



REGION 5 NBA REPORT



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National Business Agent's Report

NALC Region 5

This will be my last official article as your National Business Agent. I know when it is time to step aside and turn the page in the book of life. I will not miss the stress that a Business Agent is constantly under, but I will miss my many friends that I have relied upon heavily during my years as your representative.

I cannot name everyone that I would like to personally thank for helping me over the tragedies and the joys of my life. I do want to thank everyone who attended the Kansas City and St. Louis celebrations. I want to thank Branch 30 for allowing us to use their hall and for presenting me with my retirement watch. My good friend and Director of Retired members Ron Watson was on hand to help me and my Branch celebrate my retirement. David and Jan Davis, along with numerous helpers put together a heartwarming celebration that was enjoyed by my family and friends.

Behind every leader there is a team of workers who make him or her look good and successful. I have relied upon the regional team of Cheryl Stout, Mark Sims and incoming NBA Mike Birkett. Cheryl is the infamous coordinator for many of my travels throughout the Region and has helped me on many occasions attend functions an NBA must attend. She is truly a friend that I can confide in and on a side note, she is the one who introduced me to Mrs. Silvia Pittman. Both women have become an important part of my life and career. I kidnapped RAA Sims from the Contract Administration Unit at Headquarters, and he literally has been my right arm and friend for over 20 years. NBA elect Birkett and I were both part time RAA's until Vince Sombrotto fired both of us and later made me a full time RAA, while Birkett has been working to eventually take this office over. Mike is a good administrator and he will serve this Region well.

The States of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas have State Presidents that I have relied upon very heavily for political action, rallies, etc. I want to thank the current State Presidents of Missouri, Kevin Boyer; Nebraska, Kevin Hevelone; Kansas, Andy Tuttle and Iowa, Jim Beach. This office has and will continue to demand that these individuals keep the membership of Region 5 updated on all Legislative issues affecting our craft.

I want to publicly apologize to Cheryl, Mike, Mark and all of you for my sometime foul talk and my attitude at times. At times I have acted as your NBA from my heart, not my mind. With our Region having approximately 13,000 members, at times it gets stressful and it takes a lot of time and energy to keep up with the duties of the Region. If someone tells you that it was hard and tedious at times working for NBA Pittman, believe them!

I want to congratulate the newest Leadership Academy applicants who will be part of the 2015 class. Kelly Strottman, Br 352, Des Moines, IA, Kyle Turner, Br 5847, Hazlewood, MO, Eli Lisiecki, Br 5, Omaha, NE and Sion Odom, Br 8, Lincoln, NE.

I always try to remember those who have left us. I want to send condolences to the families of two of our members who recently passed away. Charles Athey, Br 30 , Kansas City, MO and Terry Dalton, Br 1015, Cape Girardeau, MO. Please keep the families of both these members in your prayers.

Lastly, I want to thank two individuals who have stood beside me through all the trials and tribulations of my life, David Davis and Rod Holub. These two have been there no matter what life has dealt me, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I also want to thank Chris Wittenburg and Pat Carroll for being my closest friends on the Executive Council for the last four years. **Friends are forever.**

I especially want to thank Silvia Pittman and Sharon Pittman for allowing me to be away from home while doing this job for the NALC. My children, Philip, Marcella, Maria and the grandchildren grew up in the family of the NALC. The NALC has and will always be my family. I thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of working in this office and representing the Region.

Dan Pittman & Family.

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