

From Our President
Narrow Margins

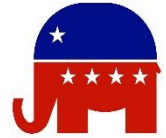
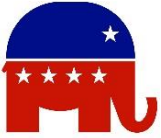
After a long hot summer I am very excited that autumn has finally arrived. It officially began on September 22. This also means that football season is in full swing. Everyone wants their team to win. Occasionally a team wins by a large margin, but frequently important championships are won by very narrow margins. Many times a game ends with a last second winning field goal or a team running out the clock while protecting a small lead. I have realized that victory by a very narrow margin is even more prevalent in politics! We must remember this as we play **THE BIG GAME, THE**

2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The parallels between football and politics are endless. The season is long and hard, the competition is fierce and enthusiasm is crucial. We must execute every aspect of the game with precision so that WHOEVER becomes the Republican Nominee wins the very tight race for the presidency. In football, being just one point ahead wins the game. In the presidential race, just one electoral vote can make the difference. In the past, Republicans have many times lost by very narrow margins. We cannot ever let this happen again. A football team that has possession of the ball controls the game and ultimately wins. In politics, whichever party possesses the presidency (and congress) controls the agenda and wins every political battle. That is why the Biden presidency has been such a disaster. Even if the Republican nominee is your least favorite of all the candidates, **you must vote for him or her** to become our next president! You cannot let personality or personal traits prevent you from voting for our Republican nominee. As Republican women, the future of our children and the entire country depends upon us. The Democrat agenda is destroying the nation. Republicans must control both the executive branch (with its executive order and veto powers) and the legislative branch of our government. For all of the reasons that I am sure you understand, we cannot under any circumstance let the Democrat nominee win in 2024. This is where the comparison between football and the presidency abruptly ends. The Republican must win!

A Republican winning the presidency is infinitely more important than which team wins a football game.

Deborah Stone, President
RWOF



1st V.P. DESLEY PARKER

PATT MANEY

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 4

Current Committee Assignments

- Commerce Committee *Vice Chair*
- Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee
- Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee *Vice Chair*
- Judiciary Committee
- Civil Justice Subcommittee
- State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee



Biographical Information

City of Residence: Shalimar

Occupation: Attorney

Spouse: Caroline

Education: University of Kentucky, BA, Political Science, 1966-1970; University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, JD, 1971-1974; Troy State University, MS, International Relations, 1994-1995; University of Kentucky, Honorary Doctor of Laws, 2016

History: Father, Charles Thomas Maney, Fort Walton Beach City Councilman

Military: University of Kentucky Army ROTC Wall of Honor, 2012; United States Army, active and reserve duty, 1970-2007; Brigadier General, Retired; Overseas service: Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Afghanistan; Afghan Ghazi Mir Batcha Kahn Superior Medal, 2005

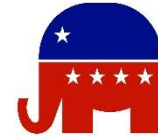
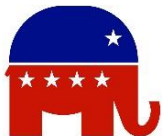
Moved to Florida: 1975

Religious Affiliation: Anglican

Recreational Interest: gardening, history, public and international affairs

Legislative Service

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020, reelected subsequently



Other Public Services

Okaloosa County Judge, 1989-2018

Affiliations

Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, Chairman

Southern Regional Education Board, member

U.S. Army, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

Florida Supreme Court Steering Committee for Problem Solving Courts, 2018-2020

Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, 2018-2020

Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, 2019-2020

Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles DUI Program Review Board, 2001-2018

Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Mental Health & Substance Abuse, 2010-2018

Veterans Affairs Readjustment Advisory Committee, 2013-2017

Florida Defense Support Task Force, 2011-2014

Highlights

Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor, 2019

Disabled American Veterans Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year, 2019

Outstanding Distinguished Alumni, United States Army War College, 2019

Distinguished Judicial Services on Behalf of Veterans Mental Health, Recognition by Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, 2018

Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, 2018

Local street named "Judge Maney Way" by Okaloosa County and the City of Fort Walton Beach, 2018

Okaloosa Veterans Treatment Court named the "T. Patt Maney Veterans Treatment Court," 2018

Governor's Medal of Merit, 2017

Brain Injury Association, Valiant Heart Award, 2015

Florida Legislation named "T. Patt Maney Veterans Treatment Intervention Act," 2015

Daughters of the American Revolution National Defense Distinguished Medal, 2014

Harvey Ford Award, Florida Conference of County Court Judges, 2014

Colonel George E. "Bud" Day Lifetime Achievement Award, Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council, 2012

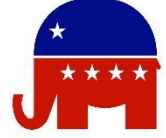
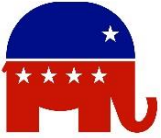
Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Mental Health, Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, 2010

Patriot of the Year, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 2010

Veterans Service Award, Okaloosa County Jobs Plus, 2009

Hildreth Award, Civil Affairs Association, 2007

Outstanding Contributions to Spreading Democracy Throughout the World Award, Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association, 2007



Distinguished Service Award, Florida Conference of County Court Judges, 2006
Military Member of the Year, Crestview Chamber of Commerce, 2006
Secretary of Defense Outstanding Public Service Award, 2006
Spirit of Freedom Award, Florida Freedom Newspapers, 2006
United States Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, 2005
Citizen of the Year Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11367, 2004
Judicial Distinguished Service Award, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, Okaloosa County Chapter, 1993, 2004
Silver Patrick Henry Award, Military Order of World Wars, Okaloosa County Chapter, 2001
Liberty Bell Award, Okaloosa-Walton County Bar Association, 1998
Private audience with His Holiness Pope John Paul II, Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina, 1997
Eagle Scout, 1965

KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Our OCTOBER Menu:

House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette

Warm Rolls & Butter

Salisbury Steak w/Gravy

Chicken Piccata

Steamed Broccoli

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

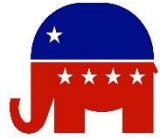
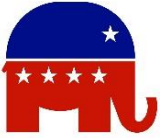
Dessert: Lemon Bundt Cake

Coffee, Decafe, Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water

The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, September 29th**, as reservations are required.

Contact Kathy Foster @ fosterpk@gnt.net

A RESERVATION MADE, IS A RESERVATION PAID!



2nd V.P. KATHY ALEXANDER

**Aug/Sept Free Lunch Winners:
Sharon Trenary & Jeanne Wildinger**

**Free Twisted Grape Certificates:
Sheryl Lauria & Kay Hébert**

50/50: Ellen Goodson - \$119

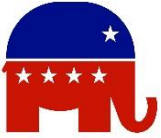
SEPTEMBER – NEW MEMBERS

Roberta Burpee, Camille Webster, Angela Myers & Leslie Schmidt

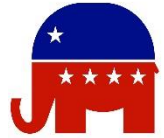


Renewals/New Members to Date – 14/4 – Donations \$400

Active Members – 114 & Associates 21



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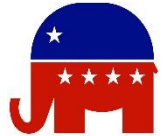
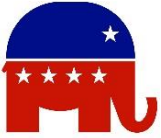
Sarah Poole	Oct 3	Lisa LeClere	Oct 13
Sharon Trenary	Oct 4	Michelle Ferriera	Oct 13
Mitzi Henley	Oct 5	Ann Rumph	Oct 15
Kathy Alexander	Oct 6	Patricia Ell	Oct 28
Helen Thompson	Oct 7	Associate: Emil Pagliari	Oct 2
Kathy Foster	Oct 11	Associate: Tom Peele	Oct 27

Contact Kathy Alexander if you would like an updated copy of our Membership Roster:

- **New e-mail addresses for Rhonda McKinney, Shirley Napier, and Susan Stephens**
 - **New home address for Jeanette Abbate**
- **Lynn Barnawell has moved but will remain on the roster until the end of December.**
 - **New members added to roster**

If you have new information: e-mail, phone, address - please be sure to let Kathy know so that you will get all updates!

Kathy.alexander50@gmail.com



MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Our October message:

“The Right to Keep and Bear Arms”

Our Second Amendment: Congress cannot prevent people from owning guns for their own protection. However, states and local governments can make laws about who may own them.

Colonists fled European persecution

America’s early laws required its citizens to protect themselves: against a tyrannical government, and to protect freedoms

Authority came from the Bible



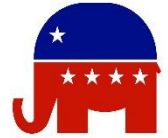
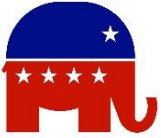
ANNA PEELE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Another very generous donation from our great members. The children of the families that are cared for by Fresh Start, will enjoy the school supplies that they have received for their lessons.

Donna Tashik, Fresh Start Director and our guest speaker for September, was so pleased with the donations that she took with her after the meeting.

Thank you,
Anna, Ellen, Karen and Linda Gail





Thursday, October 12, 2023

5:30 gathering (BYOB)

6:00 pm Dinner - Games

Preservation Hall

17 Industrial Street NW

Food, Fun, Prizes

\$30 per person

sponsored by

Republican Women of Okaloosa

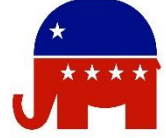
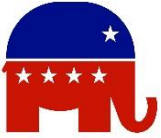
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Questions?

Tammy Magee

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Honoring Background Heroes at the November 1, 2023 Luncheon

Our community and our club recognizes and appreciates the military commitments made to our country. RWOF will thank and honor those spouses, widows, and widowers of retired veterans who kept the home fires going during deployment. These special patriots will be treated to lunch and presented with a corsage. RWOF members who served or whose spouse served (for any length of time) will also receive a corsage. Gold Star members have been invited as well as folks from Bob Hope Village. Perhaps you are aware of someone who should be honored... please let us know. When the November 1 meeting invitation is sent, please RSVP as soon as possible. We are also asking to receive photographs and a brief description of what life was like during these separations as we will print a mini newsletter to distribute that day. Thanks for your help!

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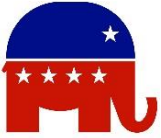


Not that kind... THIS kind of website....www.rwof.org

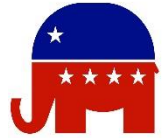
The organization is returning to our original website address.

Please share and send suggestions with pictures/articles.

Soon we will add a section for conversations and a blog.



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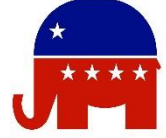
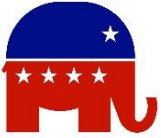
Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women held its Women's Hall OF Fame induction ceremony On August 28, 2023.



Pioneers, trailblazers, role models: Okaloosa County honors women who made an impact on the Emerald Coast. Bonnie Barlow, Col. Teresa W. Ryan, Lt. Betty Jo Hunter, Cindy Frakes, and Hon. Judge Patricia Grinsted



Linda Flowers introduces inductee Bonnie Barlow as the Carolyn Spencer Humanitarian recipient.



From Past President Maddie McNeal:

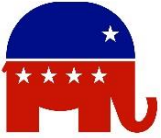
Over the years I have attended funerals of military friends and have always marveled at the precise folds being done to our Flag by the Honor Guard. The flag is folded exactly 13 times in remembrance of the original 13 colonies. Here is what each fold of the flag means:

1. The first fold symbolizes life.
2. The second fold represents a belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans who gave their lives in defense of the country in order to help attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold is in recognition of the nature of the country's citizens to trust in God.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to the United States. According to Stephen Decatur, S. Naval Commander during the American Revolution and War of 1812, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold symbolizes where people's hearts lie in keeping with the words of our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold pays tribute to the armed forces. After all, through our armed forces, the United States is protected against all enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to those who died, and as Psalm 23 states, "entered into the valley of the shadow of death."
9. The ninth fold honors womanhood.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to fathers.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in Judaism, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the eyes of Christians, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The 13th and last fold reminds us that when the flag is completely folded, in the uppermost corner signify our national motto, "In God We Trust."

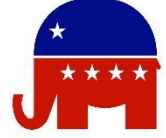
Additionally, when the flag is completely folded and tucked in, the resulting shape appears like a tricorne hat and represents the soldiers who served under General George Washington, the sailors and marines who served under Naval Commander John Paul Jones and the many who have followed them in order to preserve the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. So, in the future when you see a flag folded, you will hopefully now have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the tradition.

I have always wondered why no one ever reads the meaning of these folds during the service. I believe it would be very beneficial for the family receiving the flag to understand the meaning.





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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.

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Past President Maddie McNeal

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