

RWOF President Deb Stone

January 2025

Happy Days Are Here Again!

As of today there are only 10 days remaining for the Biden Presidency. Its end can't come soon enough! Joe Biden has been a complete failure. On the other hand maybe his goal was to destroy America; in which case he made great progress. His and the Democrats' uncontrolled spending caused inflation to skyrocket, his weakness led to two foreign wars, his open border has led to chaos across the nation and his abuse of the justice system has severely deteriorated respect for the rule of law.

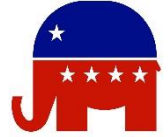
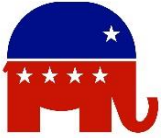
During his final days he has become both a spoiled child and an angry old man. He is handing out completely undeserved commutations, pardons and awards like they are candy. His final executive orders are obviously designed to sabotage Trump's incoming administration. Therefore, we can take GREAT PRIDE that our hard work contributed to his loss (and the loss of his replacement Kamala). Thanks to us they will no longer occupy the White House after January 20, 2025.

That will truly be a Happy Day with hopefully thousands to follow. Trump has already shown what his policies can do for the country and I am confident that, with even greater wisdom, he will succeed AGAIN. He is putting together a spectacular team and building strong coalitions in both the House of Representatives and Senate where, again thanks to our effort, Republicans have controlling majorities. Our job is to now put pressure on all elected Republicans to support Trump's agenda and make sure that it is enacted within the first hundred days of his presidency. If so, foreign conflicts will end, trade and budget deficits will decline, prices and interest rates will fall and illegal immigration and crime will be dramatically reduced. We will all be able to sleep better and breathe easier knowing that Biden is **gone** and the sane policies of the Trump administration prevail. This makes me a VERY HAPPY REPUBLICAN WOMAN!! We now have one more task to complete, namely to make sure that the right Republican is elected to represent District 1 in April. Work to Make America Great Again never ends.

It is with great excitement to announce the National Federation of Republican Women Convention will be held in Orlando on September 25th-28th as we will be the host state. Consider going to this great event since it will be here in our state. I hope we can have a large attendance from our area. I will share more information as it becomes available.

I am so looking forward to a wonderful year ahead with my fellow Republican Women!

Deb Stone, President RWOF



Our February Speaker

Ashlee Olbricht (Leppert)

Spiritual Mentor
SOF MISSIONS

U.S. Coast Guard Veteran

Author of [*The Hurricane Within*](#), Speaker, Coach

Hello! "Heroes are defined more so by what they overcome than what they have accomplished"

I am a veteran with 14 years of active duty service in the United States Coast Guard. My primary job was an avionics electrical technician and flight mechanic instructor. I flew hundreds of dynamic missions during my time with the Coast Guard. I have trained over 60 basic aircrewmembers and flight mechanics who served bravely and effectively under my tutelage and beyond.

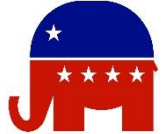
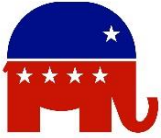
My proudest achievement has been serving my great nation as Coast Guard flight crew, flight mechanic instructor, and working with my crew to rescue and save many souls.

I have had the distinct honor of receiving a personal invitation to President Trump's 2018 State of the Union Address. There, I was addressed directly by the President and commended, on behalf of myself and my crew, for our rescue work during the devastating Hurricane Harvey.

I have overcome hardships and met challenges with grace under the guidance of God. I have come away with valuable lessons to share. Life's challenges have taught me to be not just a survivor, but someone who thrives in this amazing, beautiful, complicated world. My life's experiences, combined with a desire to share my secrets to success, drove me to recount my life for the world to read. I self-published my memoir, *The Hurricane Within*, in print, e-book and audiobook formats.

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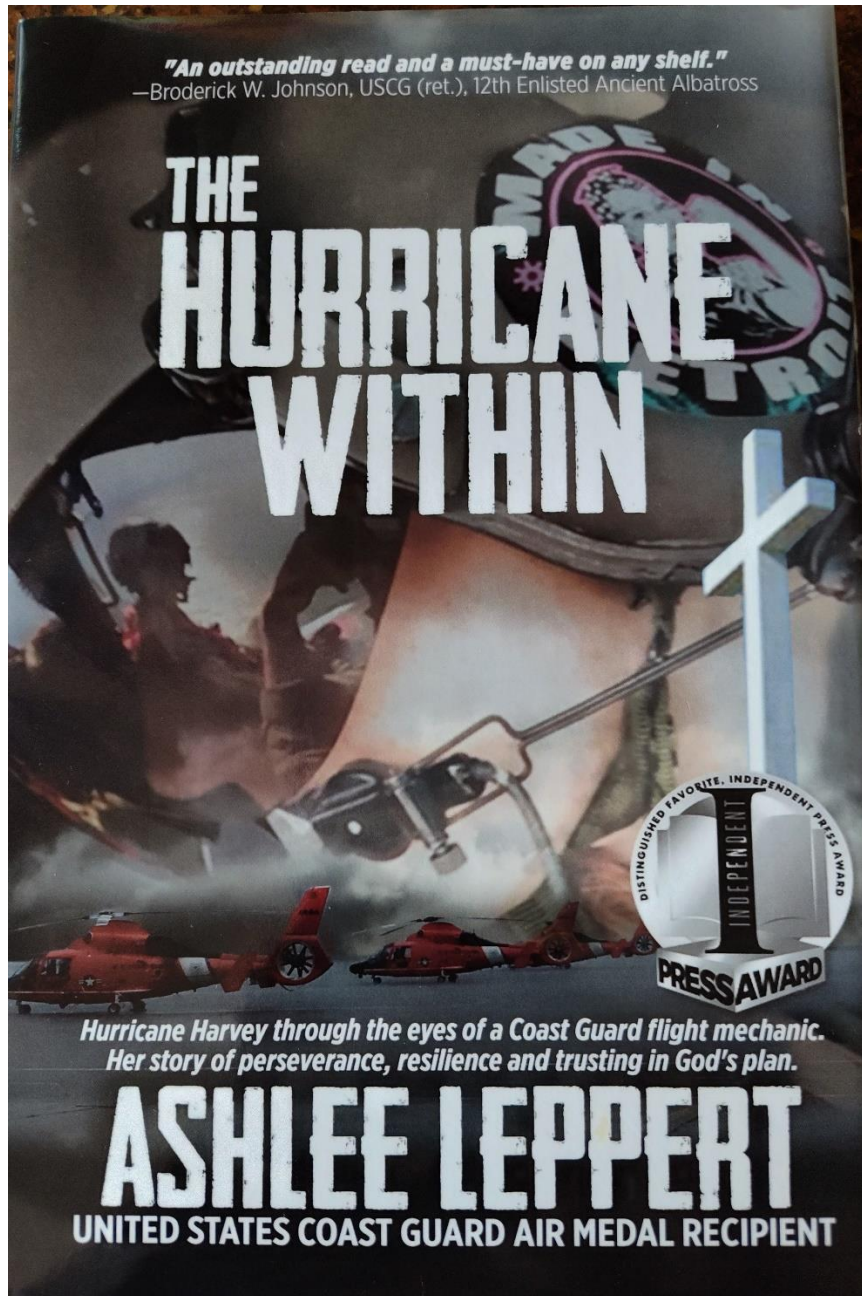


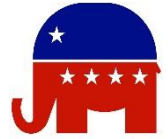
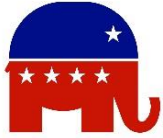


I work with Okaloosa Veterans Court and SOF Missions as a mentor to help others heal through the building of faith and resiliency.

It is my aspiration to share my life lessons, my zest for life, and my Faith through mentorship and public speaking engagements.

For more information, please contact me at AshleeLeppert.com





KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY



Our FEBRUARY Menu:

House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette
Warm Rolls & Butter
Grilled Chicken w/Gumbo on the side
Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Sautéed Vegetables
Dessert: Blueberry Bread Pudding w/Jack Daniels
Sauce

The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, January 31st**, as reservations are required.

Contact Kathy Foster @ fosterpk@gnt.net



From our Treasurer JEAN WALLACE

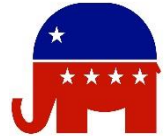
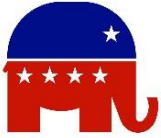
LUNCHEON PAYMENTS

Speed Up Our Luncheon Check In - help us get everyone checked in before we start our luncheon at Noon by:

1. Having checks made out to Beachview Breakfast, LLC before you arrive
2. Have cash, \$25.00 or \$27.00, for guests ready for check in

3. Come a little early so everyone isn't arriving just before noon and be at your table so we know where empty seats are located.

Thank you and if you have additional ideas let us know!



KATHY ALEXANDER 2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP

Drawings for January:

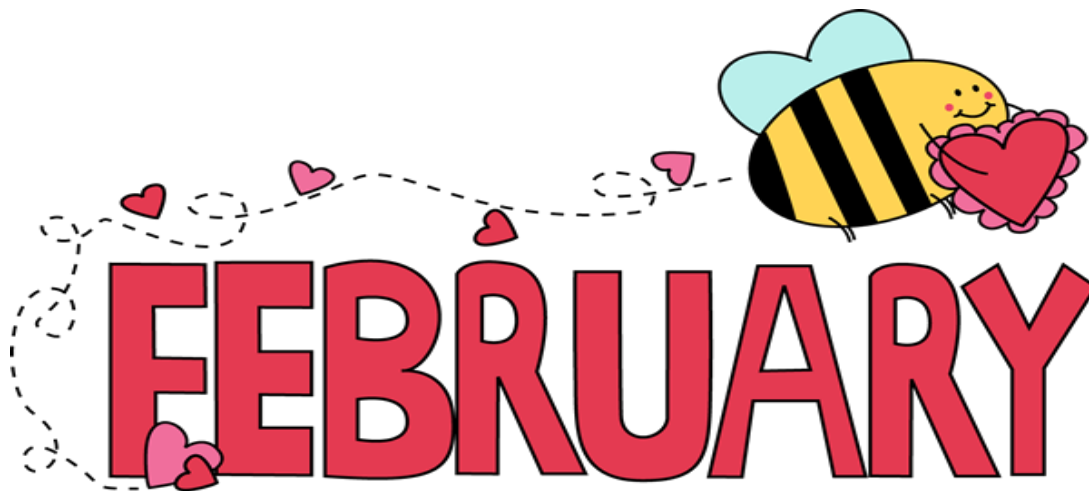
Twisted Grape – Gloria Kane

Free Lunch – Sheryl Lauria

50/50: Linda Gail Martin

New Members for December:

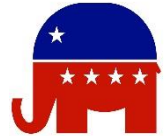
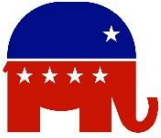
Cathy Lawrence & Shelly Dugger



BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Peterson	Feb 1	Anne Toone	Feb 12
Debbie Cafarelli	Feb 5	DeeDee Phillips	Feb 13
Bess Jones	Feb 8	Connie White	Feb 20
Vandy E Vela	Feb 8	Ellen Goodson	Feb 22

Members – 124 Associates – 17 Total – 141 2025 Renewals – 84



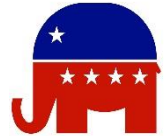
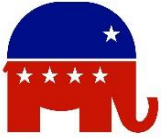
MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Message:
By GOD’S Grace

- Starting a New Year – a New Era
- Looking back to see how God blessed our Nation
- Hear some statements by our early leaders
- Be encouraged to honor our country as our forefathers.

Our song will be “This Is My Country”





February

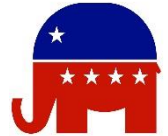
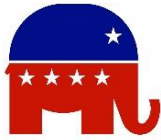
Valentines for Veterans



The Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated is helping to create a special program for the local Veterans Administration and our local vets . We need everyone's help to make this a great success. Please help us to personalize Valentine cards, to be distributed to a local veteran at the VA office at Eglin Base on Valentine's Day!

At the February 5th RWOF luncheon meeting valentine cards will be at each table, please write a message and sign only your first name, they will be collected at the conclusion of the meeting. The completed cards will be given to the VA office employees and they will brighten the Vet's day by giving them a Valentine card from our group!

Any questions, comments, etc. please contact
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From the Desk of Immediate Past President, *Maddie McNeal*:

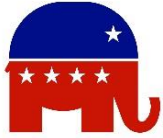
It's finally here, Inauguration Day for President Donald J. Trump. HALLELUJAH!!

It has been a very long four years of an inept administration, hellbent on destroying this wonderful country, our home. How it was able to continue down the path it was leading us is unknown to me. I kept asking that question and the only answer I got was "because he's President". I thought we were a country that came to be because we wanted freedom from tyranny, but under the Biden Administration this all changed. He was not fit to govern and he definitely was not fit to be Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces, or anything else for that matter. We were weak, we let all the foolishness he put upon this country seem like it was normal. It was not, nor was his entire administration. They flaunted their weirdness, applauded it and we accepted it. Why? Because he was President? Who was really pulling the strings and making the decisions in the White House? It wasn't Joe Biden, remember he was declared an old man with a bad memory. He broke rule after rule, stole classified documents, left Americans to be captured and tortured, took away America's ability to be energy independent, gave away so many millions/billions of our taxpayers money to the Ukraine while leaving Americans with nothing as the result of hurricanes wiping out entire towns...oh, and giving the people a whopping \$750 thinking they could start over with that pittance, opened our borders, and again, giving away our taxpayer dollars to illegals while ignoring the needs of Americans, allowing Men to take part in Women's sports. WTH? Why? Because he could, because he was President! There is so much more.

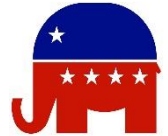
I am not a fan of our Congress as a result of all of this. Republicans as well as the Democrats. Republicans folded and bent over repeatedly under pressure from the Democrats, it was sickening. Were they really acting on our behalf or their own? Go along to get along? What happens to the promises they make to the American people while campaigning? I think we need to start holding them to the fire and stop treating them like they are royalty/celebrities. They are our employees, something they need to remember.

I so look forward to January 20th and President Donald J. Trump back in our White House. None of the nonsense I've written about above would have happened under his leadership, none of it. As Republicans we need to show our love of country, respect for the military, our first responders, our police, our flag, our pledge of allegiance, the rule of law, and I believe this is exactly where we are headed with President Trump. America will be strong again, of that I am sure.

Special THANKS to the NFRW, FFRW, RWOF, ECRWF, WRWF, NRWF, EFRW for all the hard work we did during these past four years. **We definitely helped make MAGA happen!**



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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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