



KFRW Newsletter

November 2025

President's Message

The **FFRW Biennial Convention** held October 24-26 in Daytona Beach was a huge success! The FFRW slate of officers were elected unanimously, three Member-at-Large were elected by the FFRW Board of Directors, and a new Executive Director was selected. Attending from the KFRW, besides myself, was **Jewel Anderson, Judi Cleckner, Carol Miller, Pam Wessling, and Beth Young**. This being the FFRW's 75th Anniversary year we had lots to celebrate beginning with the Welcome Reception on Friday night, the theme Denim and Diamonds. That night we heard from **U.S. Senator Ashley Moody** and **Nick Adams**, who will be serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Malasia for three years. The Convention was packed with great speakers all day Saturday and several on Sunday, ending with Kat Cammack.

Our October meeting speaker was **Chris O'Brien**, with [Forgotten Coast K9](#), their goal to provide training and service dogs to Veterans and First Responders who are in critical need of the invaluable support and companionship that service dogs or emotional support dogs can provide. They do this through corporate and private donations. Our club plans to explore how we might support this organization. Thank you to **Carol Miller** and **Gretchen Wallace** for providing refreshments!

Seamus Bruner will be the speaker at our November 27 meeting. He is the Associate Director of Research at the Government Accountability Institute (GAI). He has worked with Peter Schweizer since June 2011 and with GAI since January 2013 providing research and support for numerous New York Times best-sellers. His latest book, *Controligarchs: Exposing the Billionaire Class, their Secret Deals, and the Globalist Plot to Dominate Your Life*, was published in November 2023. We look forward to hearing from Seamus, so invite someone to come with you to hear him too!

If you did not already purchase your ticket for our [4th Biennial American Valor Dinner](#) at the Monticello Opera House, Thursday, November 6, 5:30-8:30 pm, sorry, but it is now too late. We have 49 local veterans attending, in total 100! Our speaker, **Lt. Gov. Jay Collins**, will be attending the entire event.

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I am looking forward to our Veteran's dinner event, seeing many of you there, some for your first time, and then again at our meeting Monday, November 24!

I also hope each of you have a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Lynn S

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Membership Committee Update

KFRW Christmas Party is Monday, December 8 at the Boyce's home, 520 E. Dogwood St. *If you've not signed up yet, please do!* Bring a covered dish and dress holiday festive.



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

Annual dues for 2026 are **due now thru Dec. 15.** Please bring to the Nov. meeting, Christmas Party, mail, or drop off at either Tracy Boyce's or Lynn Stafford's home.

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

We currently have 61 Primary and 26 Associate Members. **Brenda Wyrick** rejoined on May 27.

For ladies, the 1st/3rd Wednesday lunches and 2nd/4th 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 250th 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 –

Continue 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 – The **American Valor Dinner** is Thursday, Nov. 6. Setup & decorating will begin at 8:30 am at the Monticello Opera House. *If you can help, contact **Lynn Stafford***, Chair

Legislative – The Committee submitted an article for the KFRW membership, see page 4.

November meetings are: Nov. 4 and Nov. 25. The committee meets twice a month, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 am, at the American Legion Post 49 Legion Hall.

The Florida Legislature will begin regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 through March 13, 2026. Committee Week began October 6 and runs 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.* ☺



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The “**Land That I Love**” (patriotic theme) raffle basket was prepared by **Annaliese Mincy**. The winner was **Carol Miller**, her first! The basket raised \$174!!

November - “Christmas

Cheer is Finally Here!”

Christmas Theme

Catherine McNeill



KFRW 4th Biennial American Valor Dinner

Thursday, November 6th, 5:30-8:30 pm, Monticello Opera House

Lynn Stafford, Event Organizer

The event planning and organizing is in the home stretch getting ready for a wonderful evening for our local veterans and others attending! We have 49 reserved veteran seats, 49 individual seats, plus two for security.

[Event Page.](#)

Final List of AV Dinner Sponsors: *Please thank them!*

- ★ **Let Freedom Ring** (\$1,000): Friends of Corey Simon
- ★ **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 and North Florida Abstract & Title

Silent Auction: At this time, we have 26 Silent Auction items from 23 local businesses with a value of \$1,275. Be sure to bring a check or cash so you go home with something nice.

At the MOH on Nov. 6: If you can help set up and decorate on Thursday, beginning at 8:30 am, and take down decorations and pack up after the event, please contact Lynn Stafford to make the job easier for all.



November Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 11/2 Gretchen Wallace
- 11/21 Damien Lovatto
- 11/25 Pamela Williams
- 11/28 Diane Leach
- 11/29 Tracy Boyce



Calendar of Events



Constitution Alive! Class

Saturdays in November: 1, 8, 15, 22
9-10:30 am, The Social



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 2



KFRW 4th Biennial A.V. Dinner & Silent Auction ~ Nov 6th



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

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



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, November 24

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Legion Annex, 1065 S. Water St

**Speaker: Seamus Bruner, Government
Accountability Institute**



Thursday, November 27



