

OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF NARFE CHAPTERS
61TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
HOSTED BY CHAPTER 0183
MAY 1-2, 2014

CONVENTION

The Convention took place at the Meridian Technology Center Stillwater, Oklahoma. At 1:30 PM the Convention opened in Convention Hall. The Call to Order of the 61st Annual convention of NARFE; Introduction of Chaplain and Master of Ceremonies was made by LaNelda McDaniel; Invocation was made by Dena Walters; Presentation of Colors by NARFE Members and Armed Service Veterans; Pledge of Allegiance by Robert Harding; Introduction of Welcome Speaker by LaNelda McDaniel.

Welcome Speech given by Dr. Doug Majors who talked to us about the Meridian Technology Center. Welcome Response given by LaNelda McDaniel then she gave a reminder to attending the Botanical garden after the conventions then LaNelda introduction of Federation President James Olden.

Federation President welcomed guest, Jerry and Joan Hatfield, Jerome Smith and longest attending member Ed Farris of Muskogee Azalea Chapter, gave announcements and gave an introduction of Special Guests. A motion to approved agenda as printed, except for deviations as needed was made and 2nd. A few Standing Convention Rules were mentioned. Then the Video of the National President was announced by James Olden then shown.

National President Joseph A. Beaudoin's video was on the strength of our organization and recommendation for the future of NARFE. Mr. Beaudoin went over the history of NARFE .

President Olden then went over the high point of National President Beaudoin's speech.

Roll Call of Chapters and Federation Officers was made by Jean McBride Samuels. The Minutes of the 2013 convention was presented by Jean McBride-Samuels a motion to suspend with the reading was motioned and 2nd then approved as presented on the website.

Treasurer's Report was given by Johnny Hanlon, many questions were asked and answered motion to approve was made and seconded and approved as read.

A push for PAC funds was made by Dan Jenner.

BREAK (About 2:30) 15 Minutes

Door Prizes presented by Betty Lowery

Convention resumed at 3 p.m.

LaNelda McDaniel introduced Madeline Harding who presented the Memorial Service named The Tree of Life. Then LaNelda McDaniel thanked the entire committee for putting on this convention.

James Olden ask Dorothy Branson to come forward who spoke on the Historian records and where the table is located. Dorothy makes a presentation to Pat Farris of Chapter 22.

James Olden then gave Awards for chapters, 4 chapters had the most points:

Category 1 Tahlequah Chapter 656 had 585 points Ron Vick accepted the award.

Category 2 Muskogee Chapter 22 had 1660 points Patsy Farris accepted the award

Category3 Oklahoma City Chapter 184 had 1230 points Augusta Bird and John Graves accepted the award. Category4 Midwest City Chapter 946 had1435 points Ron Cannefax accepted the award.

Reminder was made by the President for caucuses to meet which were to meet immediately following Business Session:

District I	Jeff Vaughan	Room 5
District II	Ron Vick	Room 3
District III	Jerry Walker	Room 4
District IV	Marilyn Componation	Room 1
District V	Robert Edwards	Room 6

Banquet Instructions were given by LaNelda McDaniel then the benediction given by Dena Walters .

Convention Recessed at 4:35p.m.

On Friday May 2, 2014 at 8:45 AM the Convention reconvened with a Call to order by James Olden. LeNelda McDaniel gave information and directions; Invocation given by Dena Walters; Pledge of Allegiance given by Robert Harding; Then James Olden went over unfinished business and there was no unfinished business.

James Olden introduced the Region VI Vice President Jerome Smith. Mr. Smith said he will not be seeking re-election. Jerry spoke on NARFE members in Panama and their dedication, NARFE joining the 21 century and E-Narfe. National hired marketing specialist who helped with prospecting marketing and branding NARFE in the future. A push in the area of retention and recruiting member was made and OAM. National had a by-law change and many other changes and upgrades at the national office were mentioned. 30 to 40 thousand members are lost each year for non- payment of dues with a 25% decline over 4 years in Oklahoma. Jerry spoke on some of the reforming of headquarters and how our regions are being divided. Any by-law changes will happen this fall.

The President recognizes the past presidents Jeff Vaughan and Charles Stanphill and those serving at Sergeant of Arms and the Committee Reports the Committee Chairs gave their reports and the chairpersons were the follows:

Advisory Council	Charles Stanphill
Audit	James Gillispie
Credentials	Merl Miller
Teller and Ballot	Ed Farris
Nominating	Nancy Vaughan

Sgt. at Arms
Time and Place
Resolutions

Joyce Woodring
Marilyn Componation
Barbara Garner

Proposed Convention Resolutions was read. Another amendment was made to the resolutions. A second on that amendment was made and then discussion was made. There were many objections and clarifications were made. The Proposed Convention Resolutions passed and the changes to the revised Resolution failed. With the two thirds vote needed a head count was made to verify 59 in favor 17 against the resolution passes.

Break (About 10:15) then Door Prizes by Betty Lowery were given the meeting resumed at 10:45a.m.

State of Federation Address presented by James Olden, list of accomplishments over this year was given and the future of NARFE and how Oklahoma will be effected. There was a question and answer period.

District Caucus Reports District VP's reports were made by:

District I	Jeff Vaughan
District II	Ron Vick
District III	Jerry Walker
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District V	Robert Edwards

Federation President gave an introduction of Rodney Adelman and Charles Stanphill candidates for Region VI representative. Mr. Adelman was absent however his letter was read then Mr. Stanphill spoke on why he should receive the post urged chapters to send people to the National Convention. Then National Office Candidates D. Jean McBride-Samuels spoke on receiving the U.S. Senator Vote.

Alzheimer's Final Report and drawing given by Alyce Cordray-Green who reported that NARFE given over 10 million dollars nationwide. Oklahoma has given over 6 thousand dollars. This convention the amount was over four hundred dollars.

James Olden introduced the Convention Chair and Committee.

NARFE PAC Results given by Dan Jenner \$ 204.00 for pins plus another \$100 for buttons.

Randy Freeman introduced Jim Henley and Jim Webster then thanked all the Convention helpers . There was no Courtesy Resolution. James Olden President states that 946 is to put on the 2015 Convention. National Convention invitation was given by Jerome Smith. Final comments and announcements were given by James Olden. Benediction by Dena Walters.

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