

# 61<sup>st</sup> Annual 2015 Federation Convention Program

## Sunday - April 26, 2015

10:00 AM	Federation Executive Board Meeting .....	Mansion Dining Room
	Alzheimer's Gifts.....	Regency Lobby outside Regency Ballroom
12:00-5:00 PM	Registration/Credentials.....	Regency Lobby
	Door Prize Gifts .....	Regency Lobby
	Hospitality Room .....	Parlor B – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	(Open: Sunday Noon - 1:30 PM <u>and</u> 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM) (Open: Monday 7:30 AM	
	– 8:30AM <u>and</u> 3:00pm – 5:00pm	
	<u>and</u> 8:30PM – 10:00PM)	
1:30-2:30 PM	Legislative/PAC Strategy Session.....	Regency East Ballroom
3:00-4 PM	Service Officer Training – Harold Klaege .....	Alcove 4
	OAM Training – Carol Ek .....	Regency East Ballroom
	Membership Training/General Session.....	Alcove 6
	<i>***Silent Auction Begins at 3:00 PM .....</i>	<i>Regency West***</i>
4:15 PM	Committee Meetings	
	Alzheimer's.....	Regency East
	Audit.....	Mansion Green Room
	2015-2016 Officer Candidate Meeting .....	Mansion Dining Room
	Bylaws & Resolutions.....	Alcove 1
	Convention Rules.....	Alcove 3
	Time & Place.....	Mansion Gold Room
5:30 PM	Sunday Evening Dinner.....	Grand Ballroom
	<i>(Sunday Dinner Ticket Required)</i>	

## Sunday – April 26, 2015

6:45 PM	Opening Session.....	Regency East Ballroom
	Call to Order .....	Federation President Cindy Renee' Blythe
	Call for Posting of Colors.....	President Blythe
	Presentation of Color.....	US Coast Guard Color Guard
	Pledge of Allegiance .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rita Dawson
	Invocation .....	Chaplain Judy Etter
	“Welcome to Topeka”.....	Honorable Larry Wolgast Mayor, Topeka, Kansas
	Introduction of Federation Board & Dignitaries.....	President Blythe
	Political Action Committee (PAC) update .....	Chair Tom Huntsinger
	Region V Alzheimer's Report.....	Chair Janice Neuschafer
	Door Prize Drawings.....	Ron Miller
	Announcements.....	Jim Miller

Instructions for Alzheimer’s Live and Silent Auctions.....Federation Chair Joanne Miller

Recess of Convention .....President Blythe

Convention Recess until 8:30 AM – Monday, April 27, 2015

7:30 – 8:30 PM Alzheimer’s Live Auction .....Regency East Ballroom  
Federation Alzheimer’s Chair.....Joanne Miller  
Auctioneer.....Wayne Hunter and Gary Henson, Prudential Real Estate

**Monday – April 27, 2015**

7:30 – 8:30 AM Registration.....Main Lobby

8:30 AM Business Session.....Regency East Ballroom  
Call to Order.....President Blythe  
Invocation.....Chaplain Judy Etter  
Pledge of Allegiance.....2nd Vice President Rita Dawson  
Introduction of Federation Board & Dignitaries President Blythe  
Preliminary Credentials Report.....Chair Sharon Rosenow  
Rules Committee Report.....Chair Rita Dawson  
Reading of Minutes and Correspondence .....Secretary Ketter  
Address by National Officer.....Sarah Weissmann, Grass Roots Program Director, Legislative Dept  
Federation Officer Reports  
President.....Cindy Renee’ Blythe  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President..... Elizabeth Bornman  
Secretary..... Gwen Ketter  
Treasurer..... Rebecca Rodgers  
Committee Reports  
Audit Committee.....Gary Kilgore  
Nomination Committee..... Robert Cranmer

Instructions for Voting / Distribution of Ballots

Break for Casting Ballots for Officer Election & Coffee Break -30 minutes

Business Session Back In Order .....President Blythe

Results of 2015-2016 Officer Election.....Nomination Chair Cranmer

Results of Alzheimer’s Live Auction.....Chair Joanne Miller  
Announcements.....Jim Miller  
Door Prize Drawings.....Ron Miller

12:00 Noon Lunch.....Grand Ballroom  
(Lunch Ticket Required)

**Monday Afternoon – April 27, 2015**

1:10 PM Call to Order...Regency East Ballroom.....President Blythe  
Introduction of Memorial Service Chair.....President Blythe  
Memorial Service.....Chair Jo Burenheidt  
Chaplain.....Judy Etter  
Reading of Names .....Area Vice Presidents

Bylaws and General Resolutions Report.....Bylaws Chair Gene Algrim  
(Voting – Proposed Amendments)

Address by Region 5 Vice-President.....Carol Ek

\*\*\*\*15 Minute Break \*\*\*\*

..... Area Delegate Caucuses.....

Area 1 .....Regency East                      Area 3.....Alcove 2  
Area 1A ....Alcove 1                              Area 4.....Alcove 4  
Area 2.....Mansion Dining Room              Area 5.....Alcove 5  
Area 2A.....Alcove 3                              Area 6 ---Alcove 6

Introduction of 2015-2016 Area Vice Presidents.....President Blythe

Legislative Reports:

State Legislative Report.....Chair Jim Miller  
Federal Legislative Report .....Chair Louis Bornman  
Political Action Committee (PAC) Report...Chair Tom Huntzinger

Vendor Acknowledgement/Presentations.....Vendors

Door Prize Drawings.....Ron Miller

Announcements.....Jim Miller

\*\*\*\*\*Recess Until 5:30 PM Social Hour\*\*\*\*\*

5:15 PM All New Federation Bd. Members Pictures.....Courtyard Stairs

5:30 PM Social Hour.....(Cash Bar).....Courtyard Atrium

6:30 PM Banquet..(Banquet ticket required).....Grand Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies.....President Blythe

Invocation.....Chaplain Etter

Federation Drawing.....Treasurer Rodgers

Installation of Federation Officers .....Region V Vice-President Carol Ek

Recognition of Convention Committees.....Gwen Ketter

Convention Recess until 8:30 AM - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

8:30 AM Business Session Resumes.....Regency East Ballroom

Call to Order .....President Blythe

Invocation.....Chaplain Etter

Pledge of Allegiance.....2nd Vice President Rita Dawson

Final Credentials Report.....Chair Sharon Rosenow

Final PAC Convention Donation Rpt.....Tom Huntzinger

Door Prize Drawings.....Ron Miller

Committee Reports

Membership Session Results.....Chair Judy Etter

Alzheimer's .....Chair Joanne Miller

Service Officer.....Chair Harold Klauge

Time and Place.....Chair Ron Katt

Invitation to 2016 Convention....Chapter 0280.....	John Ourada, President
Closing Remarks and Announcements.....	Jim Miller
Close of Convention.....	President Blythe
11:30 AM Federation Executive Board Meeting.....	Mansion Dining Room

**Key Avenues for Information & Advocacy**

Legislative HOTLINE: 1-877-217-8234 Available 24/7 toll free  
 Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-220-0044 Ask for Member by Name  
 White House: 1-888-225-8418 Leave Comment 24/7  
 Join NARFE: 1-800-627-3394 toll free  
 NARFE Legislative Action Center: <http://cqrcengage.com/narfe/home>  
 Find your elected officials: <http://cqrcengage.com/narfe/app/lookup?6&m=17066>  
 Gateway to congressional delegations: <http://www.congressmerge.com/onlinedb/index.htm>  
 U.S. House: ZIP 20515 Web: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)  
 U.S. Senate: ZIP 20510 Web: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)  
 Senate Listing:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?OrderBy=state&Sort=ASC](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?OrderBy=state&Sort=ASC)  
 White House: ZIP 20500 Web: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)  
 NARFE “State Advocacy” website: [http://cqrcengage.com/narfe/State\\_Advocacy](http://cqrcengage.com/narfe/State_Advocacy)  
 Governors and their biographies: <http://www.nga.org/cms/governors/bios>  
 State legislative gateway: [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)  
 National Center for State Courts: [www.ncsc.org](http://www.ncsc.org)  
 Video & Text of State of the State Addresses: <http://www.governing.com/topics/politics/gov-2015-state-addresses.html>  
 Gateway to state & territorial legislatures: <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/state-legislatures.html>  
 State legislative tracking tool: <https://www.govtrack.us/start#states>  
 State and Local Government in General: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/stategov/stategov.html>  
 Election forecasting: <http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>  
 Census Bureau congressional district maps: <http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/reference-cd113.html>  
 Census Bureau state legislative district maps: <http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/reference-sld2014.html>  
 NCSL gateway to congressional and state redistricting info and maps:  
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/redistricting/links-to-state-legislative-redistricting-websites.aspx>  
 2015 congressional calendar: <http://www.klgates.com/files/Publication/075d1c0e-a151-46ee-a33d-0096f17320c0/Presentation/PublicationAttachment/ab519848-6945-4c50-a902-013fdbfb1114/Congressional%20Calendar%202015.pdf>  
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