

From Our President

Democrat Train Wreck

Throughout the entire Trump presidency the Democrats and left media constantly claimed to be anxious and upset. They vilified everything that he did and screamed that his policies were taking the nation down the wrong track. **NOTHING WAS FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH!** The nation was in great shape during the Trump presidency. It is the Democrat Train Wreck under Biden's incompetent and corrupt presidency that keeps ME awake with fear and worry! The facts are as follows:

1. Border Crisis

Border crisis has allowed well over 3 million illegal immigrants into our country not to mention the got aways. Biden signed executive orders on day one in office to encourage illegal immigration. He signed an order allowing for immediate processing of Muslim and African countries with terrorists that hate America that had been banned by President Trump. He signed an order to stop building the wall and so much more!

2. Disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal

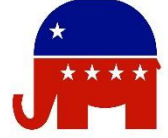
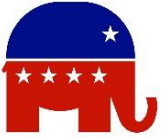
Failure of intelligence which caused the collapse of the Afghanistan government and Taliban take over the country in just a few weeks. To make matters worse, as the crisis was unfolding, Biden was nowhere to be found. The world witnessed a massive fiasco, with videos of Afghans falling off departing planes in a desperate attempt to escape, but the administration kept quiet, and then made excuses. 13 Dead Americans and 90 billion dollars' worth of equipment left behind to now be used against us in wars.

3. Loss of America's Energy Independence

In 2018, during Donald Trump's presidency, the United States became a net exporter of oil for the first time in 75 years. Technological innovations, alongside the Trump policies to open up more opportunities for drilling while eliminating regulations dramatically increased American energy independence and global influence on energy issues. Not only did this energy independence benefit Americans economically, it weakened the position of petro states such as Russia. Biden closed the Keystone XL Pipeline and so much more!

4. Authoritarian COVID-19 Mandates

Forced Schools to close and forced Americans to take COVID 19 Vaccines or lose their jobs. Masks Mandates and so much more! The Supreme Court agreed this was unconstitutional and struck down his executive order.



5. Crime Surge

American cities have experienced an explosion of violent crime and shows no signs of getting better.

6. Rising Inflation

The Biden administration said inflation was temporary. Biden chose the path and now the country is paying the astronomical price.

7. War on Parents and Make America Great Again supporters

Violent crime is spinning out of control, but the Justice Department clearly doesn't see that as the real threat to this country. The Justice Department double standard of Justice prosecutes parents, and MAGA supporters with made up crimes while letting The Biden Crime family sell out our country.

8. Biden Administration colluding with Big Tech

Denying Americans their Freedom of Speech

9. War in Israel, War in Ukraine, China saber rattling

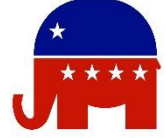
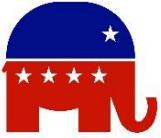
Since Joe Biden took office, war has broken out in the Middle East where Trump had brokered a peace deal. Gas prices have soared after we were energy independent during the Trump administration. The economy is horrific. Taxes are going up. Constitutional rights are being taken away. Potential for World War III and terrorist attacks here in our area.

I could go on forever as there are many other debacles. Is it debacles or is it a plan to destroy America?? Republicans must soon choose a conservative speaker and get back to saving America.

Deborah Stone, President

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1st V.P. DESLEY PARKER

**NOVEMBER SPEAKER - BOB ASZTALOS
RETIRED NAVY SENIOR CHIEF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN**

Retired Navy Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (Fleet Marine Force) Bob Asztalos was appointed as Deputy Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs on July 6, 2021. FDVA is a 1,500-member constitutionally chartered State Veterans' Affairs department with a \$160 million annual budget responsible for serving the nation's third largest veteran population.

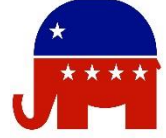
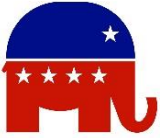
He stepped down as the Chief Operating Officer for Medical Equipment and Supplies of America, a disabled veteran-owned small business that provides durable medical equipment to Veterans on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Prior to that, he worked in government relations on health care issues at both the state and federal levels since 1985. In Tallahassee, Bob served as the Chief Lobbyist for the Florida Health Care Association, representing nursing home and other long-term health care providers.

In addition to lobbying, Bob coordinated the FHCA's Emergency Response team in the State Emergency Operations Center during hurricanes and disasters. In Washington, D.C., Bob served as the Senior Congressional Affairs Representative for the American Health Care Association, Associate Director of Government Affairs with the American Physical Therapy Association, and a Legislative Specialist with the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.



He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University. Bob completed 29 years active and reserve service in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve serving with shipboard and U.S. Marine Corps ground units. He currently serves in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as a small boat commander and Aids to Navigation Verifier. He completed a term as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Veterans Foundation, is the Vice President of Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 34, and serves on the Board of Directors of Ladies Learning to Lead and the Pines of Sarasota Rehabilitation & Senior Community.



KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Our NOVEMBER Menu:

- House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette**
- Warm Rolls & Butter**
- Honey Garlic Glazed Pork Loin**
- Chicken Florentine**
- Vegetable Medley**
- Macaroni and Cheese**

**Dessert: Chocolate Chip Bread Pudding w/Jack Daniels Sauce
Coffee, Decaf, Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water**

The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, October 27th**, as reservations are required.

Contact Kathy Foster @ fosterpk@gnt.net



2nd V.P. KATHY ALEXANDER

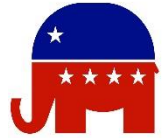
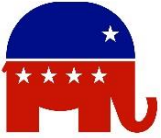
**October Free Lunch Winner:
Lisa LeClere**

**Free Twisted Grape Certificate:
Kathy Alexander**

50/50: Barbara Morris

Renewals/New Members to Date -29/8 - Donations \$700

Members – 117 & Associates - 22



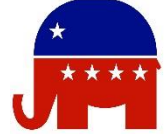
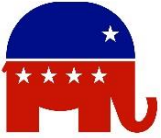
Linda Flowers
 Barbara Morris
 Billie Chappell
 Schala Duckett
 Dolores Noechel
 Corolla Anderson

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 Nov 15
 Nov 26
 Nov 28

OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS



**Left to right: 2nd VP Kathy Alexander, Kathleen Minter, Marilyn Gentry and Associate Member David Schmidt
 Jane Pritchett (not pictured)**



MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Our November message: Taken from Guidepost Walking in Grace 2023

“Veterans Day Story”

1. Searching TV and found “Saving Private Ryan”
2. Movie provided an opportunity to reflect on life
3. Weighty movie
4. Honor all veterans- sacrifice
5. Jesus sacrificed for us
6. Veteran’s Day – time to remember all sacrifices – religious and military



Song will be “God Bless America”

ANNA PEELE

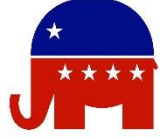
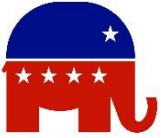
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our last donation request for 2023 will be to support the USO Center at the Destin-Fort Walton Airport. Needed items include individual wrapped snacks such as cookies, chips, gum, crackers and small microwaveable foods such as Mac and Cheese. No homemade items will be accepted due to health and safety reasons.

Thank you all so much for your generous donations throughout this past year.

Thank you,
Anna, Ellen, Karen and Linda Gail





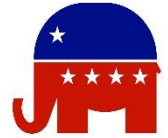
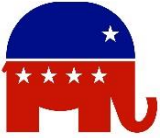
**Honoring Background Heroes
November 1, 2023**

In recognition of the strength, devotion, courage, and hope that military widows and widowers displayed during deployments, we are inviting these Background Heroes to dine with us as our guests.

**The Wyndham Garden Resort
Okaloosa Island**

Please RSVP to Kathy Foster
fosterpk@gnt.net or 850-244-4490

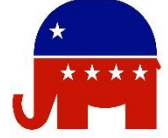
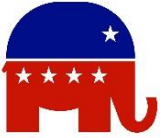
Please share stories or pictures prior to the event to be included in the day's program.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN MITZI HENLEY!

Mitzi has received the award for the “Community Advocate of the Year” at the 2023 Human Trafficking Summit. This very prestigious award was presented to Mitzi by Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody





THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance: We've all heard it thousands of times, reciting the words without giving much thought to the meaning, OR the punctuation.

But there's an interesting little quirk with the Pledge of Allegiance and it all has to do with a comma.

The pledge dates back to 1892 but the words "under God" weren't added until 1954. We now say the pledge like this:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation (pause) under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

That's not actually correct, though. There's no comma- and therefore no pause – in between one nation under God.

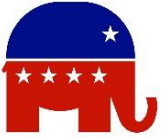
The issue comes up from time to time as it did one year in Utah when the State Legislature was debating a bill to honor the date when the phrase "under God" was added to the pledge.

Someone pointed out that one lawmaker, Sen. John Valentine, said the pledge differently than others. Valentine doesn't pause – it is one nation under God.

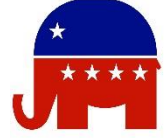
"There is no comma," Valentine said. *"We are one nation under God. We are not multiple nations, not multiple parts, but one nation under God."*

(There is so much to learn about our beautiful AMERICAN FLAG. Above is just a tidbit of our flags' history which I copied from an on-line account. I would like to suggest that when you have a few extra minutes, Google it and you will be amazed as to the thought that went into the words we recite at our meetings, sporting events, schools. The pledge has gone through quite a few rewrites. It was designed to push "Americanization" and help give our children a deeper understanding of the real meaning of PATRIOTISM" when they recited it in school. There is ONLY ONE AMERICAN FLAG, if you are an American, it is the only one you should be pledging your loyalty to. Can I get an AMEN to that?)

Submitted by Immediate Past President, *Maddie McNeal*



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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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