwest Area Rally – 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018  
 Secretary – Northwest Area FMCA, 2008 to 2014  
 In this position, I performed all the secretarial duties, as well as planned and negotiated the facility and catering charges for all Business and Planning Meetings. Assisted the Area President in negotiating the facilities and catering for Northwest Area rallies  
 Chapter Member of Vancouver Islanders, Pacers NW, Reigning Rex, Bernie & Red, Overland Trailblazers West, 100+, and Past National Officers  
 Secretary - 100 Plus Chapter – 2018 to 2019  
 National Director - Vancouver Islanders Chapter – 2010 to 2014  
 President - Bernie & Red Chapter – 2009 to 2010  
 Secretary/Vice President - Bernie & Red Chapter – 2007 to 2009  
 Rally Master for Vancouver Islanders Chapter – several events  
 Assistant to Chapter President – Vancouver Islanders Chapter

Volunteer for FMCA booth - Salem RV Show, Good Sam – The Rally, Monaco Come Home Rally, Quartzsite RV Show 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018  
 Volunteer co-captain/handicap trams – Redmond Convention – 2007  
 Ladies Social coordinator – Northwest Area Rally – 2008, 2009, 2011  
 Ladies Social coordinator – Redmond Convention – 2010, 2014  
 Ladies Social co-coordinator – Redmond Convention – 2007

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Travel Agent, Portland – 4 years; Travel Agency Manager – 12 years, Portland, OR, responsible for branch office with a \$5,000,000 budget  
 Owner/Operator, Comet Marketing Services, Victoria, BC – budgeting, recruiting companies for research purposes, hiring staff, coordinating interviews – 8 years  
 School District volunteer – Secretary and Treasurer, Parent-Teacher Advisory Council  
 Secretary for Pacific Camping Club – 7 years (West Coast Canadian Military Campgrounds)

#### PERSONAL

Married 37 years to my husband, Andy. We have two sons and four grandchildren.

#### GOALS

As National Secretary, my goals are to bring openness of communication between the National Office, the Governing Board, and all members of FMCA. Working together, we can be fiscally responsible, recruit and maintain our members and insure a strong future for FMCA. In my first term as your National Secretary, we were all unable to attend rallies and conventions. I spent some time helping the Cincinnati staff with the certification process. I enjoyed meeting many of the Area and Chapter Secretaries by phone. I look forward to a brighter time where we can all gather at National Conventions, Area Rallies and Chapter Rallies to enjoy our wonderful lifestyle. I ask that you will allow me to continue to work for you and all FMCA members for a second term as FMCA National Secretary. ●

## ↓ NATIONAL TREASURER



### CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TREASURER

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Connie and I joined FMCA 16 years ago and became members of the Desert Roadrunners chapter. After serving in many activities, I was elected to serve as Vice President and President of the chapter, where Connie and I have been the Wagon Masters of several events. We also are members of the Rocky Mountain Monacos, Military Veterans, Elk International, Frost-tee's, Rally in the Pasture, One Hundred Plus, Monaco International, Arizona, and Overland Trailblazers West chapters.

Currently I am the Past President for the Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association. I served in the position of the Area Senior Vice President of RMMA for Rambles. I have been trusted to serve as National Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Area. Connie and I have volunteered in many areas of the International Conventions, which allowed us to enjoy meeting our many members. I am presently serving on the Finance Committee and Audit Committee. I was active on the Long-Range and Development, Membership/Member Services, Governmental and Legislative Affairs, Convention, and Risk Management committees in development of long-range plans for the future of our FMCA. In addition, I have managed several RV conventions, Area Rallies, and RV shows during which over 500 members were recruited. I will work to always present an annual budget that is balanced and meets the needs of FMCA.

Other interest memberships include the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, American Legion, Elks, and Air Force Association. I retired from the United States Air Force and served on active duty with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, retiring after

39 years as a Colonel. I completed Air Command and Staff College and Air War College with the U.S. Air Force. Other experience includes several years in management with the telecommunication industry and management of a restaurant that we owned. My formal education consists of degrees in Business Administration with a master's degree in Telecommunication Management.

My strengths are in leadership and communication. I have owned a business and worked as a director of a telecommunication company. I have worked budgets for the military, our business, and others offering several cost savings procedures. I am currently serving on FMCA's Finance and Audit committees and will continue to present balanced budgets while providing our members the benefits they deserve and enjoy.

Connie and I have been married for 51 years and with her strong support we will continue to make FMCA strong. We reside in Oro Valley, Arizona. Our love is traveling and visiting family and friends throughout the country during the year. ●



### CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TREASURER

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### FMCA EXPERIENCE

National Area Vice President, Northeast Area 2017-2019, Northeast Area Rally 2017, 2019 (negotiated contract for venue and entertainers), established a board of professionals, newsletter. Full-time commitment to budget review, convention venue cost analysis, risk assessment of FMCA Assist and insurance-related issues vs. costs. Revenue generation suggestions made with other board members and development of seasonal financial targets.





Joined FMCA in 2003 with husband, Ed; prior to national office, active in the Northeast Area as captain for NEAR rallies beginning in 2010 preparing signs, providing security, helping with chapter events and covering youth program activities.

NMA Executive Board activities included with a team: store, ladies social, Information Booth, and past NEAR activities, vendor planning, contributions and fundraising, organized documents for the team on Google.

Attended most National Reunions/Rallies 2008-2019. Always volunteering; NEAR, GEAR, Western (Indio) and one INTO area rally. Expanded our chapter reach across the U.S.

## **NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

National Convention Committee, 2018-2019.  
Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee, 2019-2020.  
Risk Management Committee, 2017-2019.  
National Nominating Committee, 2016-2017.  
Under 60 Task Force, which grew into FMCA Energized chapter, 2014 – present.  
Education Committee, 2015-2016.  
Long Range Development Committee, 2014-2015, 2017-2018.  
Marketing Committee, 2010-2011.

## **ON THE CHAPTER LEVEL**

NY Centrals, Tiffin Travelers, Overland Trailblazers West, Past National Officers (PNO), FMCA Energized Chapter, NE Pacers, Allo Québec, Jersey Gems, On the Road Stitchers, RVQue.  
National Director: Yankee Travelers 2013-2017, 2019-2021.  
Granite Staters Treasurer (2016) and Membership Chair (2009-2010).  
Member, Cape Codders, since 2009.  
Member, Northeastern, since 2009, and Maine Wheels, 2010-2011.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Bachelors' Degree, University of Vermont, 1975, Economics.  
Master of Science Degree, Business Administration, University of Massachusetts, 1977.

Wall Street (structured Bonds, contracts, 8 years progressively increasing leadership role up to Managing Director, 1986). Subsequent 15 years computer systems and staff management experience and best practices in project management in a consulting role requiring extensive travel.

## **GENERAL; EXPERIENCE APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL TREASURER**

Effective communicator in a mostly remote technological meeting environment and provide innovative solutions that follow our current Policies and Procedures for the Governing Board and Executive Board actions.

Unique talent with C-level executives to resolve issues, cull investment and audit reports to apply knowledge to financial solutions.

Willing to roll up my sleeves and bring together member expertise to develop answers to qualified fiscal questions while attending to needs of chapter treasurers.

Understanding and working within the culture that led FMCA to be financially successful in the past.

## **GOALS**

Better fiscal responsibility with involvement of Finance and Audit committees and Governing Board members' recommendations to the Executive Board.

Build better infrastructure to budget and plan maintenance of reserve funds and operating funds and reach the president's goal of holding at least one year operating funds available in advance of making these decisions. For example, if we want to go to Las Vegas as a convention location, we must have sufficient deposit and operations funds more than 2 years out to give us leverage to be able to negotiate a well-received rally at a preferred destination venue. Continue current communication with desired venues to bring about these results.

## **INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Married to Ed Smith for 30 years. As a team, we enjoy exploring new places, entertaining, walking and biking, crafts and having fun, outdoor activities and cooking for large groups. ●