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Living Out Our Values

Hello again, WoodmenLife family. Summertime is finally here, and it is time for family vacations, grilling outdoors and making connections in our communities. It is also a time to give thanks for all the freedoms we enjoy in this great country of ours.



Patrick L. Dees

We are brought together as WoodmenLife members because we share a commitment to family, community and country. There are many examples of how members put these values into action — a few of which you'll read about in this edition of *WoodmenLife Magazine*. From an impressive flag presentation to a teen starting her own nonprofit, our members are telling the WoodmenLife story in their communities every day.

You'll also read about our "America Is ..." Video Contest. Thank you to all who submitted original videos of what America means to them in their own hometowns, and congratulations to all the winners of this year's contest. It makes me smile to think of how much community and country mean to the next generation of WoodmenLife members.

I also extend a sincere thanks to all the WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship® applicants, and congratulations to this year's recipients. Students are not judged on academics, but for the work they do in their communities. This program ensures that the future lies in the capable hands of young members who are truly living out WoodmenLife values every day.

Lastly, I am once again thankful for all who participated in our Share Your Care member referral program. Your recommendations will help protect the financial futures of your family and friends.

I hope you enjoy your summer. And, as always, I thank you for being a part of the WoodmenLife family and supporting our organization. Together, we will continue to live out our values and make a difference in the places we call home.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Dees
President & CEO



Our Mission: Uniting hardworking Americans to secure their financial future while strengthening our communities and country.





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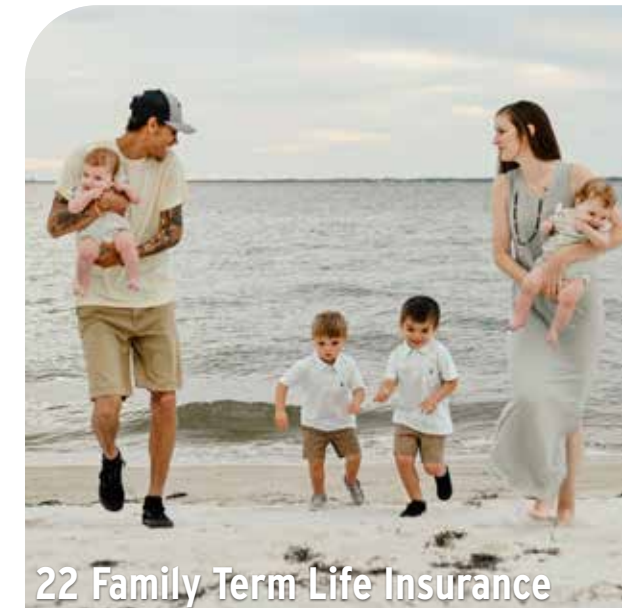
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Bryce Chancey worked with his Representative to find the right life insurance product to protect him, his fiancée, Jordon, and their four children.



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RDs Ready to Lead Their New Regions

Louisiana Regional Director (RD) Desi Doise retired this past spring after serving WoodmenLife and our members for more than 40 years.

To ensure a seamless transition in effective leadership, changes were made as a result of Doise's departure. First, North Carolina West RD Travis Lowe moved to Louisiana to assume Doise's role. Then, North Carolina East Recruiting Sales Manager (RSM) Chuck Farrior was selected to succeed Lowe in North Carolina West.

Additionally, in early June, Arkansas/Oklahoma RD Trae Gonzalez was appointed Texas West RD and Alabama North RSM TJ Sherer was selected to succeed Gonzalez in the Arkansas/Oklahoma region.

Welcome our new Regional Directors for these regions:



Travis Lowe
Regional Director,
Louisiana

Trae Gonzalez
Regional Director,
Texas West

Chuck Farrior
Regional Director,
North Carolina West

TJ Sherer
Regional Director,
Arkansas/Oklahoma

Doise Looks Forward With Purpose

Doise is confident that service to members will remain a priority during his retirement. Instead of serving his WoodmenLife team, he'll be focusing more on serving his family and community.

"I've always loved doing woodworking projects, helping my kids do work on their homes and being involved with my grandkids," he said.

"Next, I would like to find a way to give back and use my skills to help the homeless find a way back to having a roof over their head and being able to take care of themselves."

The desire to make a difference is something that drove Doise during his career, too.

"One highlight was when I serviced my first death claim for a breadwinner," he said. "When the spouse thanked me and hugged me while standing over her husband's casket, because the life insurance I sold them saved their family from losing their farm — that will always stick with me, as it reminds me of how we make a difference."

What kept him going — and keeps him going — can be summed up by the words he had on his office wall: "In the battle between the rock and the stream, the stream ALWAYS wins ... not through strength, but perseverance."

Doise echoes those words as his advice.

"I can honestly tell anyone that the No. 1 thing they can do is recognize that life will knock you down; sometimes multiple times," he said. "But the magic of perseverance means you stand back up, shake off the dust and start putting one foot in front of the other again."



Desi Doise

Lowe Eager to Continue Active Chapter Involvement

When Lowe recently got his mail in Lafayette, LA, he had invitations to Annual Regional Events in five different states. That's part of the legacy he's built during his WoodmenLife career.

"I still have memberships in chapters in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and North Carolina," Lowe said. "And I just joined one here in Louisiana."

What his new chapter can expect is a motivated member ready to make a difference. After all, he's served in virtually every capacity in each of his chapters, all the way up to chapter president.

"My mom and dad were members, and so were my grandparents," Lowe said. "My dad worked for WoodmenLife for 40 years."



Travis Lowe

Community Service Is a Longtime Passion for Farrior

Farrior feels rewarded by his seven-plus years as a Recruiting Sales Manager and looks forward to seeing similar results as he settles into his new position as North Carolina West Regional Director.

"I have been able to see the multiplication of our individual efforts to some very respectable team results to better serve members, and, at the same time, witness the growth of some pretty amazing professionals," he said.

In addition to building relationships with his new team and his region, Farrior plans on getting out into the community and growing WoodmenLife membership in his region. He intends to lead by example when it comes to community service work and chapter engagement.



Chuck Farrior

"I was born into and grew up with WoodmenLife."

As Lowe grew older, his willingness to serve became stronger. Wherever he's been, his chapters have been all about giving back. He's been part of dozens of Habitat for Humanity projects, lots of golf outing fundraisers and a long list of other projects and activities.

"I've always supported family days and community appreciation events," he said.

Lowe's commitment to service extends to his Sales Team. He's busy earning their trust and supporting their efforts because they are the ones who work to address members' needs.

"The opportunities in Louisiana are just like any other region's opportunities across the nation," he said. "Once everyone is 'all in' with our growth mindset, anything is possible."

He has been an active member Chapter 923 in Wallace, NC, since joining WoodmenLife in 2010.

Outside of WoodmenLife, he served on the Duplin Board of Education from 2006 to 2014, including serving as Chairman for the final three years of his term. He's also served on the Wallace 100 Committee, an economic development board, and was a coach for his son's football and baseball teams.

To top it off, he's a First Responder. Farrior has served as a member of the Wallace Fire Department for 29 years, the last 12 as Chief.

Farrior is eager to put his vision into action.

"North Carolina West has some great things going," Farrior said. "We will do everything necessary to support the positive momentum that the region and its members are enjoying and look for opportunities to expand it in the future. I am eager learn how I can most effectively assist this awesome team."

Gonzalez Is Excited to Return Home to Texas

Gonzalez got his start with WoodmenLife in Texas, and he is happy to head back to his roots after previously serving as the RD in the Arkansas/Oklahoma and Nebraska/Iowa regions.

“I am excited for this opportunity to return home as the Regional Director of Texas West,” Gonzalez said. “I am honored to lead this fantastic team, and I am looking forward to jumping in and helping them continue to grow.”



Trae Gonzalez

Gonzalez sees community involvement as essential to his role. In fact, during his career, he was twice named the Texas West

Fraternalist of the Year, an indicator of his willingness to volunteer and make a difference for members and nonmembers alike.

“Community outreach is a key factor in building a successful career path with WoodmenLife,” he said. “I discovered early on in my career how important it is to make a difference in the community.”

Of the countless community service activities he’s participated in, Gonzalez cited one that stands out. He and a team of volunteers spent a weekend cleaning up and landscaping around the property of the Sherwood, AR, Police Department.

In his spare time, Gonzalez enjoys spending time with his family and coaching his son’s sports teams. He also enjoys working out, golfing and hunting.

Sherer Hopes to Make Region a Leader

Sherer’s career has been building up to great things. He started as a Sales Representative in Alabama North before being promoted to a Recruiting Sales Manager. His success in that role made him a good fit to lead Arkansas/Oklahoma as Regional Director.

Now, he’s looking to build on the region’s success.

“My goal for the region is to be among the leaders in the organization in all categories,” Sherer said, “and for the team to grow in numbers and accomplishments. Plus, I want the team to work in the community and to tell the WoodmenLife story.”

Sherer takes great pride in community outreach activities, joking that he’s participated in “too many” to list.

One, though, stands out among the rest: the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, which is an organization that

seeks to enhance the lives of children with special needs and their families through fishing. Chapter 101 in Jasper, AL, sponsored a local C.A.S.T. event for several years. Each year, chapter members volunteered during the event, helping the children and serving the meal.

Sherer said he was eager to bring his volunteering spirit to the Arkansas/Oklahoma region, and that he and his family were excited to join their new chapter.

He is excited to take up his favorite hobbies in a new locale: golfing and watching his son play soccer.



TJ Sherer

New COO Drawn to Our Shared Commitment

Wilbur Jenkins was recently named Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer (COO). He succeeded Denise McCauley, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, who will assume the President & CEO role when Patrick L. Dees retires.

Jenkins leads the organization’s Core Operations, Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives divisions. He’s also engaged in strategic planning oversight for WoodmenLife.

“I was drawn to WoodmenLife by its rich history of success and its commitment to people and community.”

– Wilbur Jenkins
Chief Operating Officer

“I was drawn to WoodmenLife by its rich history of success and its commitment to people and community,” he said.

Jenkins, who came to Omaha from San Antonio, TX, has a history of service to others, too. His volunteer activities include work with Assault on Illiteracy, Junior Achievement, Meals on Wheels, Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter, and a local food bank.

Jenkins is continuing a long career in the insurance industry, where he started as an underwriter. He considers building relationships an important component in successful management.

“I feel strongly that it is a privilege to work, interact with others and positively impact the people around me,” Jenkins said. “Engaging with people motivates me and enables my work to be purposeful and valuable.”

Among his achievements prior to WoodmenLife was successfully leading large-scale business transformation initiatives that drove improvements in customer experience and process effectiveness. Jenkins hopes to accomplish similar results at WoodmenLife.

Jenkins’ background includes graduating from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science and from the University of Phoenix with a Master of Business Administration. Jenkins also holds an Executive Leadership Certificate from Harvard Business School and an Executive Business Management Certificate from Babson College.

In his spare time, Jenkins enjoys reading, running and walking. He has two children and three grandchildren.



Wilbur Jenkins

Buderus Named VP of WFS Operations

Tim Buderus was recently appointed Vice President, WFS Operations & WFS President. He had been Director, Operations & WFS President since 2008.

In announcing the promotion, President & CEO Patrick L. Dees called Buderus a “valuable part of the WoodmenLife team since joining the organization 20 years ago.”

Dees added, “Tim’s skills have enabled him to excel in a dynamic environment. His knowledge and adaptability make him a great leader in an industry that is constantly changing.”

Buderus’ day-to-day duties won’t change, as he continues to lead Woodmen Financial Services. But he sees the announcement as a reinforcement of the importance of WFS within WoodmenLife.

He’ll remain focused on making sure WFS provides our Financial Representatives with the knowledge they need related to WFS’s investment products, and — as always — doing what’s in the best interest of our members.

“We need to find ways to get more Representatives the tools they need to offer more financial solutions to our members,” Buderus said.

Buderus and his wife, Melissa, have three daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, helping on his sibling’s dairy farm and cheering on his favorite sports teams.



Tim Buderus

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Our latest WoodmenLife Extra¹, LawAssure, is now offering more services in the state of Louisiana.

WoodmenLife members in the Pelican State can now make or update a last will and testament — specific to the state — using LawAssure’s digital will document preparation services. The uniqueness of Louisiana law meant LawAssure had to tailor document clauses and questionnaires to create a new will that is different from the rest of the U.S.

LawAssure allows WoodmenLife members to create customized wills, powers of attorney and healthcare directives with free, easy-to-use online templates² — all from the comfort of their own home. Get started with this valuable extra today:



1. Go to [WoodmenLife.org/LawAssure](https://www.woodmenlife.org/LawAssure) and click “Get Started Today”
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3. Enter the WoodmenLife access code and identity code

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First Responders: True Heroes Deserve More

When First Responders leave their homes every day, they know their duties could put them in danger. Just like you, WoodmenLife is thankful to have these brave men and women selflessly safeguarding our families, our homes and our communities. That’s why we pay \$25,000¹ to the family of First Responder members who die in the line of duty.

This WoodmenLife Extra² is open to all First Responder members — firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMTs, including volunteers.

In addition to being there for First Responders’ families when the unthinkable happens, we’re also here for them now. Members can get help paying for education and financial assistance following a natural disaster.

WoodmenLife also shows appreciation for First Responders by taking part in projects and activities that raise funds for equipment and other essential items — all to help them do their jobs.

Go to [WoodmenLife.org/First-Responders](https://www.woodmenlife.org/First-Responders) for more information.



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for a Chance
to Reduce
Your Student
Loan Debt**

There are only days left to apply for a \$1,000 award¹ through the WoodmenLife Student Loan Relief program.

You have until **June 29 at 3 p.m. Central Time** to submit your application for one of 200 awards available every year.

Visit [WoodmenLife.org/Student-Loan-Relief](https://www.woodmenlife.org/Student-Loan-Relief) for more information and eligibility requirements, and use the WoodmenLife access code to apply.

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Congratulations to Our 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Since its start in 2017, the WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship® program has recognized more than 4,000 young members across the United States and awarded \$2.7 million in scholarships¹. This year, WoodmenLife awarded 571 scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

Meet This Year's \$10,000 Scholarship Recipients



Reagan C., Helotes, TX

Reagan is from Helotes, TX, and plans to study Animal Science at Texas A&M University. During her high school career, Reagan has been the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) Future Farmers of America (FFA) President, Alamo District FFA President, National Honor Society (NHS) Vice President, and Helotes 4-H Unlimited President.

Member Highlights

- Reagan C.
- Helotes, TX
- Chapter 4525
- Member Since 2005

Guided by her passion for animals, she served as Texas Youth Livestock Ambassador, participated in the Norman Borlaug Youth in Agriculture program, and has shown goats and lambs for the past nine years. She also volunteers in the community by hosting goat and lamb showmanship clinics, helping at local food banks and mentoring students on her FFA teams.

“I am so grateful to WoodmenLife for giving me this scholarship,” Reagan said. “It is scholarships like this that allow kids like me to chase their dreams!”

Macey E., Paducah, KY

For Macey, this scholarship will go toward her college tuition at Murray State University, as she works toward becoming a nurse practitioner. Her goal is to earn a Bachelor of Science, followed by a Doctorate in Nursing.

Member Highlights

- Macey E.
- Paducah, KY
- Chapter 2
- Member Since 2016

Macey has been a varsity cheerleader throughout her entire high school career. She is a member of Kingdom Baptist Church, as well as Interact Club and Distributive Education Clubs of America. She also participated in Dance Blue, where the donations



she received for the cupcakes she made were donated to pediatric cancer. Additionally, Macey has worked with Interact Club to donate toys to the Regions Bank/WPSD Spirit of Giving Toy Drive.

Macey believes that the WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship helps remind students like her how communities truly care about education and the desire to see younger generations succeed.

“I am honored to receive this gift,” Macey said. “I am thankful to WoodmenLife for its efforts to make pursuing an education affordable for deserving students. I hope that I can, one day, pay this forward to someone else and make a difference in a life as WoodmenLife has done with mine.”



Every year, three \$10,000 scholarships are available to qualifying WoodmenLife members.

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Abigail H.





Abigail H., Julian, NE

Born and raised in Julian, NE, Abigail plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Agricultural Education and a minor in Entrepreneurship. During her high school career, Abigail served as President of WoodmenLife Chapter 29 in Nebraska City, NE, FFA President, FFA State Officer, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) President, Student Council Vice President, and Timber Creek 4-H Club President.

She is also involved in her school's speech team, an outfielder for the softball team, and throws shot and discus in track.

"I am so grateful to have this wonderful opportunity," Abigail said. "Through participation in WoodmenLife, I have gained skills in leadership, community service, communication, and so much more. Now, with this help, I will be able to chase my career goals and dreams!"

Member Highlights

- Abigail H. 
- Julian, NE 
- Chapter 29 
- Member Since 2006 

Learn more about how to qualify for this WoodmenLife Extra at WoodmenLife.org/Scholarships, and see all of this year's recipients at WoodmenLife.org/Congrats

15 \$2,500 WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarships are awarded each year.

Congratulations to the 2023 recipients:

- Luke B., Clarkton, NC
- Auto B., Lake Arthur, LA
- McKenzie C., Mineral Bluff, GA
- Anna Grace F., Mayfield, KY
- Gatlin J., Latta, SC
- Lydia K., Valencia, CA
- Nicholas K., Wilmington, NC
- Kylie L., Friedens, PA
- Samuel L., Greenville, AL
- Hannah L., Clarkesville, GA
- Meredith M., Muncy, PA
- Mason M., Natchitoches, LA
- Raegan S., Murray, KY
- Carlee T., Chatom, AL
- Cambria W., Oakdale, MN

AREs Shine a Spotlight on WoodmenLife



A young girl walked up to Tennessee West Community Outreach Advisor Scott Murray because she was so wowed by what she'd just seen — a Celebrating Red, White & Blue® presentation.

"I asked her, 'Have you had fun?'" Murray said. "She said, 'I've had a lot of fun!'"

The Tennessee West Annual Regional Event in April fulfilled the anticipation that's grown since the success of last year's events. The goal was to make 2023 even better with increased budgets, added entertainment and the opportunity to lengthen the event.

"It was great," Murray said. "Everybody was happy to be together."

AREs allow us to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends and share what we've been doing to support our communities. Other ARE objectives are to recognize those who have gone above and beyond and to set goals for your region.

Adding entertainment was a hit at Tennessee West's event in Nashville. Guests were invited to a Nashville Sounds Triple-A baseball game, where they enjoyed burgers and hot dogs and took home souvenirs.

The game started with a bang when volunteers conducted a Celebrating Red, White & Blue flag display. It was a perfect way to transition from the meeting portion of the ARE to the entertainment, all while keeping a focus on WoodmenLife's values.

The ARE was also an opportunity to reinforce WoodmenLife's commitment to making a difference in communities. During the meeting, a representative from Habitat for Humanity spoke.

"I think it's just continuing to remind people that they're part of something much bigger," he said. "We're more than an insurance company. What we do adds to the value of their membership."

Annual Regional Events run through September, so be on the lookout for your region's event.



At the Tennessee West Annual Regional Event, guests — including Tiffany Lane, Grant Lane and Jeremy Chapdelaine — attended a Nashville Sounds Triple-A baseball game, enjoyed a meal of burgers and hot dogs, and took home souvenirs.

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Schools Show Off American Pride Through 'America Is ...' Video Contest

Schools across the country showcased their patriotism through the "America Is ..." Video Contest. Students created their own original videos that represented their passion for patriotism.

With the growing popularity of the contest, this year WoodmenLife included a high school division in addition to the K-8 division. Students were asked to submit a video up to 60 seconds long illustrating the theme "My Hometown." The top three videos in each division were selected by online voting. In all, more than 8,000 votes were cast.

\$2,500 Grand Prize 

\$1,500 Second Place 

\$1,000 Third Place 



West Point Elementary
West Point, NE

The six winners were among 32 eligible submissions. The entries gave students an opportunity to spotlight their communities while also sharing WoodmenLife's commitment to patriotism with thousands of people across the country.

K-8 Division

Grand Prize, \$2,500

West Point Elementary, West Point, NE

Alyssa Schuetze's class was inspired to highlight the people and places they love about their hometown. They dedicated their video to the healthcare workers, First Responders, Veterans, and others that make a positive impact on their community every day. For Schuetze's class, it is the people who make the hometown what it is, and they wanted to express just how much they love their hometown.

"The kids enjoyed every aspect of creating the video, from beginning to end," Schuetze said. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing their excitement through this whole process. Thank you, WoodmenLife, for an exciting opportunity to show our patriotism and the love we have for our hometown."

Second Place, \$1,500

Flaherty Primary School, Ekron, KY

At Flaherty Primary, the motto is "Pride." Dee Delancey has her students follow this motto to help create a better school community. While they show pride every day for their school, the students wanted to show in their video how younger generations can take pride in their community and in our great nation.

"The contest provided our students with a moment to pause and reflect on what greatness lies within the fibers of our country," Delancey said. "We proudly submitted the video from our little school and were ecstatic to learn that we placed second in the nation. In a small community, and small school, every dollar can make a great impact on the lives of our students. We are thankful for this opportunity."

"In a small community, and small school, every dollar can make a great impact on the lives of our students."

— Dee Delancey
Teacher, Flaherty Primary School

Third Place, \$1,000

Kiroli Elementary, West Monroe, LA

Kara Hawkins has students in her class who have family members serving our country in the military. After studying the challenges our forefathers faced settling in the New Country, the students wanted to honor those who protect the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy as American citizens. The fifth-grade students planned each part of the video and came up with the idea of including military branches. They gave a short speech on freedom, opportunity and military service members.

"I believe we have a responsibility to instill values of respect for our great country in our students," Hawkins said. "By having students think what America means to them, they have a deeper respect and understanding as they advance in age. As a teacher, I could not be prouder of my school for putting so much thought and effort into this contest."

9-12 Division

Grand Prize, \$2,500

Johnson-Brock Public School, Johnson, NE

When Tera Stutheit had her students brainstorm what America meant to them, they kept mentioning how there are such unique and great opportunities

in our country. They realized that many of these opportunities start in school. What inspired their video was thinking about all the opportunities that youth have in America because of education.

“The video contest provided an opportunity for students to practice all stages of video production,” Stutheit said. “Our goal was to win over the audience, and we were thrilled to learn we won first place. The prize money will greatly benefit our Broadcasting program, our school and our community. Thank you, WoodmenLife.”

Second Place, \$1,500
Johnson County High School,
Mountain City, TN

Bethany McFadden’s class was inspired by the love they have for their country and small town.

“Receiving the news that my group won second place was a shock in the best way possible,” McFadden said. “Being one of the smaller schools that entered the contest, it was amazing to see the outcome of us winning second place. We worked hard brainstorming and executing our video and are truly blessed to place second.”

Third Place, \$1,000
Harvest Time Christian
Academy, Flint, TX

As a multicultural school in eastern Texas, Harvest Time

“Our goal was to win over the audience, and we were thrilled to learn we won first place.”

– Tera Stutheit
 Teacher, Johnson-Brock Public School

Christian Academy was founded on the belief that our great nation is indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Justin Jones’ classes illustrated their video to represent this belief and was put forth by the high school grades at Harvest

Time Christian Academy.

“Thank you, WoodmenLife, for this opportunity,” Jones said. “It was a fun contest with many great videos. We are blessed to have a hometown like America.”



Second Place Johnson County High School Mountain City, TN

Become a Part of
In Honor and
Remembrance Events

Every September, we work to keep alive the memory of those who died during 9/11. Taking part in one of these In Honor and Remembrance (IHAR) events can add extra meaning to recalling that fateful day.



Each event is different, but all aim to have participants and attendees reflect on the lives lost and on the heroism of those who went into the burning buildings to help others. IHAR events also seek to honor those who protect us every day, here and abroad.

When possible, WoodmenLife recommends joining with likeminded organizations — like First Responders and Veteran-based groups — to enhance the event. Their supporters and members easily recognize the value of IHAR activities.

Sept. 11 — which is also known as Patriot Day — is an emotional day, and IHAR events can help people honor and remember. Plus, they can remind all in attendance that WoodmenLife is a proud supporter of our country.

For more information on how you can become part of an IHAR event, contact your Community Outreach Advisor listed on the back cover of this magazine.



Holiday Closures

The Home Office will be closed the following days:

- Monday, June 19 for Juneteenth
- Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day



New Representative Eager to Organize Hometown Flag Presentation

You can see the giant flag from every corner of Ord, NE. Sales Representative Lindsey Vancura grew up there, and she remembers the communitywide effort to raise money to erect the pole on which that flag flies.

“It’s the second-tallest flagpole in the state,” Vancura said. “When they play the national anthem at all the high school sporting events, that’s the flag everyone looks at.”

Now, when it becomes necessary, the town raises funds to replace the flag. Last summer, Vancura noticed the flag looked weathered as she walked her dog on nearby trails. In the fall, when she visited the Home Office for her orientation as a new Representative, Vancura learned all about WoodmenLife’s patriotic program. That set the wheels in motion.

Vancura partnered with Nebraska Chapter 16 in April for a flag presentation at the Ord VFW Hall.

“I just thought it’d be an awesome thing to be able to replace that flag,” she said.

So did the local committee that’s responsible for the flagpole.

“I called the head of the committee, told them we have a flag program and asked if they’d be interested in having the flag replaced,” Vancura said. “They were excited to get that offer.”

To promote the event, she went on local radio, created postcards and relied on word of mouth.



Sales Representative Lindsey Vancura, right, was inspired by WoodmenLife’s commitment to country while organizing an event in her hometown of Ord, NE. She noticed that the giant flag in town was looking worn, and she worked with the local committee to arrange a replacement. Regional Director Tyler Lawrence was on hand to help with the flag presentation event, which included lunch and gift baskets for attendees.

“I grew up in Ord,” Vancura laughed. “Everybody knows me, and I know them.”

At the event, lunch was provided by Chapter 16 and gift baskets of WoodmenLife swag were given away. Gift cards were raffled off. The event was well-received and drew the attention of multiple area newspapers.

Vancura was especially pleased to have so many Veterans in attendance.

“It was just a great community outreach event,” she said.

Flag Presentation Guide

Honoring America

The U.S. flag is an enduring symbol of the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens. As such, it is an important element in WoodmenLife’s Shared Commitment to country. Help us honor the stars and stripes with presentations and displays in your community.

U.S. Flag Donations

WoodmenLife presents U.S. flags to nonprofit organizations, schools and communities across the country. To date, we have donated more than 3.5 million flags nationwide. In fact, our organization is the No. 2 distributor of American flags in the country, second only to the United States government. Do you know of a group that would benefit from a new “Old Glory”? Visit WoodmenLife.org/Patriotism for more information, and work with your chapter and Community Outreach Advisor to organize a presentation ceremony.

Celebrating Red, White & Blue®

Each Regional Office has an oversized American flag that is available for chapters to borrow. Displaying these flags at your local athletic, school or patriotic event creates a striking visual that attendees will remember. Be sure to have plenty of volunteers: Displaying the 30-by-60-foot flag requires about 40 people to carry and hold. Visit WoodmenLife.org/Flag-Form to request use of the flag.

Share With Us

WoodmenLife loves to see you and your chapters honoring America. Be sure to take pictures at your flag presentation event and upload the best ones at WoodmenLife.org/Photos

The flag — no matter if it’s oversized or handheld — deserves to be treated with respect. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Do

- ✓ Raise and lower the flag on a flagpole by hand
- ✓ Hoist the flag briskly and lower it slowly, but ceremoniously
- ✓ Display the flag with the blue union field up; the flag should only be displayed upside down as a distress signal
- ✓ Hold the flag carefully, and always keep it clean and safe

Don’t

- ✗ Don’t let it touch the ground or anything beneath it
- ✗ Don’t dip the flag, even slightly, to any person or thing
- ✗ Don’t attach or place anything on the flag, including marks, insignia, words, letters, figures, pictures, or drawings



Member Highlights | Bryce Chancey  | Port St. Joe, FL  | Chapter 913  | Member Since 2020 

Life Insurance Fulfilled Young Family's Needs

Sometimes, what you think you need is different from what you actually need.

That's Bryce Chancey's story. He met WoodmenLife Representative Carol Dixon last year when he pursued retirement savings options through his workplace, a pest control company. He ended up also purchasing life insurance after she walked him through the details of the product.

"When we met, he said, 'I want to sign up for a retirement plan,'" Dixon said. "I asked him if he had life insurance. He said, 'No, ma'am, I don't, but I'm planning on getting some just as soon as I can.'

"I said, 'Whoa, let's stop and back up a bit.'"

What caused Dixon to shift the meeting was small talk about Chancey's family. He and his fiancée, Jordon Konkol, 23, of Port St. Joe, FL, have four children: a 3-year-old son, a 2-year-old son and 9-month-old twin daughters.

"He has babies," Dixon said, "They're babies! I couldn't walk out of that office

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For Bryce Chancey and his fiancée, Jordon Konkol, life insurance was "a no-brainer." Family Term was an affordable option that covered them and their four children, Hudson, Peyton, Wynter and Saven.

Photo by Kaia Bruner Photography

without writing him some insurance. I couldn't do it. I would've felt so guilty."

She explained how life insurance may be the best way to provide financial security for his loved ones if he should pass away. And Chancey, 26, understood, having seen his family struggle after the death of his grandmother's spouse.

"Miss Carol said, 'You matter, of course, but so does your family,'" Chancey said. "If something would happen to me or Jordon, they're going to suffer in some way. The last thing I'd want them to do on top of mourning is wondering what they're going to do monetarily."

Family Term Life Insurance Fits the Bill

Dixon believed WoodmenLife Family Term life insurance would be a good solution for Chancey and Konkol, who works in daycare. Family Term is a way to cover everyone under one certificate at an affordable rate.



Photo by Kaila Bruner Photography

Family Term Life Insurance is a way to cover everyone under one certificate at an affordable rate.

"Budget. That's the real deal for young couples," Dixon said, "They can cover everyone, and they can afford it."

WoodmenLife Family Term life insurance covers two adults and their children¹ for an initial term of 10 to 20 years. Their monthly premiums won't go up during their initial policy term². Plus, if they have or adopt more children, they can add them to their coverage at no additional cost³.

Chancey complimented Dixon for doing what she could to get him and Konkol the most affordable coverage possible. Dixon helped the couple choose a set amount of coverage⁴, and she told them they'd have the option to convert to permanent life insurance up to age 72. Both could eventually convert for the same amount of coverage or less, without any additional medical tests or proof of good health⁵.

Dixon also spelled out that each of their kids would have \$10,000 of life insurance coverage until they're 25 while the certificate is in force. She added that before their 25th birthdays, they, too, could convert their coverage to permanent insurance for the same face amount, without medical tests or proof of good health.

And she showed how — if either Chancey or Konkol passed away⁶ — the other's coverage would continue, as would that of their eligible children, with no additional premiums.

Chancey was sold, and he was pleased by the process.

"I was surprised it was so simple," he said. "It was very easy. Afterward, I was, like, 'Wow.' If I'd known sooner ..."



Photo by Kaila Bruner Photography

Becoming an Advocate

The experience left Chancey wanting to change the way his family and friends think about life insurance.

"I come from a family that didn't think life insurance was a big thing," he said. "Only a few people in my family have life insurance."

Now, he talks about it "all the time" to his friends, especially those with kids.

Perhaps they'll have discussions with their partners like the one he had with Konkol.

"Jordon comes from a much different family," Chancey said. "They do have life insurance, so we had a conversation. But it really was a no-brainer."

WoodmenLife Family Term life insurance can be a great solution for young or growing families. Contact your WoodmenLife Representative today to see if it's right for you. You can also visit [WoodmenLife.org/Family-Term](https://www.woodmenlife.org/family-term) to learn more.



Scan the QR code to watch a video and learn more about Family Term life insurance.

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 1. Children born or adopted by the Primary Insured or Other Insured or for which the Primary Insured or Other Insured has been appointed permanent Legal Guardian. The child must be less than 18 years of age on the date of application. Certain eligibility requirements apply.
 2. Once the initial policy term ends, your premium will increase on an annual basis until age 95. Any increase in premium will not increase the certificate benefits.
 3. Coverage extends to any child born to the primary insured or other insured, any child less than 18 years of age legally adopted by the primary insured or other insured, or any child less than 18 years of age for which the other insured or the primary insured has been appointed permanent legal guardian. No child is insured before attaining the age of 15 days. Certain eligibility requirements apply.
 4. The face amount of the Other Insured can never be more than the Primary Insured.
 5. Upon conversion of the primary insured, the base certificate, including any attached riders or endorsements, will terminate.
 6. Except by suicide within two years from the effective date of the certificate or any shorter period as may be required by applicable state law in the state where the certificate is delivered or issued for delivery

Pennsylvania Teen Motivated to Change the World With Her Nonprofit

Getting your driver's license can be one of the most important and exciting moments in your teen years. But for Emily Bookhamer, she remembers her 16th birthday a little differently: That was when she officially started her nonprofit organization, Emily's Care Closet.





The Pennsylvania native's goal was to create an organization that could support families in need by providing personal care items, such as shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and cleaning supplies.

Turning a Vision into Reality

Realizing that hygiene starts with these necessities, Bookhamer wanted to find a way where everyone could have access to these essential commodities.

When she was only 14 years old, she came downstairs with two gift cards she had received for Christmas and asked her parents where the Sunday paper was so that she

Member Highlight

Emily Bookhamer 
York, PA 
Chapter 364 
Member Since 2015 



Emily Bookhamer's nonprofit, Emily's Care Closet, provides people in need with personal care products. Last year alone, she was able to help more than 2,500 individuals.

could find the best deals on personal care items. After touring the local food pantry where her mom was working, Bookhamer wanted to use her gift cards to help buy personal care items for families.

"When I went to tour the local food pantry, I realized there weren't many personal care items for families to choose from," she said. "At that moment, I knew what I wanted my focus to be, and that was personal care items for people in need."

Emily's Care Closet was a result of her conviction that even the smallest donations could have a major impact for families. That is how she established her organization's values to include access to basic hygiene, leading with compassion and raising awareness for families in need.

Bookhamer reminisces about her vision and her early days when she was younger and did a lot of volunteer work through her church, various organizations, and with her WoodmenLife Chapter 364 in Hershey, PA.

"I started Emily's Care Closet because growing up, I was always taught to give back to my community in any way possible," she said. "I knew from a young age that my dream was to have a nonprofit organization."

"I started Emily's Care Closet because growing up, I was always taught to give back to my community in any way possible."

– Emily Bookhamer

A Passion for Serving Others

Emily's Care Closet now serves families in more than five counties in Central Pennsylvania. Last year alone, she was able to help more than 2,500 individuals.

"Last year, we held a Teen Back-to-School Drive that helped more than 100 students. We were able to give them brand new outfits, a new backpack, school supplies, and a personal care basket for their families," she said. "Our Teen Christmas Drive helped more than 100 students, and our monthly personal care item distributions continue to grow each month."

A vision for Bookhamer in the upcoming years is to open a boutique-like building where families can come in and choose the personal care items that best suit their families. She believes it gives them a sense of dignity by allowing them to choose which products or brands work best for them.

"My greatest passion in life is to help others, because I can see how my work impacts people. When I see the smile on people's faces, it makes everything I do worth it because their smile touches my heart. I know that I am only 16, but when I hear stories from families that I have helped, it makes me want to work that much harder."

To learn more about Emily's Care Closet, visit EmilysCareCloset.org

Back-to-School Means More Opportunities to Save

Sure, it's summer, but it's never too early to start planning your back-to-school shopping. Especially if there are great deals to be had.

Thanks to Life's Perks^{®1}, our member discount program², you can find great savings on essentials for your kids before they hit the books for another school year.

If you're new to Life's Perks, getting started is easy:

1. Visit WoodmenLife.org/Discounts
2. Click "Visit Life's Perks"
3. Click "Create Your Account"
4. Fill in your information, including WoodmenLife's quick access code
5. Click "Register" — and you are ready to start saving

And don't forget: You can now take Life's Perks with you using the PerkSpot Mobile App. You can redeem local coupons and online deals right from your mobile device.

Check out popular categories like apparel, cell phones and electronics to get deals on just what you (and your kids) are looking for.

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2. WoodmenLife Extras are available to members. An individual becomes a member by joining our shared commitment to family, community and country, and by purchasing a WoodmenLife product. These extras are not contractual, are subject to change and have specific eligibility requirements, such as length of membership, number of qualifying members in household and/or qualifying event.

Donations Bring Smiles to Young Hospital Patients

Even amid the summer heat, a generous donation from Chapter 1 in Albuquerque, NM, last winter still warms hearts. At the time, children's hospitals around the country were being overwhelmed with patients suffering from respiratory illnesses.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in particular, has been on the rise, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For many children, RSV symptoms look like a common cold. But for young babies or children with weakened immune systems, symptoms can be more severe.

Chapter Highlights

- Chapter 1 
- Albuquerque, NM 
- 1,358 Members 
- Founded in 1895 



Roland Soto, President of New Mexico Chapter 1, was inspired by his family to give back. He knows from experience how challenging a childhood illness can be, and he wanted to support the young patients and their families who were spending the holidays at the hospital.

And like so many other children's hospitals across the country, the staff at UNM Children's Hospital in Albuquerque, NM, had been stretched beyond capacity by a surge of patients with RSV.

Roland Soto, President of Chapter 1, heard of the news from his daughter and one of her friends, who are both nurses in the surrounding area. The friend, who works as a nurse at UNM Children's Hospital, mentioned to Soto that they were having capacity and supply problems like they had never seen before.

Inspired to Give Back

Soto said he was inspired to give back because he and his family have been touched by childhood illness in various ways.

"As a parent, there's nothing more heartbreaking than seeing your child sick," he said.

"When my son was young, there was very little I could do to help him break his fever. It would be the middle of winter, and I would have to bundle up with layers of clothes. Then I would take him on a car ride with all the windows cracked open. It was the only way I could get his fever down."

Now as a marketing and DECA teacher for Atrisco Heritage Academy in Albuquerque, NM, Soto challenges his classroom to choose an organization every Christmas where they can help provide donations and give back. When he let his students know that the local children's hospital was struggling, they wanted to do something extra special. And what better way than to team up with WoodmenLife Chapter 1 to help grow their donations for the hospital.

After reaching out to the children's hospital and talking about what their needs were, they got to work to make sure they could deliver the toys and supplies the hospital needed.

An Outpouring of Donations

Soto said UNM Children's Hospital Director of Volunteer Services Barbra Temer's jaw dropped when she saw 15 bags of donations delivered to their hospital. It took three trips for chapter members to



Chapter 1 members delivered 15 bags of donations to UNM Children's Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. They had purchased toys, clothes, blankets and diapers for the children staying at the hospital during the holidays.

get all the donations inside.

They purchased nearly \$3,000 worth of items for the hospital. Donations were made possible by Atrisco Heritage Academy students, teachers, administrators, and Chapter 1. The chapter collected hundreds of toys, clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, board games, and diapers for children staying at the hospital during the holidays.

"No parent ever wants their little ones to spend the holidays in the hospital, but I'm so grateful that we were able to bring some smiles to the children's faces," Soto said. "It was truly a communitywide effort to make this happen, and I'm so happy that we could help make the holidays more joyful for the children. I hope we can continue to support UNM Children's Hospital in the future with this same level of success."

Mississippi South Member Motivated by How WoodmenLife Lives Its Values

Charles Hulitt was first introduced to WoodmenLife by a Sales Representative he met and grew to respect. Soon, Hulitt became an active member and, perhaps, an even more active advocate for WoodmenLife.

He's motivated by how WoodmenLife makes a difference in our members' hometowns and how we carry out our mission.

"My love language is words of affirmation. I'm big on what a person says, to see if they have put the thought into what comes along with what they have said," said Hulitt, who lives in Jackson, MS, with wife, Dquandra, and their three children.

"Needless to say, we are surrounded by a lot of talkers, so whenever I see someone actually doing what they say they are going to do, they have my attention."





Service comes naturally to Hulitt, who's active in his church and community. He runs a recording studio, specializing in gospel and Christian music, and he's eager to share his inspiration with others. That's what helps make chapter meetings rewarding.

"We've always made sure to have different people there who could inform the group of



Charles Hulitt was sold on WoodmenLife when he saw the good the organization does in the community. He takes every opportunity to tell the WoodmenLife story, including at a Jackson State University tailgating event last fall.

Member Highlights

Charles Hulitt 
Jackson, MS 
Chapter 1443 
Member Since 2021 

what needs were there in the city that we might not be aware of," Hulitt said. "It's a way for us to unwind and have that family-bonding time doing something that's productive and helping someone else."

Hulitt felt like his Representative was genuinely trying to help him when they met, rather than just trying to sell a product. He appreciated the conscious effort to build a relationship to make sure he got what he needed.

Now, Hulitt eagerly promotes WoodmenLife, peppering conversations with all the benefits that come from membership. It's why he was able to quickly submit the maximum number of referrals during the most recent Share Your Care contest.

"I share my 'Why WoodmenLife' story as often as possible," Hulitt said.

Opportunities for sharing come easily during organized events, like the tailgating event he was part of at a Jackson State University football game last fall.

"The turnout was awesome," Hulitt said. "We had a huge grill with a lot of food and people set up to give out info and answer questions."

Hulitt carries such WoodmenLife-related enthusiasm throughout his daily life.

"I love everything about WoodmenLife, their history and the people," he said. "I believe in WoodmenLife. I believe in what they're doing in the community."

Thank You for Participating in **ShareCare** *your*

Thank you to all our members who participated in this year's Share Your Care referral contest. We received more than 1,000 referrals — and each one showed just how much you care about helping your friends and family find the financial security they deserve.

Congratulations to our winners, who made referrals and had their names entered in a random drawing for one of 30 \$1,000 cash prizes. You can visit [WoodmenLife.org/Share](https://www.woodmenlife.org/share) to see all the winners.

Just because this promotion has ended doesn't mean you have to stop sharing all the great things WoodmenLife has to offer. Referring your loved ones, co-workers and neighbors means you're helping them, too. If you know someone who could benefit from life insurance or a retirement product, please contact your local Representative.

Any winnings in excess of \$25 are considered taxable income and will be reported as such.

Redesigned Homepage Is Faster and Easier for Visitors

We've redesigned our homepage with you in mind. The new WoodmenLife homepage has been updated to be faster than ever, more responsive, user-friendly, and easier for members to find information about products, as well as contact information for chapters and Representatives.

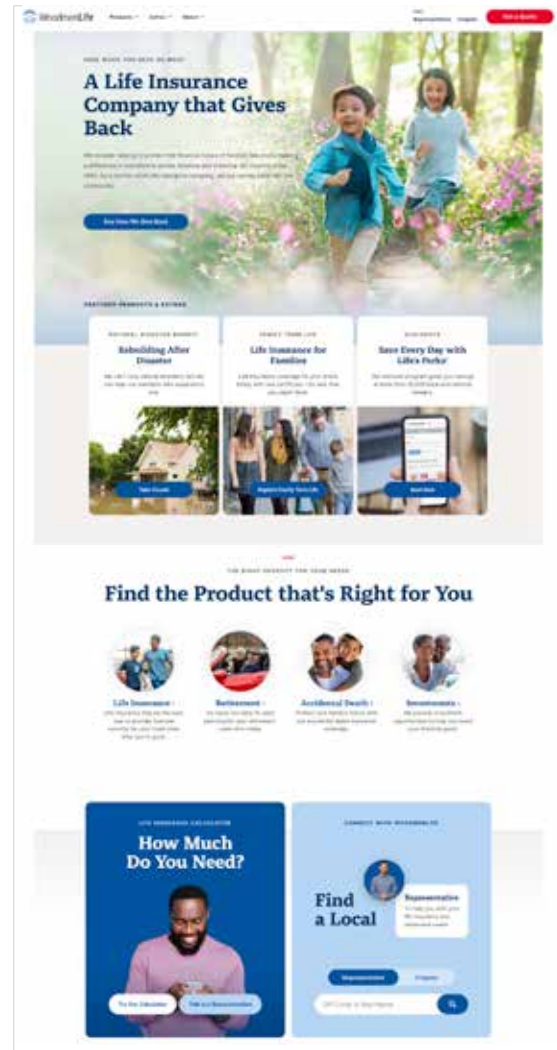
A new search feature provides a more efficient method to find and engage with a local Representative or chapter. Additional enhancements include a new footer that features our mission statement and allows you to locate important information quickly.

The redesigned homepage features a modernized look, providing you with an improved mobile experience. The new design also allows for a streamlined menu and a responsive layout to help make our content easier to find.

More Updates to Come

We're not finished yet. Keep an eye out for more improvements in the coming months.

Please take a moment to view our new homepage at WoodmenLife.org



Senior Events Are Back

After a four-year absence, WoodmenLife-sponsored Senior Events returned this spring.

Senior Events are open to members and guests 55 and over. They're organized and hosted annually at the regional level as a way for senior or older members to gather and have fun. There'll be at least one Senior Event in every region, and larger regions may have two or three.

This year, 32 events are planned, and they'll run through September. Among the events scheduled are scenic dinner riverboat cruises, overnight stays at recreation parks and out-of-state bus trips to see shows and visit attractions.

For details about an event near you, contact your chapter leaders or your Community Outreach Advisor listed on the back cover of this magazine.



Community Spirit

Take a photo at your next chapter event and upload it at WoodmenLife.org/Photos



Chapter 4
Jonesboro, AR

Arkansas Chapter 4 hosted a breakfast for the Jonesboro Police Department's Shop With a Cop program. Chapter members cooked a hot breakfast for the police volunteers and children who took part in the program before they went shopping. In addition, the chapter also made a donation to the program.



Chapter 117
Benton, KY

WoodmenLife Representative Ruth Morris presented a flag to Officer Becky Hartley to be displayed on the Marshall County Judicial Court flagpole. Chapter 117 in Benton, KY, has been supplying the court with a flag for several years.



Chapter 558
Durant, OK

Members of Oklahoma Chapter 558 handed out flags during the Durant Veterans Day Parade.



Chapter 259
Berwick, LA

Members of Chapter 259 in Berwick, LA, shopped for Toys for Tots, which provides gifts for children in need in the community.



Chapter 100
Senatobia, MS

Chapter 100 gathered, packaged and delivered Christmas gift bags for more than 80 residents at Senatobia Healthcare & Rehab.



Chapter 116
Carrollton, AL

For its fourth-quarter Shared Commitment project, Chapter 116 provided Christmas gifts for the residents at Arbor Woods Health & Rehab in Reform, AL. Pictured are WoodmenLife Representative Randy Simpson and Arbor Woods Administrator Heather McCool.



Chapter 741
Mayfield, KY

Members of Kentucky Chapter 741 presented a \$1,000 donation to Camp Rendezvous. The goal of Camp Rendezvous is to provide housing and other resources to homeless Veterans.



Chapter 369
Thibodaux, LA

Chapter 369 members showed their appreciation for the teachers and staff members at Sixth Ward Middle School with cookies and pastries. Pictured are Carter, Edmond Guillot and Sheila Guillot.



Chapter 2441
Kingsville, TX

Chapter 2441 presented an American flag to the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi, TX.



Chapter 25
Montgomery, AL

Members of Chapter 25 in Montgomery, AL, enjoyed a lunch together for their October meeting.



Chapter 35
Conway, AR

WoodmenLife Representative Ryan Case, at far right, delivered 98 bags of goodies to the nursing staff at Conway Women's Health Center in appreciation for all they do.



Chapter 4631
Bryan, TX

Chapter 4631 collected donations for the Hope Pregnancy Center of Brazos Valley, TX, after hearing that it needed supplies. Pictured are WoodmenLife Sales Representative Marie Taylor and Hope Pregnancy Center Operations Director Cameron Wells.



Chapter 652
Ernul, NC

Members of Chapter 652 volunteered their time at Religious Community Services (RCS) in New Bern, NC. The organization provides food, clothing and shelter to those in need.



Chapter 444
Church Point, LA

Chapter 444 made a monetary donation to the Church Point Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase needed equipment.



Chapter 436
Fort Payne, AL

WoodmenLife Representative Bob Bowling, center, presented a flag to Jacqueline Smith and Angela Bryan with Seeds of Faith Thrift Store in Collinsville, AL. Seeds of Faith is a nonprofit Christian ministry that aims to break ground on a community of tiny homes for women recovering from addiction.



Chapter 15
Grenada, MS

For its fourth-quarter Shared Commitment project, Chapter 15 collected and delivered gifts to the residents at Cora's House of Hope homeless shelter. Pictured, from left, are Earnest Felker, Sherry Felker and Barbara Benson.

See Yourself Here
Submit photos of your chapter events
at WoodmenLife.org/photos
You could make the pages of *WoodmenLife Magazine*.

**Answer key from
Sudoku on Page 41**

3	5	4	8	9	2	1	6	7
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**Answer key from
word search on Page 40**

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Chapter 1282
Trinity, NC

Chapter 1282 presented the teachers and staff members of Trinity Middle School with a lunch of sandwiches, chips and cookies. Members expressed how grateful they were for the teachers' dedication to their jobs and for their impact on students' lives.



Chapter 19
Camden, AR

On behalf of Chapter 19 in Camden, AR, Recruiting Sales Manager Tanner Skidmore, far left, and Sales Representative Daniel Hughes, far right, presented a U.S. flag and an Arkansas state flag to the Warren School District.



Chapter 332
Paden City, WV

WoodmenLife Sales Representative Matt Taylor, right, presented a 5'-by-8' U.S. flag to Danielle Cross McCracken with the Oglebay Institute, a regional arts nonprofit organization in Wheeling, WV.



Chapter 462
Chazy, NY

Members of Chapter 462 hosted a luncheon for the nurses and staff at the Hudson Headwaters clinic in Champlain, NY, to show their appreciation for all the work they've done and all they continue to do.



Chapter 344
Travelers Rest, SC

South Carolina Chapter 344 presented an American flag to be displayed at Slater-Marietta Elementary School.



Chapter 564
Jacksonville, NC

On behalf of Chapter 564, WoodmenLife Sales Representative Jason Bell delivered toys to the Onslow County Sheriff's Office in support of Operation Deployed Santa.



Chapter 1
Oklahoma City, OK

President Chris Roessler presented gifts purchased by Chapter 1 members to Martha Stegall, the Salvation Army Silver Bells coordinator. The Silver Bells program provides Christmas presents for senior citizens.

RED, WHITE AND YOU

We understand the importance of patriotism. Since our founding in 1890, we've provided opportunities to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and thank those who protect them. Work with your chapter to organize activities that honor our country. Learn more at WoodmenLife.org/Patriotism

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(Find answers on Page 37.)

- United States
- America
- Country
- Patriotism
- Freedom
- Liberty
- Flag
- Red
- White
- Blue
- Stars
- Stripes
- National Anthem
- Constitution
- Washington DC
- White House
- Capitol
- President
- Congress
- Supreme Court

PRESIDENTIAL WORD SCRAMBLE

(Find answers below.)

1. Sdaam

2. Nlliocn

3. Gnhowiatsn

4. Vtoereslo

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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DID YOU KNOW?

Congress officially declared its freedom from Great Britain on July 2, 1776. So why do we celebrate our independence two days later? Because July 4 is the day that Congress approved the actual Declaration of Independence document.

One state has produced more presidents than any other: Virginia. Eight U.S. presidents have been born in the state, including four of the first five presidents. Next in line is Ohio, with seven presidents born there, and New York with five.

Source: <https://www.rd.com/list/america-fascinating-facts/>

- (1) Adams; (2) Lincoln;
- (3) Washington;
- (4) Roosevelt



In Memoriam



Hollis Bankston
Age 78
Chapter 44
Amite, LA



Joyce Marie Battlo
Age 76
Chapter 254
Charleston, WV



Cleston Burcham
Age 86
Chapter 508
Burnsville, MS



Mack Cabe
Age 85
Chapter 889
Franklin, NC



Patsy Coats
Age 68
Chapter 518
Dennis, MS



O'Dell Coker
Age 78
Chapter 143
Clarksville, GA



G. Terry Collett
Age 86
Chapter 1
Petersburg, VA



Sharon Luzetta Flint Daugherty
Age 74
Chapter 254
Charleston, WV



Donald Enright
Age 86
Chapter 25
Branson, MO



La Rue Boles Hand
Age 82
Chapter 199
Barnesville, GA



Rebecca Hill
Age 90
Chapter 4
Wadesboro, NC



Edward W. Jacobson
Age 57
Chapters 6011 (Iowa) and 16 (Nebraska)
Council Bluffs, IA
WoodmenLife associate



Darlene Jenkins
Age 83
Chapter 6 (Maryland)
Ridgeley, WV



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Age 82
Chapter 328
Ahoskie, NC



Grady Lee McClamrock Sr.
Age 91
Chapter 323
Mocksville, NC



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Age 86
Chapter 1288
Monroe, GA



Ruby T. McLaurin
Age 98
Chapter 60
Fayetteville, NC



Kenneth Ronald Moore Sr.
Age 80
Chapter 15
Mechanicsville, MD



Thomas "Tommy" William Nicholson
Age 69
Chapter 889
Franklin, NC



Butch Parker
Age 78
Chapter 203
Altavista, VA



James Charles Poole Jr.
Age 93
Chapter 1436
Louisville, GA



Armida Ram
Age 90
Chapter 146
West Covina, CA



Leslie "Les" Reynolds
Age 63
Chapter 117
Benton, KY



M. Gene Selph
Age 95
Chapter 13
Houston, TX



Margaret Shew
Age 89
Chapter 323
Mocksville, NC



Vivian Slaton
Age 72
Chapter 86
Nashville, AR



Luke James Stone
Age 19
Chapter 319
Owensboro, KY



Harold Strachan
Age 95
Chapter 64
Corinth, MS



Bill Tiffin
Age 87
Chapter 328
Texarkana, AR



Victor Yoak
Age 100
Chapter 300
Ripley, WV

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