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➔ NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

The 2025 election of Family RV Association national officers will be held July 16, 2025, at the 111th International Convention in Gillette, Wyoming.



Family RV Association's Nominating

Committee has submitted the slate of candidates for national office for the 2025-2027 term. The members of the committee are Bill Mallory, F256138, Chairman; Les Naylor, F231802; Roxane Parish, F357370; Mike Neighbours, F415508; and LB Butts, F444406.

Following are resumes submitted by each candidate. Although balloting is restricted to national directors and national officers, all Family RV Association members are invited to review the candidates' resumes and to communicate their preferences to their respective national director or area 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.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES:

National Review Council, 2019 - 2020
National Audit Committee, 2021 - 2022
National Convention Committee, 2021 - 2024
Chairman, Tucson, AZ, convention, March 2024
Chairman, Redmond, OR, convention, August 2024
National Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2020 - 2023
Chairman, 2021 - 2023

FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION (FRVA) INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, LEADERSHIP, AND VOLUNTEER:

Attended the last 22 FMCA International Conventions
Trams Volunteer at 4 International Conventions
Assistant Chief of Trams at 2 International Conventions
Chief of Trams at 1 International Convention
Security Volunteer at 1 International Convention
Communications Coordinator
at 2 International Conventions

AREA LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER:

International Area Organization (INTO)
President, 2020 - 2023
International Area Organization (INTO)
Senior Vice President, 2019 - 2020
International Area Organization (INTO)
Vice President, 2015 - 2019
Western Area – Tables and Chairs Volunteer, 2016 - 2019
Rocky Mountain Area – Security Volunteer, 2016 - 2019
Midwest Area – Trams Volunteer, 2017 and 2023
South Central Area – Trams Volunteer, 2015 - 2017
Great Lakes Area – Trams and Facilities Volunteer, 2014 - 2018 and 2020 - 2021
Northwest Area – Food Service Volunteer, 2019

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP:

Racecar Fans Chapter President, 2014 - 2021
SOI Motorhome Club Chapter President, 2018 - 2021

MEMBER OF 16 FRVA CHAPTERS:

Beaver Ambassador Club	Desert Roadrunners
Eastern Gourmands	Elk International
Full Timers	Holiday Rambler RV Club
Military Veterans	Monaco International

↓ NATIONAL PRESIDENT



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION (FRVA):

Member since 1993

NATIONAL OFFICER/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

National President, 2024 to present
National Vice President, 2023 - 2024
International Area President, 2020 - 2023

On the Road Stitchers
Ramblin' Pushers
RVQue
SMART FMCA

Racecar Fans
Rolling Red Hatters
SOI Motorhome Club
4-Wheelers

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

I was drafted into the US Army in 1968, selected for Officer Candidate School in 1977 and retired as a Major in 1992, after completing 21 years of active service. I am a combat wounded veteran, member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), and a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). I have a Bachelor of Science Degree and Masters Credits in Public Administration. Since my retirement I have worked in many areas, traveled extensively, and continue to look for interesting and exciting activities. FRVA has provided and continues to give me new and unique challenges.

Lisa and I met in Germany while both of us were serving in the US Military and have been married 43 years. We full timed in our motorhome for 9 years, still spend more time on the road than at our house and have put over 450,000 miles on multiple RVs since 1993. We have attended all FRVA International Conventions since 2014, plus 20 Area rallies, volunteered at each and have learned about the organization at every level.

SUMMARY OF GOALS:

I moved into the President's position in September 2024 after 13 months as your Vice President. I have worked tirelessly to improve the relationship between the staff in Cincinnati and the elected officers on the Executive Board. Our staff is second to none and should be recognized for their dedication to FRVA along with their exceptional work ethic. We are starting to head in the right direction, and the free flow of information from our staff is continuing to move us forward. We still have challenges, but together we are working on rightsizing our association, streamlining our processes while still providing our members with the best customer experience in the RV world. As your President I will continue to develop the relationships between our dedicated staff and the Executive Board. The Association Management Software (AMS) committee has been established, working alongside our IT staff, to put together a much-needed quality, easy to use management system that will integrate our systems and allow our staff easy access to the information they need to support our members. My goals are (1) increasing membership, (2) adhering to our annual projected budget, (3) growing our investments and (4) continuing to provide Medical and

Travel Assist, our magazine and conventions, while supporting our chapters and areas.

My five years of experience on the Executive Board along with my extensive leadership background have prepared me to continue leading FRVA into the future as your President. I will keep our association moving in a positive direction, make the necessary tough decisions to keep us within our budget while rightsizing our organization. I will continue the emphasis on "Family" as the most important part of FRVA.



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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FMCA EXPERIENCE –

National Treasurer 2021-2025 and Chair, Finance Committee 2021-Present, Conducting roundtables for Area and Chapter Treasurers. Presenting Governing Board Report with over ten years of analysis of profitability benchmarks to support strategic initiatives.

National Area Vice President, Northeast Area 2017-2019, Northeast Area Rally 2017, 2019 contract review and implementation for 2 Syracuse Area rallies.

Full-time commitment to budget plan and review, investment opportunity analysis, convention venue cost analysis, risk assessment of FMCA Assist and insurance-related issues vs. costs. Revenue generation suggestions made with other team members and development of seasonal financial targets and financial feasibility of membership recruitment methods. Presented results in visual format. PROVIDING A FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH within fiscal restraints.

Joined FMCA in 2003 with husband, Ed. Prior to national office, active in the Northeast Area as a 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 2008-2025. Always volunteering: NEAR, GEAR, Western Area Indio, Rocky Mountain, Southeast and INTO area rallies. Expanded our chapter reach across the U.S. and Canada.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES –

Finance Committee, Chair, 2021-2025.
National Convention Committee, 2018-2019.
Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee, 2019-2020.
Risk Management Committee, 2017-2019.
Nominating Committee 2016-2017.
Under 60 Task Force, which grew into FMCA Energized Group chapter, 2014 – 2021.
Education Committee, 2015-2016.
Long Range Planning Committee, 2014-2018.
Marketing Committee, 2010-2011.

ON THE CHAPTER LEVEL –

NY Centrals, Tiffin Travelers, Overland Trailblazers West, Past National Officers (PNO), FMCA Energized Chapter, Allo Quebec, Jersey Gems, RVQue, Roll'n Rebels, Overland Trailblazers West, Bernie and Red, Monaco International Chapter.
National Director: Yankee Travelers 2013-2017, 2019-2021.

Granite Staters Treasurer (2016) and Membership Chair (2009-2010).

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, 1988). Subsequent 15 years computer systems and staff management experience and best practices in project management in a consulting role requiring extensive travel, C-suite-level participation.

GENERAL EXPERIENCE APPLICABLE TO PRESIDENT –

Effective communicator in a mostly Zoom remote environment and provide innovative solutions that follow our current Policies and Procedures.
Unique talent with C-suite-level executives to resolve issues, performing gap analysis and writing audit reports, cull our 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.

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GOALS –

Proven leadership success measured by more accurate benchmarks. Extensive work with our Commercial Council.

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

Active management of cash flow and reserve funds. Follow Ohio state regulations. Follow up on commercial contract overrides.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES –

Married to Ed Smith for 31 years. As a team, we enjoy exploring new places, entertaining, walking, swimming, rafting, and having fun, outdoor activities, and cooking for large groups. Raising money for medical research/charities.

↓ NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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FMCA EXPERIENCE

National Secretary – 2019 to 2023
National Vice President, Northwest Area – 2014 to 2018
As Northwest Area President, I led the team who planned and negotiated all aspects of successfully hosting 4 Northwest Area Rallies.
National Convention Committee Member – 2014 to 2015
National Membership/Member Services Committee Member – 2010 to 2016
National Audit Committee – 2016 to 2018
National Long-Range Committee – 2016 to 2017
National Officer Visitation Committee – 2017 to 2019
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
Chapter Member of Vancouver Islanders, Pacers NW, Elk International, Eastern Gourmands, Northwestern, Reigning Rex, Bernie & Red, Overland Trailblazers West, Olympic Peninsula Ramblers, RVQue, 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
Volunteer for FMCA booth - Salem RV Show, Good Sam-The Rally, Monaco Come Home Rally, Quartzsite RV Show 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2023
Volunteer co-captain/handicap trams – Redmond Convention – 2007
Volunteer captain activity carts – Redmond Convention – 2024
Ladies' Social coordinator – Northwest Area Rally – 2008, 2009, 2011
Ladies' Social coordinator – Redmond Convention – 2007, 2010, 2014
Along with Andy, hosted the Redmond Convention – 2010, 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Travel Agent, Portland – 4 years, Travel Agency Manager – 12 years, Portland, OR; responsible for a 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

Andy & I have been married for 43 years. We have two sons and four grandchildren. We enjoy traveling and meeting new friends. When we are home, our focus is spending time with our boys & their families, our friends and chapter members.

SUMMARY

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that our current situation requires bold, out of the box thinking to put our beloved organization back on a track for renewed success. Doing the same things and expecting a different outcome will not bring us that renewed success.

If you elect me as your National Vice President I can and will bring forward to the National President and the rest of the management team a perspective honed by years of FMCA experience and forged of a bold, new vision for our future. A vision for setting clear expectations for the desired outcomes we seek from everyone in our organization and tasking them to achieve those outcomes using all of their own unique experiences and talents. With National Executive Board leadership, we can and will provide them with the resources they need to do just that.

We cannot simply hope new people will join or ask others to somehow "recruit" new members without giving them an array of benefits to make prospective members want to join FRVA. We must overhaul the whole of our member benefits to tailor them to the membership of the future we seek — a membership made up both of long-term FMCAers as well as newly emerging RVers. It is not just younger members we need, it is more energized members. And, to get them, they must see a value in our member benefits. I can and will help the National Executive Board and the management team do just that.

If you want action and change, I am your candidate. If you want to tread water and keep doing the same things, expect the same results. I look forward to working with you all.



Let me introduce myself in a few words. My wife, Sue, and I became a member of FMCA in 1997 after purchasing our first motorhome. We joined our first

chapter in 2000 and are still active members of the Ontario Rovers.

FMCA EXPERIENCE:

FMCA National Vice President, Great Lakes Area 2016-2020
 Wagon Master for the 96th Indianapolis summer convention 2017
 FMCA Convention Committee 2016-2018
 FMCA Membership and Member Services Committee 2016-2018
 FMCA Nominating Committee 2011-2013, 2023-2025
 Volunteered at all the summer conventions we attended

GREAT LAKES AREA MOTORCOACH ASSOCIATION:

GLAMA President 2016-2020
 GLAMA Wagon Master for Area Rallies 2016-2019
 Food chairman for GLAMARAMA 2013-2019, 2022 – present
 Entertainment chairman 2023 – present
 Ontario Regional Vice President 2012 – 2016

CHAPTERS:

President and National Director of Ontario Rovers 2008 – 2016
 Ontario Rovers National Director 2020 – 2025
 While representing the Ontario Rovers attended 11 Governing Board meetings.

We are also members of the following chapters: PNO, Racecar Fans, and Ontario Great Lakers.

I was educated in England and emigrated to Canada in 1976 with my wife, Sue, and our two children who are now both FMCA members. I worked for an engineering and manufacturing company of industrial furnaces in various positions and retired as vice president of technical services.

We enjoy the RV lifestyle and follow motor racing.

It's my belief that I can be an asset to Family RV Association (or the Executive Board) as I have had 25 years of various management positions, including controlling contracts up to \$6-7 million on time and within budget.

We as an organization have to actively recruit new members, control our overspending and stop depleting our member benefits and reserve fund. Our staff need our support and encouragement.

Hopefully I can help this organization survive and grow.



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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Member of FMCA since 1998

National Office: Vice President November 2024-present

National Committee: Governing Board 2015-present, Executive Board 2023-present, Chairman FMCA Policy & Procedure Committee 2021-2024, FMCA Constitution and Bylaws Committee under two different FMCA Presidents and three different Chairpersons 2015-2020, Chairman & Member Convention Committee 2023-present, Executive Director Search Committee 2024-present, Management Committee 2024-present

Area Officer: President of International Area 2023-2024; Senior Vice President of International Area August 2020-2023; Vice President in International Area 2018-2020; Rally Master for 2022, 2023 & 2024 INTO Area rallies

Area Committee: Chairman of Nominating Committee for the International Area 2018

Chapter Officer: President 2017-2019 and National Director 2015-2019 for FMCA Chapter Habitat for Humanity. President of the Boulder-Roos Chapter 2014-2017. President of the Military Veterans Chapter 2019-2023. National Director for the RVQue Chapter 2019-2023.

FMCA Chapters: Full Timers, Roamin' Catholic International, Roamin' Catholic Southwest, SOI Motorhome Club, RVQue, Military Veterans, Badger, Elk International, Thousand Trails of Texas, Eastern Gourmands, Tiffin Travelers, and Monaco International.

Additional FMCA Experience: In addition to the positions listed above, I have been attending national conventions since 2012. I have served FMCA as a volunteer in many

positions, including parking, trams, security and seminars. I have enjoyed participating and volunteering at the national conventions as well as many area rallies. I have traveled to and volunteered at Great Lakes Area Rallies, Great Eastern Area Rallies, Western Area Rallies, INTO Area Rallies, Southeast Area Rally, Midwest Area Rally and South Central Area Rally. I served on the cadre for the South Central Area and was Rally Master for the International Area. I have attended every Governing Board meeting since being elected as a National Director and at least three before I was elected.

Personal Information: My wife, Pat, of 55 years (yes, we were married young) have been full-time RVers for twelve years. We enjoy traveling, visiting friends and family, making new friends and seeing this beautiful country as well as Mexico and Canada. Pat is also very active in FMCA, serving as a chapter Vice President and National Director and in numerous volunteer positions at National and Area rallies.

Goals: My primary goal is to assure that FRVA/FMCA continues to serve its members and the RV community as a resource.

We are at a turning point in our history.

Our membership has been decreasing since 2008 when it was over 112,000 memberships; recently we crossed below 60,000 memberships. We have attempted to reverse this by expanding our membership to all RV owners and those interested in owning an RV. These are both positive changes but won't help us if we don't inform the RV community of these changes. I have heard that we "are the best kept secret in the RV community." This has to change. We need to develop and implement an effective marketing program.

We have been living off of our reserves for many years. In eight of the past ten years, we have operated in the red. The only two years that had a positive cash flow, we received unexpected revenue from the sale of RVillage and from the government during COVID. We cannot expect this to happen again. Why has this occurred? One is our budgeting process and the second is our financial reporting system. Our budgeting process needs to be project oriented and not detailed line item. This will allow us to determine the effectiveness of our projects and be able to monitor expenses by department. The computerized financial system reports our revenue and expenses approximately three months after they occur. This does not allow management to take corrective action in a timely manner. We have begun corrective action to

replace the current system and I look forward to completing this project so that we can resolve this issue.

In order to accomplish these goals, we must have adequate, qualified staff that is properly managed and supported. Our staff receives competitive pay and benefits but, in the past, they have not been given the freedom to discuss issues directly with our elected officers. They have been released from these restrictions and are stepping up to fully participate.

The last and one of the most important elements of our recovery is a corps of officers that work well together. Paul, Ken, Glenda and I have a similar understanding of what is required and have worked well together. I look forward to the next two years as your Vice President. It will be challenging but we will be successful.

↓ NATIONAL SECRETARY



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY

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EDUCATION

Doctorate in Education, Emphasis in Curriculum
Specialist in Educational Leadership
Masters in Educational Leadership
BA in Education: Social Studies certification

SECRETARIAL PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dept of Defense: Congressional Office,
Fort Ben Harrison
Dept of Defense: Landstuhl Hospital, Germany

FMCA SECRETARIAL EXPERIENCE:

2 years Chapter Secretary – Lincoln Landers
2 years Chapter Secretary – Military Veterans
4 years Midwest Area Secretary

FMCA EXPERIENCES:

- Current Senior Vice President of the Midwest Area Member since 2009. Membership in 15 chapters
- Advisor to Education Committee since 2016.
- Developed On the Road Stitchers chapter, served as President and National Director
- Conducted seminars at International Conventions and Area Rallies
- Volunteerism includes Parking (Follow Me Girl), Information, FMCA Store and FMCA Booth.
- First lady to Midwest President – assisted in the hosting of the Minot International Convention, assisted in organizing and conducting 3 Midwest Area rallies
- Assisted with RV Basics classes since conception.
- Assisted with the development and implementation of FMCA University

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

- Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Missouri
- Adjunct professor for William Woods University in Missouri for 10 years
- Collegiate and high school softball and basketball official in Europe and Missouri for 10 years
- Family voted as 4th Army Family of the Year in 1985 for volunteerism in the Indianapolis community
- Owner of family business: Home remodeling, farming, and landscaping

MY GOALS FOR THE SECRETARIAL TERM:

1. Always perform my duties with the interest of all FMCA members.
2. Perform the duties of the FMCA Secretary as defined by policy.
3. Perform duties that are assigned by the FMCA Executive Board.
4. Assist FMCA Chapter Services department in yearly chapter certifications and other reporting documentation.
5. Conduct Secretarial roundtables at Conventions and Area rallies
6. Continued support on the Education Committee
7. Assist in the development of additional educational programs to be presented at Conventions and Area rallies



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY

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MY FMCA INVOLVEMENT:

Chairman Policy & Procedure Committee, 2024 to present
Governance Committee, 2024 to present
Parking Volunteer, Western Area 2025
Current National Director, Past National Officers Chapter
FMCA Forums moderator, November 2022 to 2023
Member of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee,
2021 to 2023
Northwest Area National Vice President, 2018-2022
FMCA Risk Management Committee, 2018-2019
FMCA Audit Committee, 2018-2019
Assistant Rally Master for the Northwest Area Rally,
2016-2018
Northwest Motor Home Area Association
Senior Vice President, 2015-2018
Seminar Volunteer for the International Convention,
W. Springfield, MA, 2016
Seminar Volunteer for the International Convention,
Madison, WI, 2015
Northwest Motor Home Area Association Vice President,
2014-2015
Seminar Captain for the International Convention,
Redmond, OR, 2014
Northwest Motor Home Area Association Nominating
Committee, 2013-2014
Tram Volunteer for the International Convention,
Gillette, WY, 2013
Elected to the FMCA National Nominating Committee,
2011-2013
Assistant Captain for the Seminar Volunteers at the
Northwest Area Rally, 2011
Assistant Captain for the Seminar Volunteers at the
International Convention, Redmond, OR, 2010
Security Volunteer for the Northwest Area Rallies,
2008-2009
National Director for the Northwest Country Coachers,
2007-2018

CHAPTER AFFILIATIONS:

Bernie & Red
Elk International
Military Veterans
Northwest Country Coachers (founding member)
Northwestern
Pacers Northwest
Past National Officers
RVQue

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT:

I attended East Texas State University before joining the Navy, where I completed basic and advanced electronic classes. After being honorably discharged, I worked for Hughes Aircraft in the Space & Communications Group. Following this, I joined the Department of the Navy, where I served for 30 years before retiring. My experience was in the electronics field, focusing on nuclear weapons reliability. I authored detailed procedures and documents for technicians to use in testing individual system components. From their data, I produced comprehensive reports for component evaluation and reliability assessment, utilized by the Department of Energy and Navy Programs Office in Washington, D.C. As part of my role with the Department of the Navy, I served as the recording secretary and custodian of classified documents during meetings with government entities, contractors, and England's Ministry of Defence.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge for five years
- Treasurer of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge for five years
- Secretary of a 318-unit RV condominium complex for five years
- President of a 318-unit RV condominium complex
- Past Treasurer of a homeowners' association consisting of 51 homes
- President of a homeowners' association consisting of 51 homes

PERSONAL

My wife, Barbara, and I, married for 55 years, purchased our first motorhome in August 1999 and became members of FMCA in September 1999. We have one daughter, Alicia.

SUMMARY/GOALS

Since my election as Chapter National Director in 2007, I have attended all Governing Board meetings except one.

My participation in these meetings, combined with my service on various national committees—particularly the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Policy & Procedure Committee—as well as my four years on the Executive Board, has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of Family RV Association operations. This experience will facilitate my duties as National Secretary.

My technical procedure and report writing expertise, along with my experience as a secretary in both government and private organizations, equips me to be an effective National Secretary. My goals in this role include maintaining open communication channels with Family RV Association members, the National Executive Board, the Governing Board, and the National Office. I aim to be accessible to chapter and area officers, offering assistance when needed, and to continue “round table” discussions with members at area and international conventions. I am a dedicated Family RV Association member who believes in and enjoys the organization and the family it fosters. Your vote for me as National Secretary is greatly appreciated.

↓ NATIONAL TREASURER



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TREASURER

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PERSONAL:

Married: wife Robin, May 29, 1971. **Children:** Corinne (married, two children); Katherine (married, two children); Nicholas Barnet Jr. (10/15/1980 to 12/19/2002)

FMCA EXPERIENCE:

Treasurer INTO; President South Central Coaches for Christ; National Finance Committee member; Morning hospitality at rallies; Member Lone Star Chapter, Ramblin Pushers, South Central Coaches for Christ

OTHER VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Past Treasurer Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution; Past President Plano Chapter Sons of the American Revolution; Past State Treasurer Texas Chapter HRRVC; Past President Thomas J. Rusk Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas; Encouraged Ramblin Pushers to leave HRRVC and join FMCA

MILITARY:

Lieutenant U. S. Navy 1967-1971;
Vietnam Veteran

EDUCATION:

B. A. Rice University (Political Science)
M. A. University of Texas at Arlington (History)

WORK HISTORY:

Self-employed CPA 1984-2023. Specialized in tax work. Most of my clients were small-business owners. I worked with them on taxes and financial planning, emphasizing the need for adequate financial understanding of the accounting process and what the statements meant.

GOALS FOR TREASURER:

Timely issuance of Financial Statements so the Executive Board and appropriate committees can make informed decisions. Supervision and assistance to accounting staff at headquarters. Investing money appropriately so cash will be available without losses when needed. Division of expenses between fixed and variable costs so the financial results of rallies can be properly determined. Work with national officers for the betterment of the Family RV Association.



CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL TREASURER

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I am a retired U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran, retiring as a Master Gunnery Sergeant (E9) in 1989. Upon retirement, I continued working with the

Department of the Navy, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, Indiana, for the next 22 years. I served as a Project Test Officer testing weapons, ammunition, and various science and technology initiatives for the Department of Defense throughout the world.

My wife, Linda, and I have been married for 52 years. We have three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. Our daughters and families live in Jupiter, Florida; Hahira, Georgia; and Belfair, Washington. Linda and I retired in 2011 and started living the RV lifestyle. We have been living full time in our recreational vehicle since 2015 and loving it.

FMCA EXPERIENCE

Great Lakes Area President, 2020-2024
FMCA Policy and Procedure Committee, 2024 to present
FMCA Finance Committee, 2021-2023
FMCA Nominating Committee, 2019-2020
FMCA Convention Committee, 2019-2021
National Director, Tri-State Traveliers, 2014-2020
Great Lakes Area Regional VP, Ohio, 2016-2018
Great Lakes Area Regional VP, Indiana, 2018-2019
Great Lakes Area Senior Vice President, 2019 to 2020
Great Lakes Area Bylaws Committee Member,
2016 to present
Great Lakes Area Nominating Committee Member,
2019 to present

FMCA CHAPTERS

California
Hoosier Cruisers
Military Veterans
Ohio Nomads
Ontario Rovers
Traveling Friends
Tri-State Traveliers

OTHER EXPERIENCES

FMCA International Convention Chief of Parking
2023 – Gillette
2023 – Perry
2022 – Lincoln
2022 – Tucson
2021 – Gillette
2019 – Minot
2018 – Gillette

FMCA International Convention Assistant Chief
of Parking

2018 – Perry
2017 – Indianapolis

FMCA International Convention Parking Team Leader

2016 – West Springfield
2016 – Perry
2015 – Madison
2015 – Pomona
2014 – Redmond
2014 – Perry

Great Lakes Area Rally Chief of Parking, 2016 to 2020
Tri-State Traveliers Bylaws Committee Chairman,
2018 to 2020

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Associate of Arts Degree, Palomar College,
San Marcos, CA
AA – Surveying, 1995
AA – AutoCad Technical Drafting, 1996
AA – 3d Animation, 1997

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Linda and I enjoy travelling and visiting with family and friends located throughout the United States. I am active in bowling and annually participate in the United States Bowling Congress Open Tournament. We are active members of the Fairborn, Ohio, Moose Lodge and we are also members of the Elks and life members of the VFW.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

During my Civil Service employment as a Project Test Officer, I was responsible for preparing and monitoring budgets for the evaluation of various DoD initiatives. These budgets identified personnel and equipment requirements to conduct operational testing in locations throughout the United States and abroad. Since joining FMCA in 2012, Linda and I have been actively involved in local FMCA groups and more recently heavily involved in FMCA committees and activities on a national level. I have served as a member of the FMCA Finance Committee from 2021 to 2023. I have a good understanding of the effort required to prepare a draft budget, process it through Committee and Executive Board reviews, and present it to the Governing Board for debate and acceptance. If elected, I look forward to supporting the Family RV Association as the National Treasurer and working to return the Association to financial stability and its position as the premier RVing organization. ●