



KFRW Newsletter

November 2019

President's Message

At convention, Dena asked us to stop saying we are a "Democracy" and instead say we are a "Representative Republic." *"We need to insist our legislators do this too! Claim it!"* So what is the difference? Please see page 4.

We are looking forward to our [American Valor Dinner](#), Saturday, Nov. 9, from 6-10 pm at Willow Pond to honor and provide a special evening for our local veterans. Our speaker is **Lt. Jason Redman, USN**, retired naval officer and Navy SEAL and author of two books.

We appreciate our **KFRW members** who are contributing as sponsors: **Maj. John Haynes, Karen & Kenny Knox** (Knox Golf Company), **Leslie Rabon** (Conference Quest), **Pam Willis** (Vintage Treasure), **Mike & Jessica Robinson** (Robinson Gunworks), and **Daphne Wood!** And other sponsors: **Bob Morris** (Firebase Robert, Inc.), **Kirk Reams** (J.C. Clerk of Court), **Dean & Andie Jerger, Harold Malloy** (Malloy's Nursery), **Kim & Angela Jones** (Georgia-Florida Citrus), **Angela Gray** (J.C. Property Appraiser), and **Sons of Confederate Veterans.**

If you would like to recommend a veteran, please let us know immediately, we're selecting local veterans to fill the guest seats available, who may not otherwise be able to attend. If you've not yet purchased a ticket (\$60), the **deadline for reservations is Nov. 4th**. We have a wide range of great items for the **Silent Auction**, another reason to attend!

Constitution Alive! is still underway each Saturday 10-11 am at the J.C. Public Library through December 14. *Just come!*

Our November speaker will be [Charlie Strickland of Talon Training & Range](#). He will inform us on what's up regarding our 2nd amendment rights.

Mark your calendars now - 4th Monday!

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest members: Daphne Wood and Annaliese Wierenga.

Currently, we have 59 Primary Members and 17 Associate Members, a total of 76, needing just 3 more *new* primary members to double our membership this year! Can we meet this goal? See contest rules below.

NFRW voted to increase the dues for 2020; therefore the portion we pay to the NFRW & FFRW is now \$25 for each primary member. Approved unanimously at the Oct. 28th meeting, new & renewing annual club dues are now \$50 for primary members and \$25 for associates. **Renewals are due by 12/31.**

Encourage others to join our club now, as those joining now through the end of the year are active members through 2020.

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

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. ■

**GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH =
VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES**

2019 Membership Rewards Contest

The Membership Contest for the 4th quarter is now underway and ends at the December 16th Christmas Party. 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 e-mail monthly updates to Lynn by Sunday*, prior to monthly meeting, so updates can be shared with *all* club members via email, newsletter, etc. *Thank you!*

Campaign – Susan Carabello learned a lot at the NFRW Campaign Management School last month and key points shared at the October meeting. More information will be forthcoming!

Community Outreach – Gretchen, Lynn, and Marianne, are half-way through a 7-week Jr. Achievement *Career Success* class with the 12th graders at Jefferson-Somerset. The JA program is looking for a few additional volunteers for new classes to begin after the first of the year. Gretchen is looking into mentoring individual students after the JA class is over and other opportunities to teach civics and related topics at Jefferson-Somerset. We’re researching Nick Adams’ (FLAG) curriculum to enhance the lesson plans for civics at the school. Want to get involved & make a difference? Call Gretchen.

Events and Fundraising – 1) We are finalizing plans for the *Inaugural American Valor Dinner*, selecting our Hometown Heroes and veterans, collecting final payments & auction items, and still accepting sponsors for our event: \$100 (Hometown Hero), \$250 (Lady Liberty), \$500 (Uncle Sam w/4 seats) or \$1,000 (Let Freedom Ring w/8 seats). 2) **Contact Joy Frisby to walk/ride** in the Veterans Day Parade. 3) And planning the KFRW’s 2nd Annual Christmas Party, Monday, Dec. 16th. **See details on page 3. Please make your reservation(s) now to attend!!**

Legislative – Nothing new to report.

School Board – They continue to monitor monthly meetings and invite you to attend too!

If all members will contribute a little (or much) for club events, when available and called upon by the committees, we’ll accomplish so much more!

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“Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families.”
- Benjamin Rush (from Constitution Alive book)

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The “**Always Put God First**” (Give Thanks theme) bag was donated by Joy Frisby and raffled at the October meeting, raising \$86! The winner was Jessica Lane...congratulations!

Raffle tickets: \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Bring a check or \$\$\$☺ We have a “Time for Change” jar for loose change; we will empty and count after the Nov. meeting!

Sign up now to adopt baskets for 2020! The last basket of 2019 is “adopted” by **Leslie Rabon: Nov - “It’s beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”** ■



Club Merchandise and Fundraising

With the holidays approaching, offer to [sell or gift merchandise](#) to your patriot friends to raise funds for events & club activities. [See the selection here!](#)

We will continue taking orders for the [Betsy Ross Flag - Trump 2020 – Keep America Great shirts](#) to raise funds for both KFRW and FFRW!



[KFRW 2nd Annual Christmas Party](#)

**Monday, December 16, 2019
6 – 9 pm at The Mays House
925 E. Washington St, Monticello**

Carrie Ann & Company ~ Buffet Menu:

Grouper Fingers w/Homemade Tartar Sauce ~
Grilled, Sliced Pork Tenderloin w/Bourbon Sauce ~
Tray of sliced veggies for Sandwiches ~ Yeast Rolls,
Mayo, Homemade Mustard ~ Orzo Salad ~
Bruschetta (w/& w/o cheese) ~ Chicken Salad
w/Tartlett Shells ~ Olive and Pepperoncini Tray ~
Stuffed Mushrooms ~ Assorted Christmas Sweets
~ Tea, Water, and Lemonade

Seating is Limited ~ Cash Bar ~ Door Prizes

Advanced Ticket Purchase Required

Purchase by Dec. 5, tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 non-members. Afterwards, tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 non-members. Reserve your ticket(s) now: [pay at Nov. 25 meeting or online](#). ■



November Members’ Birthdays *Happy Birthday to each of you!*

11/2 Gretchen Wallace
11/29 Tracy Boyce



Calendar of Events



JCREC & KFRW Public Forum
November 5, 6-7:30 pm, Simpson
Nursery Old Apron Factory



KFRW American Valor Dinner &
Silent Auction
Saturday, November 9, 6-10 pm
Willow Pond, 200 WT Lewis Rd



Veterans Day Parade
Monday, November 11, 11am



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 4:30 pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



J.C. School Board Meeting
Reorganization & Regular
Monday, November 18, 6 pm
1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW New Member Info.
Monday, November 25, 6:30 pm
KFRW Member Meeting
Monday, November 25, 7 pm
(Door opens at 6 pm)

Monticello Chamber of Commerce
~ Speaker: Charlie Strickland,
Talon Training & Range



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Is America a Democracy or a Republic? (Part 1 of 2)

America is a Republic. Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution states, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government.” Yet many people often mistakenly refer to America as a democracy.

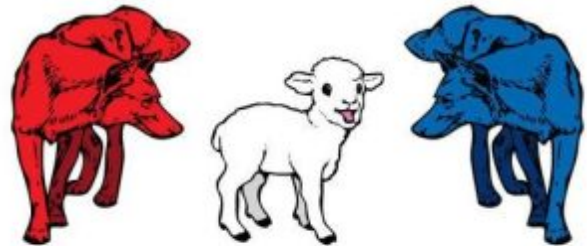
One of the most glaring examples of this misperception was made by Hilary Clinton in a debate with Donald Trump, when she accused him of “talking down our democracy.”

In a democracy, all laws and decisions of government are made by the majority. This is not how the United States is governed.

The key difference between a democracy and a republic lies in the limits placed on those in the government by the law. In a republic, there exists a constitution, or charter of rights, to protect certain inalienable rights that cannot be taken away— even if a majority of voters demand it.

For Americans, these protections include individual, minority, and states’ rights. In a “pure democracy,” the majority is not restrained in this way and can impose its will on any group with fewer votes.

DEMOCRACY



TWO WOLVES AND A SHEEP VOTING ON WHAT’S FOR DINNER

Most modern nations are viewed under the definition of a democratic republic with a constitution, which can be amended by a popularly elected government. The comparison below, therefore, contrasts the form of government in most countries today with a historical description of a democracy. This is done with the purpose of emphasizing the features of the republic we enjoy today.

	Democracy	VS.	Republic
Definition	All decisions and power reside in the voice of the majority. As a result an individual, or group of individuals making up a minority, have no protection against the power exercised by the majority.		A republic refers specifically to a form of democracy in which elected individuals represent the citizen body and exercise power according to the rule of law under a constitution which protects the basic rights of individuals and the separation of powers with elected representatives.
Philosophy	All eligible citizens get equal say in decisions.		All eligible citizens get equal say in decisions with protection of basic rights to individuals.
Constraints on government	No—the majority can impose its will on the minority.		Yes—the written laws of the republic prevent the majority from taking away certain basic rights.
Social Organization	Class distinctions can become pronounced due to a capitalist society.		Class distinctions can become pronounced due to a capitalist society.
Religion	Freedom of religion is generally permitted, although a majority faction may limit religious freedom for a minority faction.		Freedom of religion is generally permitted, especially when there is a constitutional prevention on interfering with freedom of religion.

Part 2 continued next month...

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