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President's Message by Bill Demastus:

As we discussed in our January meeting, the wall and illegal immigration dominates all things big and small in our nation's capitol.

In reading various articles I came across one that may explain why the Dems are so opposed to the wall and against doing away with sanctuary cities. .

We all know that non-citizens are not allowed to vote and we know that many do. That is obviously against the law. However, did you know that every state Must count every person in a state, non-citizen or not, for the purpose of determining that state's proportion of the 435 US House of Representative Seats.

The article I read was a study conducted in 2005 by Stephen A. Camarota, Director for Immigration Studies and was given to a House sub-committee on Federalism and the Census. This study was made to determine the impact on the House that non-citizens and illegal immigration had on proportional representation.

As all of you know, the US Census is conducted every 10 years and our next one is coming up in 2020. Numbers from the 2000 census provided the data used for the study presented.

First, let me say that there is a lawsuit currently working its way through the courts initiated by the Dems. They do not want the Director of the US Census to ask a question about a person's citizenship on the "short" form. This is the form that all US citizen are asked to complete. There is another form referred to as the "long" form that only one-sixth of the US population receives. The long form does ask the question as to the citizenship of the person/s completing the form. I would assume the long form is more expensive to produce and less likely to get completed by the average household. In fact, I read that this census, data will be gathered electronically. One can only imagine how and who will complete those census questions.

The 2005 study, that I alluded to, states that numbers from the 2000 census indicated there were 18.6 million non-citizens residing in the US, with some 7-8 million of them being illegal residents.

In 1990 there were 11-12 million; 2000 was 18.6 million and in 2005 when the study was performed the estimate was 21.7 million. Immigration continued to rise at a fairly healthy pace contrary to the Democrats constant output.

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If you were a committee member last year and are willing to continue, also let us know.

All who desire to serve should call or email President Demastus.

Thanks to all who are and/or will be serving in the future.

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We thank all Calling Captains who serve now and those who served in the past. We will continue to call members who want to get a monthly reminder by phone. Many members now use email, text or the website to make reservations. Accordingly, we are identifying each member's preference for luncheon notification and will note our records so we can use those preferences.



What is your preferred way of getting monthly meeting notices? Some members use the website to make monthly luncheon reservations. Let us know your lunch notification preference.



Luncheon Meetings Information:

Our next meeting of this year is on Thursday, February 21st. 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 to the third Thursday, of each month for the rest of this year.

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

Make your February luncheon reservations on or before 3pm Sunday, February 17, at www.mcrmc.club 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. If you have a reservation and cannot attend, you may be asked to pay if you do not cancel.

Future Meetings and Events:

We will have our February meeting on Thursday the 21st, with John Hood as our speaker. Future speakers include Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, Greg Sherrill - Executive Chair, Tenneco for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and others. Watch for details.

(President's message continued from the front page)

These numbers, in 2000, based on voting district population increases added 29 seats to the US House of Representatives.

So, that year if one does the math it took 641,000 additional people added to the rolls in each voting district to increase those 29 seats. There are 435 US House Representatives...that number doesn't change...it was established by the Constitution. However, the distribution of those representatives is proportional based on these increases.

So let's assume that in 2000 the state of California had 4 million non-citizens. That 4 million number would have added 5-6 house seats. If one assumed there could well be 8-10 million non-citizens in California in the 2020 census they could gain another 8-10 seats.

The frightful thought here is a state that does not see large numbers of non-citizen/illegal immigrants could maintain their population or even increase it and still lose a seat in the house.

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In fact the 2005 study claimed that it happened to six states in 2000, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. These 6 states combined lost 9 seats but did not lose any of their citizens...they just didn't gain as much as the states picking up population.

These nine seats effectively went to California, which gained 6, and one each to Florida, Texas and New York. Four of these seats were gained by the count of illegal immigration in the receiving states.

Three states; Montana, Kentucky and Utah would have gained a representative had it not been for these non-citizens and New York would have lost a representative if not for the same.

The preponderance of these non-citizen/illegal immigrants is in California, New York and Texas.

I would ask what are the chances of conservatives winning an election in California and New York? It happens but I would never bet the odds. Texas, as this last election showed, is also starting to lose its voting color, a lot more blue there now than in 2000...again a matter of time.

The billions of dollars spent as a result of our immigration policies are mind boggling however the erosion of state representation is even more so.

If this doesn't cause you nightmares consider the other branch of government that gets its proportion of allotted votes by these same census numbers...the Electoral College...you know that system that the Dems so want to do away with...because Hillary won the popular vote for the Presidency but lost to that Constitution demanded mean old Electoral College.

President Trump did win the Electoral College vote but consider this: he won the popular vote in 3,084 counties out of 3,141 counties in the US...Clinton won 57...he won 46 of New York's 62 counties with Hillary winning 16... but she won the popular vote in the US by 1.5 million votes. The five counties that encompass NYC (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond and Queens) gave Clinton a 2 million vote margin...Four NYC counties gave Clinton enough votes to win the popular vote in the whole country. That is why we have an Electoral College.

Yes, immigration illegal and otherwise does matter! It isn't a surprise to see how we lost 35 house seats in a year when our economy was running in high gear

and all indicators, ones that used to predict who would win an off year election were great...they were great until they weren't.

February Newsletter Insert – Insert – Insert

Included with this newsletter (attachment in the email version) is an insert that is one page, front and back. On the front is a copy of the survey handed out and collected at the January meeting (see separate article following) and the back is an early "save the date" announcement about the 2019 fundraising golf tournament.

Member Survey taken in January:



As attendees were seated at the January 24 luncheon meeting, they found copies of a member survey at their table. They were asked to complete the survey and leave it on the table. Those completed surveys were collected at the end of the meeting and are being processed.

In order to assure that the maximum feedback can be reviewed, there is a copy of the survey in this newsletter (an attachment to the email version and as an insert in the paper copy). We invite those members that did not complete a survey at the January meeting to complete it and bring it to the February meeting (those who get the newsletter by email should print the attachment and complete). If you are unable to attend the February meeting, you may mail your completed survey to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. There will also be a few extra copies of the survey on the registration table at the February meeting.

Annual Dues For 2019 Are Due:



The annual dues of \$25.00 for 2019 is now due. We thank those members who have already paid. For those who have not, you can bring your check to the February meeting, make it out to MCRMC and put "2019 dues" in the memo pad. Treasurer Scott

Sheffield will be at the registration table, so give your check to him.

If you are unable to attend, mail your check to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. Invoices for 2019 dues are in the process of being sent. If you have not paid your 2019 dues you will get an invoice by email. Those who do not have email will get an invoice in the mail.

Remember, if your dues are not received prior to April 1, 2019, you will be dropped from membership and become "inactive." Inactive past members do not receive monthly meeting notices, other notices of interest to Republicans and will not receive the monthly newsletter. Pay your dues before April 1 so as not to become inactive!

January Luncheon Meeting Report:

The first meeting of 2019 was held on the fourth Thursday, January 24. It represents the first meeting being changed back to Thursdays rather than Mondays as has been done for the last two years. Future meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Thursday of the month, the next one being on February 21. The January meeting registration began at 11:30am and those who arrived before noon had social time with other attendees before the meeting began.

The meeting was called to order by President Demastus at noon. He welcomed those in attendance including members, guests and dignitaries, but skipped introductions to provide more time for the three scheduled speakers. Chaplain Dubbs took the podium and began the meeting with prayer including blessing the luncheon meal. The attendees stood after the prayer to recite the pledge of allegiance. Treasurer Sheffield gave his report saying that we had just under \$9000.00 in the bank and bills were paid.

Lunch was served and attendees had an opportunity to introduce themselves and visit with others at the table. Lunch included an entrée of chicken, sides of potatoes and broccoli, hot rolls and a drink including coffee. Chocolate fans enjoyed the dessert. Once again the staff at CCNC served the meal with professionalism and courtesy.



Following the meal, we had three speakers, each with an interesting and timely message. Following is a summary of those presentations as it appeared in our MCRMC Facebook page:



Moore County Republican Men's Club Jan 25, 2019

Three inspiring speakers opened our eyes during the Republican Men's Club's January 24 luncheon. North Carolina State Highway Patrol Trooper Brian Lane described the somber but important work his Team Raleigh chapter of Law



Enforcement United Inc. performs, counseling and consoling the spouses and children of law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty. Eight NC officers died protecting their communities in 2018.

From U.S. military ranks, former Ft. Bragg-stationed soldier Bill Taylor is expanding a business he recently launched to assist veterans. Veterans Guardian assists vets filing disability claims by guiding them through labyrinth Veterans Administration processes. "The truth is," Taylor said, "my business shouldn't exist."



Finally, political up-and-comer Jake Johnson visited from Polk County, where, at 24, he is chairman of the county's Commissioners. He also recently was a close ally of and campaign operative for U.S. House candidate Mark Harris in NC-9. Harris' narrow victory remains uncertified. Johnson is considering a run for Secretary of State in 2020.



The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm. As previously noted, our next meeting will be at CCNC on Thursday, February 21.

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.



February Meeting Program News by Tom Adams – VP Programs:

I am excited to tell you that MCRMC favorite John Hood, President of the John Locke Foundation will be our speaker on February 21st. John is a prolific public speaker, syndicated columnist and regularly appears on political talk shows on channels throughout North Carolina. John has spoken to us a number of times in the past. This month we will get his take on the blowing of social and political winds in our state and what that will mean in coming months. You don't want to miss John's take on the current political climate.



The Community in Action (CIA) speaker is the Alexander Youth Network and it's Executive Director Ashley Sparks. Nina Sullivan from their local office will also be with us. The Alexander Youth Network provides quality professional treatment to children with serious emotional and behavioral problems. They deliver an effective and efficient array of services, enabling children and their families to exercise self-determination, achieve their potential, and become positive contributors to society. Future CONFIRMED Speakers are:

- March, NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey regarding the cost of insurance in NC.
- April, Greg Sherrill, Executive Chair, Tenneco, for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. Our own John Rowerdink will assist with the presentation.
- May, Rob Christensen, former longtime political reporter for the Raleigh News & Observer regarding his upcoming book, "The Rise and Fall of the Branch Head Boys: NC's Scott Family and the era of Progressive Politics."

Treasurer – Scott Sheffield

As was noted in the earlier article and my article in last month's newsletter, it is time to pay your 2019 dues of \$25.00. I plan to be at the February meeting and can bring your check and give it to me at the registration table. Make your checks out to MCRMC. If you cannot bring your check on February 21 to the luncheon, put it in the mail today to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. If we have not received your dues check by the February luncheon, we will be sending an invoice. We will send the invoice by email to those who have email and by US mail to those who do not have email and/or get the newsletter by US mail. If you have any questions about dues, please give me a call or send an email. You can find my contact information on the front page, left column.

We have a bank balance of over \$8000.00. While this is good, we almost always carry a balance in excess of \$10,000. We also want to build our balance as we move toward the next major election year, 2020. As I have said many times, we use our funds to support conservative issues and Republican candidates at the local, county, state and federal level. Dues help us by providing revenue to cover annual operating expenses, leaving our fundraisers (primarily our annual golf tournament) to be used for our political support. Pay your dues, maintain your membership and stay active so we can continue to keep our Republican voice and vote at all political levels.

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

Our Executive Committee has been diligently working on new ways to increase our membership. Innovative procedures have been adopted to welcome new members, and put into action more effective means of personal communication to reach out to people interested in our club. I want to encourage all members to help us in increasing our membership.



With all of the current developments in our Nation, there has never been a more crucial time for us to work harder to support our Republican candidates than now. This has always been important in the past but as we can see, it continues to become a much more important issue moving forward.

Current members we need your help! Please help us by bringing guests to our luncheons and encouraging

them to become a member of our club. If you have recruited a new member and not seen them at the luncheons in a while, give them a follow up call. I continue with the challenge to all members to recruit one new member during 2019. Also, please remember to get your dues paid for this year. All of us working together can make this the most successful year we have ever had.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon on Thursday, February 21, 2019. May God continue to bless our Nation and each one of you!

Let's Have Lunch TOGETHER

Bob Coates – Lunch Administrator

This month there are two important luncheon related issues that will be addressed. We continue to work on ways to update our lunch notification and reservation system while being sure we address the needs and desires of all of our members. Here is the first issue:

Luncheon Logistics

In last month's Newsletter I spoke about the need to make luncheon reservations on time and then honor them. How did we do last month? Well, the good news is that we had 98 people attend the January luncheon. But there was some not so good news when it came to planning the event.

We had 11 people show up without reservations. There were 16 people who made reservations after we had told CCNC how many meals we needed them to prepare. And we had 11 who just didn't show up after making a reservation. With numbers like these it makes planning very difficult. CCNC asks us to guarantee how many are going to eat. If less than that show up we still have to pay for those meals. But if many more than that end up coming we run the risk of running out of food.

We ask that your reservations be made by Sunday afternoon for the following Thursday luncheon as CCNC needs the headcount 72 hours in advance. While it is great talking to you on the phone I would encourage you to use the online reservation system on the website. (www.mcrrmc.club). It's easy to use and works well. It also sends you an email confirmation immediately. If you don't have Internet access you can still make your reservation by phone.

The Moore Republican Women have monthly luncheons as well. But they run a much tighter ship when it comes to making reservations. They require reservations be made 6 days in advance. They do not allow people to attend without a reservation. And if you make a reservation and then don't show you will be billed for your lunch. Tough but fair.

Many of our members follow the guidelines perfectly and for that we thank you. But for others let's see if we can do a little better with making reservations on time and then honoring them. On another issue:

Calling Captains

In the past we had a lot of Calling Captains who made telephone calls to members to check on whether they would be attending the monthly luncheons. With the increase in Internet access there is no longer as much of a need for this service. Email is the primary way of announcing our events including luncheons. And in concert with the ability to make an online reservation at the club's website (www.mcrrmc.club) the need for Calling Captains has been reduced.

Two groups of people will still get calls from Calling Captains. The first is anyone who does not have an email address. The second is anyone who for whatever reason would still like a call. If you do not have an email address you will receive a phone call about a week in advance of the luncheon unless you indicate that you would prefer not to receive one.

Some people may want a text reminder of the luncheons. We are working on being able to do that but are not there yet.

If you do have an email address and want to make sure that you stay on a Calling Captain's list please call me at (910) 420-8181 and provide me with your name & phone number.

Thanks and let me know about any other luncheon questions or comments.

Bob Coates - MCRMC Luncheon Administration
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Steve Woodward - Secretary

We kicked off a new year with a very productive month reaching folks through social media. Since its August debut, our Instagram account ([mcncgop](https://www.instagram.com/mcncgop)) has published 89 posts and attracted 131 followers as of Jan. 31. An example of how we leverage Instagram to

supplement our Facebook presence comes via our Jan. 28 post -- a photo of the four entrees to be served to guests of the 6th Annual Ronald Reagan Dinner (Feb. 9). Food photography is a staple of Instagram and much more effective than merely describing the menu. Comical and satirical "memes" also play well on Instagram. In January we tied our Instagram account to a Twitter account (@gop_moore). Lora Sherwin is doing a terrific job managing these accounts.



Our Facebook visibility (@moorecountyrepublicans) is broadening every month. We reached 274 "likes", or followers, in January (an increase of six). Our tally of "people reached" rose by 61% compared to the previous month, to 12,301. And "post engagements" (users of Facebook clicking on, sharing or commenting) rose by 27%, to 1,518. Our ongoing Facebook post promoting the Reagan Dinner reached 4,000 by month's end, and triggered 68 post clicks and 408 reactions.

As the President himself would have said, "Not bad, not bad at all."

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 at www.mrwnc.org!



Next MRW BRUNCH:
Monday, March 4 - PCC Members Club Outlook
Ballroom 12:00 Noon
Stay tuned for more information about speakers and menu.

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

Resolve Blog:

(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.resolvenc.blog If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)



New post on **RESOLVE**
[Loathing hatred](#)

By Steve Woodward

Trump Derangement Syndrome came to the fore in 2016 when angry marchers screamed at the sky, when so-called comedian Kathy Griffin depicted a decapitated Donald Trump, and when so-called entertainer Madonna publicly acknowledged her inclination to blow up The White House.

But now, two years in, what was formerly laughable is devolving into a degree of contempt for the President of the United States, for Republicans, for American values, for Constitutional principles and, most sadly, for Christianity few have witnessed in their lifetimes.

It is spreading, it is vile. The mainstream media fans its flames, daily. Democrats, now openly and willfully embracing Socialism as the foundation of a soon-to-be remade America, are deliberately wreaking havoc, sewing seeds of chaos and resisting all calls for civility. They relished the partial federal government shutdown. They cheer on a growing crisis at the Southern border still. They want only to stop Trump and Republicans from delivering on pledges to get serious about border security. Desperate asylum seekers are mere pawns, not unlike federal employees working without pay. So what? You'll thank us someday, you saps.

Hatred is more alarming than delusion, more dangerous than derangement, more corrosive than disillusion. And it's everywhere.

Rush Limbaugh: "They have become poisoned by a loathing hatred for us. ... This is unchecked, unabated hatred. ... Folks, that's who these people are, and one of the reasons they exist today is that we have never stood up

to oppose them. Well, we have. The Republican Party has not stood up."

In 2019, a KY high schooler is ridiculed as a



"punchable face" for wearing a MAGA cap.

The Left in 2019 tells themselves

they are acting to save the country. *They* are the patriots. They must hijack journalism, as television host and Trump hater Joy Behar said on the air, because "we're desperate to get Trump out of office," even if that means shamefully distorting events surrounding the March for Life in Washington, and smearing the Catholic high school students who wandered into a firestorm afterwards. The left seems to believe that it will prevail only by laying bare its deepest held disgust for God and country, decency and tolerance. The self-proclaimed party of tolerance of transgenderism, gender neutrality, illegal immigrants committing crime and acts of murder, endless abortions and organ harvesting, has no tolerance for the millions who duly elected President Trump and other duly elected Republicans. None.

Writing for New York magazine (Jan. 25, 2019), Conservative author Andrew Sullivan decries "the abyss of hate versus hate" in a piece bearing [the same headline](#). Sullivan watched all of the available video of the March for Life, where Native Americans beat drums and Black Israelites shouted anti-Semitic, anti-gay, anti-white smears. More appalling than these groups and their unprovoked confrontations with the Kentucky kids, Sullivan concludes, was the media's inclination to twist the narrative, write about it breathlessly as "white privilege" run amuck and, then, defend it unapologetically after video analysis debunked virtually everything that was initially reported.

"There's a reason why, in the crucial battle for the legitimacy of a free press," Sullivan writes, "Trump is still on the offensive. Our mainstream press has been poisoned by tribalism. My own trust in it is eroding. I'm [far from the only one](#)."

And what was the reaction to Sullivan's conclusions? A hate-spewing George Mason University law professor who, as of this

moment, still has his job, defied facts on the ground as irrelevant.

"These were wealthy, privileged, white teenagers in MAGA hats marching against abortion. That is plenty of reason to want to skullf--- all of them until there is nothing left but giblets and red jelly. I don't hate them for smirking and (peacefully!) protesting against people they disagree with, and I don't hate them for (what) they did necessarily, I hate them for what they are and what they represent. F--- these kids for their politics, f--- them for their Catholicism and their kkkuntserveatism, and their hateful hats. You shouldn't need a video of some s---heel with a punchable face to know that."

You can dismiss this demented individual as just that, but we must not forget that he is interacting with young people every day, and that George Mason is collecting tuition in order to pay Prof. David Bernstein. Perhaps he should be designated a non-essential employee.

But the threat to our democracy is not limited to rogue academics. Americans are electing people of this mindset to govern in the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. This has come to the attention of economic and cultural commentator Ben Stein, who denounces the blatantly Socialist positions espoused by the media's newest political darling, New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), recently sworn-in to her first term at age 29. She is an avowed Socialist who, even as Venezuela crumbles, advocates for a 70% marginal income tax rate for America's highest earners, free public college, the abolishment of border and immigration control, and Medicare for all.

Stein went on Fox Business to challenge the Socialist tide. He was skewered for referencing historical truths, that "there are an awful lot of people (emphasis, ours, on awful) who have no idea that Stalin, Hitler, Mao Tse-Tung all came to power promising the same kinds of things that (AOC) is promising. ... These promises are old promises and they invariably lead to bad things."

Meanwhile, do not hold your breath waiting for re-empowered House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to rein in Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. AOC is, not unlike government employees and would-be immigrants, a useful idiot.

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To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore Count Board of Elections Website:

www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected_officials.pdf

Tom Schroeder – MCRM EC Member:

Tom's News

Moore County Conservative News

Headline:

53% of Likely Republican Voters Still Think Republicans in Congress Have Lost Touch with GOP Voters



Comments:

“...53% of Likely Republican voters still think Republicans in Congress have lost touch with GOP voters....” per 1/14/2019 Rasmussen Poll.

In the next year or so we need to convince the Republican voter that the Republican Congress is truly in touch with them or the 2020 elections are going to be a hard haul for Congressional candidates.

We and by we I mean, MCGOP, NCGOP, RNC and the candidates, must improve our communications in order to make these changes. It would probably work better if we all worked together, however that is a whole lot to ask for so it is likely going to have to be MCGOP and the candidates themselves getting it done for Moore County.

Just some thoughts. Tom S

Quotes From Below Article:

-- “Most Republicans are still unhappy with their congressional representatives and are less convinced of the need for President Trump to work with other GOP officials.”

-- “A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 53% of Likely Republican voters still think Republicans in Congress

have lost touch with GOP voters from throughout the nation over the past several years.”

-- “Thirty-seven percent (37%) think Republicans in Congress have done a good job representing GOP values.”

See the below article for more details. Tom S

Most Important Voter Issues

According to a recent (1/24/2019) [Fox News Poll](#), the most important voter issues are:

- price of health care (85 percent)
- the political dynamic in Washington (79 percent)
- the economy (71 percent)
- the amount they pay in taxes (67 percent)

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Article:

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rasmussenreports.com

Republicans Are Still Skeptical of GOP Congress

rasmussenreports.com · by Rasmussen Reports

Monday, January 14, 2019

Most Republicans are still unhappy with their congressional representatives and are less convinced of the need for President Trump to work with other GOP officials.

A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 53% of Likely Republican voters still think Republicans in Congress have lost touch with GOP voters from throughout the nation over the past several years. Thirty-seven percent (37%) think Republicans in Congress have done a good job representing GOP values. Eleven percent (11%) are undecided. (To see survey question wording, click here.)

(Want a [free daily e-mail update](#)? If it's in the news, it's in our polls). Rasmussen Reports updates are also available on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

The survey of 1,000 Likely Voters was conducted on January 8-9, 2019 by Rasmussen Reports. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence. Field work for all Rasmussen Reports surveys is conducted by [Pulse Opinion Research, LLC](#). See [methodology](#).

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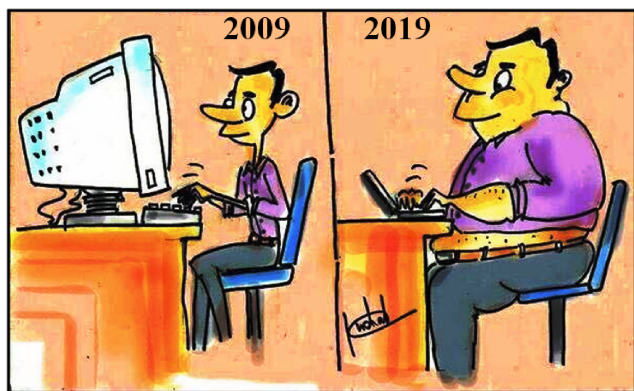
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YES, I have been your newsletter Editor for almost 10 years! I took the reins from former Editor, Jim McGillan, who was Editor for several years before my tenure. My first effort was the September issue of 2009, taking over after the 2009 summer break. Much

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has changed since then, but much is also the same. The most talked about issue in the September 2009 addition was healthcare reform, ObamaCare at the time. We all know the outcome of that effort to get government into the healthcare business. The outcry was about “insurance for all” but in many folks view, including me, it was nothing more than a major step into government healthcare control that the Dems expected would result in a single payer system in the long run.

Well, we all know the result(s) of that debacle; in fact we are still reeling from the results (failed in my opinion) of Republican efforts to eliminate ObamaCare! Healthcare insurance is still a mess with monthly rates for many, if not most, through the roof and coverage for others is still not in place. You

may have relatives, as do I, who do not have group insurance, that can barely afford their individual healthcare premium. Additionally, because of very high deductibles, do not get very much if any value from the policy payments. By my definition, those without a group policy and who do not qualify for low income “Medicaid” benefits are paying a super sized premium for nothing more than a catastrophic care health policy. You should ask yourself as I have ask myself, how the h*ll did we get here? And how do we get back to a workable healthcare insurance system that all who want health insurance can afford. We were there just a short 10 years ago and it seemed to work for most people. Does anyone really believe that moving to socialized medicine with a government single payer is the answer? Just ask those folks who live in a country with socialized medicine, “how is that working for you?”

Yet, what are we hearing today?? A continued (I would suggest accelerated) effort to go even further into total government control of healthcare, currently being called “Medicare for all.” The projected cost is through the roof, not possible with our current tax revenue and thought by many to never be attainable, no matter how much we tax the working folks. Some are even suggesting that we “confiscate” the current wealth of all “rich” folks to pay for this and other social(ist) programs.

Can we allow the further erosion of our free enterprise system and move closer to a Venezuela? I think not, how about you. Are we getting our message to our Congress in DC; it does not seem so. It starts with you and I. Let’s work as a club to turn this march toward socialism around!

On that happy note, I hope to see you at our February 21 meeting. Make your reservations today.

From and About Our Members

John Boesch on Veterans Matters:

The following article is of interest to all US Veterans. Also, there are efforts underway to plea for Vets to support the 4th Branch, which is encouraging the NC Legislature to improve North Carolina's standing among Veterans as a place to retire. As you may have heard, NC is currently ranked 23rd. Watch for more on this in future articles.



No Need for Boots-on-Ground in Vietnam Procopio v. Wilkie

On January 29, 2019, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued an en banc decision in the case of “Procopio v. Wilkie” holding that Veterans who served within twelve nautical miles of the “Republic of Vietnam” are entitled to the same presumptive service connection as Veterans who had boots-on-ground.

For decades, the VA has held that Veterans who only served at sea around Vietnam or in Vietnam’s many deepwater ports and harbors (the Blue Water Navy) were not entitled to these presumptions. The Court held that Congress has always intended the so-called Blue Water Navy to be included in these special presumptive service connection rules. Because the Court clarified existing law instead of creating new law, Veterans who were denied prior (even decades ago) because they served at sea and never stepped foot upon any landmass may be able to file a special appeal known as a Clear Unmistakable Error claim (CUE) and receive back pay going back to an effective date of when they filed their first claim regarding the presumptive service connected condition. This is true even if the claim was denied more than one year ago.

Veterans of the Blue Water Navy who have never filed a claim for agent orange related disabilities need to file a claim now. Veterans who have filed for these claims prior and were denied because they did not have “boots-on-ground” must not file a new claim, but rather speak with a representative about filing a CUE appeal.

For more details, see the following links:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/>

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/blue-water-veterans.asp>

John Rowerdink to The Pilot:



Wall or no wall? That’s the question that has gripped our dysfunctional government in Washington for many months now, culminating in the recent shutdown of the government. But “wall or no wall” is not the most important issue; it’s not even the most important question. The more important question

is “Do we want an immigration system that is enforceable and serves our national interest”?

Let me clarify that this Republican and most others I know support immigration. We are a nation of immigrants. Immigration has served our national interest for its entire existence and it must continue to do so. However, it must take place within the law, as it did for the first 200 plus years of our history. But for many years now, our immigration laws have not served our nation’s interests and feckless politicians in both parties have failed to do anything about it. That’s how we ended up with 11 million illegal immigrants in our country.

Here’s the bottom line: No matter how our immigration laws are changed, they cannot be enforced without a wall. Illegals will simply storm the border as the recent migrant caravans from Central America have done. We simply cannot enforce our immigration laws without a wall or some similar strong barrier. Period.

Why is stopping illegal immigration important?

- **Cost** - The cost of illegal immigration to our country has been estimated as high as \$135 billion annually, more than 20 times the \$5.7 billion President Trump has requested. These costs include impact on the education, medical, welfare, and justice/enforcement programs at the federal, state and local levels.
- **Crime** – Statistics in Arizona show that an illegal immigrant is twice as likely to commit a crime as a native-born American. We have 56,000 illegal immigrants in our federal prison system and thousands more in the state prisons.
- **Drugs** - 90% of the heroin and fentanyl coming into our country comes across our southern border.
- **Sadly**, every year, 10,000 kids are victims of sex-trafficking across our southern border.

Democrats say they support border security but their actions contradict that. They support open borders and ludicrous sanctuary laws and they say they want to eliminate ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). They say they want new technology solutions including cameras and drones. Well, cameras and drones can help spot illegals trying to cross the border but without a wall, they will still cross the border. You need a wall to stop that. (When I use the term “wall”, I’m referring to any type of secure border barrier.)

Democrats also say a border wall will cost too much

money. This is rich, considering the billions that have been wasted by government spending, supported mostly by Democrats. The \$5.7 billion requested by President Trump amounts to roughly one-tenth of 1% of the federal government's annual spending. To put this in perspective, for a person with an annual income of \$75,000, this is the equivalent of \$97. So for \$97, Democrats shut the government down. How does that make any sense?

Republicans favor a wall because where we already have a wall, it works. Some examples:

- We built a wall on the border near San Diego 23 years ago (President Clinton). Since then, illegal crossings declined 92%
- We built a wall near El Paso 22 years ago (President Clinton again). Since then, illegal crossings declined 95%.
- We built a wall near Tucson 15 years ago (President George W. Bush). Illegal crossings declined 90%.

There are other examples, with the same results.

We don't need a wall along the entire 2,000 mile border but we need to fill in some gaps. We already have 700 miles protected by a border wall or fence, more is currently under construction and the \$5.7 billion will build 234 miles more.

Virtually all of the existing wall or fence was built with Democrat support. Schumer, Pelosi, Biden, Hillary and Obama all supported it. In 2013, all 54 Democrats in the Senate voted to spend \$46 billion for border security. Why won't they support \$5.7 billion now? Because they are consumed with hatred for President Trump and they'll do anything to prevent him from keeping the campaign promises he made to build a wall.

A wall is not the only solution to our illegal immigration problem but it is an essential part of the solution. When President Trump recently offered a compromise deal to Democrats, he included more funding for drug detection technology, new border control agents and immigration judges to handle asylum requests plus extended protection for Dreamers; all things Democrats say they want. But they rejected his compromise offer out of hand because it included funding for a wall. They are consumed with hatred for the president.

Bottom line – if we want to get control of illegal immigration, build the wall.

Regarding the partial government shutdown, most of us have felt little if any impact. Who has really been impacted by this partial shutdown are the government workers no longer receiving their paychecks.



If there is a government shutdown, why doesn't it impact Congress? As it stands today, all members of Congress, the legislative and judicial branches continue to be paid their salaries. Why?

If you are serious about negotiating a settlement to any government shutdown, you have to have skin in the game. If members of Congress, the legislative and judicial branches continue to receive their pay and benefits, what incentive do they have to come to the table to bargain in good faith? At the end of the day, they all go to their respective corners, point fingers and make accusations, and then go about their daily lives.

Meanwhile, the workers that have been impacted by no paychecks are now scrambling to find other means to pay their respective bills. Government workers who are not receiving pay are looking at selling possessions or making decisions about what they can do without, just to pay bills.

I learned a long time ago that if you want to find common ground on a subject, there has to be some ownership in both the problem and the eventual solution. The current stalemate shows that neither side is willing to give in, so the government workers that are not receiving paychecks will be the ones hurt the most.

Congress should step up to the plate and do without its pay while the negotiations are ongoing. I bet we would get to a solution quickly.

It is time that the representatives of the people join the people and walk a mile in their shoes.

REMINDER:

Your reservation for the February 21 luncheon must be made by Sunday, February 17, so go to the website www.mcrmc.club and click on the red **Luncheon Reservation** button.

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