

# CRICKETS



The official newsletter of Branch 32



## Branch 32 at State Convention

**Written by Robert Wakefield**

Delegates from Branch 32 traveled to Chattanooga, TN for the 83rd TN State Convention. In this issue of Crickets, we will give you a recap of the events that took place at the convention.

Back Row, L to R - Denise Brewington, Josh Ward, Antoinette Lewis, Theresa Fennell, Kevin Proctor, Ruth Cushenberry (auxiliary member), Annette McLaurin, Brenda Williams, John Cushenberry, Robert Wakefield.

Seated, L to R - Luna Hamilton, Valerie Mabon, Geneva London, Vicky Brown

# The Right Tools

## Various topics and training

The TN State Convention took place at the beautiful, Embassy Suites Hotel in Chattanooga, on April 8 and 9th.

A central theme for the convention was Tools for EAS Success. A toolbox was placed at the front of the delegates and Donna Aaron, State President, would take a tool from the box to introduce the next topic.

Topics were:

Level - Balancing Time and Stress  
Flashlight - Shining on Your Future  
Saw - Cutting Thru Adverse Action  
Nail - Nailing Down Your Retirement  
Pencil - Writing Effective Appeals  
Nuts and Bolts - Issues Facing EAS Employees

"This was a great convention. I thought all of the topics were timely and spot on", said Branch 32 President Robert Wakefield. "It is my hope more members of Branch 32 can be at the next state convention in Gatlinburg."

Branch 32 brought the most delegates to this convention than any other branch. A total of 13 Branch 32 members attended the convention.



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## TOOLS FOR EAS SUCCESS

APRIL 8-9, 2022  
CHATTANOOGA  
TN STATE CONVENTION

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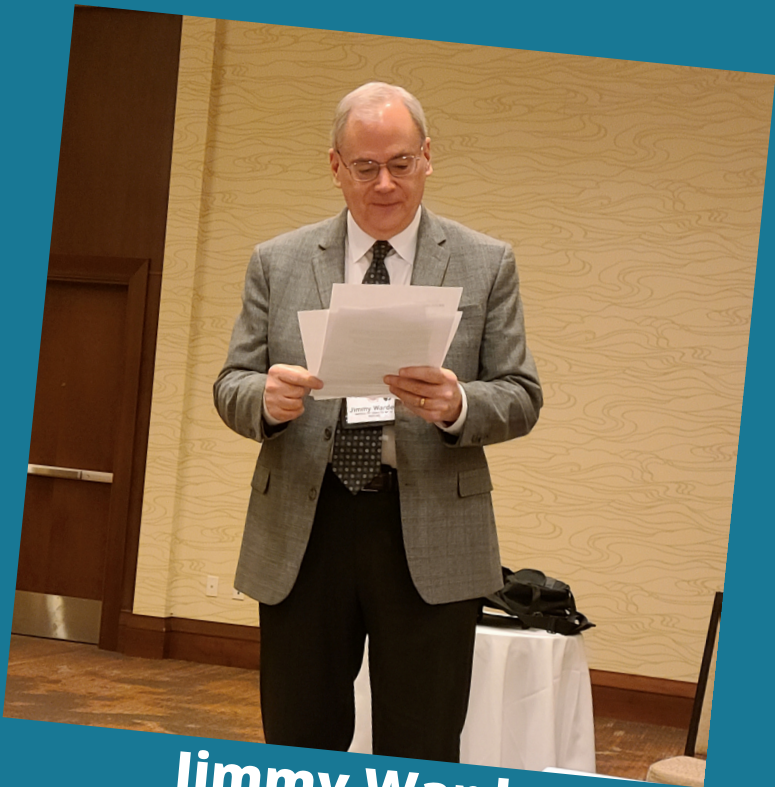
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## Branch 32 First Timers

Denise Brewington, Amy Pitts and Josh Ward attended their very first state convention in Chattanooga.



## Jimmy Warden

NAPS National Secretary Treasurer addressed the delegates on issues facing EAS employees such as involuntary reassignments and using your POV for postal purposes.



## Tim (Bad Mama Jama) Ford and Shri Green

Southern Region VP Tim Ford and Cottonbelt Area VP Shri Green gave some excellent training on how to stay out of trouble and writing effective appeals

## Officers Sworn In



Jimmy Warden swears in the new officers for TN State Branch 947. With hands raised, L to R - Robert Wakefield, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert McMurry, (the other Robert) Vice President and Donna Aaron, President

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# Stuff and Things

This page will be used for announcements of interest to the branch. Email your announcements to [napsbranch32@yahoo.com](mailto:napsbranch32@yahoo.com)



- Branch 32 is the second largest branch in TN. Branch 41 in Memphis has 5 more members making it the largest in TN.
- Please subscribe to our website at [napsbranch32.org](http://napsbranch32.org)
- Next meetings:  
May 17, 2022  
June 28, 2022
- For details on meetings:  
[napsbranch32.org/meetings-and-events](http://napsbranch32.org/meetings-and-events)

## Branch Officers

**President - Robert Wakefield**

**Vice President -Kevin Proctor**

**Secretary - Luna Hamilton**

**Treasurer - Vicky Brown**

**Sgt-at-Arms - Renita Darwin**

**Parliamentarian - Valerie Mabon**

# Reflections on the Convention

by Robert Wakefield

As I look back at the 83rd TN State Convention, it makes me wonder what a convention looked like eight-plus decades ago. What were the issues facing supervisors then? How many came to conventions back then? How many branches were represented at the State Convention, 82 conventions ago?

Well, this was probably my 10th or 11th convention that I have attended and I must say, it was one of the best. We looked at conditions that face supervisors, postmasters, station managers - ALL EAS - and discovered that TOGETHER, we are all stronger.

The training was excellent; but I think what I enjoyed most was the interaction of everyone involved. Questions, discussions, fellowship, laughing - especially the laughing.

As Secretary-Treasurer of the State Branch, it is usually my job to make announcements. So, I mentioned that a 50/50 drawing was to take place to support SPAC. Out of the blue, the other Robert asked me what does SPAC mean?

I went totally blank! And everybody just laughed. (It's Supervisor Political Action Committee)

Hope to see you at the next Branch 32 meeting!

Robert

