



The Nightingale Tribute

“She Was There (They Were There)”

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Kansas State Nurses Association

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed,
They were there.

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of
life,
They were there.

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member or friend,
They were there.

At those times when the unexplained needed to be explained,
They were there.

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind,
They were there.

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was
needed,
They were there.

In choosing the best one from a family’s “Thank You” box of
chocolates,
They were there.

To witness humanity—its beauty, in good times and bad, without
judgment,
They were there.

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope,
They were there.

And now, that it is time to be at the Greater One’s side,
They are there.



With Appreciation and Gratitude

30th Anniversary Celebration (1986-2016)

Embassy Suites, San Antonio, Texas

October 22, 2016



Still Caring.... Still Sharing

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Air Force Nurses. It has taken many dedicated and caring individuals to sustain our society. This program lists current and past members of the Society who have taken on various leadership positions since its inception that have supported the Society during the past 30 years. We are extremely grateful for their support and contributions.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Brig Gen Diann (Hale) O'Connor. It was her VISION that gave birth to the concept of establishing a society for Air Force Nurses. According to Col Ethel Nelson, *"that was her final order"* upon retiring, for which she saluted smartly and said, *"yes, ma'am"* --- and thus the Society of Air Force Nurses was born!

* Indicates deceased

^ Indicates Status Unknown

[mm/dd/year] Indicates date of death

FOUNDERS

Col Ethel Nelson - President (1986 - 1989)

*Lt Col Ona "Mary" Tucker - Vice President (1986 - 1987) [11/16/2015]

Col Edna "Hoppy" Hopkins - Treasurer (1986 - 1987)

Lt Col Margaret "Peggy" A. Dame - Secretary (1986 - 1987)

Maj Mary Covino - National Outreach Chair (1986 - 1987)

Lt Col Olivia Theriot - National Memorial Chair (1986 - 1987)

Maj Marie "Andy" Anderson - Rendezvous Editor & Membership Directory Chair (1986 - 1987)

*Col Jeanne Curtis - Regional geographical boundaries & SAFN logo concept (1986 - 1987) [4/17/2011]

*Lt Col Shirley Galvin - Through her creative talents, designed the SAFN logo (1986 - 1987) [08/06/1997]

*Col Jeanette Marshal - First Patron (1986 - 1987) [04/05/2007]

*Maj Judith "Judy" Smith - Established membership database (1987) [05/19/2015]

*Maj Ethel Mae Williams - Cheerleader to the planning process of the founders. And who, as well as all the founders, lived our motto: *"Still Caring....Still Sharing."* (1986 - 1987) [10/13/2005]

Deceased SAFN Founders and Past Leaders

Col Esther Momrow	14-Dec-96
Lt Col Shirley Galvin	6-Aug-97
Col Cassandra Vickers	23-Dec-97
Lt Col Lois Heitman	6-Mar-99
Lt Col Ruby Caulfield	23-Apr-99
Lt Col Rita Fay	17-Jan-00
Col Inez Jones	7-Sep-00
2nd Lt Anna Berry	6-Jun-01
Col Marion McKenna	16-Jul-01
Lt Col Nancy Graves	18-Mar-02
Col Ann Hines	26-Dec-03
Maj Ethel Mae Williams	13-Oct-05
Col Carol McCleary	22-Jul-06
Col Jill Baker	12-Dec-06
Col Nina Rhoton	16-Feb-07
Col Jeanette Marshall	5-Apr-07
Col Maureen Hunt	2-Nov-08
Col Mary Wallace	8-Jan-09
Col Meta Mills	24-May-10
Col Jeanne Curtis	17-Apr-11
Lt Col Jane Kidd	22-Apr-11
Lt Col Bernadette Calnon	23-Apr-11
Col Rosanne Tossing	11-Apr-12
Lt Col Mary Ritter	10-May-12
Col Eleanor Carey	18-Jun-13
Col Nellie Roach	23-Feb-14
Col W. Jean Hilty Reid	25-Apr-14
Lt Col Genevieve Harrold	11-Aug-14
Maj Judith Smith	19-May-15
Lt Col Joy Lane	2-Jul-15
Maj Earline Perkins	24-Sep-15
Lt Col Ona Tucker	16-Nov-15
Lt Col Elizabeth Brown	19-Feb-16
Col Mary Lofstrom	2-Jul-16
Lt Col Nelda Frost	21-Aug-16
Maj Warren Ward	23-Aug-16

CONVENTION PLANNERS (1987 – Present):

1987 Chair: Col Allen Perry; (Co- Chairs: Col Bettie Edmonds & Col Eileen Foley)
1989 Chair: Col Phyllis Parcells; (Co- Chair: *Lt Col Joy Lane [07/02/2015])
1991 Co-Chairs: *Lt Col Genevieve Harrold [08/11/2014] & *2nd Lt Anna Berry [06/06/2001]
1993 Chairs: ^Col Mary Boyd & Capt Arline Love
1995 Chairs: Col Rita Gengler & *Maj Earline Perkins [09/24/2015]
1997 Chair: Col Bettie Edmonds
1999 Chairs: Col Elizabeth Foley & ^Col Therese Rheaume
2001 Chair: Col Phyllis Parcells; (Co-Chairs: Col Lois Murray & Col William “Bill” Wilder)
2003 Chair: Col Phyllis Parcells; (Co-Chairs: *Col Rosanne Tossing [04/11/2012] & *Col Nellie Roach [02/23/2014])
2005 Chair: Brig Gen Barbara Goodwin; (Co-Chairs: *Col Jill Baker [12/12/2006] & Capt Lois Gay)
2007 Chair: Brig Gen Barbara Goodwin; (Co-Chairs: Col Patricia A. Chappell & Col Virginia “Ginny” Stubblefield)
2009 Co-Chairs: Col Tina Holmlund & Lt Col Carole McAlister
2011 Co-Chairs: Col Pamela “Pam” J. Reidy & Col Eric Murdock
2013 Chair: Lt Col Pamela “Pam” Smith
2015 Chair: Col Doris Allsup
2017 Chair: Col Mary Kay Fryman

PRESIDENTS (1986 – Present):

Col Ethel Nelson (1986 - 1989) **FOUNDER**
*Col Marion McKenna (1989 - 1993) [07/16/2001]
Capt Arline F. Love (1993 - 1997)
*Lt Col Joy A. Lane (1997 - 2001) [07/02/2015]
Col Mary K. Johnson (2001 - 2005)
Col Rita Vokes (2005 - 2009)
Lt Col Patricia A. Brennan (2009 - 2013)
Col Patricia A. Chappell (2013 - Present)

VICE PRESIDENTS (1986 – Present):

*Lt Col Ona “Mary” Tucker (1986 - 1987) [11/16/2015] **FOUNDER**
*Col Marion McKenna (1987 - 1989) [07/16/2001]
Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1989 - 1991) **FOUNDER**
Col Bettie Edmonds (1991 - 1993)
Col Phyllis P. Parcells (1993 - 1997)
*Col Mary M. Lofstrom (1997 - 2001) [07/02/2016]
Col Rita Vokes (2001 - 2005)
Lt Col Patricia A. Brennan (2005 - 2009)
Col Elvira “Vera” Lee (2009 - 2011)
Col Patricia A. Chappell (2011 - 2013)
Col Mary Kay Fryman (2013 - Present)

SECRETARIES (1986 – Present):

Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
*Col Meta Mills (1987 - 1989) [05/24/2010]
Col Rita E. Gengler (1989 - 1991)
*Col Inez Jones (1991 - 1993) [09/07/2000]
Col Donna L. Cleland-Cousino (1993 - 1997)
Col Mary K. Johnson (1997 - 2001)
Col William “Bill” Wilder (2001 - 2003)
Col Martha “Marti” Maron (2003 - 2009)
Col Nancy Caldwell (2009 - 2013)
Col Sally Glover (2013 - Present)

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES (1987 – 2003):

Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1987 - 1989)
(1989 – 1991 no appointee)
Col Rita Gengler (1991 - 1993)
Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1993 - 2003)

TREASURERS (1986 – Present):

Col Edna M. “Hoppy” Hopkins (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
Col Eileen H. Foley (1987 - 1991)
Lt Col Patricia Farrell (1991 - 1993)
Col Eileen Foley (1993 - 1995)
*Col Eleanor Carey (1995 - 1999) [06/18/2013]
Col Betty J. Andrews (1999 - 2003)
Col Nancy J. Bjerke (2003 - 2007))
Col Andrea “Andi” A. Valdez (2007 - 2011)
Col Nancy J. Bjerke (2011 - 2013)
Col Teresa “Terri” Page (2013 - Present)

ASSISTANT TREASURERS (1987 – 2011):

Col Edna M. “Hoppy” Hopkins (1987 - 1991) **FOUNDER**
Col Eileen Foley (1991 - 1993)
Col Edna M. “Hoppy” Hopkins (1993 – 1995)
Lt Col Mary Thomas (1995 - 1999)
Col Brenda Belville (1999 - 2003)
Col Betty Andrews (2003 - 2007)
Col Nancy Bjerke (2007 - 2011)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1986 – Present):

Maj Marie “Andy” Anderson (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
*Maj Judith “Judy” Smith (1987 - 1991) [05/19/2015] **FOUNDER**
Lt Col Mary Walsh (1991 - 1993)
Lt Col Marjorie Beakes (1993 - 1999)
Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1999 - 2005) **FOUNDER**
Col Teresa “Terri” Page (2005 - 2013)
Maj Gail Ferguson (2013 - Present)

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

*Lt Col Jane Kidd (1987 - 1991) [04/22/2011]
Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1991 - 1995) **FOUNDER**
Col Rita Vokes (1995 - 2001)
Lt Col Kathy Close (2001 - 2003)
*Col Nina Rhoton (2003 - 2007) [02/16/2007]
Col Sue Yingling (2007 - 2013)
Col Lloyd Reinke (2013 - 2015)
Col Judy Gavin (2015 - Present)

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

* Col W. Jean Hilty Reid (1987 - 1989) [04/25/2014]
^Col Mary R. Boyd (1989 - 1993)
Lt Col Georgia E. Phillips (1993 - 1997)
Brig Gen Barbara A. Goodwin (1997 - 2003)
Col Mary Kay Fryman (2003 - 2009)
Col Sally A. Glover (2009 - 2013)
Lt Col Sharon Ahrari (2013 - 2015)
Col Diana Kupchella (2015 - Present)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

*Col Cassandra Vickers (1987 - 1989) [12/23/1997]
*Col Mary E. Wallace (1989 - 1993) [01/08/2009]
*Lt Col Joy A. Lane (1993 - 1997) [07/02/2015]
Col Lois Murray (1997 - 1999)
Lt Col Patricia Brennan (1999 - 2005)
Maj Adele “Dee” Reiter (2005 - 2010)
Col Pamela “Pam” J. Reidy (2010 - 2011)
Lt Col Roberta “Bobbie” Gould (Co-Regional Lead) (2011 - 2013)
Lt Col Marsha Jordan (Co-Lead) (2011-2013)
Col Frank Thornburg (2015 - Present)

PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

*Col Maureen Hunt (1987 - 1991) [11/02/2008]
Col Antoinette “Toni” Lowery (1991 - 1993)
Lt Col Mary C. Lynch (1993 - 1995)
Col Wanda Jean Higdon (1995 - 1999)
*Lt Col Elizabeth A. Brown (1999 - 2003) [02/19/2016]
Col Elvira “Vera” Lee (2003 - 2009)
Maj Richard Reid (2009 - 2015)
Lt Col Catherine “Cathy” Pluta (2015 - Present)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

Col Mary L. Jones (1987 - 1991)
Lt Col Michele C. Hacherl (1991 - 1995)
Lt Col Elizabeth Remmes (1995 - 1999)
Lt Col Shirley E. McGuire (1999 - 2005)
Col Patricia A. Chappell (2005 - 2009)
Lt Col Kathy Koozin (2009 - 2013)
Col Debra Munsell (2013 - Present)

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

Lt Col Gwendolyn Rieck (1987 - 1989)
*Lt Col Ruby Caulfield (1989 - 1993) [04/23/1999]
Lt Col Dorothy “Dottie” E. Huggins (1993 - 1997)
Col William “Bill” Wilder (1997 - 1999)
Col Nancy Caldwell (1999 - 2003)
Col Virginia “Ginny” Stubblefield (2003 - 2015)
Maj Peter “Pete” Jefferson (2015 - Present)

NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTORS (1987 – Present):

Col Carol Ganser (1987 - 1989)
Capt Arline F. Love (1989 - 1993)
Lt Col Helen Doriski (1993 - 1997)
Lt Col Kathleen F. Casey (1997 - 2003)
*Lt Col Mary A. Ritter (2003 - 2007) [05/10/2012]
Lt Col Mary L. McLaughlin (2007 - 2009)
Lt Col Pamela “Pam” J. Smith (2009 - 2015)
Col Brenda McEleney (2015 - Present)

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1986 – Present):

Maj Marie “Andy” Anderson (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
Lt Col Marjorie Beakes (1987 - 1999)
Lt Col Margaret “Peggy” A. Dame (1999 - 2005) **FOUNDER**
Col Teresa “Terri” Page (2005 - 2013)
Maj Gail Ferguson (2013 - Present)

ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP (1987 – 1993):

Lt Col Sara List (1987 - 1989)
(1989 - 1991 no appointee)
*Lt Col Nancy Graves (1991 - 1993) [03/18/2002]

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1986 – Present):

Lt Col Olivia Theriot (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
*Lt Col Bernadette Calnon (1987 - 1989) [04/23/2011]
*Col Anne Hines (1989 - 1991) [12/26/2003]
*Lt Col Shirley Galvin (1991 - 1995) [08/06/1997] **FOUNDER**
*Lt Col Lois Heitman (1995 - 1999) [03/06/1999]
Lt Col Sara List (1999 - 2005)
Col Ben Mittman (2005 - 2007)
Lt Col Susan Polk (2007 - 2011)
Lt Col Jane Knight (2011 - 2015)
Brig Gen Linda J. Stierle (2015 - Present)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1986 – Present):

Maj Mary Covino (1986 - 1987) **FOUNDER**
*Col Jeanette Marshall (1987 - 1989) [04/05/2007] **FOUNDER**
* Lt Col Rita Fay (1989 - 1991) [01/17/2000]
*Col Esther Momrow (1991 - 1997) [12/14/1996]
*Col Maureen Hunt (1997 - 2003) [11/02/2008]
*Lt Col Joy Lane (2003 - 2005) [07/02/2015]
Capt Margaret “Peggy” Nicholas (2005 - 2011)
Col Jane Bigelow (2011 - Present)

OUTREACH ASSISTANTS (1986 – Present):

*Lt Jane Kidd (1987 - 1989) [04/22/2011]
Lt Col Lousan Warner (1989 - 1995)
(1995 - 2001 no appointee)
Col Rita Vokes (2001 - 2003)
Lt Col Marsha Jordan (2015 - Present)

NEWSLETTER/RENDEZVOUS EDITORS (1986 – Present):

Maj Marie “*Andy*” Anderson (1986 - 1991) **FOUNDER**

*Col Carol McCleary (1991 - 2003) [07/22/2006]

Col Betty Andrews (2003 - Present)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRS (1987 – Present):

*Col Inez L. Jones (1987 - 1989) [09/07/2000]

Col Bettie Edmonds (1989 - 1993)

Lt Col Patricia Brennan (1993 - 1999)

Col Brenda Belville (1999 - 2001)

Col Nancy Bjerke (2001 - 2003)

Col Andrea “*Andi*” Valdez (2003 - 2005)

Maj Richard “*Dick*” Waring (2005 - 2007)

Lt Col Roberta “*Bobbie*” Gould (2007 - 2013)

Maj Eileen Goretski (2013 - Present)

HISTORIANS (1987 – Present):

Col Bettie Edmonds (1987 - 1997)

(1997-2005 no appointee)

Col Martha “*Marti*” Maron (2005 - 2007)

Col Pat Davis (2007- 2009)

Col Martha “*Marti*” Maron (2009 - 2011)

Capt Lois Gay (2011 - Present)

BYLAWS CONSULTANTS (1995 – Present):

Lt Col Margaret “*Peggy*” A. Dame (1995 - 1999) Initiated **FOUNDER**

Capt Arline Love (1999 - 2007)

Col Nancy Bjerke (2007 - 2013)

Col Mary Kay Fryman (2013 - Present)

PARLIAMENTARIANS (1991 – Present):

Lt Col Patricia Farrell (1991 - 1993) Initiated position

*Col Carol McCleary (1993 - 1999) [07/22/2006]

*Lt Col Nelda Frost (1999 - 2003) [08/21/2016]

*Col Carol McCleary (2003 - 2005) [07/22/2006]

Col Nancy Caldwell (2005 - 2009)

Col Patricia A. Chappell (2009 - 2013)

Col Mary Kay Fryman (2013 - Present)

LEGAL COUNSEL (1987 – 2003)

Lt Col Mary Thomas (1987 - 2003)

REGISTERED AGENTS (1986 – Present):

Lt Col Margaret “*Peggy*” A. Dame (1986 - 2005) **FOUNDER**

Col Lynn Heckler (2005 - 2009)

*Maj Warren Ward (2009 - 2013) [08/23/2016]

Col Regina C. Aune (2013 - 2015)

Col Lloyd Reinke (2015 - Present)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS (2009 – Present):

Col Andrea “*Andi*” Valdez (2009 - 2011)

Col Elvira “*Vera*” Lee (2011 - 2013)

Lt Col Elizabeth “*Betsey*” Wilcox (2013 - Present)

MERCHANDISING CONSULTANTS (2003 – Present):

Col Martha “*Marti*” Maron (2003 - 2007) Initiated position

Lt Col Mary Littlejohn (2007 - Present)

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTANTS (2003 – Present):

Col Rita Vokes (2003 - 2007) Initiated position

Col Nancy Caldwell (2007 - 2009)

Col Ben Mittman (2009 - 2015)

Lt Col Carole McAlister (2015 - Present)

WW II FLIGHT NURSE CONSULTANTS (2003 – Present):

(2003 initiated WWII FN as an affiliate for conventions)

Col Bettie Edmonds (2003 - 2005)

Lt Col Pat Brennan (2005 - 2009)

Col Elvira “*Vera*” Lee (2009 - 2011)

Col Patricia A. Chappell (2011 - Present)