

RWOF President Deb Stone Welcome Back

Greetings to each of our wonderful members! I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation. But while we were taking our bi-annual two month break, President Donald Trump and his cabinet never stopped working hard for our country. Since we last met he achieved a major goal, namely the passage and signing into law the “Big, Beautiful Bill”. It fulfills many campaign promises that hard working citizens save billions of dollars. It also reduces regulations and cuts trillions of dollars in government waste. He sealed deals with dozens of foreign

companies bringing much needed jobs and investment to the USA. He continued to negotiate tariffs that will allow our products to be exported and reduce our national debt. He has kept our borders tightly sealed while arresting and deporting as many criminal illegal aliens as possible. Even though it's been on only a few short months, the accomplishments are endless. Peace deals have been signed ending wars that persisted for decades. Iran's nuclear ambitions have been obliterated. Military spending has increased while recruitment has sky rocketed. Exploration and drilling has caused energy prices to decline and help keep inflation low. I could go on forever, but I will stop here. As fall approaches, it is now time for us to get back to work. We will soon be electing new officers and preparing for 2026. We must focus all of our efforts on preserving majorities in both the House and Senate. We cannot let Democrats take control and put a stop to Trump's agenda during his final two years in office. I am certain they would love to make this happen!

There are several major events that will set the stage for success in 2026.

NFRW 43rd Biennial Convention 9/25-9/28 Orlando

OCREC Governor's Dinner 10/18th Destin/FtWalton Convention Center

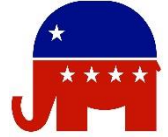
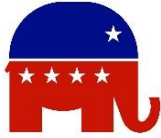
Tickets are \$150.00 per person and includes dinner. (checks payable OCREC)

Keynote Speaker-Governor Ron DeSantis

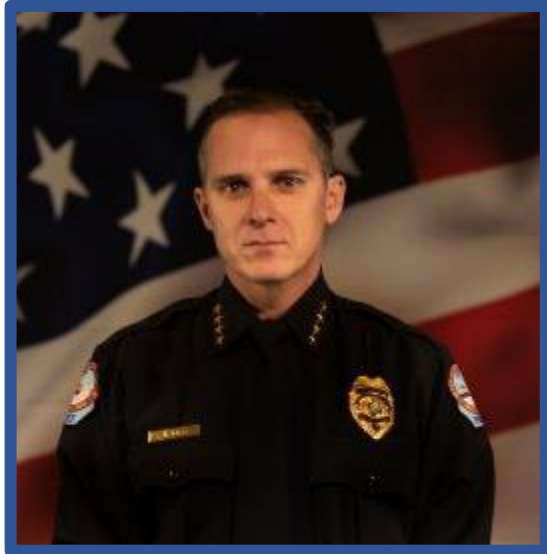
FFRW Biennial Fall Convention and Election of New officers-10/23-10/26 Daytona Beach

An exciting way to participate is to become a delegate and attend the FFRW Biennial Convention in Daytona Beach, FL on 10/23-10/26. We will pick delegates at our September meeting. Our club can have 10 delegates. It will be fun, educational and you can vote for me to become 2nd VP on the FFRW State Executive Committee, a position for which I was nominated by the FFRW Nominating committee.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME - THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA!



I wanted to share some great news! Our member Anna Peele's best friend Patsy's son, Jim O'Neill was recommended by President Trump and confirmed by Congress to be the 25th Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, working with Robert Kennedy to help make America Healthy Again. He is on the job! Deb



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

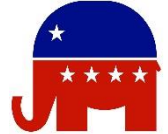
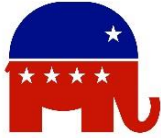
Chief Robert S. Bage

Robert Bage was born and raised in Miami, FL. After graduating from North Miami Senior high school in 1994, he enlisted in the United States Navy for three years and then joined the United States Border Patrol for a year. However, he missed his hometown and left the Border Patrol for the North Miami Police Department. He worked at the North

Miami Police Department from 1999 until 2019. During his tenure at the North Miami Police Department, he obtained the rank of Assistant Chief and worked in various units spanning all aspects of law enforcement, but he spent most of his career in Community Policing. He also served as the elected chair of the Police Pension Board and as a Union Representative.

During his time at the North Miami Police Department, he obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Florida International University in Psychology and his Master's degree from Barry University in Public Administration. Additionally, he attended the FBI National Academy (session 248), the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute of Policing (SMIP), and the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute's Chief Executive Seminar.

In 2019, he was selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Fort Walton Beach and has grown the department by adding a traffic and community policing unit. He also serves as the President of the First Judicial Law Enforcement Association and as the Florida Police Chiefs Association's District 10 Representative.



KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

**Home2Suites, 1930 Lewis Turner Blvd
(across from FWB Golf Course)**



Welcome back after our brief summer hiatus! We are pleased that Fort Walton Police Chief Robert Bage has accepted our invitation to speak on September 4 at Home2Suites at Freedom Tech Center, 1930 Lewis Turner Boulevard, 32547 (across from the FWB Golf Course).

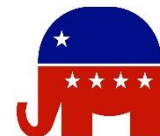
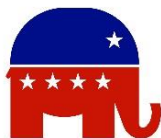
A Mexican themed buffet luncheon is planned: Seasoned Ground Beef & Shredded Chicken, Soft Corn Tortillas, Hard Taco Shells, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Monterey Jack Cheese, Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo, Chips with Salsa, and Chef's Choice Dessert. The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Reservations are required and due by **Wednesday, August 27. Due to the order/delivery schedule at this venue, late reservations cannot be accepted.**

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Caring for American Chair Sheryl Lauria has arranged for Food for Thought to be spotlighted in October. There are multiple ways for RWOF to participate with this organization. More info here:

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodForThoughtOutreach/>

We look forward to seeing you at the September 3 meeting. Gathering at 11:30, meeting promptly at 12:00.



KATHY ALEXANDER
2nd Vice President
Membership

Drawings for June/July:

Twisted Grape – Kathy Revello

(June), Phyllis Bernier (July)

Free Lunch – Jean Wallace, Linda
Flowers

50/50 – Oris Lovering

JoJo Table Runners – Oris Lovering, Kim McSparren



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST

Karen Beatham - 1
Carolyn Ketchel - 1
Betsey Plantholt - 1
Dale Martinez - 9
Linda Gail Martin - 13
Gloria Wilson - 17
Sheryl Lauria - 23
Lidia Webb - 23
Caroline Maney - 24

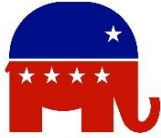
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER

Maddie McNeal - 5
Kay Hebert - 6
Mary Plummer - 6
Ginger B Madden - 7
Judy Allen - 8
Mira Villanacci - 10
Oris Lovering - 17
Vickie Morris - 17
Nancy D'Silva - 21
Lois Handzo - 22
Kim McSparren - 25
Jenny Berge - 26

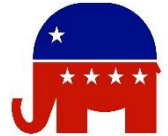
Members – 110

Associates – 15

Total - 125



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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 3 September 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!

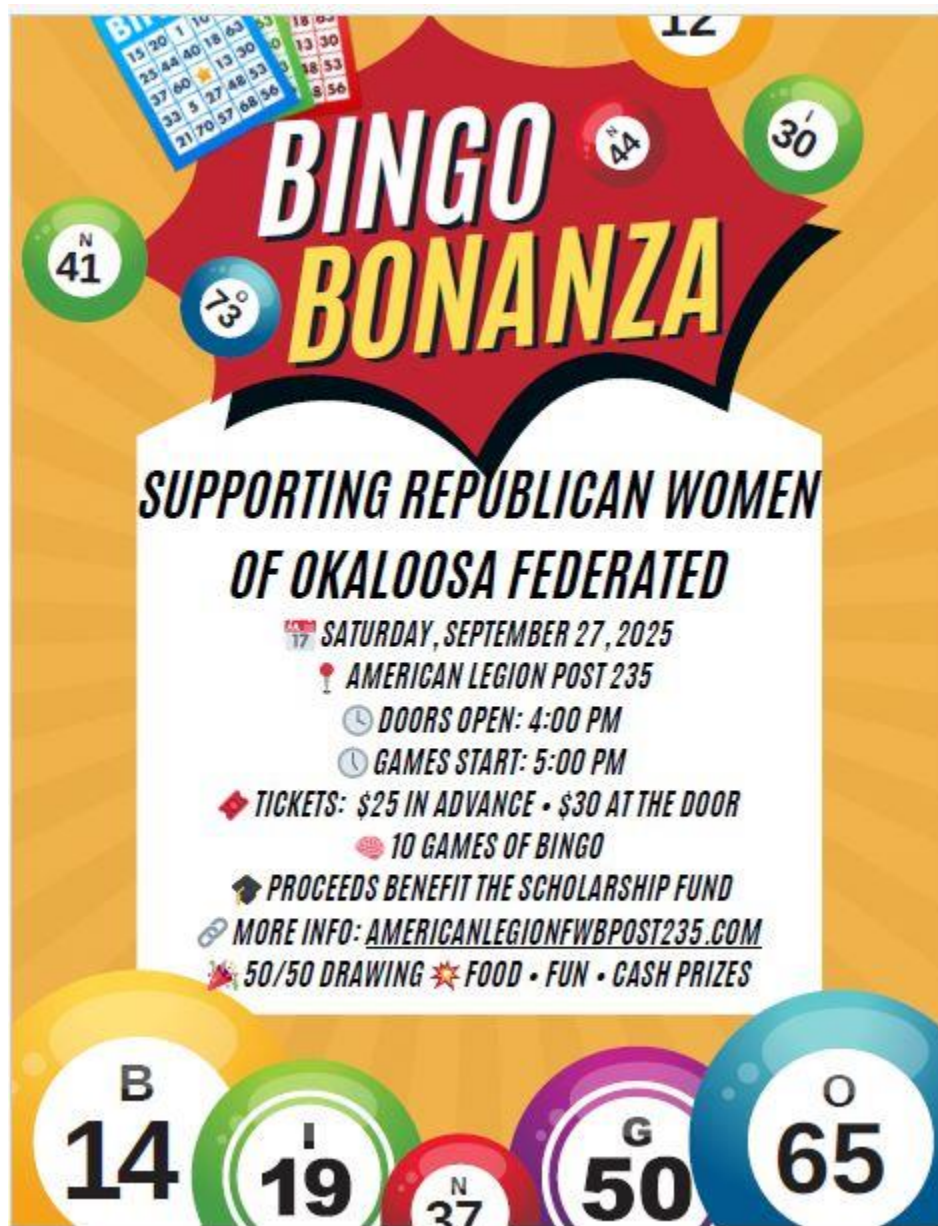
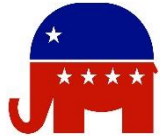
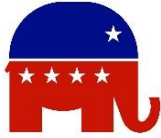


MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Message - America's Steel Resolve

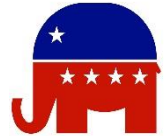
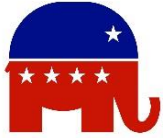
1. Address given to the American people on September 11, 2001 by President George Bush.
2. He was trying to unite us together after the tragedy on September 11th.
3. He was trying to encourage us to fight against the evil in the world.

Song - "My Country 'Tis of Thee"



Note: \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Extra sheets of playing bingo will be on sale at the door for \$1 a game. Those that arrive early may order dinner from Julie's Southern Joy and eat in the Bingo Hall. The menu includes fried chicken, pizza, sandwiches, and desserts. Ice Water will be free, but the Legion will have a bartender ready for the crowd.

Mary Potthast will be available to answer any questions, and tickets are currently on sale!



Destin-Ft Walton Beach Convention Center

*Fundraiser for the Okaloosa, Walton,
Santa Rosa, & Escambia Republican Party*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S *** DINNER ***



Jay Collins,
Florida Lt. Governor



Ron DeSantis,
Florida Governor



Blaise Ingoglia,
Florida CFO

Early Bird Price thru Sept 21st
Dinner \$150 VIP \$300
Tickets at OkaloosaGOP.com

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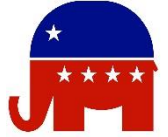
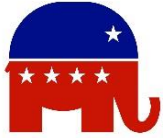
Presidential: \$10,000
Gold: \$7,500
Silver: \$5,000
Bronze: \$3,000
Includes a VIP Table for 10

VIP Reception, Social Hour and
Silent Auction start at 5:30 pm
Event starts at 6:45 pm



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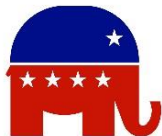
From the desk of Immediate Past President Maddie McNeal:

**THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA IS UPON US
THANK YOU, PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

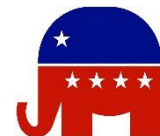
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OUR COUNTRY IS IN GOOD HANDS WITH THE BEST ADMINISTRATION TO EVER
WORK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!
GOD HAS BLESSED AMERICA!**



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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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