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

As you read this article, we are either in the throes of early voting or about to be.

You probably already know that we have two voting sites and in fact hopefully you have received an e-mail with a sample ballot and locations where you can go to vote...if you do not get e-mail please pick up the ballot at our October meeting.

Our volunteers have stepped up and filled the first week's slots at both locations...you might be interested to know that this is a major undertaking requiring many hours of work from the men and women who are working the polls.

Total hours required for the full voting cycle will be in excess of 2000. Should any of you be willing to spend some time distributing ballots and candidate information to our voters at the polls, your party would be most appreciative.

I believe I am singing to the choir when I tell you the importance of this election but being intimately involved with precinct chairs I can tell you that we are not seeing the same enthusiasm generated in President Trump's election...of course I guess we may never see that type of "enthusiasm" again. But sadly if we do not get the voters out to beat a very charged up liberal base we may lose all the wonderful work that our president has done.

It is not enough to just hold the house or senate...we have to keep the super majorities if we want to be able to keep our state advancing. We had both US chambers and the Presidency over the last two years but because we did not have super majorities in both houses look how many things President Trump "couldn't" get done. We are quick to blame the Senate but truth is with the margin we had in the Senate restricted much of what they tried to do...throw in a couple of RINO's usually equated to "not this time vote".

Pollsters tell us we are going to lose the US house and barely maintain the Senate and that we are going to lose super majorities in our state congress...it boggles my mind to think we could lose any ground with the amazing results our state and US office holders have turned in and President Trump has kept every promise he made and added a few.

In addition, our side is contending against an all but, Socialist party...who have moved so far left even their most liberal policies seem conservative.

How can we possibly lose ground to them...by not getting out the voters. I can assure you your state and county parties are working feverishly to do just that but

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The most recent Committee Chair appointed is Tom Beddow, Chair of Nominations. He and his committee will offer nominations for a V.P. Membership at the October meeting and the attendees will vote at that same meeting. The Nominating Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws, will present a slate of nominees for offices for 2019 at the November meeting. The voting for 2019 offices will be at the December meeting. If you are interested in being considered, contact Beddow.

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

Over the years the Calling Captain system has served the club well. As we have all become more familiar with cell phone and internet services such as text, email and website forms, fewer and fewer members have relied on monthly telephone calls. Many of you now use these electronic services to learn about meeting dates and times and make reservations. Watch for more calling updates.

Calling Captain Glen Roat is taking a leave from calling duties. Our thanks to Glen for his past service.



(Become a member of our calling team. Call today and volunteer)

**Luncheon Meetings Information:**

Our luncheon meetings this year are being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The October lunch meeting and program is at CCNC on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 11:30 am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more details by email and in this newsletter.

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

Make your October luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, October 11 at [www.merme.club](http://www.merme.club) or by calling Paul Shaffer at (910) 295-3084. Reservations are required for those attending the luncheon and should be cancelled if made and then 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 November meeting on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise changed because of speaker schedules. We will have an analysis of the November election by a speaker to be announced. Our December meeting will be a celebration of the Christmas Season with songs by the Pinecrest High Choir.

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we need help...please consider volunteering in some function...come and see your parties new headquarters in Olmsted Village...it is beautifully equipped and perhaps a place you'd like to spend some hours helping a bunch of volunteers.

Answering phones, stuffing envelopes and just generally doing what needs done, in an office can actually be gratifying chores when one can measure the results...we plan to keep this office open daily right through the 2020 election. Lots of volunteer

hours are desperately needed if we wish to be in contention for the Presidential Election.

On a personal note, I am saddened to have gained this office by losing a man that I knew and respected. I will do my best to keep this club functioning in the professional and business like manner that it has operated in since its inception.

My personal desire is that I can earn your respect. I look forward to working with all of you.

# ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING

2018 GENERAL ELECTION ~ NOVEMBER 6, 2018

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE!\*\***

There will be two (2) sites open for voting during the One-Stop period; however the times are different at each site.  
Please see below for the times & dates for each site.

**Main Site: CARTHAGE ~ Wednesday, October 17 - Saturday, November 3**

**Moore County Board of Elections Office**

700 Pinehurst Avenue  
Carthage, NC 28327

**Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 3, 2018: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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**Additional Site: SOUTHERN PINES ~ Wednesday, October 17 - Saturday, November 3**

**Douglass Community Center**

1185 W. Pennsylvania Avenue  
Southern Pines, NC 28387

**Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 27, 2018: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 3, 2018: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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**\*\*REMEMBER!\*\***

The LAST day to vote early is Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM at both sites.  
On Election Day you MUST go to your assigned polling place. Call the Board of Elections 947-3868 if you need assistance.

## Vote – Vote - Vote

In This newsletter issue, there are a number of documents that will be of assistance as you plan your visit to the polls in this critical fall election. Above is the schedule for **Early Voting**. This is important to have because we expect as many as 60%+ of the votes in Moore County will be cast before **election day, Tuesday November 6**. Later in this newsletter, there is a listing of the polling locations if you plan to vote on election day.

In addition, there are 2 informational election inserts (attachments on the email version of the newsletter):

- 1) A one page (front and back) sample ballot that was prepared by our Moore County GOP. This sample ballot shows all races and has the MC GOP recommended candidate filled in. Please be sure to review both sides

and take a copy when you go vote. There are additional copies of this at the Moore County GOP Headquarters in Olmstead Village and there will be copies available at our October luncheon meeting.

- 2) A one page (front and back) document that explains the Moore County 1/4 cent sales tax. This tax will support educational needs and local officials have assured voters that proceeds will only be used for that purpose.

If you would like further election information, you may go to the Moore County Board of Elections Website:

[www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections](http://www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections)

Those of you who are planning to vote on election day, November 6, following is a list of polling locations:



## Locations by Precinct:

**Bensalem:** Bensalem Presbyterian Church  
**Cameron:** Cameron Elementary School Media Center  
**Carthage:** Moore County Agricultural Center  
**DHR:** High Falls Elementary School Auditorium  
**East Aberdeen:** American Legion Hut #72  
**Eureka-Whispering Pines:** Whispering Pines Fire Department  
**Eastwood:** Eastwood Fire Department  
**East Knollwood:** More County Airport Terminal  
**Little River:** Cypress Pointe Fire Dept – Woodlake Station  
**North Southern Pines:** St. Anthony Parish Hall  
**Pinebluff:** Pinebluff Community Center  
**Pinedene:** Southern Pines Recreation Center  
**Pinehurst A1:** Pinehurst Municipal Hall  
**Pinehurst A2:** First Baptist Church of Pinehurst Fellowship Hall  
**Pinehurst B1:** Senior Enrichment Center  
**Pinehurst B2:** Robert E. Lee Auditorium-Pinecrest High School  
**Pinehurst C:** The Fair Barn  
**Robbins:** Robbins Fire Department  
**Seven Lakes:** Seven Lakes Fire Department  
**South Southern Pines:** Douglass Community Center  
**Taylortown:** Taylortown Town Hall  
**Vass:** Vass Town Hall  
**West Aberdeen:** Aberdeen Recreation Station  
**Westmoore:** Sandhills Community College Westmoore Ctr  
**West Knollwood:** Ball Visitors Center (Sandhills Gardens)  
**West End:** West End Presbyterian Church – Crawford Ctr

**We must all go vote and get our like-minded friends to do the same!**

## Newsletter Information:

As was started early this year, 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 meeting at the registration table. If you want a paper copy, let us know and we will put you on the mailing list.



## October Meeting Program News by Pat Haggerty – VP Programs:



North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jackson will be our Keynote Speaker on Monday, October 15th. Justice Jackson is a very important vote on the NC Supreme Court,

especially since Justice Bob Edmunds lost his election in 2016. Just as she did when she was an Appellate Court judge, Jackson is a voice of reason on the Supreme Court.



She is up for election in November and it is vital that she is re-elected for those who believe that government should be restrained with a good system of checks and balances. Jackson believes deeply that the courts should apply laws as written and not try to legislate from the bench.



Congressman Richard Hudson will also be in attendance. He is our current Congressman and is running for re-election in November. Congressman Hudson has been recognized as a top

conservative in Congress and has a voting record that shows his support of issues important to NC Republicans. To view more about his service, voting record and election information, see:

[www.hudson.house.gov](http://www.hudson.house.gov)



As usual, the meeting will be at CCNC, registration at 11:30am and the meeting will be called to order at noon. After introductions, announcements, prayer and pledge, lunch will be served. Our speakers will start after lunch. During registration and after the meeting, candidates running in the fall election will be available to meet and greet.

#### Steve Woodward – Secretary:

As we count down to Election Day, November 6, and throughout early voting, it is important that we energize fellow Republicans and independent voters. One effective way to accomplish this is to post photos of democracy in action to our social media platforms.



We have a wonderful volunteer, Lora Sherwin, who is managing our Instagram account. Even if you are not a social media user, it is strongly suggested that you establish an Instagram account, if only to follow our posts at "mcncgop". In a short time, we have posted 27 photos and have attracted 59 followers. Let's keep the momentum building. We need 590+ followers!

If you have a photo you wish to share, email it to [woodward.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:woodward.stephen@gmail.com) or text it to Lora at 910-309-3012. I manage our Facebook page (@moorecountyrepublicans) and would be delighted to post photos there. Be creative!

Nothing is more energizing than joining Moore County Republicans (and others from surrounding counties) on a road trip. On Sept. 26, Republican stalwarts assembled on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol -- 2,000-plus -- to support FreedomWorks and Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, the presumptive Speaker of the House should Republicans retain control of the House. Our Moore team traveled on a "red eye" by bus overnight, 30 hearty souls in all, including Hall of Famers such as Dee Park, Carol Wheeldon, ringleader Miriam Chu, Russ Vansant and Hal Mendelson.

On a partly cloudy, warm day, we heard from only A-list speakers. Radio talk show host Andrew Wilcox handled the introductions. We greeted speakers including our very own Cleta Mitchell, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Texas Rep. Louie Gohmert, Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz, NC Freedom Caucus chair and Rep. Mark Meadows, and Ohio's Jordan, among others.

Later, the Moore and Lee County delegations assembled in a private meeting room in the Capitol Visitors Center to interact with our NC-8 Congressman Richard Hudson, who discussed his frustration over the lukewarm Congressional response to is Reciprocity Conceal & Carry firearms bill, as well as a decision by House leadership (backed by POTUS Trump, Hudson said) to delay a request for more border wall construction funding until after the mid-terms.

Afterward, the NC delegation boarded its bus for the return trip and several hours of well deserved rest. We should salute these patriots who sacrificed sleep, comfort and food to participate in this important event. They are a rare breed of Americans.

Voting starts soon, so plan your visit to one of the early voting locations or vote on Tuesday, November 6.

#### VP Membership - ???

As noted on the front page in the EC column and again in the Committee column on page 2, we are temporarily without a VP of Membership. With the resignation of President Zschoche, the Bylaws call for the VP of Membership to fill that vacancy until the end of the year. Therefore, you find President, Bill Demastus' picture and column on the front page as our President until the end of the year.

As further noted on page 2 in the EC column, there will be a candidate for VP Membership submitted to the attendees at the October meeting. There will be a call for the election of that candidate at that same meeting. The person elected to VP Membership in October will serve until the end of this year.

#### Treasurer – Scott Sheffield

As we move toward the end of 2018 and see the upcoming fall election, activity of your Treasurer will pick up. We have already started writing checks for Republican candidates who have Dem opposition in the fall election. Expect to hear more about our donations at our October meeting and possibly in future emails. As you may already know, when we write a check, we make every effort to present them to the candidates in person. Sometimes we are able to do that at our meetings and other times when a delegation of members visits the candidate in their office. Watch for further details.

At the October meeting, I hope to have time to give a short Treasurer's report. We started this fall season

a balance of over \$18,000 so we are in a solid financial situation.

On a couple of final thoughts, it is not too late to make a donation if you were unable to otherwise participate in our fundraising golf tournament. To donate, write a personal check to MCRMC and put "donation" in the subject line. You can bring that check to the October meeting or mail it to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

Finally, it is not too early to think about paying dues for 2019. To get ahead on this payment, write a check (again PERSONAL check) to MCRMC with "2019 dues" in the memo line. As above, bring the check to the luncheon or mail it to PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

See you at the October luncheon.

#### John Boesch – Veteran's Committee Chair:

(Editor's Note: Member, John Boesch is involved in veteran's affairs in several organizations. Following is an update of a couple of events that impact veterans all over the country.)



#### Senate Must Pass Blue Water

**Navy Bill:** In September, a coalition of veterans service organizations sent a letter to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs urging the Senate to pass H.R. 299, the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018*, which would provide long-overdue benefits to Blue Water Navy and Korean DMZ veterans. It would also expand benefits to the children of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in Thailand and commission more research on Gulf War Illness.

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day:** On September 21, ceremonies at the Pentagon honored our nation's former prisoners of war and more than 82,000 Americans who remain missing and unaccounted for going back to World War II, as well as their families. The nation sets aside the third Friday in September to recognize and remember former POWs and our MIAs.

Yet, every day is another opportunity to recover, identify, and return a fallen American home to a loving family who still waits. The effort is carried on by the 700 military and civilian men and women assigned to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

**Trump Signs Bill to Fund Veterans Programs:** On September 21, the President signed the first appropriations bill of the year. The \$147.5 billion package includes full year appropriations for VA to start implementation of the VFW-supported VA *MISSION Act of 2018*, streamline the process for appealing decisions on benefit claims, reduce the rate of suicide among veterans, and modernize its electronic health care record.

V/R,

John Boesch - Commissioner, District 8  
NC Veterans Affairs Commission.

#### Moore County Republican Women News:



The next MRW Luncheon is on Monday, November 5 at Pinehurst Country Club in the Outlook Ballroom at 12 Noon. Go to the MRW website and watch for luncheon details:

[www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org)

Our members are always welcome as guests, so if you want to attend, make reservations on the website or as otherwise directed on club announcements.

MRW President's Message:

#### The Walk Away Movement

What a wonderful, happy day! Just reading about the Walk Away Movement makes me smile and feel exuberant. Our fellow citizens are seeing the light. They are alive, moving, real American people who are bidding farewell to the Democrat Party and its radical, far-left beliefs.

It is a jubilant feeling to see a mass exodus from hate and violence, even though the media works constantly to attack our President and his supporters and to promote the Progressive agenda. We are seeing people wake up, become educated and realize how the "caring party" is actually taking away their souls in exchange for their so-called compassion.

The Movement is successful because we are seeing everyday people who the Democrats think of as die hard liberals, walk away. There is no classifying, categorizing or labeling in this movement; it is our fellow Americans of every size, shape and color.

The Movement began with Brandon Straka, a gay New York hairdresser who made a statement on YouTube that he was walking away from the Democrat Party. He said, "I reject a system which allows an ambitious, misinformed and dogmatic mob



to suppress free speech, create false narratives, and apathetically steamroll over the truth. I reject hate.”

His message went viral, adding over five million people telling their own personal stories. Shortly after his video, he was denied service when a clerk in a camera store in New York City recognized him. And in mid-September, Facebook banned Straka just as he was planning a protest march in Washington, D.C.

How can Democrats follow a man such as DNC Chairmen Tom Perez when he states that socialist “Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the future of the Democratic Party”? This is sad, indeed.

We are so thankful to God for giving the Walk Away Movement members the courage to leave behind the divisive, unstable, extremist leaders of the Democrat Party.

We don’t know if any will become Republicans or Independents – but if they simply decide NOT to vote Democrat, it will have a significant influence on the election in November – and perhaps help bring the Democrat party back from its dangerous lurch to the far left.

Pauline Bruno - President MRW

#### RESOLVE NEWS:

The Moore County GOP BLOG “RESOLVE” is found at: [www.reolvenc.blob](http://www.reolvenc.blob). See the following recent submission:



#### Trump train rolls on - by Resolve

Washington and the corrupt mainstream media are abuzz about who to believe amid an embarrassing confirmation process for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Accusers of Kavanaugh claiming he was some teen-aged sexual predator and raging drunk are losing credibility -- if ever they had any --

with each passing day.

While Democrat Senators are obsessed with Kavanaugh's high school days and his yearbook, not his career, and while the media hangs on every word, what cannot be challenged is the runaway success story of Donald's Trump's presidency. The well orchestrated smear campaign against Judge Kavanaugh might ultimately drive more Republicans than usual to the November mid-term polls to avenge Democrat tactics. But if voters somehow have managed to shut out the confirmation fiasco, what ought to be driving them to the polls to vote for Republicans and secure the GOP's continued majorities in the U.S. House and Senate is an avalanche of good news drowned out by a scandal-a-day, deranged press corps. (Editor’s Note: Since this Resolve Blog was written, the Kavanaugh vote was 50 to 48 for confirmation and he has been sworn-in as a US Supreme Court Justice)

The Trump Administration reached an agreement with Canada and Mexico on the largest trade deal in history, governing \$1.2 trillion in trade.

The results of a newly released Gallup poll indicates that the Republican Party is at a seven-year high in favorability among American voters.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed Oct. 2 at a record high (26,773.94), its 14th record close of 2018.

Consumer confidence rose in September to its highest level in about 18 years. The index rose nearly FOUR points since the August poll.

Across America, African American and Hispanic unemployment is at record lows due to Trump-led tax cuts and sweeping de-regulation that stifled business growth during the Obama years. Jobs and opportunities are flowing into communities.

Employment in North Carolina reflects trends nationwide. In our state, August employment reached an all-time high of more than 4.8 million jobs.

The Gross Domestic Product – which signals the health of our economy -- grew at a rate of 4.2% last quarter. Average growth was just above 1% quarterly during the Obama era.

The United States is balancing trade deficits with key partners such as China, ending terrible deals with adversarial nations such as Iraq, and promoting peace in the Korean peninsula by promoting open dialog between President Trump and North Korea’s

dictatorial regime.

Spread the word.

Resolve | October 3, 2018 at 9:14 pm | Tags: Brett Kavanaugh, Gross domestic product, North Korea, Supreme Court, U.S. economy | Categories: 2018 Midterms, Fair trade, Political blood sport, Tax Reform, Trump Presidency | URL: <https://wp.me/p90MXc-iK>

#### Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the MCRMC Website: [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) and click on “List of Moore County Elected Officials.”

#### From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer:



This issue of the newsletter puts a strong and needed emphasis on the upcoming fall election. By the time you read this, we will be near or in the elections cycle. Early voting, as noted in an earlier article, starts on Wednesday, October 17. With as many as 60% or more of the

votes expected to be by early voters, we could possibly see some of the races decided even before the day the polls are open, November 6. Of course we will not know the vote count until after polling day, but the point is that we must get out to vote, we cannot afford to lay back and expect other conservative Republicans to carry the day. Vote early, vote on polling day, November 6, but whatever you do, get out and vote! Also, do not forget to encourage your like-minded friends to get out and vote and share the enclosed voting information.

In the September issue of the newsletter, I began to share some information from a book I recently completed: *“Miracle At Philadelphia – The Story of the Constitutional Convention, May to September 1787.”* As I noted last month, the purpose of the convention was billed to be an “updating” of the Articles of Confederation. However, as we know, the result was to create an entirely new document, the United State Constitution. This new document outlined a government unlike any other in the world; In fact like no other government that had ever existed up to that time.

In this issue. following I describe in outline form what I read as the major issues faced by the

delegates to that convention:

- Small State concerns and issues vs. large states
- Representation of people; i.e. by population, by possession (wealth, land owned, net worth or what?) or by some other measure
- The number of “representatives” by state
- Status of slaves; i.e. should it be allowed, for how long and how should slaves be counted, if at all.
- The “branches” of government, how many, how elected, for how long.
- The power and control of states vs. a central government; i.e. as we know it even today: Federal vs. State rights
- The formation of an Executive Branch; i.e. a President, several Presidents, a “King” or what else and, if so, how long would one (or more) serve, with some delegates wanting “one” for life.
- How to elect (choose) the head(s) of an Executive Branch; i.e. an offshoot of the issue of small vs. large states resulting in a popular vote or other method (resulted in Electoral College voting process).
- The sharing of power between state government and national government, particularly consideration of trade, transportation control (shipping) and taxing authority.
- And an overall concern about whether a national government of any kind was needed (desired).

As you look these over, do they sound familiar as they do to me? We continue to this day to debate the same issues, in particular the popular vote vs. the Electoral College for choosing a President. Reading this book I learned or was reminded how close we came to NOT having a Constitution. We could have easily ended the 1787 convention without a document and/or major changes to the then “Article of Confederation.” If that would have happened, in my opinion based on the reading of this book, we would have ceased to expand beyond 13 states. Further, I believe the 13 states would have dissolved and/or been taken over by England and Spain. I encourage each of you to read this book or do other research on the US Constitution and make your own determination.

Finally, I have a few comments about this newsletter issue. As you read, you may note that this issue is a few days, maybe a full week later than previous newsletters. There are a number of reasons that caused it to be somewhat behind previous issues.



Beyond my Master's Degree in Procrastination, there was some medical issues in my family that resulted in an overly long visit to the ER. While everything is fine now, the time spent there came when I should have been completing this issue. In addition, there have been issues with reservations that came about because of the resignation of Bob Zschoche who handled many of the duties that got members informed about meeting and took reservations. It did take some time to work out how those chores would be handled, but we did get all members informed about the October meeting and advised them on how to make luncheon reservations.

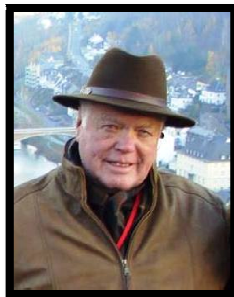
With that said, I hope to see all at the luncheon on Monday, October 15!

### From and About Our Members:

#### Norm Zanetti Resolve Column – August 2018



The art of the possible  
by Resolve  
By Norman Zanetti



Democrats and their media cheerleaders are doubling down on stupid. They continue to marginalize everything President Donald Trump and Republicans have engineered. This should prompt another major belly-smacker in this year's mid-term elections.

Following years of dreary regulatory and anti-business agendas, we now have a template for sustainable growth. The art of the possible has moved the needle from red to green.

Restoration comes with a price in this hyper-partisan environment. The positive intermediate and long-term effects make worthwhile tolerating some short-term pain and risk. Hosts of politically shallow intellectuals on CNN, MSNBC, and in the mainstream press, now fear the signature issues that elected Trump, and majorities in both houses, will prevail over their progressive psychosis about Trump's fitness for office.

Particularly daunting is the growing credence of media suppressing evidence that a host of illegalities were perpetrated by members of the Obama administration to undermine then-candidate Trump. Among them were FISA warrants under false pretense for broad surveillance; leaks from then-FBI Director James Comey; his exoneration of Hillary

Clinton prior to her Congressional testimony; and those contributions to the Clinton Foundation. I foresee a lot more powder keg revelations still to come.

Despite the perpetual state of indignation toward President Trump by the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, along with special counsel Robert Mueller's attempts to criminalize civil matters, voting by the left is unlikely to unleash a so-called "blue wave" come November. What will continue to drive motivated Republican and independent voting is boarder control reform, tax reform, regulatory reform, military upgrades, and addressing trade imbalances. And don't forget wage growth, which will benefit a swath of Americans next tax season.

My question as to the media's endless false narrative known as Russian collusion is: Why would Russians have wanted Trump to win? He was a political unknown. Plus, the Russians got away with so much during the Obama-Clinton years, why would they not have longed for a "third Obama term" (President Clinton)? The Russians feast on weakness. During Obama's reign, the entire Mideast fell apart, causing mass migration and genocide. Nothing was done to address North Korea, or continued civil unrest in Africa. They had to know Trump was, at the very least, unpredictable. Why then do anything to help his chances?

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#### Letter to The Pilot – Walter Bull, Jr.

Clearance Revocation Is a Good Practice

Sep 4, 2018

Former CIA Director John Brennan is howling his unhappiness about the loss of his top-secret security clearance as though he had a right to retain unfettered access to current government documentation after leaving the agency. His termination clearly demanded such



action — just as he turned in his government property such as pass cards, keys, federal documents and any other rights of access.

Dimwitted members of the agenda-driven media have rushed to raise their voices, pencils and recorders with terms such as reprisal or vindictive in support of Mr. Brennan while ignoring the fact that such a clearance is at the discretion of the issuer. This matter is a good business practice and organizations handle such matters with an exit interview.

It should be a standard practice to terminate all such privileges when an individual leaves federal employment no matter which party controls the government. Security officials can establish a fast process for reissue when access is necessary.

The opposition position in the bewildered press is ludicrous. The “need to know” is often a status that is required if former workers are called back into service, but an updated security check performed under an expedited process treats the matter to keep the government functioning. Ex-employees are just that — outsiders with advisory value only.

There is clearly no right to a security clearance, and public officials in their zeal to criticize President Trump damage their own credibility. Opposition is necessary in the public discussion, but foolish positions only dilute the impact of the person making the claim.

#### Steve Woodward to The Pilot:

America Has Many Things to be Proud Of - Sep 4, 2018

In an Aug. 12 letter headlined “Knowing About Lies,” the author concluded with the baseless claim that “(President) Trump lies about so many things that I have lost count.”

Americans paying attention are properly fixated on the “many things” about which the president and Republicans pledged that are, today, reality, and positively impacting lives.

Those include historic individual and business tax cuts; economic expansion; declining unemployment, including record low unemployment among blacks and Hispanics; more robust worker compensation (it



rose 2.8 percent year over year, the biggest jump in a decade); eliminating multiple regulations that strangle corporate profits and waste taxpayer dollars.

We’re just getting started. There’s Trump’s nomination and Senate confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, along with 24 (and counting) circuit court judge confirmations. Then there’s the pending nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill a Supreme Court vacancy.

Potentially the most important truths associated with Trump’s leadership are fulfilled commitments to bolster U.S. southern border patrols to slow illegal immigration, and to support American military personnel by signing a \$717 billion defense funding authorization bill. This increases our active-duty strength and provides troops with their largest pay raise in a decade.

So many things make me prouder than ever to be an American that I have lost count.

#### From Outside the Club:



Dear Deplorables: Here’s 10 Things That Are TOAST If Dems Win Midterms

By K. Walker - October 3, 2018

Here are 10 fantastic reasons for EVERY freedom-loving patriot to get out and vote in November. We’ve moved up to the high-stakes tables, boys and girls. It’s not for the faint of heart. Are these midterms ‘just another election’ or is should we be motivated?

Here’s a top-ten list that breaks down just what’s on the line in November. What do we have to lose?

Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA wrote an article explaining that if the Democrats manage to tip the balance of power in Congress, you can kiss a lot of great things goodbye.

1. Your money.

Nancy Pelosi called the tax cuts ‘crumbs’ and said that it was ‘Armageddon.’ Like the Grinch, she’s gonna want them back. (Even the crumb that’s too small for a mouse.) Consider that tax cut gone. The

Democrats have stated that their Top Priority is to repeal the tax cuts if they gain control of Congress.

## 2. Economic growth.

What was Trump's 'secret sauce' for revving up the economy? Getting government the hell out of the way. President Trump unleashed the economy by removing Obama's stifling regulations. But regulations are how swamp rats exert political power over the public. You can expect MORE red tape, not less. And that dampens growth. Democrats say that they'll bring each one of those regulations them back.

## 3. New jobs.

Trump has been pouring his lifetime of successful business experience into creating a jobs-friendly atmosphere. He has shown his policy IS the 'magic wand' Obama once mocked that couldn't bring back jobs. With a hostile House and Senate, we lose a big part of that advantage.

The entire reason that Wisconsin, Michigan, and some of those rust-belt states flipped red was because the Democrats had forgotten the blue-collar manufacturing workers in those states. President Trump is committed to stopping the flow of jobs overseas to China, Mexico, and other countries.

## 4. Quality health-care.

Obamacare was an absolute sh-tshow with its rising costs, harsh penalties, and the bald-faced lie 'If you like your doctor and your plan, you can keep your doctor and your plan.' Democrats have decided that the Obamacare is the ONLY way to go.

The (Un)Affordable Care Act was a transitional step toward Single-payer. The hard left is already on board with single-payer, and fought tooth and nail against any rollbacks on the failure that was Obamacare — facts be damned.

Ask yourself wither the VA and the DMV are the models you would like the general hospital systems to reflect?

## 5. Funds to defend America.

One word — sequestration. Obama's priorities hamstrung defense spending, procurement, training, and maintenance. It was directly responsible for the problems that led to not one, but TWO naval collisions at sea, resulting in damage, injuries, and deaths. Under Trump, there has been a

bump in spending. This will not be a priority for the Dems.

Besides, the Dems want to redistribute wealth, the high cost of defense spending is sickening to them. Why waste it on the military when we can create new social programs? Besides, those military peeps can take care of themselves, right? Isn't that what they signed up for? Who needs modern equipment that keeps them — and Americans — safe when we can shunt it to Planned Parenthood for women's 'healthcare'?

## 6. Progress on peace.

Barry served every single day of his two terms in office at war, and he still did nothing about North Korea. President Trump has kicked ISIS into smithereens, is standing up to Russia in Syria, has said, 'ENOUGH!' to Iran's support of terror and their Middle East meddling, he's also making significant progress in making peace with North Korea.

Mines are now being cleared between North and South Korea. A year ago, we were told Trump would lead us into a war with North Korea.

We are also strengthening our defense relationships like NATO at a time when a strong deterrent is necessary with Russia.

Iran, now that they have been put on notice, has seen their currency take a beating.

With not a shot fired.

The Democrats' disingenuous saber-rattling towards Russia because of the 'election interference' after Barry's 'Russian Reset' could change that.

## 7. Secure borders.

The Democrats have been hijacked by the 'Abolish ICE' and 'No Borders' crowd. They don't believe that this country has the right to know who is entering and what their intent is. This is apparently compassion.

What it really is, is lunacy.

It's gone so far, that some Democrats are suggesting that ICE agents should be prosecuted for enforcing immigration law.

## 8. Gun rights.



The gun-grabbers on the left do not respect the Second Amendment. They want to restrict the guns you own in order to stop criminals from using guns.

They still don't get that the vast majority of criminal gun use is committed with illegal guns.

The hysteria is ramping up so quickly that it's not just 'reform' anymore, but a call for the repealing of the Second Amendment in some circles.

As the fringe becomes the normal on the left, we're not far from the moment where this will be a standard Democratic Party policy point.

#### 9. Our voices on social media.

The Democrats have repeatedly sided with 'Big Tech' Facebook, Twitter, and Google against the First Amendment rights of conservatives. They want to stifle discourse, and see any form of disagreement 'hate speech' and/or 'fake news.'

They are quite comfortable with rules and regulations that would stifle right-wing speech. We've seen over and over that vile, and even violent rhetoric from the Left is accepted on social media platforms, but even the most innocuous statements (or memes) on the right are squashed.

#### 10. Stable government.

The Democrats will immediately move to impeach President Trump. They have been talking about impeachment since he was President-elect Trump. They are bitter and angry that Hillary lost and just can't get over it. They despise this President and have no regard for the millions of Americans that voted for him. After all, they're just racist, sexist, deplorable neo-Nazis that don't deserve to be heard.

With President Trump successfully impeached, the Democrats could put forward one nutty leftist or another, like Senators Elizabeth 'Fauxcahontas' Warren, Bernie 'Democratic Socialist' Sanders, or Kamala 'Identity Politics' Harris, to run in 2020.

Do you really want to risk that? Let's hope that fired you up to vote Republican in November! The Trumpinator: every time his rivals think they've got him down and out, he stands back up and keeps on coming. They laughed when he announced his candidacy. They thought he was going to some circus act. They couldn't have been more wrong.

He survived the primaries and got the nomination. He knocked out Crooked Hillary.

He beat CNN at their own game, and their ratings are now circling the toilet.

Mueller and the Dossier aren't just coming up empty, they're exposing the misdeeds of Brennan, Comey, McCabe, Strzok and all the rest.

And Trump is still keeping promises, and getting things done.

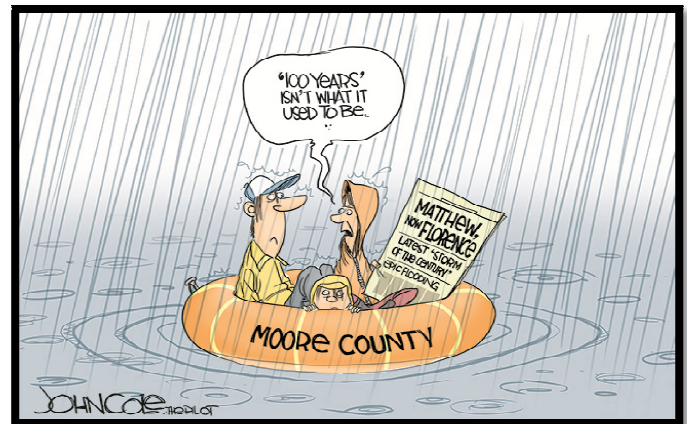
The economy is doing exactly what he promised it would. #PromisesKept

And in 2020, The Trumpinator is gonna do it again.

He'll be back.



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