



KFRW Newsletter

August 2019

President's Message

KFRW will be hosting the **Inaugural American Valor Dinner**, Saturday, November 9, 2019, at Willow Pond. We have secured **Lt. Jason Redman, USN** as our keynote speaker, a retired naval officer and Navy SEAL. He is the founder and spokesperson of the nonprofit organization Combat Wounded Coalition and the author of the memoir *The Tritan: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader*. His new book, *Overcome: Crush Adversity with the Leadership Techniques of America's Toughest Warriors*, will be released in December. Jason has gone through extreme adversity and his story demonstrates astounding mental toughness and resilience.

In August, we'll actively seek partners for this event from local business owners, organizations, and supporters of veterans to help make this event truly special for the veterans in our community. During the event, we will recognize and honor local veterans. One goal is to raise enough funds to allow interested veterans to attend without incurring any personal expense. The sponsor packages are listed on page two (See E&F Committee Update). We already have two sponsors, one for \$500 & \$1,000! There will be a Silent Auction too!

This event will be our biggest yet! Besides honoring and supporting our local veterans, we hope to raise additional funds to offset hosting a large event in February that we hope to fill up the 900 seat H.S. auditorium.

Our August speaker will be Karen Jaroch, Florida Regional Coordinator with Heritage Action for America. She'll give a Washington D.C. legislative update and discuss results of 2020 polling. *Mark your calendars now!*

Lynn, Karen, Joy & Brenda

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest member: Pat Frey.

Currently, we have 52 Primary Members and 16 Associate Members, a total of 68!

Individually we can only do so much to be effective in our community and our nation, but collectively, all of us working together, can make a huge impact on the outcomes, especially in an election. *Each year our elections become more critical as the progressive/socialist on the left become more vocal, deceptive and determined!*

When sharing about our club with friends (potential members), invite them to come to our next meeting with you, to learn about KFRW and join us. We do this at 6:30 pm.

“Each one bring one and Watch us Grow in 2019”

Fact: Not all can attend the monthly meetings, yet they will join as a member to support our grassroots effort, to make a difference, along with us, in Jefferson County! ■

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH = VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

2019 Membership Rewards Contest

The Membership Contest for the 3rd quarter is now underway and ends at the September 23rd meeting. Earn 1 point for each new Associate Member; 2 points for new Primary Members; and add 1 point to each when the new member changes party affiliation to a Republican.

Keep in mind, rewards for the most *new* members will be awarded quarterly at meetings in ~~March~~, June, September, and at the December Christmas party. The member responsible for the most new members joining our club in 2019 will get a *special* prize at the Christmas party. ■

KFRW Committee Updates

All Committee Chairs: Please send monthly updates to Lynn by Sunday, prior to monthly meeting, so updates can be shared with *all* club members via email, newsletter, etc.. *Thanks!*

Campaign – The plan is to reach out to J.C. Republican mega voters by organizing KFRW members in making calls to rally support for the 2020 election and candidates. *Stay tuned!*

Community Outreach – Planning to meet with both high school principals and/or staff this month to discuss how our club can best support/supplement civic education in the schools.

Events and Fundraising – Sponsor packages for the *Inaugural American Valor Dinner* Nov. 9, are as follows:

- ★ **Ole Glory**: 12 seats (1-1/2 reserved tables) – Meet & Greet with Speaker = \$2,500 and up
- ★ **Let Freedom Ring**: 8 seats (1 reserved table) = \$1,000-\$2,499
- ★ **Uncle Sam**: 4 seats (1/2 table) = \$500-\$999
- ★ **Lady Liberty**: \$250-\$499
- ★ **Hometown Hero** (Sponsor a Veteran) = \$100

If you would like to donate an item or gift certificate for the Silent Auction or you would like to be a sponsor or know someone you'll ask, please let Leslie or Lynn know ASAP. General tickets will go on sale in September. Seating capacity for this event is 150-160.

KFRW's 2nd Annual Christmas Celebration will be Monday, December 16, 2019, from 6pm-9:30 pm. The event again will be held at the Mays House. ***Plan now to participate!!***

Legislative – "Anyone who would like to have KFRW Legislative Committee address state or county issues, please submit an inquiry via email, Facebook or letter" to the committee.

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, throughout the year when called upon by the committees.

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"Silence is complicity. Speak now or surrender your ground." -- Michelle Malkin"

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Monthly Raffle Basket – The Winner Is...



The “**Back to School, Stay Cool**” themed basket, prepared by Merry Ann Frisby, was raffled at our July meeting, raising \$53. The winner was **Gretchen Wallace!**

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. So, bring a check or cash \$\$\$☺ We have a “*Time for Change*” jar for loose change. ■



GUN RAFFLE Drawing Held July 10th

The Gun Raffle drawing was held July 10 for three winners and presented at our July meeting. Items were donated by **J.T. Surlis** of **Trophy Creek Outfitters**. We sold 93 tickets, raising \$930!!

- 1st Place** - Taurus 9mm - **Jeff Maloy**, Grand Ridge
- 2nd Place** - \$100 Gift Card - **Pat Frey**
- 3rd Place** - \$50 Gift Card - **Kenny Knox**

Thank you to **Leslie Rabon** for arranging this fundraiser and a *special thank you* to **J.T.** ■



Fundraising with Merchandise

KFRW is [selling merchandise](#) to raise funds for hosting events and club activities. Club members are encouraged to sell items to family and friends or purchase for yourself! [See the selection here!](#)



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets/Bags

Asking members to take a month and/or bring items that can be used to fill baskets. This can be items you’ve received as gifts and never used. For the remainder of the year these are “adopted.”

August – Its Fall Ya’ll <-> **Susan Carabello**

Suggestions: Fall themed; teas, coffee, cider, etc.

September – Pink Themed <-> **Crystal Putnam**

Suggestions: Anything pink

October – “Give Thanks” <-> **Joy Frisby**

Suggestions: Thanksgiving theme

November – “It’s beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” – Christmas theme <-> **Leslie Rabon**



Member’s Birthdays In August
Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 8/4 Merry Ann Frisby
- 8/4 Brenda Sorensen
- 8/13 Terri Long
- 8/15 Kenny Knox
- 8/15 Sheriff Mac McNeill
- 8/17 Marianne Arbulu
- 8/17 Susan Hopkins
- 8/22 Debra Kay Sackett
- 8/23 Earlene Knight
- 8/26 Bill Snyder



Calendar of Events



J.C. School Board Meeting
Monday, August 12, 6 pm
1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 5 pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



FFRW Informal Meeting w/RPOF
Saturday, August 17, 2:30-5:30 pm
Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort
Miramar Beach, FL 32550



KFRW New Member Info.
Monday, August 26, 6:30 pm
KFRW Member Meeting
Monday, August 26, 7 pm
(Door opens at 6 pm)

Monticello Chamber of Commerce
~ Speaker: Karen Jaroch,
Heritage Action for America



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Economics 101

When Employment is Tight, Salaries Increase

by: Merrie Yosua, Florida Federation of Republican Women

It's really not a hard concept to understand. If employers have a tough time hiring and retaining good employees they offer higher salaries. Having the 'government' decide what the salary should be results in fewer jobs. It really is that simple.

Those in Washington are busy pushing their Socialist policies on small and large businesses, including their view of what those who are creating jobs would have to pay employees. In Florida, there's a push to get Floridians to approve a state constitutional amendment forcing an increase in the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2026. Don't sign it.

The **Florida \$15 Minimum Wage Initiative** (Initiative #18-01) may appear on the [ballot](#) in [Florida](#) as an [initiated constitutional amendment](#) on November 3, 2020.

If one takes the time to do the research, you'll find that while Florida's MANDATED minimum wage is \$8.25 (2018), the average wages of Floridians are much higher. According to numbers released in May, 2018, the latest numbers available, you will find wages are higher in EVERY SINGLE job category. And, these numbers are more than a year old. Employment continues its record climb and salaries continue to increase.

[May 2018 State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates Florida](#)

And, just think, if we were allowed to enforce U.S. immigration laws I would suggest that would result in an even tighter employment picture which would boost salaries even higher.

The issue that is not being addressed by those demanding higher salaries, is the failure of the U.S. education system, especially in too many urban areas. When the high school failure rate is high, how can those who have no education strive toward higher-paying jobs? Too many other schools dismiss technical education training. But mention school choice and the National Education Association and its Democrat supporters fight it.

A minimum wage is not designed to support a family. Education is designed to support a family.

We cannot afford to stand silent as the media, so many Americans rely on for information, continues to fail in its 'journalistic' responsibility. Arm yourself with information, and speak up when confronted with knee-jerk comments from the never Trumpers. ■

Member Recommended Resources:

Economics In One Lesson, by Henry Hazlitt (1946) – download a free PDF or Kindle version here: <https://archive.org/details/HenryHazlittEconomicsInOneLesson>

This public domain book was recently suggested by Bill Snyder and compliments the above article.

The War on God in America: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Fls6yfx7fs&t=15s>

This was published in 2008 by WallBuilders, but still so relevant today, with trying to remove statues and other reminders of our U.S. history. (Link shared by Bill Snyder)

The ongoing effort to add FDR's D-Day Prayer at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.:

<http://ddayprayerproject.org/> (Link shared by Bill Snyder)

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