

2008 NARFE TENNESSEE STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION
MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK
BURNS, TENNESSEE
APRIL 28-29, 2008

The 2008 State Federation Convention of NARFE was held April 28-29, 2008 at the Montgomery Bell State Park Inn Conference Center, Burns, TN. This convention was hosted by Chapter #0227 with Bruce Thomas and Nancy Wells serving as Convention Chairs.

The convention attendees were honored to have as guests National Treasurer Richard Ostergren, Victoria Reed of Senator Corker's Office, Sue Story - Parliamentarian and Dickson County Mayor Robert Stone who welcomed guests to the area. It is noted that Region X VP Joe Beaudoin attended the Executive Board Meeting on Monday, April 28 and the banquet Monday night but had to leave this convention for another commitment.

Committee Chairs were: Credentials – Julia Metcalf, Chapter #1382; Rules – Elmer Gillespie, Chapter #108; Resolutions – Diane Taylor, Chapter #861; Constitution & Bylaws – Charles MacKenzie, Chapter #1956; Financial Ways and Means and Audit – Joyce Knott, Chapter #519; Legislative - Donald E. Smith, Chapter #1382; Membership – Jerry O. McDuffie, Chapter #1603; Service Officer – Dean McAlister, Chapter #860; Credential (final report) - Julia Metcalf; Public Relations – Edward Evans, Chapter #1576; NARFE-PAC – Herschel Taylor, Chapter #861; Alzheimer's – Nancy Wells, Chapter #227; Nomination – Herbert Arnett, Chapter #0204. Committee reports were given on the floor of the convention and were approved by motion.

Convention address was given by National Treasurer Richard Ostergren. J.C. Whitney was presented a plaque for top recruiter for the state. In summary, Ostergren advised a resolution to eliminate four positions at NARFE Headquarters will be brought to the national convention this year and all information regarding this resolution and NARFE as a whole is on the web site. Retention remains the name of the game and personal contact works. There are fewer than 1500 chapters; TN has closed four chapters in 2007, 33,000 members turn 85 this year. There are notices on bus shelters and other public places around DC for advertisement. Judy Park is retiring after 40 years; she has done an outstanding job and will be replaced by Dan Adcock. A strong support of NARFE-PAC can open doors and achieve goals. This convention should be applauded for donations received for NARFE-PAC. March is NARFE-PAC month but actually every month is NARFE-PAC month. IT has upgraded and improved the web site, at NARFE we work for you.

Roll Call of officers and chapters and the final credential report revealed a total of ninety one attendee's.

The Leo Potts Award to promote competition of NARFE-PAC contributions was presented to the Crossville Chapter for the highest contributions. The Crossville Chapter also received this award in 2007.

The Nomination Committee provided the following slate of nominee's for the upcoming year: 1st VP John Shannon, 2nd VP Larry Cunningham, 3rd VP John Wells, President Carey Frazier, Treasurer Marie Anglin, Legislative Doug Roberts, Chapter #883, Membership – J.C. Whitney, Chapter #870, Secretary - Vivian Fivecoat, Chapter #870.

The convention floor was asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of these positions, as there were no nominations received and the issue was closed. These officers were approved by acclamation.

The 2008 slate of officers was sworn in by National Treasurer Richard Ostergren.

The 2008 Tennessee State Federation of NARFE Convention was adjourned at 1:29 pm (CST) as there was no further business pending.

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