



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—March 2020

“These are the times that try men’s souls”

It’s heartening to see Americans, well most of them anyway, putting partisan politics aside and drawing together as one people to fight the viral storm that is coming at us. The following are words of wisdom from some famous Americans that we should all take to heart.

I encourage you to follow the game plan just like I tell the Tigers [LSU’s football players]—everybody pulling together. . . . Nobody gets in between us. Come on, we tough, bring it on.

—Ed Orgeron, Louisiana State University’s head football coach



We’re fighting the same war and I have your back and you have my back and we’re going to do everything we can for the people of the state of New York and the President agreed to that and his actions demonstrate that he is doing that.

—Andrew Cuomo, New York Governor, publicly praising President Trump over his response the coronavirus threat in his state.



I haven’t seen this kind of spirit since 9/11. Everybody’s looking at each other as an ally, not a foe. It’s gonna take this kind of spirit to defeat this.

—Sen. Lindsey Graham

Early this morning I watched a segment of “The Morning Joe” show on MSNBC and heard Sen. Chuck Schumer say the following:

I want to see that people get money, not big businesses.

They call it “The Morning Joe” show, but it should be “The Morning Shmo” show. Let’s hope Scarborough and Schumer finally wake up and get us a message worth hearing during this National Emergency. It would be better late than never.



The Morning Schmo

Mighty Mitch

By Sid Dinerstein
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 February 26, 2020

My readers know that I have one author that I love to quote: Me. So here goes. In late February, 2016, I write an article entitled “Is Conservatism Dead?” I closed the article with the following: “We have no leaders and no fight-to-the-death issues. Except one: Scalia’s replacement. Conservatism will continue to live and breathe if the next President makes the appointment. Conservatism is DEAD if President Obama makes the appointment. It’s binary. And Mitch McConnell is the man in the crosshairs.”

And the rest, as they say, is history. Instead of a Liberal named Garland we got a Conservative name Gorsuch. And I got myself a new hero: a guy named Mitch McConnell. A guy who we see on television but know so little about. Allow me to fill in the blanks, with a great assist from Wikipedia. Addison Mitchell McConnell Jr was born on February 20, 1942, in Alabama. (Happy Birthday Mitch.) He was educated at the University of Louisville (BA) and went to law school at the University of Kentucky (JD). His career in public service started out as the Jefferson County (Kentucky) Judge/Executive. He then became the Acting United States Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs. He became United States Senator McConnell, from the great state of Kentucky, in 1984. He is in his sixth term. He became Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Majority Whip, Senate Minority Leader and, in 2015, Senate Majority Leader. At this point, Senator McConnell is the longest serving United States Senator from Kentucky in history and the longest serving United States Republican Senate Leader in history.

Mitch McConnell is married to Elaine Chao, Cabinet Secretary under Presidents Bush (Jr) and Trump. He has three children from a previous marriage. Their net worth of approximately \$20 million is mostly due to “gifts” from her family. Along the way, Senator McConnell made *Time’s* 2015 list of the 100 most influential people in the world. He founded the James Madison Center for Free Speech. He was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution. And he had the dubious honor of being repeatedly skewered by Jon Stewart on the *Daily Show*, often likened to a turtle.

So now that you know everything about our Senate Majority Leader, what makes him so special? The answer is: Mitch McConnell knows what he believes in. And he is willing to fight for it. We’re used to leaders named Ryan and Boehner and Cantor waiting to “reach across the aisle” to sell out our party and our country. Mitch McConnell comes from the Reagan/Trump style of governing: Let’s articulate our core beliefs and let the other side join us. And if that doesn’t work let’s go over their heads and appeal to the American voter. Reagan got 49 states for his reelection. So might Trump.

Majority Leader McConnell holds the record for fewest judges approved in the last two years of an opposing President’s term. In other words, President Obama got very little

from Majority Leader McConnell. Indeed, Mitch McConnell calls his non-approval of nominee Garland the “most consequential” action of his career. And what has he done for President Trump? He’s over 190 federal judges, a full one-fourth of the federal judiciary. And don’t forget Gorsuch and Kavanaugh. Mitch McConnell doesn’t shrink from a fight. He is the perfect legislator for the very active President Trump.



And then there was the Impeachment process. The common wisdom was that Speaker Pelosi and Chairmen Nadler and Schiff were too powerful and too crafty, that President Trump would get roughed up and become damaged goods heading into reelection. The uncommon wisdom was that Mitch McConnell would eat their lunch. Nancy Pelosi tried to get her rules for the Senate Impeachment trial. Mitch McConnell asked: “How can she have leverage by not sending over something we don’t want?” Nancy Pelosi got forced into the Impeachment process when she lost her caucus. Mitch McConnell scored a clear victory in the Impeachment process when he held his caucus. No new witnesses. Rising poll numbers for the President. And the self-destruction of Nancy Pelosi at the end of the State of the Union Address. Let ’er rip!

Game, set and match.

There’s a postscript. In a press conference following the Impeachment hearings, Mitch McConnell chastised the Democrats. He said that they should put forth policy positions rather than propose the destruction of revered American institutions. He said “no” to Supreme Court packing, “no” to abolishing the Electoral College, “no” to ending the Presumption of Innocence, “no” to ending Due Process, “no” to weaponizing the Impeachment clause of the Constitution. I say “YES” to Mighty Mitch.

Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as “Charter School Advocate.” He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.



Session Update Week 8

Our work in the Florida House continued in week 8. I have been in Tallahassee focused on advancing my bills, seeking funding for my appropriation requests, and working on finalizing the state budget. Because this is the last week of the Legislative Session, we will be on and off the House Floor all day. You can watch floor sessions live on The Florida Channel.

Holocaust Education:

On Monday the House voted on and unanimously passed a bill close to my heart. HB 1213, a bill sponsored jointly by myself and Rep. Fine, requires that the Holocaust be sufficiently taught in our schools. Currently, an unacceptable amount of Florida students are uninformed and Florida teachers don't have the right tools to use in their lesson plans. This good bill gives schools updated curriculum standards for teaching the subject in K-12 schools. It also mandates that every public and charter school teach students about Anti-Semitism. This bill now heads to the Senate for a vote and hopefully to the Governor for his approval.

Hospitals:

Hospitals that qualify for local property tax exemptions should have to prove that they provide an equal value to their communities. On Friday, my bill HB 919 passed the House, which encourages non-profit hospitals to provide additional charitable medical care to low income or medically underserved individuals. It does this by limiting the property tax exemption to the cost of the charitable care that the hospital provides to the public. It now heads to the Senate for a vote.

Trusts:

On Monday, the House passed HB 1089 titled "Trusts" which I was proud to sponsor. The bill updated a provision in Florida's statutes that will allow trustees to have the option to reimburse the grantor for income taxes even if the trust document is silent on it. The effects of this bill will encourage large trusts to move to Florida, bringing in numerous professionals and supporting jobs in our state and in Palm Beach County. It now heads to the Senate for a vote.

Coronavirus:

I have been trying to keep our community up to date on the Coronavirus. If I get updates from the Department of Health I will share them with you on my Facebook or Twitter page as timely as possible.

Understanding the need to act proactively, the Florida House and Senate agreed to \$25 million of additional state funds to fight the Coronavirus, almost matching the \$27 million in Federal funds granted to our state.

As the threat of the virus grows, the Florida Department of Health continues to provide useful information in conjunction with local needs. You can access Palm Beach County relevant information here. Florida has also put in place CDC recommended restrictions for those returning from international travel: find out if you're effected here. If you have any questions, the Department's Coronavirus call center is now open 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (866) 779-6121 or you can email your questions to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Remember, if you find yourself becoming sick, believe it may be coronavirus and live in Palm Beach County call 561-671-4184.

COVID-19 : CORONAVIRUS				
What are the symptoms?	Coughing	Shortness of breath	Fever	Flu-like symptoms
How can you protect yourself?	Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.	Frequently wash your hands.	Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.	
What should you do if you have symptoms?	Consult a healthcare professional.	Review signs, symptoms, and travel history with your physician.	Do not go to work.	Avoid close contact with other people.
For more information and resources, please visit http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/index.html https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html				
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“The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman
Florida National Committeeman*

MARCH 13—The silver lining in the coronavirus cloud. . .

Now that the number of new people infected with the coronavirus in China is slowing down, the country's Communist Party is ratcheting up threats against the West, with a particularly nasty warning about access to life-saving drugs aimed at the United States.

In an article in Xinhua, the state-run media agency that's largely considered the mouthpiece of the party, Beijing bragged about its handling of COVID-19, a virus that originated in the city of Wuhan and has spread quickly around the world, killing nearly 5,000 people and infecting thousands more. The article also claimed that China could impose pharmaceutical export controls which would plunge America into “the mighty sea of coronavirus.”

Where is the silver lining in all of this?

We learn that Mr. Trump has been right all along.

One of the pillars of “Make America Great Again” is to bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States.

Read the threats by the Chinese government above and you see how important this is. Along with energy independence and creating strong borders, Donald Trump gets it.

The disturbing threats made during a global pandemic as well as the scary consequences if that threat becomes real highlight just how tight China's grip is on the global supply chain. Already, the Food and Drug Administration has announced the first drug shortage related to the coronavirus. Though it did not disclose which drug was in short supply, the FDA did say it could not access enough raw components needed because they are made in China.

Our weakening as a nation has been in the works for years. Finally, Donald Trump is the right man at the right time . . . For Such A Time As This. . .

MARCH 12—Is the Coronavirus being over-hyped?

Well, as far as Florida is concerned, it would sure seem so. . .

Once again, let's deal in FACTS:

As of this morning, the Coronavirus infection rate in Florida is 0.000126 percent of the Florida population.

Let that number sink in—That is not one percent of the population.

That is not one-tenth of one percent of the population.

That is not one one-hundredth of one percent of the population.

It's a little over 1/1000th of one percent of the population.

That's 27 active infections out of 21,300,000 Florida citizens.

Seriously.

Will there be more? Of course.

But let's not get crazy about this.

My personal opinion is that the worse the Democrats and the left-wing media can make it seem, they hope it will reflect poorly on Mr. Trump.

As for me? I am looking for buying opportunities in the stock market :):):)

MARCH 11—Are you sick and tired of the lies spread by Democrat candidates and major media outlets faulting the President for his handling of the coronavirus, but don't quite know what to say in response?

Me too. . .

Here are the facts:

What You Need To Know: The Trump Administration's Response To The Coronavirus

While Democrats Continue Playing Politics, The Trump Administration Is Taking Quick, Decisive Action To Address The Coronavirus

On January 7, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention established a coronavirus incident management system to provide support for the government's coronavirus response.

The CDC has issued guidance for healthcare professionals to assess exposure to the virus and to evaluate individuals.

The CDC has also developed a test which will allow state and local labs to diagnose the virus.

Following the outbreak of the virus, the Trump Administration quickly committed billions in resources to address the virus including signing a bill that provides \$7.76 billion to federal, state and local agencies to combat the virus and authorizes \$500 million in waivers for Medicare telehealth restrictions.

Additionally, the Trump Administration transferred \$35 million to the CDC to help state and local communities that have been impacted most by the coronavirus.

President Trump donated his quarterly salary to the Department of Health and Human Services to support efforts to confront the coronavirus!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Trump Administration also initiated travel bans and quarantines of individuals suspected of potentially having the virus including suspending entry of foreign nationals who have been to China and Iran within the past 14 days. The Trump Administration's response to the virus has been praised by the Democrat Governors from Washington, California and New York.

Democrat Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, praised President Trump for supporting his state saying “he said everything I could have hoped for . . . and every single thing he said, they followed through on.”



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Washington Governor Jay Inslee said the Federal government was responsive and diligent to the needs of his state regarding the coronavirus.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo praised the Trump Administration's appointment of Mike Pence to head the coronavirus task force and said his administration had a "highly functional relationship" with the Trump Administration.

WHILE PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS TAKEN DECISIVE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE CORONAVIRUS, DEMOCRATS ARE PLAYING POLITICS.

When the CDC established its coronavirus incident management system, Democrats were attacking the President for eliminating the terrorist Qasem Soleimani.

When the CDC activated its emergency operations center to provide support for the coronavirus response, then-Presidential Candidate Elizabeth Warren was promising to assign a federal task force to investigate the Trump Administration.

When Vice President Mike Pence detailed the steps the Administration was taking to counter the virus, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer was still trying to perpetuate the White House impeachment sham.

When the Trump Administration instituted a travel ban on individuals who could potentially have the virus, Democrats accused the administration of xenophobia and fearmongering.

Epidemiologists and former U.S. health officials told Time that the initial travel restrictions "likely helped to slow the spread of the virus."

Nuff said. President Trump . . . 4 more years!

MARCH 10—The historic election of 2020 is only 8 months away so now is the time to fight and prepare for election fraud.

Thankfully, Judicial Watch and the Republican National Lawyers Association are leading the way. . .

Enter the National Voter Registration Act. The NVRA, passed by Congress in 1993, requires "reasonable efforts" to remove ineligible voters from voter rolls.

Of course, the Democrats and liberal media decry ANY attempts to comply with federal election law as "racist."

Those of us who believe in the rule of law and the sanctity of fair and honest elections know better.

For example, here is a partial list of counties where there are more registered voters than there are people in the County!!!!:

Colorado—Jefferson County

California—No less than 11 counties with more voters than people (surprise, surprise) including San Diego and San Francisco Counties (who knew? LOL)

Various counties in North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania are also over-registered.

Know this, the RNC and other groups are very aware of pandemic voter fraud, much more widespread than the corona virus. This time around, we will be ready.

No more stealing elections under our watch. They tried in Florida in 2018—Denied.

MARCH 8—More good news on the Trump economy, while the Democrat candidates call our President "The most dangerous President in American history."

My response to that is, you bet—dangerous to the Democrat Party which wants to turn the United States into another socialist "paradise."

No thank you, not on our watch.

Check this out:

With A Quarter Million New Jobs Added In February, The U.S. Has Topped What Experts Predicted For All Of 2020 In Just Two Months

The Facts:

WITH 273,000 JOBS ADDED IN FEBRUARY, Friday's JOBS REPORT SMASHED EXPECTATIONS.

The nearly 550,000 jobs added in January and February alone topped what the Congressional Budget Office predicted for all of 2020.

The 273,000 jobs added in February brought the total number of jobs added since President Trump's election to 7.3 million.

Unemployment fell to match a 50-year low at 3.5%.

Fox Business' Dagan McDowell: Unemployment "is the lowest that I have ever seen in my lifetime and that's what matters to people."

Manufacturing and construction defied expectations posting "solid" job growth.

Americans are coming off the sidelines and back into the workforce as labor force participation is close to the highest level since mid-2013.

CNN's Christine Romans: February jobs report shows "strong labor market," "heavy hiring across the spectrum."

The New York Times Senior Economic Correspondent Neil Irwin: "Blockbuster jobs report for February."

Chris Rupkey, Chief Financial Economist of MUFG Union Bank: "The employment report was nearly perfect." Economist Justin Wolfers: Today's job and unemployment numbers are "really darn good news."

CNBC's Sara Eisen: "This is a very strong jobs report." *The Washington Post*: Today's jobs numbers highlight the "impressive growth and strength" of the U.S. economy.

The New York Times: In an "impressive showing" the U.S. economy "churned out a blockbuster number of jobs," for the second month in a row.

Lara Rhame, Chief U.S. Economist for FS Investments: Today's jobs report was "good news," despite global uncertainties the U.S. economy is "much more resilient" than other world powers like Germany or Japan.

The Wall Street Journal's James Freeman: "Phenomenal" jobs report evidence of Trump policies creating "great economy."

The most dangerous president in history?????

I guess so, if you love poverty, despair, hopelessness, dependence on government and socialism.

For the rest of us—Go Trump!

Peter Feaman is Florida's National Committeeman, representing the State of Florida on the RNC. His "Backhoe Chronicles," a commentary on draining the swamp, appears on Facebook.

The Broward Black Republican Club Holds Inaugural Frederick Douglass Gala

The Broward Black Republican Club held its Inaugural Frederick Douglass Gala at the Doubletree by Hilton in Deerfield Beach on Saturday, February 29. The Palm Beach County Republican Party was proud to be a sponsor of this successful event.

Kudos to event organizer Lucdwin Luck, Club President and RPOF Regional Field Director, and to master of ceremonies Christina McKinnon, Esq. Guest speakers included Phil Bell of FreedomWorks and Florida Representative Byron Donalds, who is also a candidate for U.S. Congress. Special entertainment was provided by celebrated singer and actress Mary Millben and dinner music was provided by V. Connection Band. It was a special event and the Broward Black Republican Club is to be commended.



Left to right: Christina McKinnon, Mary Millben, and Lucdwin Luck.



Event organizer Lucdwin Luck (left) with Rep. Byron Donalds.



Guest speaker Phil Bell of FreedomWorks.



Carol Moroco and Scott Newmark, founder of Americans for Trump National, with recording artist Mary Millben (center).



Left to right: Rosemary O'Mara, Michele Merrell, Lucdwin Luck, Linda Johnson, and Cheryl Mullings.

Democratic Socialists or Republican Capitalists?

By *George Blumel*

Our intrepid district 21 Rep. Frankel challengers tell their views of this congressional race as being well beyond personalities or promises to special interests or pet projects. It is clearly a battle between individual freedom vs. government authoritarianism, capitalism vs. socialism and a government of laws—our Constitution—vs. a government of political dictats.

The district 21 race is a microcosm of the national race in that [Rep. Frankel](#) is what they call a democratic socialist, which is really a contradiction in terms.

Please study our exceptional candidates' histories and their expressed positions in this series and further elaborated upon in their websites.

Laura Loomer lauraloomerforcongress.com/

Democrat presidential candidates are all hard left and embrace socialism. This year free-market capitalism rooted in God-given rights and liberties are under threat. This election is not only about winning seats for Republicans, it's about fiercely rejecting socialism in all forms and reminding our fellow citizens, especially the young, that government control of society will lead to oppression and tyranny. President Trump says, "America will never be a socialist nation," but I say never say never. If we don't take back the House, we might slide into socialism in a few years. That's why I'm running to flip FL-21 red.

Liz Felton <http://electelizabethfelton.com>

People are waking up to why they are painted as victims. It instills a permanent mindset that no matter what, you will never succeed as well as someone who is not by color, gender or sexual preference in the "privileged" box. It is a brilliant but sinister means of social control. Create victimhood where there is none and prey on the emotions that follow by arriving as the hero and lead them into outrage. Congress does not need leaders, it needs representatives. Capitalism allows the individual to flourish through freedom. Socialism destroys the individual and only serves to benefit tyrants.

Christian Acosta www.voteacosta.com

"This election offers voters a clear choice between the freedom of a market economy and the poverty of socialism. It does not matter what word you put in front of socialism, it is still rule by "elites."a Rule by "elites" is what gave us slavery, segregation, pogroms, Communism, and the Holocaust. Socialism is authoritarianism regardless of whether you get to vote for it. America is strongest when we are most free and this starts with the economy. Lois Frankel will go along with every socialist economic policy because she won't pay the price for it, we will. Join me in stopping her this November 2020. Vote Acosta!"

Michael Bluemling, Jr.

<https://bluemling2020.com>

When I look at this country and where we stand today, I realize that the time is now for action against the fight for freedom vs. socialism. The *failures* of the current representative are irrefutable. We must return to our foundation, which focuses on duty, honor and country as the backbone of America as one nation under God. Having served in the U.S. Army, I have seen firsthand what happens when you allow democracy to be controlled by radicals that go against fundamental constitutional principles. We cannot afford two more years of that with Rep. Frankel; we must act now!



Michael Vilardi www.vilardi2020.com

As an IRS Enrolled Agent I protect taxpayers from the IRS. A recent case the client received a \$20,000 bill from IRS. I wrote the IRS explaining their error and a month later she got a revised bill for \$50.99! I know firsthand how big government can ruin people's lives. Lois Frankel has always advocated for a larger and more intrusive government. I, on the other hand, believe in smaller government and more freedom!! My experience makes me the right person to be CD21 congressman. As a Congressman I will do everything possible to promote capitalism and oppose socialism. Check out my other websites: www.winningtaxsolutions.com, and www.mikevilardibooks.com

Aaron Scanlan www.electscanlan.com

I have spent almost 30 years defending our country. I am part of a long family line who has defended our constitution and our way of life. Being willing to give my life to protect our system and our constitution is my basis for the fight against the socialist left, especially Rep. Frankel as we have a clear path to defeating her in November. This election cycle is the most important election in my lifetime. This district is critical in taking back the House and preventing a turn towards socialism. And who better to serve than myself who was prepared to die defending it for almost 30 years?

Victor Garcia da Rosa

<https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com/>

Did not respond.

Readers: What do you want to hear from and/or know about our candidates? Let me know via email gblumel@bellsouth.net

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I've Got It All

by Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

Recently I was asked, “Would you have done things differently in your life if you had the opportunity to start over again?” My answer was a definite NO! Of course, I could have fine-tuned it better, but this would be splitting hairs for no appreciable gain. I have a wife who I see as being as lovely as when I married her over six decades ago. I have three loving, well-educated daughters, all married, who have given us eight wonderful grandchildren and eight equally as wonderful great-grandchildren. All indications are that these offspring will bring us pride and pleasure well into the future. Why then change anything?

Does this mean that my life has been perfect? No, of course not. Have there been problems, sadnesses, and conflicts? Of course. However, life is relative; not being perfect doesn't mean failure. It means having perhaps an 800+ winning percentage out of a possible 1000. Are there those with a 900+ winning percentage in life? I am sure that there are, but my guess is that they are few and far between. Hence, I have done exceedingly well on the relativity scale.

What a mistake it would be to second-guess my life's development. I could speculate as to whether I would have been happier had I married “blank.” However, I would then have to speculate as well that the answer would be no. “She” probably would not have been as tolerant as my wife toward my “I try to be perfect and, therefore, I expect you to be the same” attitude. I could wonder if I would have been happier with the sons for which I had plans since boyhood, instead of the three daughters I have. And the answer comes, “Not Possible!” The love, caring, sense of family and the eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren with which they blessed me could in no way be exceeded!

Would I have done better had I followed a legal/political career (which I contemplated early on) or a corporate career, rather than the one I had in the federal service? Not at all. I certainly would have made more money, but that is and always has been unimportant to me. I doubt that I would have attained greater recognition, satisfaction or camaraderie than that which I enjoyed in my career.

Would I have been better off to have made the military a career after receiving my ROTC commission, rather than going into the reserve after only two years of active duty? Most unlikely! Perhaps I could've become a general officer; in view of the fact that I was able to rise to the rank of Colonel even as a reservist. However, had I stayed on as a full-time professional soldier I may have wound up in a body bag in Vietnam—who knows? The point is, as we



have so often heard it said, that “the grass is always greener in someone else's backyard,” or so it might seem.

We ask ourselves whether we could've done something different to make ours greener. As indicated, I have concluded that I could not have! Had I, in fact, traveled the alternate paths outlined above; that is had I married someone else, been delivered of sons, followed a private sector career or made and survived the military career as a general, there is no doubt in my mind that I would now simply be speculating on a different set of questions. I would be asking today, “Wouldn't it have been wonderful if I had married Dorothy Fox, had three lovely and loving daughters, been presented with eight wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren, had successful government service and military careers, and been able to have retired to the Sunshine State of Florida?” Well, I think you get the drift: I don't have to ask those questions. The fact is I'VE GOT IT ALL!

Col. Arthur DeRuve was commissioned a second lieutenant through the college ROTC program, and after serving with the 2nd Armored Division as a Cold War soldier in Germany, he remained an additional 28 years in the Army's active reserve, including 11 years as a military liaison officer for West Point. He is a graduate of the Army's Artillery and Guided Missile School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Fordham University and a master's degree in public administration from New York University. He and his wife Dorothy have been married more than 60 years, and after being “snowbirds” for many years, now reside in Wellington.

Transgressions of the Left

By *CS Bennett*

Vengeance is Mine, and retribution. In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them. —Deuteronomy 32:35. (New American Standard Bible).

For more than 200 years, our party has led the fight for civil rights, health care, Social Security, workers' rights, and Women's Rights. They cite that in 1920 that Under the leadership of Democratic President Woodrow Wilson, the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote. —Democrat Party Website.

The above statement is an untruth, or better yet, an outright lie. Things born of a lie can never be recognized as truth, nor can it ever represent truth. President Wilson never supported Women's suffrage. He was outflanked by the Republicans who placed him in a position so he had no choice but to sign the bill. Unfortunately, the Democrat Party is a cesspool of untruths, misrepresentations, and disinformation. At some point in time, they will have to pay for their sins to humanity and to the citizens of the United States of America.

Below is what the Democrats must be held accountable for. To begin with, they must acknowledge their role in the enslavement of Africans brought here against their will, ungodly human rights abuse committed against these Africans as they endured a "hell on earth" life on Southern plantations, the repeated raping of African women and children, the corporal murder of this ethnic group, thousands of lynchings committed by white Southern Democrats, and Jim Crow Laws, along with voting rights violations. They must answer for the widespread poverty created by their failed policies. And yes, they must be held accountable for their war on Black conservatives and the lies spewed about the Republican Party and the threats made towards Republican leaders and Supreme Court justices. Intimidation on this level cannot, and must not, be tolerated in this republic.

The Democrats must answer for segregation, cultural suppression, domestic terrorism, their enforcers the KKK, and the massive loss of life during the Civil War. They have to answer for today's ghettos, our failing schools, and the war on American citizens' right to arm and defend themselves, as is guaranteed and protected by the 2nd Amendment. They must come clean on schemes such as the "Fast & Furious" gun smuggling project, sanctuary cities, and for



booing and coming close to taking God off their convention platform. And they must answer for the Clinton's and Obama's role in stirring up unrest in this nation, and subversive actions aimed at bringing down the presidency of President Trump.

Then there's the assault on our health care system, our law enforcement agencies, the TEA Party, and other Republican enterprises. They must face dire consequences for the three-year bogus Russian Collusion campaign of theirs. More importantly, all of those behind this scheme must be brought to justice. They must be made to pay for their subversive anti-American ways. They have to be made to account for their open borders policies, the issuance of driver's licenses and citizens rights to non-citizens, and Barack Hussein Obama's pronouncement that this is not a Christian nation. Then there are those *Angel Parents*, whose family members have been killed by illegal aliens. The left must answer for their role in these murders.

Justice of this sort is the providence of God Almighty, yes. But *we the people* can begin the much-needed demise of the Democrat Party by voting for true conservatives with true conservative values come November. In order to put down this evil dragon for good, we must defeat their policies and their ability to spread lies and mass market their propaganda. We must reclaim our tarnished school system and its left-wing/Marxist curriculum and reverse the damage they have done on our young children's minds and psyches. For me, that day will come, and Lord, not too soon...

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So, there 'tis:

How long will Jews ignore Democrat anti-Semitism?

By Larry P. Horist

February 1, 2020

The Democratic Party has long benefited from overwhelming Jewish support. To make sense of it, one must assume that Democratic Party anti-Semitism is not an important issue – not now and not for generations. There have been various strains of anti-Semitism within Democrat ranks at least since the days of Franklin Roosevelt.

Jews are well represented in the leadership ranks of the Democratic Party. They serve as mayors, governors and members of Congress. They run for President of the United States—currently former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. No Jewish candidate, however, has ever been nominated for President by the Democratic or Republican Parties—a more damning criticism of Democrats since that is where the center of Jewish political power resides.

It is not only a matter of politics. Jews have done very well in rising to positions of influence and power in business, entertainment, news media and academia. So, why the tolerance of anti-Semitism within the ranks of their preferred political party?

One explanation for ignoring the anti-Semitism within the Democratic Party is that the Jewish community is overwhelmingly found in major cities ruled over by Democrat political machines. It is not uncommon for oppressed people to align with their oppressors to survive or prosper. If you want to function or succeed in those environments, you go along to get along. In some ways, it is similar to the black slave owners in the old Democrat southland who allied with the racist white elite.

Others have conjectured that the level of anti-Semitism found in America is tolerable since it is not near the level found in Nazi Germany and other nations—where Jews were persecuted and subjected to genocidal pogroms.

It is also possible that the influential Jewish elite in the Democratic Party do not see the increasing anti-Semitism that runs through the core of the Party—pure psychological denial.

Despite these explanations advanced by political scientists and sociologists, it still a wonderment—especially with Anti-Semitism on the rise.

What is apparent—and a bit mystifying—is why anti-Semitism is allowed to exist in a political party so depend-

ent on Jewish support. Democrat leaders seem to be loath to call out anti-Semitism in any meaningful way – even Jewish leaders. There are always statements of condemnation when a synagogue is vandalized or worshipers are shot, but that is universal. Jewish outrage is no louder than general outrage. Even worse, no action is taken.

What is even more alarming is the muted voices of Jewish members of Congress when colleagues promote, endorse and sport anti-Semitic statements and proposals. Most of the members of the so-called “squad”—Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar to name a few—make statements against Israel and Jews in general, there are no consequences. When they go contrary to U.S. official foreign policy to support the Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel, there are no consequences.

When Congresswoman Ilhan Omar raised the old trope about Jewish money influencing Congress with the “Benjamins,” the House passed only a generic resolution against racism, anti-Semitism and all the other isms. Omar was not even mentioned in the resolution. However, Omar was named anti-Semite of the year in 2019 by StopAntiSemitism.org—beating out Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Anti-Semitism within the black community has gone unchecked for decades. Despite his spewing the foulest anti-Semitic rhetoric, Farrakhan is often invited to participate in Democrat events. Former Congressman Keith Ellison was a full-time disciple of Farrakhan.

President Obama’s pastor—Jeremiah Wright of Trinity United Church in Chicago—often sermonized against Jews and maintained a friendship with Farrakhan. In Chicago, a number of black Democrat leaders visited and supported the old Kaddafi regime in Libya. Still no condemnation from the Democrat Party.



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Over many years, animosity between blacks and Jews has led to tragic confrontations in such Democrat-run cities as New York and Chicago without effective intervention by the leaders of the political machines.

Animosity between Jews and blacks is not new—and it is a two-way street. One Jewish business leader in Chicago said he supports the Democrat machine because Mayor Daley the Second was driving blacks out of the city—or as he put it, “reclaiming the city.” I have a friend who had a similar conversation in Florida. In explaining his support to Democrats despite having otherwise conservative views, the Jewish gentleman rhetorically inquired, “Do you know how many blacks there would be if it were not for abortions?”

During a heated moment at the 1968 Democrat National Convention, a red-faced Chicago Mayor Richard Daley the First yelled at Connecticut Senator Abraham Ribicoff, who was critical of the City handling of the riots outside the convention. Professional lip readers translated Daley’s words as, “F*** you, you Jew son of a bitch, you lousy mother-f*cker go home.

Despite the rampant racial animosity between tow of the democrats’ core constituencies, the leadership does nothing to resolve it. Maybe because it would offend both groups. This history is important because anti-Semitism and racism are social dynamics—and anti-Semitism is on the rise again in America—including in Congress. It is undermining

America’s critical friendship with the only democracy in the Middle East.

By turning a blind eye to the existence of anti-Semitism within its ranks, the Democratic Party tolerates it much like it tolerates its own racism that has blacks segregated and impoverished in our inner cities. You would think that such influential Jewish Democrats as Bernie Sanders, Michael Bloomberg, Adam Schiff, Sidney Blumenthal, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz—and so many more—would take greater interest in the anti-Semitism within the Democratic Party. It seems like one of those situations where they get theirs, so to Hell with everyone else.

So, there ‘tis.

So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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The Man Who Would Be Governor: Andrew Gillum Found Intoxicated in a South Beach Hotel Room with a Male Escort Who OD'd on Crystal Meth

Former Tallahassee mayor and Democrat gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum was found in a South Beach Hotel room with a naked male escort, Travis Dyson, who had overdosed on crystal meth. Dyson, 30, who posts explicit photos



Andrew Gillum with his wife

and homemade porn movies online and identifies himself as a “pornstar performer,” had a profile on the website Rent.men, which advertises male escorts and sex workers. A third male, Aldo Mejias, 56, who was also in the room, claimed that Gillum and Dyson had been “under the influence of an unknown substance.” Gillum, married to R. Jai Howard and the father of three young children, was too intoxicated to answer questions when paramedics and police arrived at the Mondrian South Beach, and insisted he had not used drugs but had too much to drink at a wedding. He was not charged and was allowed to return home.

Gillum lost to Ron DeSantis in the 2018 gubernatorial election by 32,463 votes.

—CherylMullings



Travis Dyson

Safety Heading Up to the Election

*By Alan Mentser
Director of Security, Club 45 USA*

As most are aware but some may not be, incidents of violence directed to conservatives, houses of worship, and Republicans are on the rise across the country. The loss of the last presidential election and the coming loss ahead for the pitiful group of Democrats or socialists or whatever the label of the day is, looms forefront in their minds.

As I have said many times over the past 18 months or more, these incidents of violence will only increase the closer we get to the next presidential election. Be ready. You have been advised.

As evidence of this, one only needs to look at a verified and credible report from our own state in Jacksonville, where a deranged person attempted to run over volunteers attempting to register voters, of all places, in a parking lot. That was earlier this month. Seemingly harmless enough, right? NO! You would be 100% wrong. . . .

Then there was the GOP office with a bullet hole in the front window, the Turnpike incident, and others.

Right here in Palm Beach County we have had some of our own issues too. Pointing this out is not to instill fear in anyone. Quite the opposite!

To this end our security team of dedicated volunteers, many with prior military and law enforcement experience, are going to engage in more sign waving locations and other activities moving closer to the election.

With that being stated, I want to provide a few practical tips anyone can use every day.

1. Be keenly aware of your surroundings and pay attention to things that may be out of place. We call that situational awareness. I employ it in every location action, every day.
2. Position yourself and your event with safety and security in mind. Where is the nearest exit? Closest fire extinguisher? Ask yourself what if? If outside, possibly place vehicles in a defensive posture to create a barrier. I think you get the point.
3. Never argue with the opposition. A healthy debate based on facts is one thing, but once the line is crossed, disengage.



4. If in a group setting have a designated leader or overseer to engage on matters of importance or to contact law enforcement if needed. Do not flood the dispatch center with multiple calls. Let the leader do it.
5. Have a designated recorder of events with video, if any way possible. It will help with reporting and documentation if that is needed.
6. For group settings of more than 50 people, you are required by Florida Statutes to have trained crowd managers based on the total number of attendees. Yes, there is a class for that. Just because you are renting or meeting in a venue does not mean that will be provided for you. Are you in compliance?

I have witnessed some persons conducting intelligence gathering on some of our local events. PLEASE KNOW in advance that anything you say or do may, and most likely is, being recorded out in the open. Think of our friend at Project Veritas, James O'Keefe and the work he does.

Do not give the opposition any fodder they can use against us, our causes or our candidates. It will not play well on local or national news. Trust me!

In closing, stay alert and be safe always. Our team stands with you in defense of American freedom, values, and the Constitution. If we can ever assist, please do not hesitate to contact me at alanmentser@yahoo.com and we will attempt to be of service.

Great Trump Story

During an interview at CPAC, President Trump's Chief of Staff Mick Mulvany was asked, "Does our President ever sleep?" He went on to tell this story.

President Trump worked in India 24 hours straight. He spent the long flight home answering emails and making calls, no sleep. They landed early in the morning feeling jet lagged, so many staff members went home to sleep.

President Trump stayed up and worked all day up to the time he gave his speech on Coronavirus at 8:00 pm. After the speech his Chief of Staff asked him if he was going to go

upstairs and rest. Trump replied, "In a bit, I've got a few things to get done."

He later checked up on the President and he was still working in his office. It was now midnight. He asked him again when he was going to retire. President Trump answered, "Just a few more things and I'll call it a day."

The Chief of Staff told him guys half his age on the trip with them went home after the flight and never showed up at all the rest of the day. President Trump responded, "I only have 8 years to get stuff done. I will rest after that."

Help Is Contagious

By Gene Robinson

I sent out a message early Saturday morning, after receiving a message from one of the members of my Tamarac, Margate, and Coconut Creek Republican Club, Denise Wood, suggesting that we reach out to help those who may not be able to go to stores, for whatever reason, to get what they need during this time of the CoronaVirus. Well, the many responses that I received were very “heartwarming,” and they are . . . STILL COMING IN!!

Connie Hofkin responded at 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning to say that she thought Denise’s idea was a great one. Then, Denise e-mailed me to say that I could feel free to give out her cell phone number (954-798-0925) for anyone to use who may need her help during this time of the world’s health crisis. She said that she has already helped several people today.

Maryann Connors said to “Sign Me Up,” as she is willing to help seniors especially, and others who may be at risk. Her phone number is 954-218-4714, as she wants to be on the list to help. Mary Sturm responded to me to say that the Davie/Cooper City Republican Club wants in on this endeavor, and she has spoken to the Club’s officers, and sent out an e-mail letting people know that another Club has been added to this exercise. Mary Sturm’s cell phone number is 954-851-3345.

Bob Fedak, a longtime member of my Club, jokingly said it is a good idea to help “Us Oldies,” and Bob is also the treasurer of the Republican Business Network (RBN), so I am expecting Bob to alert my old friend Vince Bocard, the former Coral Springs mayor, who is the newly-installed president of RBN, to get involved in a big way. Donna Zweben, secretary of the Tamarac, Margate, and Coconut Creek Club, e-mailed me to say that she loved Denise Wood’s suggestion, and that she would love to be involved,

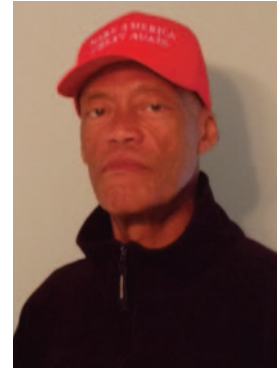
since she goes out to supermarkets, pharmacies, and other stores every few days. Donna’s number is 954-401-0811, if she can be of help to others.

Just before I was ready to send out this follow-up message, I received another e-mail from a member of my Club, Patti Creazzo, so I had to add her suggestion to this message. Her husband, Steve, is also a member of our Club, and he has received a transplant, so his immune system can be compromised if he gets out into very crowded situations. So, Patti said she uses an App called InstaCart, and she adds, “It is a fabulous way to get all your shopping done without having to go to the store. No subscription is necessary, and you can use the App whenever there is a need, like with this Virus emergency.”

Denise Wood’s original idea, and the message I sent out, has made this effort . . . CONTAGIOUS!!

So, get involved, let us know about people who you think can use our help throughout Broward and Palm Beach Counties at this time, and alert other Republican Clubs that we can use . . . THEIR HELP AS WELL, TO MAKE THIS PROJECT SNOWBALL.

GOD Bless.



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Editor’s Note: Fortunately, I had most of this issue completed by the time I went into the hospital, but I was not able to complete it, so this is a truncated issue.

—Tom Mullings

Tax Incentives to “Repatriated” Manufacturers

By Ed McCarthy

There has been at least one episode in the past, where in times of economic stress the tax code allowed “Investment tax Credits” (ITC) for manufacturers. That is, manufacturers who purchased capital manufacturing, or processing machinery and equipment, were allowed to take a calculated tax credit against their current income tax liability.

It’s time that an Investment Tax Credit is enacted again. Credits for any company (domestic or foreign) which relocates any manufacturing, processing or research business they own that is located outside the United States or its districts and territories, to an American state or territory. That ITC should be a reasonable percentage relative to the purchase price of that which qualifies for the credit.

If that manufacturer relocates any overseas manufacturing, processing or research facility to a domestic location, they are eligible for an Investment Tax Credit that can be applied to current federal tax liabilities. Should the current ITC be greater than their current tax liability, they are eligible to apply the excess as a “carry back/carry forward” credit. Additionally, “the expected useful life” of that machinery and equipment should be shortened. Qualifying machinery and equipment might be depreciated over only 4 years; and buildings depreciated over only 10 years. If this relocation necessitates the purchase of additional land (which is not subject to depreciation), that land purchase might qualify for an ITC of a lower percentage, and/or some type of government guaranteed or government-funded financing. Some may be funded by tax-free municipal bonds.

Any new startup of a new manufacturing, production or research facility in the United States or any district or territory, that is of some critical industry (such as pharmaceuticals), currently threatened by some foreign government players, should qualify for the same Investment Tax Credits, shortened depreciable lives and government/government-backed loans as those companies that repatriate their manufacturing, processing or research facilities.

We must offer these entities every possible advantage that will contribute to their success, not only for their domestic job creation and their contribution to our nation’s economic prosperity, but to the contribution our nation’s safety and security.

To the Nay-Sayers:

Some will criticize this as corporate welfare. They are wrong! The Investment Tax Credits are an inducement to companies to return operations to the U.S. rather than to continue business as usual overseas where they pay taxes and fees, and employ workers of that foreign company. Any tax benefit to the U.S. Treasury from overseas operations only accrues after that entity deducts from their federal tax return any and all taxes and fees paid to that foreign government.

100% of nothing is nothing, and currently that’s the domestic impact of the overseas operations of those expatriot companies—nothing! Some will argue that or econ-

omy benefits from low-cost goods from overseas because of the low wages paid there. Not in the aggregate! We get a flood of lost goods, mostly from China, but those “savings” are more than overshadowed by the negative impact of China’s currency manipulation, forced technology transfer, theft of intellectual property, pirating of high-end designer goods and CD’s; and the shoddy products like dog food that poisons our pets, and contaminated wallboard that turns our plumbing pipes black. The biggest threat, however, is China’s threat to our supply chain. Our heavy reliance on them for critical products like pharmaceuticals leaves us vulnerable to threats from them to cut our supply chain, thereby threatening our national sovereignty!

Unless and until companies repatriate operation, the expatriot companies are paying taxes, fees, and wages to foreign workers and governments. The U.S. Treasury can only tax what is left after that! The one-time Investment Tax Credits reduces (but doesn’t eliminate) taxes to our Treasury from the newly repatriated operation when the companies move home, but that reduction is offset by payroll taxes on salaries and wages paid to American workers. It’s further offset by monies the repatriated companies pay to suppliers, service providers, transportation companies, insurers, utilities, consultants, banks, finance companies and the like; and by payments and taxes those other entities servicing the repatriated companies pay on their incremental operating expenses, and on their incremental profits that they make by servicing the repatriated companies.

Further, acceleration of depreciation through the shortening of depreciable lives, front-end loads deductions the companies may take, but in the long run, over the traditional lifespan of assets, the expenses deducted are exactly the same. If an asset is depreciated over a 4- to 10-year period, or over 7 to 30 years, the cumulative amount deducted for depreciation is the exactly same. After that 4- or 10-year period, when the full deduction has been taken, the asset is fully depreciated and the company’s tax liability goes up in subsequent periods. Additionally, over that period, the repatriated company is, *inter alia*, employing American workers, making a profit, and paying payroll and income taxes! A net gain for America!

As for those government-guaranteed loans, those guarantees protect the lending institution. The repatriated company pays the loan back. Yes, there is the possibility that the company could fail and go bankrupt, leaving our government on the hook for the balance of the loan. Proper vetting of the returning/start-up company should minimize that possibility, and the resale out of bankruptcy of the financed assets (putting them back to work) should further minimize the exposure to the U.S. Treasury, and our American lending institutions.

It’s time to bring manufacturing back to America, and to encourage the startup of certain critical domestic manufacturing, processing and research industries.

Let’s get on with it!

Club News

**The Republican Women of South Florida
Welcomes Florida’s National Committeeman and Committeewoman**

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida were honored to host Florida’s National Committeeman Peter Feaman and National Committeewoman Kathleen King at their February 27 meeting.

Peter gave a rousing speech describing how the United States was singularly able to simultaneously fight both the Nazis in Europe and the Japanese in Asia in World War II. He spoke about the meaning of President Trump’s message to “Make America Great Again” as reminding the American people of who we are as a nation, where we came from, and what we stand for.


Kathleen talked about how the Trump Victory campaign, the Republican Party of Florida, and the Republican National Committee are all united as one to re-elect President Trump. She noted that Florida is the only state to be designated as its own region by the campaign. She discussed strategy for the election, recited some interesting statistics, and encouraged everyone to be involved.

We were happy to be joined by Ada Fennell, our Florida Federation of Republican Women District Representative, who came up from Miami for the meeting. We were also joined by Tami Donnally, Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County GOP, and by several candidates.

In lieu of a March meeting, the RFW of South Florida will be visiting the VA Medical Center on March 29 for an Ice Cream Social and Bingo for the hospice patients and resident veterans of the VA’s Community Living Center. This is something we do twice a year and is a heart-warming way to give back to the veterans who have given so much for our country.

To learn more, please contact President Linda Johnson at ljayll@att.net.





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Editor's Postscript

Angels of the Battlefield—Then and Now

By Tom Mullings

Clara Barton was a self-taught nurse in the American Civil War and truly a hero for the ages. The following is a brief synopsis of her extraordinary life as taken from Wikipedia: On April 19, 1861, the Baltimore Riot resulted in the first bloodshed of the American Civil War. Victims within the Massachusetts regiment were transported to Washington, D.C., after the violence, which happened to be Barton's home at the time. Wanting to serve her country, Barton went to the railroad station when the victims arrived and nursed 40 men. Barton provided crucial, personal assistance to the men in uniform, many of whom were wounded, hungry and without any supplies other than what they carried on their backs. She began helping them by personally taking supplies to the unfinished Capitol Building, where the young men of the 6th Massachusetts Militia, who had been attacked in Baltimore, Maryland, were housed.

Barton quickly recognized them, as she had grown up with some of them, and some she had even taught. Barton, along with several other women, personally provided clothing, food, and supplies for the sick and wounded soldiers. She learned how to store and distribute medical supplies and offered emotional support to the soldiers by keeping their spirits high. She would read books to them, write letters to their families for them, talk to them, and support them.

In August 1862, Barton finally gained permission from Quartermaster Daniel Rucker to work on the front lines. She gained support from other people who believed in her cause. These people became her patrons, her most supportive being Senator Henry Wilson of Massachusetts.

After the First Battle of Bull Run, Barton placed an ad in a Massachusetts newspaper for supplies; the response was a profound influx of supplies. She worked to distribute stores, clean field hospitals, apply dressings, and serve food to wounded soldiers in close proximity to several battles, including Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. Barton helped both Union and Confederate soldiers. Supplies were not always readily available, though. At the battle of Antietam, for example, Barton used corn husks in place of bandages. Among her more harrowing experiences was an incident in which a bullet tore through the sleeve of her dress without striking her and killed a man to whom she was tending. She was known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" after she came to the aid of the overwhelmed surgeon on duty following the battle of Cedar Mountain in Northern Virginia in August, 1862. She arrived at a field hospital at midnight with a large amount of supplies to help the severely wounded soldiers. This naming came from her frequent timely assistance as she served troops at the battles of Fairfax



Station, Chantilly, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Charleston, Petersburg and Cold Harbor.

After the war, Barton achieved widespread recognition by delivering lectures around the country about her war experiences in 1865–1868. During this time she met Susan B. Anthony and began an association with the woman's suffrage movement. She also became acquainted with Frederick Douglass and became an activist for civil rights.

As a combat soldier in the Vietnam War, I was badly wounded during an enemy ambush and spent months in several hospitals recovering from my wounds. Needless to say, it was a searing, life-changing experience, but one of the few positives was the loving care I received from the nurses in the army hospitals. Their unselfish devotion to us broken American soldiers, bringing us back to life again is something I'll never forget.

I was reminded of them recently in a way I could never

have seen coming. I'm 72 now and have not spent a single night in a hospital since the war. But that changed within the past two weeks, when I discovered that I'd had bacterial pneumonia for months and was admitted to the Regional VA Hospital in West Palm Beach. That night around midnight, I was taken by ambulance to the Regional VA Hospital in Miami and spent five nights there in the isolation wing. The nurses who cared for me were wonderful and reminded me of the nurses in the Vietnam War. I want to take this opportunity to thank them and the doctors whose bedside manner was so comforting. I also want to thank the two Miami police officers who stood with me as

I waited for my wife to pick me up. In particular I want to express my gratitude to nurses Monica, Irene Duran and Sherry Perkins, who I hope are proud of the service they perform for America's wounded soldiers, because they certainly should be. They're "Angels of the Battlefield" and we all owe them much.

Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.





Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail*: _____

* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman _____ Committeewoman _____

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). _____ REC Precinct # _____ 2). _____ REC Precinct # _____

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
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**Republican Party of Florida
Party Loyalty Oath**

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____
**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)**

Address, as it appears on voter registration

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Candidate Oath
(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, _____

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of **Committeeman** **Committeewoman**

Precinct/District Number _____ *(Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),*

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party
(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address
Address	City	State
		ZIP Code
STATE OF FLORIDA		
COUNTY OF _____		
Signature of Notary Public		
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:		
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____		
day of _____, 20____.		
Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____		
Type of Identification Produced: _____		