



KFRW Newsletter

February 2026

President's Message

I want to thank the Primary and Associate members who tallied their Volunteer Hours & Calls for July-Dec. 2025 and sent them to me. I estimated for some members, based on event and meeting participation, for a more accurate total for our club. Members with at least 100 hours: **Lynn Stafford** 493, **Pam Wessling** 247, **Beth Young** 237, **Bill Snyder** 175, **Carol Miller** 169, and **Tracy Boyce** 126. (**Jewel Anderson** had 99!) **Our club total for the 6-months was 1,852 hours.**

With sadness, we have lost another one of our associate members, **Ed Wojciechowski**, who passed on Saturday, January 24. He had recently begun Hospice care, but soon took a turn for the worse. Please keep **Lynn**, his wife and our club membership chair, and their family in your prayers.

At the January 26 Annual Meeting, our first meeting of 2026, we discussed KFRW's main focus, the midterms, and events for 2026. The primary members approved our 2026 Budget and we went over the 2026 Calendar noting the big events KFRW will be involved in this year. Committee chairs reported on their respective committees, highlighting their focus and goals for 2026. We solicited committee sign-ups for 2026. **Chris O'Brian of Forgotten Coast K9** and both **Billy Holder and Steve Pickle with Army Strong of Tallahassee** came and we presented "officially" their checks of \$625, taking photos and **Annaliese Mincy** submitted an article to the Monticello News, see pg. 4.

If you haven't already [registered to attend this year's FFRW Legislative Day](#), which is **FREE**, on **Thursday, February 12** at the **Florida Capitol** beginning with a tour of the Florida Supreme Court at 9 am, including a Lunch & Learn with legislators and observing the legislative process, please do so prior to the deadline February 5th. Wear your red blouse, jacket, or sweater for a group photo at 3:30 pm. On **Friday, February 13th**, also at The Capitol, is a **FFRW Leadership Training** from 8:30-1 pm with breakfast provided with several breakout sessions of your choice, also FREE.

Hope to see you at our first quarter **KFRW Social** on **Saturday, February 21**, from 1-3:30, a pot-luck dinner at **Gretchen Wallace's home**, see page 2 (Membership Update) for details.

Our next meeting is Monday, **February 23, 2026**. Our speaker will be **Doug Wheeler with James Madison Institute** (JMI) to provide a Florida legislative update.

Stay warm—it is too cold for Florida!!

Lynn S

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The January raffle basket “**Pretty in Valentine’s Pink**” contributed by **Pam Wessling**, raised \$102, was won by **Diana Rodriguez**, her first! I won’t share here what she said, but she was surprised!



Two Baskets Remain for Adoption for 2026: May and July, which the adopter decides the theme. See Below!

February - “Unwind, Refresh, Renew!” Lynn Stafford

Wellness & Pampering Theme

March - “Hop Into Spring!” Shanna Boutwell

Spring / Easter Theme

April - “Have a Bitter Sweet Chocolate Day!”

Chocolate Lovers Basket Treasa Towson

May - “The Sweet Taste of Summer”

Watermelon Theme

June - “America, Celebrating 250 Years!”

America’s 250th Birthday Theme Dotty McPherson

July - “Turn the Ordinary into Extraordinary!”

Theme is up to the adopter

August - “I Love Fall Most of All” Catherine McNeill

Fall Theme

September - “In Pie We Crust” Lynn McGrady

Locally Made and/or Homegrown

October - “Let Freedom Ring” Beth Young

Patriotic / Election Theme (Red, white & blue items)

November - “Tis the Season to be Jolly!”

Christmas Theme Janis Morrow

[You can pair up with another member for a basket and bring new and/or unused items to contribute to other baskets.]



February Members’ Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 2/2 Zoe Lemon
- 2/4 Austin Hosford
- 2/7 J.T. Ward
- 2/14 Elise Eslinger
- 2/24 Pam Wessling



Calendar of Events



KFRW Legislative Comm. Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 11 am
Carol Miller’s Home 285 Henry St



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 5:30pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



FFRW Legislative Day

Thursday, Feb. 12, 8:30-4:30 pm

FFRW Leadership Training

Friday, Feb. 13, 8:30 am-1:00 pm
The Florida State Capitol, Tallahassee



Saturday, February 14

Valentine’s Day



Monday, February 16

President’s Day Holiday



KFRW 1st Qtr. Social

Saturday, February 21, 1:00-3:30pm
Potluck ~ Presidents Theme
Gretchen Wallace’s Home, 182 Tally Hills Dr



KFRW Membership Meeting

Monday, February 23

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St
Speaker: Doug Wheeler, JMI



~ KFRW Support of Local Veterans' Groups ~

At our KFRW annual meeting, January 26, 2026, the members approved increasing our donation to the American Legion Post 49 this year to \$1,000, up from \$550 the previous years. We also made two presentations in the amount of \$625 to both **Forgotten Coast K9** and **Army Strong of Tallahassee**. Recall, at the November 2025 meeting we agreed to contribute the Silent Auction proceeds of \$1,250 from the 4th Biennial American Valor Dinner to these two organizations.

Forgotten Coast K9 is committed to providing trained service dogs and on-going support to Veterans and First Responders. Their mission and ultimate goal is to prevent veteran and first responder suicides. They are driven by the belief that "Dogs heal." Donations help fund service dogs and the necessary training for them and their handlers. Founder **Chris O'Brian**, who also spoke at our October meeting, reminded us that their organization is working towards the construction of a full-service facility in Port Saint Joe, Florida.



L to R: Annaliese Mincy, Chris O'Brian, Forgotten Coast K9 CEO & Founder and Serge, Lynn Stafford, and Tracy Boyce



L to R: Steve Pickle, Army Strong of TLH Vice Chairman; Annaliese Mincy, Billy Holder, Army Strong of TLH Chairman, Lynn Stafford, and Tracy Boyce

Army Strong of Tallahassee is comprised of a group of veterans and supporters dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who served in the U.S. Army. Their mission is to create a lasting memorial to honor veterans from this branch of service who made the ultimate sacrifice. Donations will cover the cost of constructing a bronze replica of the Battlefield Cross. This monument will be placed in the Memorial Walkway at the Tallahassee National Cemetery and will serve as a tribute to the more than 83,000 veterans and their families in the surrounding area, ensuring their service is remembered for generations. **Chairman Billy Holder** stated that they are close to their fund-raising goal and will be announcing a dedication ceremony in the near future. They invite all KFRW members to come for the dedication.



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