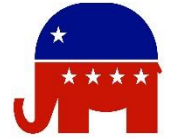
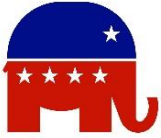
**RWOF President Deb Stone***Elect President Donald J. Trump 47*

As I write this article, we are only three weeks away from the Presidential election. Considering the vastly different direction that each of the two candidates will take the country, it is impossible to over stress the need for Donald Trump to emerge as winner! A few events have defined America's future. These include the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our winning the Revolutionary

War, the Louisiana Purchase, the close of the Civil War with our nation remaining intact, our winning WWI and WWII and our response to 9/11. I think the outcome of the election on November 5th will forever belong on that list!

You may say that I am being overly dramatic. I absolutely do not think so. The election of Kamala Harris will bring us insane amounts of wasteful spending that will destroy the value of the U.S. monetary system. Our Border will remain open for millions more to enter the country illegally. Our welfare system and all other government programs will collapse. Inflation will continue to skyrocket. Our foreign enemies will take advantage of her weak policies that will add new conflicts to the wars that Biden and she have already brought us. She will try to end the electoral college, expand and pack the Supreme Court, continue to defund law enforcement, end the filibuster in the Senate, raise taxes and destroy the fossil fuel industry. This list goes on forever. It is so long that I do not believe that our country can survive such a heavy burden.

Donald Trump must win! He showed us during his first term, with the entire deck stacked against him, that he alone can save our nation both financially and culturally. He alone can bring us strength, respect and renewed prosperity. I am ending my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as president of RWOF. As your president, PLEASE join me in doing everything humanly possible to help elect Donald Trump. I want our next meeting on November 6th, the day after the election, to be a JOYOUS CELEBRATION because we have succeeded and won; and not a funeral for the nation because we have failed!



**THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED (RWOFF)  
ARE HONORING “OUR WOMEN IN SERVICE”**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**PLACE: WYNDHAM GARDEN FORT WALTON BEACH  
573 SANTA ROSA BOULEVARD (OKALOOSA ISLAND)**

**TIME: 11:30 AM - Noon (Sign in)**

**12 Noon (Inspirational, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer, a delicious buffet lunch, Opening Remarks, and Roll Call)**

**~12:30 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker  
AF Lt Col (Ret) Carmen Reynolds**

**~1:15 PM Gloryland Choral group will close the celebration with a medley of military songs and some that we can sing along with.**

**WOMEN IN THE MILITARY**

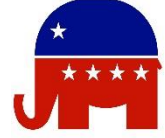
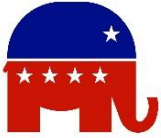


As in past years, the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated have celebrated our Veterans with a luncheon in their honor on the first Wednesday in November. This year our theme is **“Our Women In Service”**. We have a number of women veterans within the RWOFF and we have had other women veterans attend our luncheons over the years...

SO, this year it’s all about **“YOU”** our Women Veterans and we would love to have you as our guest on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please accept our invitation!

Please RSVP to Kathy Foster @ [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net) no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Maddie McNeal  
RWOFF Immediate Past President  
**“Our Women In Service”** Event Coordinator  
Cell: 850-259-0292



## **NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER**

### **AF Lt Col (Ret) Carmen A. Reynolds**

Carmen Reynolds received her BS summa cum laude in Criminology and Law Enforcement from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado and her ROTC commission in 1976 from the

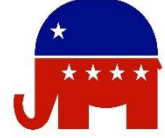
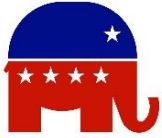


University of Colorado. Her first assignment was as one of the first seven female Security Police Shift Commanders in that career field and she was assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB where she completed her MS in Business Personnel Management in 1977. She then cross-trained into Administration and became the Executive Support Officer and Squadron Section Commander for the 940 person 4th Aircraft Generation Squadron, supporting three F-4 Fighter Squadrons. As the Chief of Central Base Administration, she was named the Outstanding Administrative Officer of the Year for the Tactical Air Command. She proceeded to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) as the Deputy Director of Administration and assistant coach for the USAFA Prep School women's volleyball team. She then began work on a master's

degree in computer science at the University of Colorado, cross training into the computer field and it was off to Hickam AFB, HI as the Chief of the HQ PACAF Small Computer Technical Center, and Chief, ATCALS/Weather Maintenance Division. She performed these duties in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Wake Island, and Okinawa. In 1990, she was assigned as the Computer Systems Officer for the Joint Warfighting Center at Hurlburt Field, Florida. She is an in-residence graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Marine Command and Staff College (correspondence). She was assigned to the Battle Staff Training School (now the C2 Warrior School) at Hurlburt Field, Florida in June 1994 where she initially headed the Contingency Theater Automated Planning System (CTAPS) Branch. For the 3 years prior to her retirement, she was the Deputy Dean for the School and the most senior female officer at Hurlburt Field. She is Academic Instructor School certified and a Joint Air Operations Staff Course (JAOSC), Joint Doctrine Air Campaign Course (JDACC), CTAPS Operator Technician Course (COTC), and Joint Force Air Component Commander (JFACC) Planning Tool Operator Course (JPTOC) graduate. She retired after almost 22 years from the United States Air Force in May 1998 in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

Subsequent to her retirement from the Air Force, Carmen pursued volunteer activities on behalf of aging military veterans as the public relations person for The Class Act Group under the tutelage of attorney and Medal of Honor winner, former POW Col. George Bud Day in the quest to win lifetime healthcare (Tri-Care for Life) for aging military veterans.

She was an elected Fire Commissioner for the Holley-Navarre Fire Protection District 1998-2000 where she successfully lobbied for a land donation for a fire station building. Consequently, an acre was donated on the east side of Navarre in order to expand the coverage area. She served on the Executive Board of the Holley-Navarre Middle School PTSA as the Recording Secretary 1998-2000 and was a parent representative to the School Advisory Council (SAC) 1999-2001. She helped plan



and staff all school dances and solicited chaperones to ensure the students have fun in a safe environment. She was a member of the Uniform Exploratory Committee at Holley-Navarre Middle School and spearheaded the PTSA Cookbook fundraiser to benefit the Victim Advocate Office in their creation of a Child Interview Room where child victims of alleged sexual abuse will be interviewed.

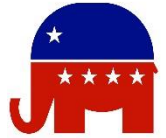
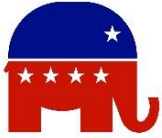
She was Vice Chairman for the Infrastructure Committee-East and served as Corresponding Secretary for the United Peninsula Homeowners Association Executive Board. She was involved with the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Department and a supporter for the Navarre High School Police Cadet Program. She assisted the Sheriff's Department in their transition to the Navarre area as a result of the redistricting concept and assembled a Neighborhood Watch program for her 70-plus home subdivision. She sat on both the Deputy Sheriff and Corrections Department hiring and promotion boards. Carmen was Vice-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council (1999 and 2002) to the Escambia/Santa Rosa County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and sat on the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee, studying present and future traffic congested corridors and their resolutions. She was appointed to the Highway 98 Corridor Management Study Team by the MPO. She has served as Co-Chairman of the Transportation Committee and a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee for the Navarre Chamber of Commerce. She was an appointed member of the Santa Rosa County Planning and Zoning Board and a member of the Santa Rosa County Juvenile Justice Council and the School Violence Prevention Summit. She was the Co-chairman for the first-ever Navarre Cancer Relay in Navarre, Florida which raised the most money of any town in the state of Florida during their first Relay. She has served as a Junior Achievement instructor at the Holley-Navarre Middle School. She served on the Santa Rosa County American Cancer Society Board (1999) and was the Exhibits Chairwoman for the National American Business Women's (ABWA) Spring 2000 Convention. She was the Vice-President of the newly formed American Business Women's Association, Navarre Chapter in 2000-2001.

She ran the successful election District 4 County Commission campaign of Debbie Dawsey in 1998, unseating incumbent Ira Mae Hewitt and has remained interested and active in politics since.

She was recruited as a Command and Control Training Systems Manager.

Information and Space Sector military consultant for Veridian Engineering and worked in that capacity from 2000 to 2002.

She also worked as a free-lance writer with her own column in the Navarre News "As I See It," and then went on to write for the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, Santa Rosa Press Gazette, the Gulf Coast Women's News, the Navarre Press and the Pensacola News Journal. She is a member of the First Amendment Foundation and the Society of Professional Journalists. She returned to school at UWF in 2001 and was selected to become the Editor-in-Chief of The Voyager school newspaper because of her prior management experience and unflappability. She completed a BA in Journalism from UWF in December 2003 and was employed as the Copy Editor for the Navarre Press newspaper for almost three years before quitting to take full-time care of her ailing disabled veteran father for 10 years in their home, his care totalling 12 years. He was a Combat Medic in Vietnam who received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with 1 OLC for operations in which he sustained multiple TBI injuries, Agent Orange exposure, and ended up with a rare brain disease.



Carmen was recruited to return to Navarre Press as its Copy Editor in September 2015 – December 2016, where she also wrote on topics of interest to her which included the veteran suicide epidemic, TBI-and PTSD-injured veterans and hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments, food safety and innovations in health. She won the top Florida Press Association 2016 in-depth reporting award in the state for her 5-part series on Veteran Suicide. Again, she won the top state award for a special spread on the 9-11 pain, suffering still lingers after 15 years, bringing Navarre Press to the most awards ever in one year for that period.

Carmen has sat on the board of the Santa Rosa County Republican Executive Committee since 2016 as the Media Liaison and has been a member of the Committee for 21 years, previously serving as Treasurer and Secretary.

She was the co-chair for the District 4 Citizens Task Force, preparing extensive research on Impact Fees and improving water quality by removing the effluent out of Navarre Sound. She was asked to speak to the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to dedicate one of the Restore Pot monies toward this effort by Commissioner Piech when the county was determining how to prioritize its RESTORE Funding.

She has most recently taken the lead as the head of the Coalition for Santa Rosa's Water future in the effort to preserve our clean water supply and serves on the newly formed citizen-led Watershed Protection Committee.

Her current effort is to coalesce the retired military community leaders in an effort to stand up a Veterans Court in Santa Rosa County. First, she must gather information and Lessons Learned from our sister counties, Okaloosa and Escambia in order to present this to the Board of County Commissioners.

## **KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY**

### **Our November Menu:**

**House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette**

**Warm Rolls & Butter**

**Bourbon Glazed Chicken, Salisbury Steak**

**Sauteed Vegetables**

**Garlic Mashed Potatoes**

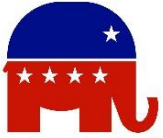
**House Salad, Warm Rolls,**

**and for dessert...Pineapple Orange Glazed Bundt Cake**

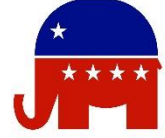


The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, November 1st**, as reservations are required. Contact Kathy Foster @

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There have been many requests from members to offer our ‘signature shirts’ for sale.

Out of the numerous shirts created for us in the past, this red, dry-fit shirt remains the most popular. Orders will be taken at the November meeting and payment will be required before the order is placed with the printing company. No extra shirts will be ordered, so now’s the time to buy if you want one. It makes an impact when the group appears at a function wearing our Connecting with Community shirt.

If only 6 shirts are ordered the cost is \$23.49 for sizes S – XL and \$24.99 for 2XL. Ordering 12 shirts will cost \$21.49 for S-XL and \$22.99 for 2XL. If the club orders 24 shirts, then the cost will be \$14.91 for S-XL and \$16.41 for 2XL. These shirts run true to size and do not shrink.

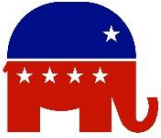
Contact Kathy Foster to order or if you have any questions.

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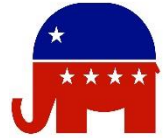
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BACK PRINT 10" WIDE





# RWOF TRUMPET



## 2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP

### KATHY ALEXANDER

Drawings for October:

Twisted Grape – Mitzi Henley (Oct)

Lori Burkart (Nov)

Free Lunch – Maddie McNeal

50/50 Drawing – Linda Gail Martin

Facial Gift Cert – Jo Helmers

Patriotic Headband – Jenny Berge



New Members in October:

Eve DeMaria & Anne Toone

President Trump & Kathy Alexander

120 Members/16 Associates



## Membership for 2025!

The 2025 RWOF Membership Drive is in progress and renewals are due by 31 December 2024.

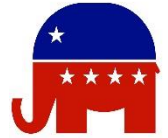
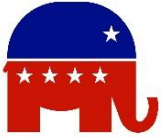
Membership dues remain the same as shown below:

- 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

Renew when you check in for the November 6 Veteran’s Luncheon,  
Or

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

Thank you for supporting RWOF!



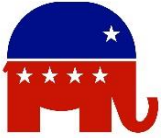
Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated participated in a call from Florida Federation of Republican Women, for each club to purchase 10 - 5 gallon buckets and fill them with supplies to help with the Hurricane Milton clean up. Sheryl Lauria and Jean Wallace of RWOF jumped right in and purchased the items requested with the funds set aside by the club. In addition to the supplies, a member of RWOF donated an additional \$500. Thanks to everyone for their help. The Church at Shalimar was instrumental in getting these supplies to those in need. Many groups in the community brought their donations to the Church. This will be an ongoing relief project as much help is needed by those affected by this horrific storm.



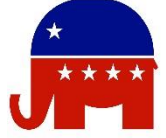
### **IN MEMORY OF JEAN DUTTON**

Jean Dutton was a beloved community member. She worked tirelessly for her husband, Dick's, release of being a Vietnam POW for 5 ½ years. Jean's positivity could be seen with her devotion to the Crisis Line, Shelter House, Chambers of Commerce, Community Chorus, OCCSW, ECPRO, Emerald Coast Ladies Journal and especially with Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated serving in a multitude of positions, always being a promoter of women. September 2024  
Book donation - The President Will See You Now - to Fort Walton Library on Thursday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.





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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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