

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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FMCA Experience:

Member since 1993

Attendee at 19 FMCA International Conventions

Leadership:

International Area Organization Vice President, 2014 – 2018

International Area Organization Senior Vice President, 2018 – 2020

International Area Organization President, 2020 – Present

Racecar Fans Chapter President, 2014 – 2020

SOI RV Club Chapter President, 2018 – 2020

Volunteer at 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

Volunteer at Area Rallies:

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, 2020 and 2021

Northwest Area – Food Service Volunteer, 2019

National Committees:

National Review Council, 2019 – 2020

National Audit Committee, 2021 – 2022

National Convention Committee, 2021 – Present

National Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2020 – 2021

Chairman National Recruitment and Retention Committee – 2021 – Present

Member of 14 FMCA Chapters:

Beaver Ambassador Club

Desert Roadrunners

Eastern Gourmands

Elk International

Full Timers

Military Veterans

Monaco International

On the Road Stitchers

Racecar Fans

Ramblin' Pushers

RVQue

SMART FMCA

SOI RV Club

4-Wheelers

FMCA Experience (Continued)

I have extensive rally experience. As a member of the International Area Organization (INTO) Executive Board for the last 8 years, I was involved in scouting and setting up our rallies in Shreveport, Tallahassee, Branson, Myrtle Beach, Pima County Fairgrounds, Lebanon and Calgary. INTO pioneered the idea of destination rallies and continues to come up with new and innovative ways to attract new members to FMCA.

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).

Lisa and I met in Germany while both were serving in the US Military and have been married 41 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 400,000 miles on multiple RVs since 1993. We have attended the last 19 national conventions, volunteering at each, and have attended and volunteered at 20 area rallies across the country.

I have planned and conducted RV rallies and tours throughout the US, Canada and Mexico for over 20 years. Additionally, I have scouted, planned, and conducted RV tours in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and traveled by RV in Russia.

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. FMCA has provided and continues to provide me with new challenges.

Summary: I believe FMCA is in a pivotal position. The baby boomers are mostly retired with disposable income and Generation X is just coming into their retirement window. We need to find innovative ways to reach out to this new generation of potential members and develop programs that get them excited about becoming part of our organization. Increasing FMCA benefits and discounts provided to our members is one of the keys to growing FMCA, along with thinking outside the box, as we move forward. We cannot continue down the same path and expect different results. Chapters are one of the keys to increasing membership and are vital to the success of FMCA. More importantly, chapter members become involved, and stay as part of our organization, years longer than members who don't join a chapter. Support for our chapters needs to be at the top of our priority list along with retaining our members for life. Our member benefits continue after RVing, and FMCA's family benefits are significantly better than other RV organizations.

I think my military career, extensive FMCA experience, and leadership background, along with my three years as President of INTO, have prepared me to fully support the President of FMCA and to keep our organization moving in a positive direction. It is time to put "Family" back into FMCA.

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