

## **RWOF President Deb Stone**

*President Trump*

*Peacemaker*

President Trump's peace initiative led to the release of all living hostages held by Hamas and marked a major diplomatic breakthrough in the Middle East.

The deal was signed during a global peace summit in Egypt, attended by nearly three dozen nations. **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Trump**

**“Israel’s greatest friend” and nominated him for the Israel Prize, the nation’s highest honor.**

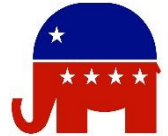
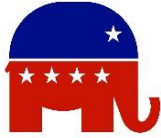
All 20 hostages returned pale and frail, but smiling and standing on their legs, with most of them held in horrific conditions in tunnels deep under Gaza, where many faced abuses, starvation and received limited medical treatment. **They are Free! They are Free!**

**President Trump is the President of Peace.** As President, he has brokered peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia, Cambodia and Thailand, Israel and Iran, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and Pakistan, Egypt and Ethiopia, Serbia and Kosovo and with the Abraham Accords. Let us hope Russia and Ukraine are next.

President Trump is proving that nations across the globe can move beyond longstanding conflicts of the past toward a shared future of peace, prosperity, and success. As key supporters of Trump in 2024, we can take great pride that we are a major contributor to his success. Without groups such as NFRW, FFRW and RWOF he may never have even had the chance to succeed!

President Trump stated “Hatred and Terrorism will never work; we must now build.” Let us all build in many ways to conquer divides. Let us build NFRW, FFRW, and RWOF. Let us spread conservative ideas and Keep America Great as we move toward the 2026 mid-term elections!

**God Bless President Trump the Peacemaker**



## RWOF NOVEMBER SPEAKER

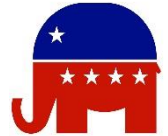
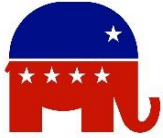
### Colonel (retired) Allison Black

Colonel (retired) Allison Black served over 32 years of Active-Duty Military Service in the United States Air Force. She has commanded at all levels in the joint force for U.S. Special Operations. Col Allison Black has numerous combat deployments and completed her career as the commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida where she was responsible for preparing Air Force Special Operations Forces for worldwide missions in crisis and contingency operations. The 1st Special Operations Wing's mission includes planning, posturing, and executing precision strike, specialized mobility, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. During her time as commander, the wing employed more than 78 aircraft, including the AC-130J, CV-22, MC-130J, U-28A, and MQ9. These capabilities supported a variety of special operations missions including direct action, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism, personnel recovery, psychological operations, and information operations. As installation commander, Col. Black oversaw Hurlburt Field's base support for over 12,000 men & women assigned to the wing's four groups, 24 squadrons, and over 40 tenant units, including Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command.



Colonel retired Allison Black enlisted in the Air Force in 1992 and served as a Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Specialist. In 1998, she completed Officer Training School, followed by Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator training earning her wings in January 2000. Colonel Black has flown a total of over 3,400 hours with 2,000 hours in combat operations in the AC-130H Spectre gunship and the U-28A Draco. She earned a Bachelors degree in Corporate Training & Development from Wayland Baptist University, and Masters degrees in Strategic Communication from George Mason University and International Strategic Studies from National Defense University. She currently resides in Navarre, Florida with her husband and 2 sons.





## CALLING ALL VETERANS!

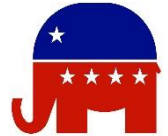
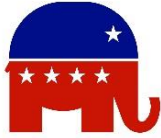
As we have done in previous years, RWOF will be honoring women veterans with a special celebration at our General Membership Meeting on November 5. To help make this event successful we are asking for your help.

1. First and most importantly all RWOF members who have served will be our guests. Please be sure to let Kathy Foster know you are a veteran and your rank and service branch when you make your reservations.
2. RWOF is seeking sponsorship for each veteran in attendance. Members may pledge sponsorship for one or more veterans to be paid the day of the luncheon. The cost will be \$25 for each veteran.
3. Members may invite women veterans they know to attend as guests and pay for their lunch. For this event only, the fee for veteran guests will be \$25. Please let Kathy know your veteran's rank and service branch.
4. All veterans are invited to bring a memento of their service to display during the meeting. Examples are gifts, trophies, or photos. Please let Kathy know if you are bringing a memento so we can be sure to have enough table space to display all of these special items.

Our guest speaker for this event will be Col (USAF/Ret) Allison Black. The Choctawhatchee High School ROTC Honor Guard will be posting the colors.

Please RSVP to Kathy Foster at [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net) not later than October 29.





## KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Home2Suites, 1930 Lewis Turner Blvd



(across from FWB Golf Course)

The November 5, 2025, buffet luncheon is roasted sliced turkey, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad and for dessert - patriotic cupcakes. The cost is \$25 for all attendees at this special event honoring Women Veterans. Reservations are required and due by Wednesday, October 29. Due to the order/delivery schedule at this venue, late reservations cannot be accepted. Kathy Foster  
We look forward to seeing you at the November 5th meeting. Gathering at 11:30, meeting promptly at 12:00. Reservations: [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

## Membership for 2026!

The 2026 RWOF Membership Renewals begin 1 September and are due by 31 December 2025. It is time for ALL members to renew. Dues are collected on a calendar year basis.

Membership dues remain the same as shown below:

Saint	\$100	(Active member + \$60 donation + 3 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)
Angel	\$75	(Active member + \$35 donation + 2 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)
Patron	\$50	(Active member + \$10 donation + 1 chance for "free" RWOF lunch)
Active	\$40	(Active Membership)
Associate Member	\$15	

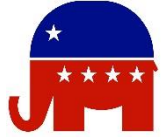
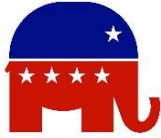
If you plan to renew at the 5 November luncheon, please bring a check or cash for your dues and additional cash for your lunch.

Or

Mail your check to *RWOF, P. O. Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579*

Thank you for supporting RWOF!





## **KATHY ALEXANDER - 2nd VP Membership**

### **Drawings for October:**

**Twisted Grape – Michelle Ferriera  
and Lori Burkart**



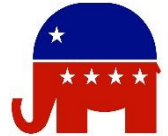
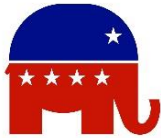
**Free Lunch – Melissa Ellenbergh**

**50/50 – Jackie Pilcher**

**JoJo Table Runner – Gloria Kane**



**Returning Member Maureena  
Lysaght & New Member Anita  
O'Shea**



Connie White asked our members, who are cancer survivors, to please come up and be recognized: Desley Parker, Billie Chappell, Jackie Pilcher, Dale Martinez and Martha Gorecki. Special cookies from Cake Masters were given from Connie.

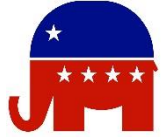
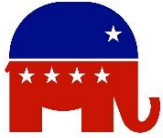


Mary Potthast and Ellen Deckert gave a report on the success of our Bingo Bonanza that was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>.



Kathy Foster read the names of the Slate of Officers the Nominating Committee submitted for 2026-2027.

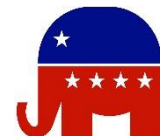
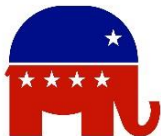




## RWOF connecting with community:

Sheryl Lauria (RWOF Community Outreach Chair) and Tiffanie Nelson (Food for Thought). Our generous members donated 677 food items and \$424. The ladies in the pictures below helped stuff back packs of food for needy children. Thanks to everyone who supports this worthwhile program. Packing bags for the Food for Thought Project was held on October 16. Thanks everyone for your generous support and time!

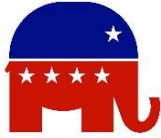




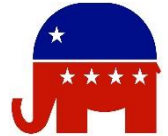
**President Stone shows members the Diamond State Achievement award we earned, President Stone shares info about the 43rd Biennial Convention held in September, President Stone and other RWOF members who attended the convention share their experiences at the convention. Bottom line - they all had a wonderful and meaningful experience!**







**RWOF TRUMPET**



# **RWOF Project: Granite Bench Womens Veterans Monuments at Veteran's Park**

**Dedication Date: November 11th, 2025**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

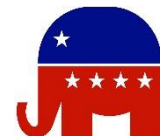
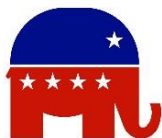
**Please come and share this important event!**

**Bench Delivery: October 1st**

## ***BENCH TO BE PLACED BY SHARON LANE***

Sharon Ann Lane was a United States Army nurse and the only American servicewoman killed as a direct result of enemy fire in the Vietnam War. The Army posthumously awarded Lane the Bronze Star Medal for heroism on June 8, 1969.





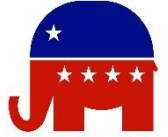
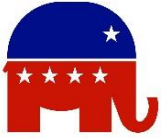
**LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

## **Christmas Gift Exchange --- Sock it To Me**

members who wish to participate... Purchase a pair of socks (knee, crew, no-show, slipper, gripper, etc.) and place a gift valued at no more than \$10 into one sock. Secure the gift, perhaps tie a ribbon so your precious gift stays inside. Upon arrival at the Christmas party, the 'nekkid' sock (aka the empty sock) will be placed in a large gift bag and you will draw a random number. The other sock will be placed on the gift table. When gift exchange time arrives, the person with #1 will blindly pull a sock out of the gift bag and retrieve the matching sock from the gift table. Then #2, #3, etc. Be creative and have fun with this! Your gift can be silly or sincere. And no matter what, you'll receive a new pair of socks!



We'll also be playing Christmas Carol Bingo, so be sure to brush up on your Christmas songs.

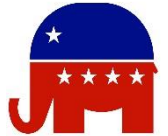
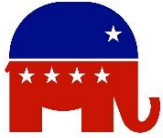


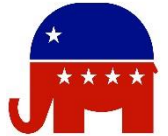
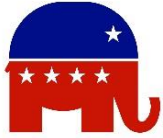
*From the desk of Immediate Past President Maddie McNeal:*

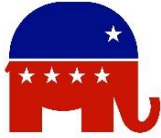
**Scenes from the Florida Governor's Dinner held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ft. Walton Beach Convention Center on Okaloosa Island.**



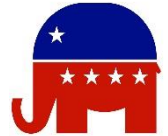








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### REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED MISSION STATEMENT

To bring women together to educate about Local, State and National issues; to improve the quality of life in Okaloosa County through political activity and community involvement; to advance the participation of Republican women in all areas of our political system; and to encourage and support qualified Republican women to seek and win public office.

The “**RWOF TRUMPET**” is brought to you by

Immediate Past President & FFRW District 1 Representative  
Maddie McNeal

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