



KFRW Newsletter

January 2026

President's Message

I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and you got some well-deserved rest as we gear up for a New Year—2026!!

At our final club social of 2025, **Monday, December 8**, everyone enjoyed a very lively gathering of 39 KFRW members and a few guests for our **Annual KFRW Christmas Party**, hosted by **Tracy and Dusty Boyce**. The potluck dinner supplied by all was amazing and we all left stuffed and jolly! Several members were ill, some traveling, and one got caught up working late. *We missed you!*

The Volunteer Hours & Calls for July - Dec. 2025 **are now due, by Jan. 5**. See page 2 for info. If you have any questions, please ask me. Please make our job easy...tally up and send them in...

With deep sadness, we have lost one of our steadfast associate members, **Ernie Morrow**, who passed suddenly on Dec. 25. Ernie was a quiet member, but always a BIG supporter of KFRW. He was the rock of his family, leader in his church, and teacher to so many. *He will be missed by all who knew him*. Please continue to pray for **Janis**, his wife and our club secretary, and their family as they grieve his loss. **Janis** will let us know when she needs something.



Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on January 26, 2026, as we kick off 2026, another BIG election year. We will share tidbits from the KFRW Planning Retreat, approve our 2026 Budget, and have committee sign-ups and reports as we look ahead to 2026. And, please come with your ideas after reading page 4.

I want to thank **Dotty McPherson** for her many years of service in our area as the FFRW District 2 Representative. She "retired" from this role on December 31. It was **Dotty** who planted the seed on June 19, 2018 by attending the Jefferson County Republican Party meeting where I attended my first of such meetings. In her role as the Dist. 2 Rep, prior to the meeting, she asked if there was any interest in forming a women's club affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women

in Monticello, Jefferson County. That got me thinking and as you all know we formed our club on July 26, 2018. But it was because **Dotty** showed up, I was there, and I was ready to do something. As we begin another year, another very important election year, what do you plan to do this year?

Happy New Year!!

Lynn S

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Membership Committee Update

KFRW PO Box: The lock is broken on our PO box and we are using another box temporarily until ours is fixed. In the meantime, we've learned one member got her dues check back marked "Box Vacated" so we are having issues with getting our mail at the PO box.



2026 Membership: Wrapping up renewals, some have decided not to renew for various reasons, but know our country needs all of us being actively involved, when and where we can. 2026 is another BIG election year!



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

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

We celebrate our nation's 250th birthday in 2026, see the new items, [patriotic signs](#), [notepads](#), [serving tray](#), and [dog tags](#), which will make great stocking stuffers. Check them out and help us our club with fundraising!

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 – As a reminder, please tally your hours for July 1 – December 31, 2025 and email or drop off your [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) to **Lynn S. no later than January 5th**. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#). Questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair.

Elections – 2026 local races: School Board Dist. 2, 3 & 5, County Commission Dist. 2 & 4, and City Council Group 1 & 2. [Link to check local candidates who've filed](#). ~ **Janis Morrow**, Chair

Events & Fundraising – Shop our merchandise, see the [website](#) for what's available. *Thank you,* **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

Legislative – The committee meets next **January 14, 11 am**, at Treasa Towson's home on 1st St in Aucilla Shores. Special topic: 5G with a special video presentation. Members to provide lunch.

The 2026 Florida Legislature Regular Session begins Tuesday, January 13, through March 13.

The committee typically meets twice a month, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 am, usually at the American Legion Post 49 Legion Hall. ~ **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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~ America's 250th Anniversary ~

The United States of America

The countdown to America's 250th Anniversary is 183 days from now!

The United States will celebrate its semiquincentennial on July 4, 2026. It marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

You may also see the holiday called the bisseiscentennial, the sestercentennial, America250, or the Quarter Millennium.

"With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history," said **President Trump** of this momentous anniversary.

Under the President's leadership, the Salute to America 250 Task Force ("Task Force 250") began planning a full year of festivities that officially launched on Memorial Day, 2025 and continues through July 4th, 2026.

The White House is engaging and encouraging the entire federal government, state and local governments, the private sector, non-profit and educational institutions, and every citizen across this country to join in this historic celebration.

Task Force 250 invites citizens to have a renewed love of American history, experience the beauty of our country, and ignite a spirit of adventure and innovation that will raise our nation to new heights over the next 250 years.

As part of these efforts, Task Force 250 is proud to present an original video series, "[The Story of America](#)" by partnering with Hillsdale College to provide a history series that tells the remarkable story of American Independence. It highlights the stories of the crucial characters and events that resulted in a small rag-tag army defeating the mightiest empire in the world and establishing the greatest republic ever to exist.

[America250](#) and its Florida counterpart, [America250FL](#), have websites up and running, showing events already planned before the nation's 250th birthday arrives July 4, 2026.

America 250 Florida was launched right here in Monticello on July 2, 2025 with a visit from Governor DeSantis when he unveiled the Thomas Jefferson statue at the courthouse and the American250FL logo.

Be thinking of ways we can participate here in Jefferson County and enlist the support of our local officials to make July 4, 2026 spectacular. Come ready to share your ideas at the KFRW Annual Meeting on January 26. We have one to share!



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