

Reflections from the Past: State Histories

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At the Galaxy Conference in Indianapolis, the 75th Anniversary Committee distributed a list of "75 Ways to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of NEAFCS". We hope you're working through this list. The goal is that you'll have fun with these suggestions. Many are personal but others will help both your state and the National Association reflect upon the past as we look toward the future.

Number 34 on the list is "Have your Affiliate Historian start or update your state history". Where are you on that challenge?

Many states don't have an Historian. If not, perhaps you could appoint the Secretary, President-elect or a special ad-hoc committee. If someone doesn't begin to record the history, it may be lost forever. What better time than now to begin this process? Plans are to store all state histories on the NEAFCS website for everyone to enjoy, reflect upon and archive.

In 1985, for our 50th anniversary, a challenge was given to each state to look into their history and submit it to the National Association. About half of the states took this challenge and as Historian I have a bound book of these materials. For those states that completed this challenge then, you have a start at completing #34 now.

Please feel free to contact me to see if your state has a history on file. I'll gladly send copies of what I have on file to get you started.

Have fun and enjoy the process. It's interesting to see how things began, what has changed, but also what has stayed the same for our exciting profession over the years.