



# KFRW Newsletter

October 2025

## President's Message

Now that the NFRW Biennial Convention is behind us, see page 4 for what we earned, October will be a busy month preparing for our [4th Biennial American Valor Dinner](#) at the Monticello Opera House, Thursday, November 6. If you have not already reserved or purchased your ticket(s), please contact me. Anyone can purchase a ticket as long as seating capacity hasn't been met. The speaker will be **Lt. Gov. Jay Collins**, retired Army Green Beret, and the Porch is catering the dinner. See page three for an update on sponsorships and other info.

Main focus is assigning the available sponsored veteran seats to our local veterans, and securing items/gift certificates or cards (GC) for the Silent Auction with commitments so far from: **Gretchen Wallace, FNLW Knife & Woodworks** (handmade knife), **Monticello Opera House** (\$54 show for 2), **CowHaus Coffee Company** (\$25 GC) and **ABC Maintenance**. If you can help secure and pickup donations to the Silent Auction, please coordinate with me so we avoid duplication!

Our September speaker was **Michelle Milligan**, J.C. Supervisor of Elections. She introduced her staff and went over the improvements she's made, check out the new website, and efforts she's working toward. Thank you to **Jewel Anderson** and **Donna Champion** for providing refreshments!

Our October speaker will be **Chris O'Brien**, with **Forgotten Coast K9**, who strives to change the lives of veterans and those afflicted by mental and emotional health conditions. We are excited to learn about this organization and how KFRW might can assist. Invite a guest to come and hear, too!

Last call for **KFRW Club Shirts** for members who wish to order. Working with It's Personal to do our shirts. Club shirts are available to members at cost with tax, nine styles for ladies and four styles for men. If you haven't ordered yet, please contact me ASAP.

The **FFRW Biennial Convention**, October 24-26, will be held at The Shores in Daytona Beach. In addition to the club president, KFRW is eligible for 6 convention delegates. Those attending: **Lynn Stafford, Jewel Anderson, Judi Cleckner, Carol Miller, Pam Wessling**, and **Beth Young**. I am on the slate for FFRW Treasurer. This is FFRW's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year!

Fall is definitely in the air, with cooler temps soon to follow. See you all at the meeting Monday, October 27!

Lynn S

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## Membership Committee Update

We welcome **Glen Bishop** (JC REC Chair) and **Jibri Knight** (Kim's husband) as new associate members. **We currently have 60 Primary and 26 Associate Members.**

IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!

**2026 membership dues are now due.** Thank you for being one to take care of this early!!!

**Annual dues each calendar year:** Primary Members \$50 and Associate Members \$25.

Any new member joining through the end of 2025 will be a member through 2026. Please note, these registrations are held until January when we report our annual membership renewals to the FFRW and NFRW.

**SAVE the DATE: KFRW Christmas Party is Monday, December 8 at the Boyce's home, 520 E. Dogwood St ~ cover dish dinner.**

For ladies, the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday lunches and 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Thursday dinners are a great way to introduce potential primary members to KFRW.

**"Each One Bring One: Grow in 2025, Make History in 2026"**

## KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

As we approach our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, we have some new items, [patriotic signs](#), [notepads](#), [serving tray](#), and [dog tags](#), which will make great stocking stuffers. Check them out and help us fundraise.

Pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) to purchase & sell to your family & friends on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

[Cowboy & fedora hats](#), [baseball caps](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#), [bumper stickers](#), [magnets](#), [buttons](#), [flags](#), [bracelets](#), [brooches](#), [earrings](#), [scarf holders](#), [watches](#), [lapel pins](#), [ties & tie bar](#), & [tile & paracord bracelets](#).

Contact Lynn Stafford to obtain items, to answer any questions, or offer suggestions. ■

## KFRW Committee Updates

For committee info and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#), and reach out to the committee chair.

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

**Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours** – Be sure to keep track of the hours and time spent preparing for the American Valor Dinner. Time in asking for donations for the silent auction from local businesses, and set up and serving at the dinner. Record all volunteer hours on a [Volunteer Hour Log form](#).

Hours count for associate members, too. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#). Questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair.

### Community Outreach – Constitution

**Alive!** continues on Saturdays, 9-10:30 am at [The Social](#), thru Nov. 22, led by **Bill Snyder**. [Register here for this free class!](#) ~ **Gretchen Wallace**, Chair

**Events & Fundraising** – Let's promote our merchandise for sale and our **4<sup>th</sup> Biennial American Valor Dinner** on Nov. 6. See page 3 for more information.

*If you can help with this event, contact **Lynn Stafford**, Chair*

**Legislative** – The Committee will meet twice a month. Next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10 am at Jewel Anderson's home (1660 Willow Rd). Discussion topic Proposed Property Tax.

The committee encourages members to attend the J.C. Commission meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 9 am | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6 pm.

The Florida Legislature will begin regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 through March 13, 2026. Committee Week begins Monday, Oct. 6 through Friday, Dec. 12. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

### Public Relations –

Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text/e-mail to Annaliese or Janis and Lynn S. ASAP.* ☺

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Remembering Charlie Kirk ~ Praying for his family.



**"Never give up, never surrender, and always go for the win."**

-Charlie Kirk

## Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The “**Oh My Gourd I Love Fall**” (fall theme) raffle basket was prepared by **Debbie Snapp and Anne Horton**. The winner was **Jewel Anderson**. The basket raised \$165!!

### October - “Land That I Love”

Patriotic Theme **Annaliese Mincy**

### November - “Christmas Cheer is

Finally Here!” Christmas Theme

**Catherine McNeill**



## KFRW 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial American Valor Dinner

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30 pm, Monticello Opera House

*Lynn Stafford, Event Organizer*

We’re wrapping up sponsors for this event and actively inviting our local veterans to fill the sponsored seats and attend at no charge. Help us invite them! [Event Page](#).

### American Valor Dinner Sponsors:

- ★ **Let Freedom Ring** (\$1,000): 1 pending
- ★ **Patriot** (\$750): Live Oak Hounds
- ★ **Uncle Sam** (\$500): Austin Hosford/I-10 Marathan LLC, Dean & Andie Jerger, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, JC Republican Party & Madison Oaks Farm
- ★ **Lady Liberty** (\$250): Angela Gray, Sheriff Mac McNeill, ABC Maintenance Services, Brenda Sorensen, Shanna Boutwell, Michelle Milligan & Jessica Gramling
- ★ **Hometown Hero** (\$100): Beth Young, Ronald Reagan Clubs of Florida, Gretchen Wallace, Damien Lovatto, Buck Bird, Gary Wright, Big Bend Tire, Judi Cleckner, Bill Snyder, Brenda Sorensen, Bob Davison, Carol Daniels (2), Steve Walker Realty, Trey Hightower & NF Abstract & Title

**Will you ask a business to contribute an item/gift certificate for the Silent Auction, or can you? Items need to be picked up by Oct. 28 or sooner.**

**General Reserved Tickets:** \$50 each. Purchase tickets now, all seats must be prepaid. **Deadline NLT Oct. 28.**

**Event Seating Capacity:** 120 (Reserved Seating Only)

**Will need help with set up & decorating on Thursday morning, serving dinner, registration table, silent auction, & pack up after the event, please contact Lynn Stafford.**



## October Members’ Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 10/4 Keith Cook
- 10/8 Alice Sander
- 10/9 Jennifer Wiwi
- 10/17 Amy Hill  
Dusty Boyce
- 10/20 Michele Brantley
- 10/24 Brenda Kiff
- 10/27 Jewel Anderson
- 10/29 Stephanie Cook  
Trey Hightower



## Calendar of Events



### Constitution Alive! Class

Saturdays in October: 4, 11, 18, 25  
9-10:30 am, The Social



### KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

5:30pm - Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



### FFRW Biennial Convention

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

October 24-26, The Shores Resort & Spa, Daytona Beach, FL



### KFRW Membership Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday, October 27

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm  
American Legion Annex, 1065 S. Water St  
Speaker: Chris O’Brien, Forgotten Coast K9



### KFRW 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial A.V. Dinner

& Silent Auction ~ Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

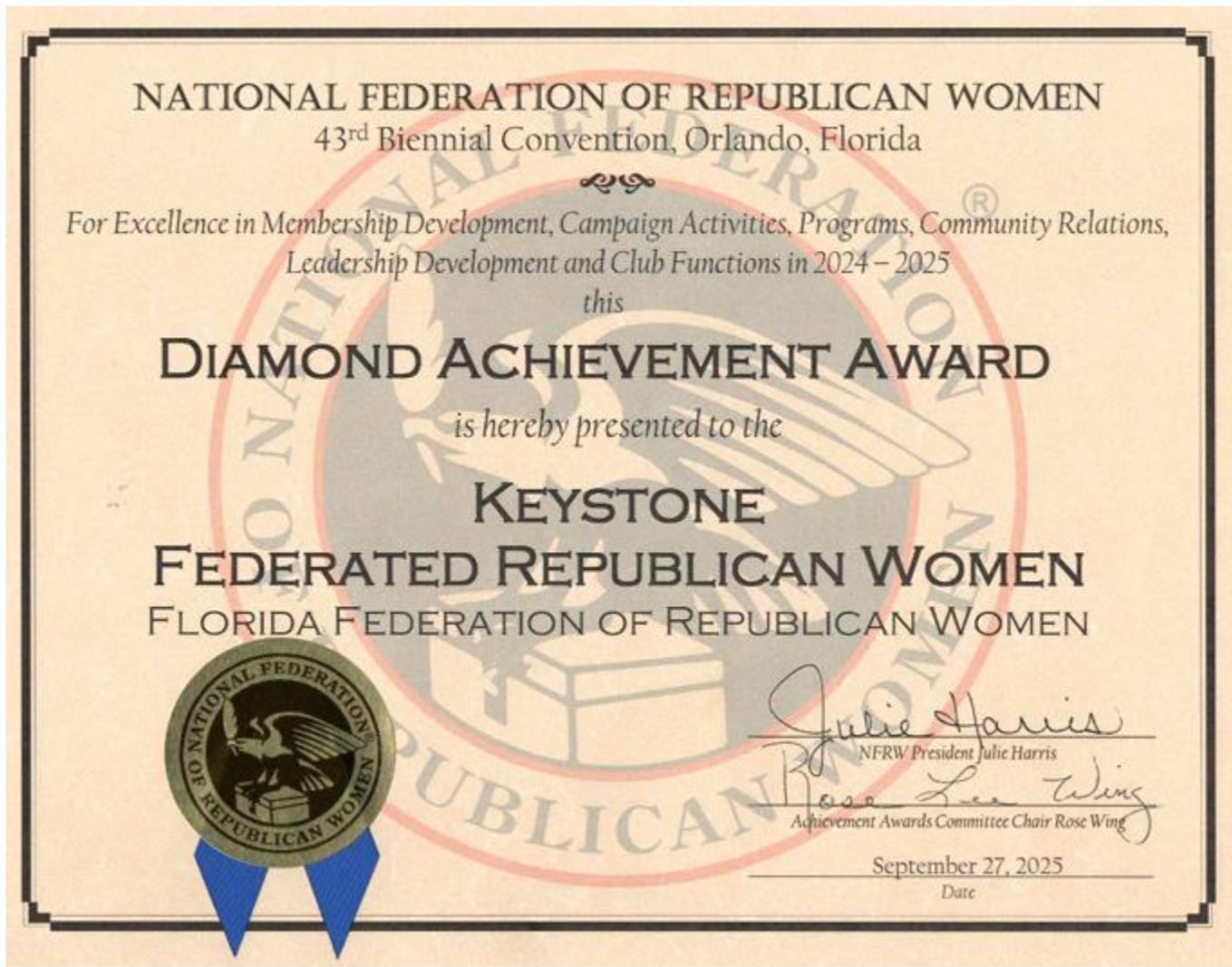
**Get Your Tickets &**

**Reservations Now**



~ NFRW Diamond Achievement Award 2024-2025 ~

The **Keystone FRW** again received the top Achievement Award from the National FRW for the two-year period 2024-2025, along with 17 other FFRW clubs. Right, **Lynn Stafford**, KFRW Club President, receiving the award at the NFRW 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Convention in Orlando, September 27, 2025. Far right, with **NFRW President Julie Harris**.



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