



**MOORE COUNTY, NC  
REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB  
NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2018 ISSUE**



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(See Committees, Chairs and members on the next page in the column on the left.)



**President's Message by Bill Demastus:**

**I can't believe it's mid January and another year has suddenly arrived. My dad used to say that the older you get the quicker the calendar flies by...my calendar is on warp speed.**

**Unfortunately for President Trump, another year has arrived, but he still has the same old nemesis' buying at his door as last year.**

**Very little has changed with what he is attempting to accomplish, but tons have changed with what the Democrat controlled House is trying to accomplish. They, almost to a person, are hell bent on getting him impeached.**

**I am sure they know that, with the Republicans in control of the Senate, they will be unable to do that. But, they think if they keep pounding that drum, it will distract him from other things.**

**They changed the collusion message to an impeachment message hoping to accomplish the same thing...even a constant drip of water will eventually drive one wacky.**

**I never cease to be amazed with President Trump's organizational skills and his ability to move the marker. And, to move in spite of the constant noise from the opposition. He gives the impression that he is exactly the opposite of organized. But actions do speak louder than words and his actions continue to sound volumes.**

**He has reorganized his staff or, at least, is in the act of doing so and seems to be arranging people that can deal with the new players that the election has dealt him. He didn't wait or dilly-dally over doing so either. Within a couple of weeks of the elections, he started moving and replacing people.**

**I believe that is just good business, and I can relate back to another life when my company would do the same. A new year brought new challenges and opportunities, and Roadway never failed to move individuals and create policies to handle them.**

**We Moore County Republicans, and specifically the Men's Club, must do the same. We have an excellent organization that continues to excel on many fronts, but there are many things we could perhaps improve on.**

**We have some new players on the team, and we have the benefit of time to work**

(President's message continued at the bottom of next page)

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- Tom Beddow\*

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**\*Committee Chairman**

Committee Chairs for 2019 come from our newly elected officers. In addition, we need members willing to work on a committee(s) to make their desires known.

If you are a committee member last year and are willing to continue, let us know. In addition, if you did not serve on a committee last year, but would like to do so in 2019, let us know. You may call or email President Demastus the President for 2019.

Thanks to all who served on a committee last year!

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**(Your name could be here) (Your Number could be here)**

**We thank all of the Calling Captains who served last year. Some will continue in 2019, while others took a leave as noted in our newsletter. We will continue to call all members who want to get a monthly reminder and make their luncheon reservations by phone. Many members now use email, text or the website to make reservations and will continue to do so in the future.**

As noted previously, some members use social media to make monthly luncheon reservations. Let us know your lunch notification



and reservation preference. Call Bob Coates if you have any questions.

**Luncheon Meetings Information:**

**Our first meeting of this year is on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 11:30 am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more meeting details by email and in this newsletter. Our luncheon meetings have been moved back Thursday, the fourth one this month and each third Thursday starting in February**

The lunch price is \$20.00, all inclusive, payable by cash or check to CCNC.

Make your January luncheon reservations on or before 3pm Sunday, January 20, at [www.mermeclub.com](http://www.mermeclub.com) or by calling Bob Coates at (910) 420-8181. Reservations are required for those attending the luncheon and should be cancelled if you find you are unable to attend. We guarantee the number of reservations to CCNC with the understanding we will pay for that number, even if some of those who made reservations do not attend.

**Future Meetings and Events:**

We will have our February meeting on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, with John Hood as our speaker. We will be meeting on the third Thursday this year unless speaker schedules dictate a change.

Mark your calendar, for the annual Reagan Dinner on February 9<sup>th</sup>, watch for more details later in this newsletter.

(President's message continued from the front page)

before the next election. And that's where our biggest improvements must be made. We helped our candidates in 2018, but that election only got us to half time...the end game will be in 2020.

We have to increase our income in order to financially support our candidates, and we have to have a larger impact on our electorate.

We are the premier Republican Men's Club in the

county and perhaps in the state. We have to become much more involved with educating our voters. I have said many times that our members are the best informed voters in the county.

It is necessary that we spend more time as a club educating those Republicans who go to the polls, and to getting those who do not, to the polls.

It's true that those two chores fall mainly in the lap of the MCGOP, but it is incumbent on us to help and support their efforts.

(President's message continued from previous page)

This club is rife with movers and shakers, all of whom have a can-do attitude. There are members who can open just about any door and, as a team, I wouldn't be afraid to take on any challenge.

I plan on getting us more involved in local activities that will improve the club's profile and will improve the Republican message.

We can start by having a tent at the various community functions. Our goals would be not only to increase our membership but also to inform and educate voters on candidates and policies. And, to answer questions that most voters have.

I hope that you all will join in these endeavors in the coming months. You can start by bringing a friend to our first meeting on January 24th.

Remember our meetings have been moved to the third Thursday of each month...no longer Mondays.

I pray that you have a prosperous and healthy new year. And, I look forward to working with you in 2019.

#### December Luncheon Meeting Report:



On Monday, December 17, 2018, about 120 members and guests gathered at CCNC for the last luncheon meeting of the year. As has become the custom, we were joined by 25 of Pinecrest High best singers along with their music teacher and leader, Erin Slenk.

After President Demastus called the meeting to order, he made opening remarks and introduced guests. Chaplain Mike Dubbs offered a prayer and blessed the meal. The pledge of allegiance followed said by all attendees while standing.

As the attendees were taking their seats, they welcomed the Pinecrest singers along with leader



Slenk as they took the stage. With their usual



outstanding vocals, the Singers got everyone in the mood with a medley of contemporary and classic Christmas favorites. Attendees showed their appreciation of each song with applause. At the conclusion of the program, the attendees expressed their thanks with a standing ovation!

Following the songs, the singers joined those in attendance for a delicious lunch complete with southern style pecan pie for dessert.

After lunch, there was a short business session that concluded with the swearing-in of 2019 EC officers.



A complete listing of the Executive Committee can be found on the front page, left column, of this newsletter.

Our first meeting in the new year will be on the fourth Thursday, January 24, at CCNC. See more information about the January meeting and other future meetings in this newsletter and in email announcements. Remember, reservations for meetings are required and can be made on our club website: [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club).

#### Newsletter Information:

As was started in 2017, this and future issues of the newsletter are being distributed by email to all members who have an email address. Those members who do not have an email address or have asked for a paper copy will get it in the US mail. In addition, there will be copies available at the meetings at the registration table. If



you want a paper copy, let us know and we will put you on the mailing list.

**January Meeting Program News  
by Tom Adams – VP Programs:**

This is my first update to you as your new VP of Programs. My thanks to Pat Haggerty for handing off the job to me that he has so capably filled the past two years. He will be here on the 24th to introduce you to Jay Delancy,



**Project Director of The Voter Integrity Project of NC. The project's mission is to ensure free and fair elections to all lawfully registered voters. Mr. DeLancy is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel (R), with military experience in both**

**conventional and nuclear operations with advanced degree work in journalism, business and political communication. You'll be surprised at what you learn about voting in North Carolina.**

**Our Community in Action speaker is Scott Greenblatt CEO of Veteran's Guardian VA Claim Consulting. Its mission is to assist**

**Vets in receiving VA benefits that they earned through their service to the nation by helping Vets negotiate the process and provide all of the documents needed to submit your claims. LTC(R) Scott Greenblatt founded Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting after serving 25**



**years on active duty with the United States Army. Joining Scott will be LTC(R) Bill Taylor a graduate of the United States Military Academy. LTC Taylor has served for over 23 years in a wide range of command and staff positions and has 6 operational deployments with two each in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. He is currently assigned to US Army Forces Command as a strategic planner.**

**Treasurer – Scott Sheffield**

**Pay Dues**

The new year is here and I have news about your dues (pardon the effort to be a poet, the Newsletter Editor made me do it)! As was covered in my article in December, it is time to pay your 2019 dues. By paying at or before the January 24 meeting, you will save us time and money on further notices and invoices. You can get your dues paid by writing a check to MCRMC for \$25.00. Be sure and put "2019 dues" in the memo line. Your dues checks can be brought to the January 24 meeting or can be mailed to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. If you bring your dues check to the meeting, please give them to me. Happy New Year and I hope to see you at the January meeting.

**VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell**

Moving into the New Year now is the time to reflect on progress we made this year as a club and areas where we can improve. In 2018, we definitely saw an increase in new members to our club and had good numbers of guests attending our monthly meetings and luncheons. Let us continue to build upon this to increase and get more members involved. I really appreciate the members who have been very active in inviting guests to our luncheons and recruiting new members.



This year I want to encourage all members to work together to focus on ways to improve our club. Without everyone working together, we are as only good as what a few can accomplish, but with everyone together, there is no limit to what we can achieve. Again, I want to challenge all current members to bring a guest each month to the luncheon and to recruit one new member during 2019. I look forward to working with everyone and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or suggestions for improvement. My home number is 910-464-2219 and my cell is 910-695-6082.

I would like to encourage everyone to use our web page for lunch reservations. This is a very efficient way for members to sign up for lunch reservations for our monthly meetings. There is a wealth of other information on the website as well. Please visit it at [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club).

Current members, now is the time to get those 2019 membership dues turned in. Let us get those paid up so we can concentrate on improving our club. Again, I look forward to working with each of you and hope everyone has a blessed New Year!

# Let's Have **Lunch** TOGETHER

**Bob Coates – Lunch Administrator**

## Luncheon Name Tags

As we enter a new year we are inviting you to request any luncheon name tag changes that you require. Perhaps your first name on the badge is currently more formal than you'd like. Or you are an elected official and your title is not quite right on your current badge. Or maybe your badge has soup stains from years of attending luncheons and you'd just like a fresh one. So if there is something you'd like changed on your luncheon name tag please send me email and we'll take care of it.

Looking forward to seeing more of you in 2019 !

Sincerely,

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**Steve Woodward - Secretary**



Social media exposure requires an ongoing effort that allows promotion of our monthly luncheons and our broader Moore County Republican values. Occasionally, social media also provides an outlet to demonstrate the futility and deceit of the radical Left.

Instagram images are especially powerful, and require very little investment in time to prepare, and even less time to be consumed by recipients. (Note: If you are not inclined to post images to Instagram, that's OK. But we encourage everyone to establish a free Instagram account in order to follow "mcncgop" and other Conservative Instagramers such as "remarkmeadows", "vgagolf", "loneconservative", and, last but not least, "realdonaldtrump").

Our "mcncgop" Instagram account has attracted 124 followers over the past five months. Lora Sherwin

maintains the account and posts often. To date, we have 80 total posts, and we are just getting started.

On Facebook, while taking a break for the Christmas season, we are building an audience by "boosting" our posts -- essentially paying a small fee to target our audiences and reach likeminded citizens in our geographic region. We invest about \$100 per month on this front. During the past 60 days, we invested \$200 on Facebook "boosts". Our posts reached 8,396 people, triggered engagement by 1,090 and link clicks by 390. These link clicks are very important, as they drive Facebook users to our Men's Club web site to reserve luncheon tickets or to our issues blog, RESOLVE, to read commentary from a Conservative perspective.

As one example, on December 12 we posted a link to a RESOLVE post reviewing the colossal mess involving fraud allegations in the state's 9th Congressional district, which denied Republican Mark Harris from being seated when the 116th U.S. Congress convened January 3. The link attracted 15 comments (some negative), 46 engagements, and in the first 24 hours reached 1,158 people. By "boosting" the post for \$20 and targeting the audience, we reached 108 people "organically" (people already following us), but a staggering 1,050 people who otherwise might not have encountered the post.

If you have any questions or comments about our social media efforts, just let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

**Tom Beddow – Chair of Moore County GOP**



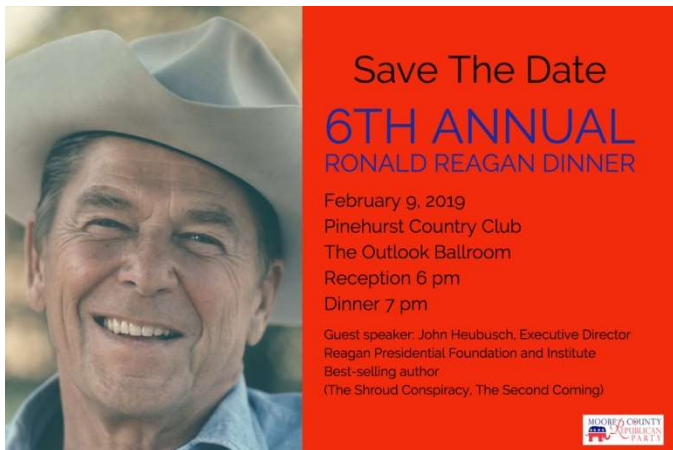
The most important event during the first part of any year is our Moore County GOP Annual Reagan Dinner, this year being held on February 9. We hope all Moore County Republicans and their guests will plan to attend this year's dinner as noted in the flyer

found following in this article.

This social and dinner will help us start our political efforts right as well as allow us to raise the money needed to support conservative Republican issues and candidates at the local, state and federal level. There are a number of ways you can support this dinner:

- Make a reservation for yourself and spouse as well as a guest or two
- Plan to be a sponsor as noted on our county GOP website noted after the flyer
- Call our GOP office at 910-420-0615 and volunteer to help with this dinner and other Headquarter projects
- After opening our MC GOP website, forward information about the Reagan Dinner to all of your like-minded conservative friends and neighbors.

resulted in having a Republican branded Christmas float featured in FIVE Christmas parades in Moore & Lee Counties, plus, we won a first place ribbon in the Robbins Christmas parade! (more parade pictures)



Click on the Link below to go to the Event Page of the 2019 Sixth Annual Ronald Reagan Dinner for more information and to either register or sponsor:

[www.mcncgop.com/2019-ronald-reagan-dinner.html](http://www.mcncgop.com/2019-ronald-reagan-dinner.html)

(paper newsletter readers can type the above link in your web browser)

If you have any questions or want to learn ways you can help our county party, give me a call or send me an email: Tom Beddow, (910) 295-2745 or [tbeddow@nc.rr.com](mailto:tbeddow@nc.rr.com)

Moore County GOP participates in  
**Christmas Parades**

Moore County GOP made a financial contribution to

help build a Christmas float with the Lee County GOP. The combined effort



A big thank you to everyone who made this possible, it was great fun and we received tons of positive feedback for being out there in our communities at this wonderful time of year. Miriam Chu

### Moore County Republican Women News:

At Moore Republican Women, we're dedicated to leading North Carolina in both influence and membership and to being a positive factor in the national and state GOP, while improving our community through caring projects. Read all about us!



### Next MRW BRUNCH:

Monday, February 4 - PCC Members Club  
Outlook Ballroom  
12:00 Noon

Stay tuned for more information about speakers and menu.

Note: No luncheon was scheduled in January

(Men's Club members are always welcome as guests. Reservations are required and can be made at their website: [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org) )

### RESOLVE NEWS:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including at least one article from the blog: RESOLVE NC, to see all of the articles, go to the following: [www.resolvecnc.blog](http://www.resolvecnc.blog) If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)



## Where true leaders go

By Connie Lovell

Peggy Noonan, in a year-end column for *The Wall Street Journal*, asks "Trump insiders" to speak candidly about how the administration conducts the

people's business. Two years are indeed enough time to evaluate the conduct of our government—including the duplicity in Congress and the vigilante style of the Justice Department and the IRS. Yet Ms. Noonan focuses her ire on President Donald Trump while overlooking these and other malefactors.

When the press stretches facts about events on Capitol Hill and in the bureaucracy, when the Justice Department decides to obfuscate facts and ignore subpoenas, when we learn that Congress has a secret slush fund to silence sexual-harassment accusers, these scandals often are made public by Trump insiders willing to speak honestly about what Americans have long suspected.

Gen. James Mattis

When Defense Secretary Jim Mattis resigned his post, we heard his message. The former general is in the fight to win, as is expected of a fine career officer. Yet others in the administration argue candidly that it is futile to fight a war for 18 years without rules of engagement sufficient to defeat our enemy. Experience tells us that peace does not come through empty promises and plane loads of cash.



There are indeed many books about the chaos in the Trump administration. But there also are many others authored by supporters of the president, willing to put their reputations on the line in defense of the president's accomplishments and his right to govern.

Ms. Noonan suggests that honest Trump insiders are cowed by the president's operatives, becoming "figures of obloquy." I am not a Trump insider but I am not afraid to speak up on the president's behalf. I voted for him to expose the inner sanctum we call our government and shed light on the corruption we all know exists. He has persevered to the point of friction and beyond, and that is where true leaders go.

Originally published as a letter-to-the-editor in *The Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 4, 2019

### Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore County Board of Elections Website: [www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected\\_officials.pdf](http://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected_officials.pdf)

## Tom's News

Moore County Conservative News

**Headline: In 2013, Dem Senators Voted To Give \$46 Billion To Secure Border, Build Barrier. 2006 Was Even Bigger**

**Comments: Pass this to everyone you can. If we do not pass it on the Swamp press sure is not going to.**

**Quotations from the below article: (emphasis added by bold)**

-- "Why are government employees' jobs and [paychecks being held hostage](#) by the Democrats?"

-- "In 2006 that amount was \$50 billion over a period of 25 years. It was approved by 26 Senate Democrats."

-- "In 2013, all 54 Senate Democrats voted to approve \$46 billion for border security. That funding included spending for 700 miles of fencing, wrote The Daily Wire."

-- "[The Boston Globe](#) reported that the funds were to cover a secure barrier along the southern border. Then-Sens. Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, and Barack Obama all voted for the Secure Fence Act of 2006."

See the below article for more details.

Tom S

We need to support President Trump. If you wish to contribute, here are some links to consider

[Republican National Committee \(RNC\)](#)

[Trump Presidential Campaign](#)

[Official Trump Hats and Other Items](#)

Article: Here is the web link to the original article: [westernjournal.com](#)

**In 2013, Dem Senators Voted To Give \$46 Billion To Secure Border, Build Barrier. 2006 Was Even Bigger**

[westernjournal.com](#) · by Kara Pendleton · January 7, 2019

Well, the cat is out of the bag on one of the Democrats' talking points about the border wall.

And it was a Democrat who spilled the beans on their hypocrisy.

The [government shutdown](#) over the border wall funding battle has seen a number of excuses from Democrats. One, however, has been cost for the wall. When Kentucky's Democratic Rep. [John Yarmuth](#) appeared on The Hill's "Rising" on Friday, he admitted the amount requested is chump change compared to other amounts the Democrats have been willing to pay for border security.

Dem Rep struggles to explain Democrat opposition to a wall, admits it would help border security <https://t.co/vqBe8jZJwq> [pic.twitter.com/z4Tuy5kUgz](https://pic.twitter.com/z4Tuy5kUgz)

— RNC Research (@RNCResearch) January 4, 2019

Oopsie! Since he seemed to fumble his way through the interview, can we trust what he said about that? Yes, we can!

[The Daily Wire](#) reported that there has been more than one time in the past when the Democrats approved higher amounts of funding for border security.

In 2006 that amount was \$50 billion over a period of 25 years. It was approved by 26 Senate Democrats.

[The Boston Globe](#) reported that the funds were to cover a secure barrier along the southern border. Then-Sens. Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, and Barack Obama all voted for the Secure Fence Act of 2006.

The Globe goes on to note that Obama praised the bill at the time, saying, "The bill before us will certainly do some good."

He also spoke of how it would create "better fences and better security along our borders."

The then-future president also praised the fact that it would "help stem some of the tide of illegal immigration in this country." But that is not the only example of Democratic hypocrisy on border wall spending.





In 2013, all 54 Senate Democrats voted to approve \$46 billion for border security. That funding included spending for 700 miles of fencing, wrote The Daily Wire.

An [Associated Press](#) report explained that the 700 miles of fencing included an additional 350 miles of new fencing. The funding was given in part to “ensure that 90 percent of would-be crossers are caught or turned back.”

That was then. Now, those same Democrats who were for border security are against it, because they don’t like President Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, the elected heads of border states who know the issue best, like Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, know how important border security is.

Governor Perry was right. That’s why Texas will continue to fund border security that adds law enforcement, National Guard, boats, planes, detection and deterrence devices and more. But under the Constitution only the federal government can build the wall. It’s up to Congress.

[pic.twitter.com/YdBwu29L1u](https://pic.twitter.com/YdBwu29L1u)

— Greg Abbott (@GregAbbott\_TX) January 5, 2019

Texas is currently spending almost a billion dollars every biennium to secure the border—far more than any other state. The federal government must step up and do its constitutional job to end open border policies. <https://t.co/vkkqi8UwG8>

— Greg Abbott (@GregAbbott\_TX) December 30, 2018

Ducey told [KTAR News](#) in January 2017, before Trump was even sworn into office, that he supported a border wall provided the state’s business relationship with Mexico is not harmed.

So, border governors have weighed in affirmatively on the wall. The Democrats have previously funded much higher amounts that included border barriers.

What then is the problem, exactly?

Why are government employees’ jobs and [paychecks being held hostage](#) by the Democrats?

It certainly looks like nothing more than partisan politics at the expense of innocent Americans.

We are committed to truth and accuracy in all of our journalism. Read our [editorial standards](#).

[westernjournal.com](http://westernjournal.com) · by Kara Pendleton · January 7, 2019

#tsnews

Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



Let me start the year with a definition from the online Merriam-Webster dictionary:

**dubious** [adjective](#)

du·bi·ous | \ 'dü-bē-

əs also dyü- \

Definition of *dubious*

1: unsettled in opinion : DOUBTFULL

was *dubious* about the plan.

2: giving rise to [uncertainty](#): such as

a: of doubtful promise or outcome

a *dubious* plan

b: questionable or [suspect](#) as to true nature or quality the practice is of *dubious* legality

So why a definition of the word “dubious?” Well, as you might guess, there is a story that goes with this opening. On Tuesday evening, January 8 at 9:00pm EST, President Trump gave his first Oval Office address of his presidency. It was covered by all major network and cable television stations. The President’s address lasted just under 9 minutes and was followed by a response by Democrats, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

President Trump has appealed for \$5.7M in funding for construction of additional barriers on our southern border. If funding is granted, it could result in additional appropriations to end the closing of about 25% of the federal government. Pelosi and Schumer supported ending the federal government shutdown, but oppose any further border “wall” construction, saying it would be a waste of money.

Nothing really new on this issue from either side, just more rhetoric on both sides to support their already well know positions. It is worth noting, however, that the much ballyhooed Presidential declaration of a national emergency did NOT happen.

Having set the stage with the above review of events, I would continue my story (some will say “rant”) with some observations about the after broadcast

## Bob Coates about Moore County "Pickers"

comments I saw. In our household, my wife's choice of national news is NBC, she is a Lester Holt fan. We were tuned to NBC, so that is where we watched the President and the Dem rebuttal. After these concluded, there was commentary lead by Lester which included most of the NBC "news" reporters.

So started the condemnation of everything Trump and wall and the affirmation of everything Pelosi-Schumer. While this anti-Trump, pro-Dems approach was not unexpected, the use of the word "dubious" in the follow-up comments was painfully apparent. It seemed that each reporter, starting with Holt and going through each of the usual reporters used the word "dubious" describing every point made by the President. Put another way, it seemed as if and maybe was intended to be a code way of saying that President Trump lied about and misrepresented every point he made!

Also, because every one of the reporters used the same code word, it seemed like it had to be pre-planned and rehearsed. Now I am sure that those who fall in the Trump "hater" corps would vehemently deny my accusations. And, maybe, I was over sensitive to the total negative tone of the NBC comments, but I think not. I would like to think that in the 50+ years that I have been watching national TV media news reports, I have seen a move away from reporting the news and toward left leaning agenda driven support of liberalism.

What I am sure about, as regards this particular NBC report, is that those who watched came away thinking that our President at best "misrepresented" the need for a physical barrier on the border and at worst outright lied about that need. What ever happened to journalism in this great country??

In closing, allow me to ask for your input on this and future newsletters. If you like what you see, let me know. If you do not like what you see, let me know that also. Your comments, input and thoughts are always welcome. You can send me your input by email to [paul.shaffer@mindspring.com](mailto:paul.shaffer@mindspring.com). And, finally, please consider sending me an article for potential publication. As always, let me know if you would like to get a paper copy of the newsletter. If so, on a one-time basis, you can pick one up at our luncheon meeting, they are on the far end of the registration table. If you want a copy in the mail each month, just let me know and I will add you to the mailing list. See you at the meeting on January 24.

From and About Our Members

In 2016, as part of the NC DOT Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program, MCRMC adopted a stretch of Linden Road which extends from the RR tracks by



Pinewild to the 90° bend 2 miles to the west. In exchange for cleaning this roadway quarterly the DOT placed a sign with our organization's name on it at each end of this section. We have been fulfilling our commitment ever since.

To be honest this activity can be a little bitter-sweet. It is discouraging to see how disrespectful of our surroundings some people are. But after we get it all clean again there is a sense of pride. Having our club's name associated with this effort is a small step in dispelling the myth that Republicans don't care about the environment.

While not directly related to this AAH program the Club also participates in the annual Earth Day Cleanup in April. We will be recruiting volunteers again this year as we get closer to that date (probably April 20th).

Bob Coates - MCRMC AAH Program Coordinator

## Felice Schillaci Letter to The Pilot - Dec 2018:

On the one hand the GOP had a campaign based on economic results, common sense, family, work, respect of law, legal immigration and security.



On the other, the Democrats ran a campaign based on anti-Trumpism, costing billions of dollars. Their achievement had the help of news networks, intellectuals, Hollywood actors and producers, Nobel winners, Oscar winners, singers, athletes.

The Democratic extreme left contributed with intimidation, insults, fear and ridicule. All for half-victory.

And now why are so many provisional ballots appearing so quickly from who knows where in Florida, Arizona, and Georgia?

I sincerely hope that the new Democratic majority in the U.S. House will concentrate on legislating without increasing the deficit, instead of trying to get even. Many of us are sick and tired of obstructionism and childish behavior.

As for our POTUS, I hope he continues with creating a Supreme Court which upholds the Constitution and does not interpret laws in a way that moves us closer to socialism.

Felice Schillaci Facebook Jan 2, 2019

Mitt Romney wins the senate nomination as a republican and the first thing he does when he arrives in Washington is criticize the GOP leader, the POTUS. We need fewer RINOs in government. They are destroying America. Shame on you Romney! I guess you are trying to run again for President and appeal to the moderates of both parties. You may have the money but not the right ideas for America, to win

John Boesch on Veterans Matters:

Another Study Finds VA Outperforms non-VA Care: A new study by Dartmouth College found VA mostly outperforms non-VA health care systems and facilities in their same regions when comparing mortality rates and patient safety. Researchers conducting the study compared data from VA hospitals against non-VA proximate facilities in 121 regions. In 14 out of 15 measures, or over 93 percent, results show VA performed significantly better.



Bells of Balangiga Returned: Three bells, taken as war trophies in the Philippines 117 years ago, were returned to the village of Balangiga on December 11. U.S. soldiers took the three bells following a fierce battle in the village, where the bells were used to signal an ambush that killed 48 U.S. service members. Since 1904, 2 of the bells have been at a Wyoming air base. The third was found at the 2nd Infantry Division museum at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea. The return of the bells was achieved through the efforts of Congress, the VFW, and the Philippine government.

MIA Update: This week, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced 13 new identifications. Nine were sailors on the USS Oklahoma, sunk Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. One was killed in Germany, in Nov. 1944, and one crashed in China, in July 1945. A soldier killed in

South Korea in July 1950. A navy pilot lost in Sept. 1966 was also recovered. The Agency continues to help "bring our boys home."

From Outside the Club:

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## *Mere Hours After 'Reporter' Jim Acosta Labels The Border A Utopia, 20 Charred Dead Bodies Are Found*

Posted on January 11, 2019 by [Alex Parker](#)



The Left got their wires crossed Thursday.

As reported by CNN, Mexican officials found at least 20 dead bodies — most of them burned — along the border, about 50 miles west of McAllen, Texas on Wednesday. Accompanying them were four charred trucks and a sedan along a dirt road in the border state of Tamaulipas.

Something crazy happened:

The incident appeared to be the result of a confrontation between two criminal gangs, Tamaulipas Attorney General Irving Barrios Mojica told journalist Carmen Aristegui in an interview for her radio show in Mexico. Aristegui is also the host of a show on CNN en Español.

He said some of the victims had been wearing "tactical vests with military-type uniforms" and bullets were found nearby that came from weapons typically only used by the military.

Barrios Mojica indicated the area where the bodies were found is being fought over by criminal gangs looking to traffic drugs, weapons and people. Yet, the discovery was announced by the left-wing network just hours after its anti-reporter, Jim

Acosta, hailed wonderful notions of staggering border tranquility.

### New Feature: Links to Articles of Interest

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, there will be this monthly column that offers readers the opportunity to find and read additional articles of interest.



Most of the referenced articles will be chosen from conservative publications found online. They are chosen by your Editor and from recommendations made by members or others who share club views. If you see an online article that you think might be of interest to those who read our newsletter, send an email to the Editor: [paul.shaffer@mindspring.com](mailto:paul.shaffer@mindspring.com) that includes the link.

Listed links that are blue and underlined (in the email version of the newsletter) can be accessed by placing your cursor on the link and clicking, or holding down the "ctrl" key and clicking on the link. If you are reading a paper copy of the newsletter, you can type the link into the search bar of your browser. We expect to have between two and a half dozen such links in each issue. Following find the links for this issue:

### [Bad Hombres Apprehended Near Texas Border... Sex Offenders, Gang Members](https://eaglerising.com/63726/bad-hombres-apprehended-near-texas-border-sex-offenders-gang-members/)

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### [Fact-Checking 5 of Trump's Claims in Border Speech](https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/01/09/fact-checking-5-of-trumps-claims-in-border-speech/)

[https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/01/09/fact-checking-5-of-trumps-claims-in-border-speech/?utm\\_source=TDS\\_Email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Top5&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiTjJaalpqVTFZVEk1TkdGbSIsInQlOiJmc1NIT3V3M3NNAFB3RE9Ra1p5RXc0Yit2WFg3MXMwa0NxMDI4OGNRREdVUSStSUHVOCeInSVJcL3Z2dTVkaGYxNVsU200b3dtZ0hOZ2g1b1NhN3h6eWc0c1U4ZFNMMWV2dVh1QnNlKzIsWUIZbHUxOUZoNUtqbNBYmJqRW hnTzIfifQ%3D%3D](https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/01/09/fact-checking-5-of-trumps-claims-in-border-speech/?utm_source=TDS_Email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Top5&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTjJaalpqVTFZVEk1TkdGbSIsInQlOiJmc1NIT3V3M3NNAFB3RE9Ra1p5RXc0Yit2WFg3MXMwa0NxMDI4OGNRREdVUSStSUHVOCeInSVJcL3Z2dTVkaGYxNVsU200b3dtZ0hOZ2g1b1NhN3h6eWc0c1U4ZFNMMWV2dVh1QnNlKzIsWUIZbHUxOUZoNUtqbNBYmJqRW hnTzIfifQ%3D%3D)

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### Some Red Meat:



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