



# MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER  
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## President's Message by Tom Adams:

As I sat down to write this month's article I was torn whether to tackle the subject of Moore County's response to the roll out of the Hunan/Covid 19 vaccine. First, credit to President Trump for his foresight to purchase several million doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, while still under development which hastened their delivery into people's arms by six or more months, once the drugs were approved by the FDA. That decision took guts. Can you imagine the derision and invective that would have been heaped on him by a joyful press had he spent the billion or so dollars for the drugs and they had not been approved? In that event we would probably be looking at Pelosi, Schumer and crews third attempt at impeachment rather than just the second. Thank you for your foresight and guts Mr. President.

So, what has happened to all those doses? Not many seem to have reached Moore County, or have they reached us, and we've just not gotten them into arms? According to the local newspaper about 10,000 vaccinations have been dispensed in our county of 100,000. Most of those have gone to health care workers and the very oldest of our citizens with multiple health issues. I'm fine with that. It is as it should be. But why so few? If it's due to a shortage of product being sent to us, what have we done to secure more? Is our Health Department banging on the Governor's door, the Secretary of Health and Human Services door demanding more? Does our Health Department have the expertise to know whose door we need to be knocking on to get more product? Other nearby counties, notably Cumberland, Lee, Hoke and Harnett, seem to be rolling out their vaccination programs in a timely manner with great success. We should expect our Health Department to do the same thing here.

The more that I thought about it and looked around the state I'm struck that those counties that voted democrat in the recent elections seem to be doing just fine in being able to get the vaccine. Large clinics vaccinating in the thousands have been held in Mecklenburg and Durham counties. Guilford and Forsyth now have product available and closer to home as noted above Cumberland, Harnett Lee and Hoke have all been giving vaccinations and fortunately Moore County residents over 65 have been able to get shots in those counties. Legislators from Republican counties need to ask the Cooper administration when the vaccine will be available equally in all counties. Vaccine delivery should be a matter of geographic fairness, not politics.

Part of people's frustration in trying to look at the issues surrounding obtaining the vaccine is that the Moore County Health Department has not been overly

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Committees will be active this year doing the important "behind the scenes" work necessary to make our club successful. We thank all of those who have served on past year's committees.

We hope many members will consider being active on a committee this year. If you see one or more committees noted above that would interest you, please give a member of the Executive Committee a call and let them know.

## Luncheon Administration:

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Please see the articles later in this newsletter about our February

**Let's Have  
Lunch  
TOGETHER**

luncheon. There is an article by our VP Programs, Patrick Haggerty, with more information about the speaker, Amy Cooke. There is also an article by Bob Coates, Luncheon Administrator, with information about name tags and reservations.

As a reminder, there are still Covid-19 restrictions which limit the number of attendees, so check the club website as noted below to see if there are openings available.

The guidelines for reservations remain the same for this new year:

- a) You must have a reservation to attend our luncheons, including one for any guest(s) who attend with you.
- b) You must show up if you have a reservation or cancel by the Sunday before the Thursday meeting. Failure to cancel will result in being billed for the luncheon you miss.
- c) Walk-ins without a reservation cannot be accommodated
- d) Reservation should be made at the club website:

[www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club)

## Luncheon Meetings Information:

**On February 18 we are having our second meeting of 2021 at CCNC. See further information in this newsletter and in email notifications. Check the website for details and to make reservations:**

<https://www.mcrmc.club>

The meeting will be held at CCNC in the normal meeting room with overflow tables in the adjacent bar area. This will again allow us to accommodate more attendees during this era of Covid-19 gathering restrictions. We look forward to a full year of monthly meetings including our annual fundraising golf tournament, now scheduled to be held on Monday, August 30 at CCNC. Moore information to follow in the newsletter and email golf tournament event announcements.

2021 brings a year of programs that will keep us up to date on current political issues. We are already seeing how important the 2022 mid-term elections will be. North Carolina is a critical state for both the US House and Senate elections and our support and involvement is critical. Control of both is out there for the taking! So, stay involved, bring a guest and future member to each monthly meeting.

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forthcoming with information. It has not been transparent, and we deserve better. Our County Commissioners have tried to get information. They have offered the department more money and more people which has been met with a response from the Department's Director that more resources are not needed. That is not an appropriate response. Moore County needs more vaccines now and we need to get them into our citizens arms faster. If it takes making changes in the staff or the makeup of the Board of

Public Health the Commissioners need to make changes and effectuate improvement.

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As this article was going to the printer US Senator Thom Tillis and nine other Republican Senators had just introduced a slimmed down version of a pandemic funding bill and met with President Biden to introduce him to the provisions of a compromise bill that they can support. At a cost of 600 billion as opposed to Biden and the democrats 1.9 trillion

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Biden Covid spend-a-thon, the Republican proposal spends money where it is most needed. The Republicans are proposing savings and the worst democrat spending such as a financial bailout for democrat run states and cities are eliminated in the Tillis/Republican proposal. The Republican bill does not provide for a national \$15 per hour minimum wage and does provide payment of \$1000 to those families with greatest need rather than the Biden \$1400 for everyone. The proposals agree on important provisions to fight the virus like an identical 160 billion of the spending going for Covid related items like vaccines, testing and aid to health care systems and departments to dispense the vaccines.

The 440 million left after this spending in the Republican bill is still a LOT of stimulus. For example, the state of North Carolina's total yearly budget is around 23 billion. It raises the question of what are the Dems going to do with the remaining 1.3 trillion? To date they have not said completely. So far just another "trust us" bill. The most famous of which? Obamacare. You know how that turned out. Kudos to Senator Tillis and his Republican colleagues for putting a bi-partisan bill of more fiscally responsible dimensions on the table. Now Democrats will have to decide whether to jam through using the budget reconciliation process, their 1.9 trillion spending monstrosity, or will they negotiate for a bi-partisan compromise? We'll know soon whether Biden was serious when he pledged to work with Republicans toward bi-partisan solutions of the nation's problems. So far from what we're hearing from Schumer and Pelosi compromise does not look promising.

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On Tuesday, February 2, I sent a letter to you indicating that the North Carolina State Board of Education would vote Thursday, Feb. 4, to adopt new state social studies standards, kindergarten through high school. I am convinced the proposed standards are not in keeping with our conservative republican values. They are political in nature and paint America and our history as evil and racist. These divisive standards consistently separate Americans into groups in an effort to undermine our unity. The proposed standards indoctrinate our students against our great country and our founders. The standards are not age-appropriate in the elementary grades. In the letter I urged you to write members of the State Board of Education and ask they defeat the current draft of standards and support the original standards submitted in June of 2020. By the time

you read this the vote will have occurred. I'll let you know the results at our upcoming meeting.

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The April meeting of the MCRMC has been moved to Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> so as to not conflict with the Annual Reagan dinner on April 17. If you have never been to a Reagan dinner you really should sign up to attend. It is a fun evening. This year's speaker is North Carolina's newly elected Lt. Governor Mark Robinson. A powerful speaker, Robinson is an up-and-coming Republican leader and an avid proponent of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

### January Meeting Report:

#### January 2021 Meeting Report

Our club started the year, 2021, with a "bang" by having more attendees than any of our meetings in many months. Even with Covid restrictions in place, limiting our attendance to 120, we were at capacity, spilling over to the adjacent room! Attendees began to arrive before registration began at 11:30am and tables in the main dining filled quickly. The attendees had some time to meet and greet with most wearing masks and being conscious of social distancing. As is the protocol with the Covid dining rules, food was served as the tables became occupied.

The first order of business was the pledge followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain Rev. Mike Dubbs. As



his last official act as the 2020 President, Bill Demastus announced that the formal election of officers for this year would be next on the agenda. Those to be elected for 2021 by attending members were presented to the membership in November with a planned election in December. Due to the December meeting being primarily a Christmas season celebration and no formal program held, the election was postponed to the January meeting. Those members to be elected were asked to come forward and stand by Nominations Chair, Tom Beddow.





The members present confirmed those nominated by a voice vote.



The newly elected Officers and other Executive Committee members were sworn in by

Moore County Clerk of Superior Court, Susan Hicks. A complete list of the 2021 Executive Committee, including contact information, can be found in this and future 2021 newsletters on the front page in the left column.



Newly elected President, Tom Adams, took the podium as attendees were finishing their lunch, made a few opening announcements and comments as his



(Tom McInnis)

first official act. Adams then introduced NC State Senator and MCRMC member, Tom McInnis who took the podium to announce that he was running for another term. McInnis asked for the club members and other attendees to support his reelection bid.

Adams then introduced newly elected VP Programs, Patrick Haggerty to talk about our January speaker. Pat introduced Pinehurst's own Cleta Mitchell, a resident of Pinewild. Cleta is an



election news and status of legal proceedings, with emphasis on Georgia. Cleta's talk was both

attorney in Washington DC and has worked on voting irregularities that occurred in numerous swing states in the 2020 Presidential election. Cleta took the podium and brought the attendees the latest

interesting and enlightening. A full video of her presentation may be found on the Moore County GOP website at:

[https://moore.nc.gop/cleta\\_mitchel\\_election\\_video](https://moore.nc.gop/cleta_mitchel_election_video)  
After you reach the page, click on the words **Click Here** to view the video.

After a brisk question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

### Newsletter Information:

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 get a paper copy in the US mail. If you have an email address but also want a paper copy, just send an email to me, and request one:

[paulshaffer1943@gmail.com](mailto:paulshaffer1943@gmail.com)



### Program News for February by Patrick Haggerty – VP Programs:

Over the years, The John Locke Foundation (TJLF) has provided the Moore County Republican Men's Club with many very good speakers. The John Locke Foundation was created in 1990 as an independent Think Tank to work for "truth, freedom and the future of North Carolina."



For the February 18th meeting, TJLF provides us with another quality speaker, their CEO Amy Cooke. Amy is also the publisher of *Carolina Journal*. Amy is a champion of free markets and limited constitutional government. If you have heard Amy speak, you know her content and platform skills are superb.

Prior to joining TJLF, Amy was Executive Vice President of the Independent Institute (II), Colorado's free market Think Tank and a Director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center at II. She was a member of President Trump's transition team for the Environmental Protection Agency. She also is a former fellow at the Women's Forum, a free market Think Tank in Washington, DC.

Amy is married to Colorado State Senator John Cooke, who is a retired sheriff.

Because we are complying with all CDC guidelines, space is limited. Make sure you reserve your seat now as noted below.

*Pat*

Reservations: [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club)

**Bob Coates – EC Member-At-Large  
And Luncheon Administrator**

#### Badges

There is not much to write about on the luncheon front this month. I would remind all of you that you should contact me if you need any changes to your luncheon name badge. Perhaps you've been recently elected to a political office or you'd prefer a different first name be used. Just email me your request.

You are all doing a great job leaving your badges at CCNC after our events. Leaving your badge on the table where you picked it up works best. But if you do get home and find you are still wearing yours just bring it the next time you come. That way you won't have to make your own cheesy temporary badge.

The cutoff date for making a reservation for the Thursday luncheon is the Sunday prior to the event at 6 PM. And that same day/time applies to canceling a reservation. The online reservation system works well, and it takes less than a minute to do. You can find a link to the reservation system on the Men's Club website home page – [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club)

Now that people are starting to get their COVID vaccinations I expect to see many of you at events throughout 2021.

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#### Moore County Republican Women News:



#### Message from the President

Like many of my fellow conservatives, I have allowed myself to wallow in despair since November 4, with increased wallowing since January 6, 2021. BUT I'M DONE WITH THAT!



I am on my feet and ready to go get them! Call me a cultist. Call me deplorable. Reprogram me for my "evil" thoughts of loving my country and my wonderful President Trump. These people are not happy with destroying America; they intend to destroy an entire civilization.



In the book "1984," the main character is being "re-educated" into the totalitarian ways. He is told, "If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stomping on a human face – forever."

Beginning at our local level – school board, municipal and county – we will choose leaders who are and will remain Conservative, believing in God, family and country. We will support our own and build from there. We begin now!

We are inundated with how "vile" Trump followers are. Do they not realize they are speaking to half of the country? The media and politicians are destructive, hateful and heinous. They will not stop. President Trump just stood in the way of them getting to us. These people are a darkness in our life. But, God has blessed us with light. You are all lights.

President Trump is not letting them stop him. He's set up "The Office of the Former President" in Florida. He's announced some new think tanks. Despite everything he's faced, he's still ready to fight the Deep State and the Democrat totalitarians. He continues to be a light.

May God put His hand on your shoulders and give you courage to go forth and shine.

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#### Latest news from MRW

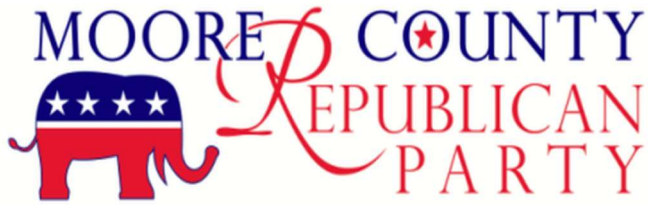
For complete information about the MRW, go to their website: [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org).

#### Elected Officials Contact Information:

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](http://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected_officials.pdf)





MC GOP Chair - Tom Beddow:

**Eighth Reagan Dinner  
re-scheduled to April  
17**

*Lt. Governor Mark Robinson  
commits as featured speaker  
Saturday, April 17, 2021*



## The Eighth Annual Reagan Dinner

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary  
of the Ascendance of our 40th President  
The Country Club of NC  
5:30 pm Sponsor reception  
6:00 pm General reception  
7:00 pm Dinner and program

The Moore County Republican Party's Eighth Annual Reagan Dinner and Fundraiser is a hot ticket yet again. Ticket sales continued without interruption even after the date was changed to April 17 (from February 6), likely driven by the announcement that our keynote speaker is newly elected Republican Lt. Governor Mark Robinson.



Mark is not a politician. He is a patriot. And a dynamic, captivating speaker whose story is an inspiration. Don't wait. Mark's presence guarantees a sellout.

The gala will be hosted for the first time at The Country Club of North Carolina.

The 2020 dinner raised more than \$66,000 before expenses, including \$46,000-plus from sponsors. This generosity reaped wide ranging achievements by Republican candidates in the 2020 election. We have more work left to do on the road to 2021 municipal elections.

To be a sponsor, register and attend, go to our Moore County GOP website: <https://moore.nc.gop/>

## Wayne Boyles, The VPM Corner 2021 Volume 2

In his book, *The Humor of a Country Lawyer*, Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. said this; "In my honest and unbiased judgement, the Good Lord will place the Garden of Eden in North Carolina when He restores it to earth. He will do this because He will have so few changes to make in order to achieve perfection." I think all of us would agree with him.



We are so blessed to live here and looking back at our history blessed to have had fine men and women to represent us in Washington and their staffs who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf. It is hard work; I know from my 22 years of service on the staffs of Senator Mack Mattingly of Georgia from 1981-1982 and for our beloved Senator Jesse Helms from 1982 to 2003.

Senator Helms said I did not have a staff; I had the Helms Senate family. A family we were helping the families of North Carolinians with their problems with the federal government and what a thrill it was to call someone and let them know we had solved their problem.

In my opinion the King James is the best public policy guide ever written and there were these three scripture passages, in particular, that guided me and helped prevent me from getting drunk on Washington DC political power as I was helping these two Senators serve their constituents.

The first of these comes from Matthew 20:28 where Christ talks about the importance and greatness in serving when he said, "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many."



The second comes from Micah 6:8 which the prophet says, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?"

And the third comes from the book of James, Chapter 3:1-12 where he speaks of the Untamable Tongue. It can be used to denigrate or uplift and that we should do all within our power, given from above, to use it carefully in our public and private discourse.

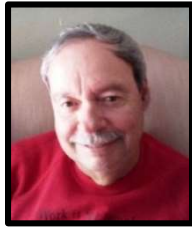
These verses among the many in the King James kept me grounded and solely focused on helping first Senator Mattingly serve his Georgia citizens and then Senator Helms serve the beloved citizens of this state. What a joy!!!

Thanks for stopping by the VPM corner. See you in the next newsletter and at our next luncheon.

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Treasurer, Jim Legg  
\$\$\$ Club News \$\$\$

I am honored that you elected me to the Executive Committee serving as your Treasure. Please contact me anytime if you have questions regarding the club's finances.



See the following dues news:

2021 dues are due now. Please mail a personal check payable to MCRMC in the amount of \$30 to:

MCRMC  
P.O. Box 1812  
Southern Pines, NC 28388

You may also pay your dues during check in at our regular luncheon meeting.

Treasure report: As of this submission we have an available balance of \$2,838.39. All revenues have been deposited; all bills have been paid.

Money quote of the day, by Will Smith:

*"Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like."*

Tom Schroeder

## **Tom's News**

Moore County Conservative News

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## **Tom's Thoughts**

Protect the Right to be Wrong

Something important to think about. We probably should do a lot more of protecting the right to be wrong in a lot of endeavors.

It is clearly applicable to many things we are currently struggling with in NC and beyond.

This article is enlightening, and I would recommend that you take a few minutes to read it.

## See the article below for more details **Article**

Protect the Right to be Wrong - Carolina Journal  
[carolinajournal.com](http://carolinajournal.com) · by John Hood

I have strong opinions — but not about how to perform brain surgery, write a smart-phone app, design a golf course, or produce a hip-hop album. Perhaps you do have a strong view about one of these, but almost certainly not about all four.

Why? Because none of us can simultaneously be a surgeon, a software engineer, a golfing expert, and a music producer. When it comes to our work, we specialize in a few things and then trade what we produce for the goods and services that other specialists produce. The exchange makes us all better off.

We live most of our lives engaged in such exchanges. There is a great deal of specialized knowledge, with more produced every day. But individually, we possess or are even aware of only a tiny fraction of that knowledge. It would be too difficult or costly to acquire. We don't need it. We just need to trade for its fruits.

Among specialists or other discrete communities of interest, however, there is often robust debate. Surgeons learn, practice, and disagree about the merits of new ways to attack brain cancers. The rest of us don't typically know which side to root for in these contests. We just root for them to keep at it, so we as potential cancer patients can benefit, and

otherwise leave them alone as we go about our own business.

Now consider what happens when goods and services are provided by government agencies and public employees rather than private companies and independent professionals. Suddenly, we all feel the need to express our expert opinions about the best ways to rehabilitate a prisoner, treat a mental illness, or teach a child to read — even though we can't possibly possess expertise about so many different and challenging fields, and even those possessing such expertise may lack consensus.

The problem is that, unlike in the earlier cases, we can't simply sit back and let the professionals fight it out. If we don't like a new smart-phone app or hip-hop album, we don't have to buy it. If a particular brain surgeon or hospital seems to have poor results, we can go elsewhere.

But what if we don't like the outcomes produced by our prisons, public health agencies, or public schools? It's either impossible or highly expensive to "take our business elsewhere," as it were, by relocating ourselves and our tax dollars to another state. Instead, we seek to change the mix of professionals providing those services by casting ballots in the next election.

This is not nearly as effective an accountability mechanism. For one thing, we may be outvoted. Even if our preferred candidates win, they may not be in a position to swap out the personnel in question or overrule their professional judgments. And through it all, we end up doing the very thing I'm suggesting we lack the capacity to do well — engaging in debate about matters we don't and can't fully understand.

There is no magic wand one can wave here. Ensure more competitive elections? Great. Collect more data and encourage more experimentation and research? Sure. But the problem will remain in some form. It is endemic.

I submit that the best response is to minimize the extent to which people are compelled to receive services from professionals they don't select. That argues for more choice and competition in education, health care, and transportation, even when those services are substantially funded by governments. The next best thing is for governments to pay for measurable performance, by public or private providers, rather than focusing on inputs or dictating procedures.

More fundamentally, this argues for limiting the scope of the public sector. In fact, I think it's one of the best arguments for limited government. Although you may care and worry about me as a person, it does you no harm if I have a wrong idea, do a foolish thing, or hire an incompetent doctor. You can even learn from my mistakes.

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#### Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



As we move forward in year 2021, allow me to touch on an update of a previous "Editor" subject. It is about the newsletter, how you receive it and what options are available for you to get a copy.

Each month, the newsletter is published early in the second week of the month in order to get it to the membership before the reservation deadline for our monthly meeting. It is sent out by email to all members who have an email address. There are also paper copies printed and mailed to members who do not have an email address and to members with email who have also asked to receive it in the mail. The mailing is usually done so that the paper copy is received no later than the Saturday before meeting week. In addition, paper copies are available at the far end of the registration table at luncheon meetings. Also, anyone who has internet access can go on the club website, [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) and find the most recently published newsletter. Finally, if you somehow missed the most recent newsletter and want a copy, you can call or email me and ask for one. I will be happy to email it or mail you a paper copy.

In closing, I will share that I got the first Covid-19 vaccine shot on February 8 and am scheduled for the second shot on March 6. Thanks to all who are working hard to get us vaccinated and hopefully this is truly the beginning of the end of this terrible pandemic!

Hope to see you at the February meeting.



## Resolve Blog:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including an article from the blog: RESOLVE. To see all the new 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.)



**By Bill Demastus – Jan 26**

I am a good, hard-nosed Republican with conservative views on most issues in America. With that said, there is something happening in our country today that is very concerning, at least to me.



I believe many of our good conservatives have drunk the Kool-Aid and truly believe that we have to be, at least, “concerned” about what played out on January 6 at the Capitol.

It is the “we” that disturbs me. It was not good conservatives who stormed the Capitol and brought down the wrath of God on our heads.

We conservatives have nothing to be ashamed of, or to feel responsible for. We were there in January but, when the trouble started, we turned and left the scene. Just look at the facts of who is being arrested almost daily since the occurrence. It isn't us. Social media and fake news painted everyone who dared to travel to D.C. with the same insurrection brush. That does not change the facts. We are not insurrectionists.

Little by little, it is becoming more and more clear that it was, in fact, a well-rehearsed, well-implemented insurrection by individuals not riled up by our President, Donald Trump; but those riled up by issues in America tracing to the 1960s.

During the last 60 years we have become more and more guided by principles totally outside the framework of a Constitutional federal republic. A system wherein the people elect citizens to represent them, (the people), to uphold Constitutional issues and that which impacts the people. That's what this country was founded on and that is what we were, with hic-cups along the way, until the '60s.

We now vacillate between a Socialist state and a Constitutional republic, depending on which party is in power. Much to our chagrin, the Socialist state is expanding, no matter which party is in power.

These newly elected Socialists, and they are so far Left, many Communist admittedly so, might well deliver good news because their overreach improves chances that Republicans will regain the House and Senate in two years. Though not guaranteed, it is a good bet. Why, because, as always, the liberal left now has complete control except for the Supreme Court that refuses, under John Roberts, to engage in “politics.” Even when our elections are subverted.

President Biden's endeavors from the very first day indicate just how radically they will push an agenda down the throats of Americans. Can we all remember ObamaCare? Seems the Left already has assured tough elections ahead. Still, they cannot help themselves. They are like kids in a candy store...or a better comparison may be a drunk in an ABC store.

Another standard Leftist attitude is their firm belief in “cancel culture”. They are rabid in their belief that everything and everyone that does not follow their agenda need to be taken out.

Under President Trump's leadership, the Left spent most of its time going after him. Now that he is gone it isn't a surprise, with the help of social media and fake news, to have them going after individual Americans. That is definitely the case for outspoken Trump supporters in our communities: Capt. Emily Grace Rainey; David Hensley; and Sherry-Lynn Womack. Get ready. Almost anyone who currently supports President Trump's policies, or him, will find themselves in cross hairs.

So, what do we do? I believe we should do what good conservative Republicans have always done; nominate and elect strong conservatives in municipal elections in 2021, and great Conservatives who emerge to run for state and federal seats in 2022 and 2024. The journey begins now.

Will those who seek and secure these jobs all be people that agree with all of us who work to get them elected? No. And, if they were, they would not be Republicans. We tend to not agree with each other about a lot of things. But one thing we should learn from the leftists is to not fight among ourselves. They stick together to advance their miserable agendas, even at the risk of their own jobs; but it helps them win elections.

We cannot fight the government; we can fight issues and we can fight against candidates and for candidates, but we can do neither as a fractured party. This is exactly what the leftists wish us to be,

fractured.

Keeping me awake at night is the fact that I was so sure that President Trump would be re-elected because he was GOD'S CHOICE. I just could not understand how God would permit him to lose to a party that believes in abortion, no God in church, no God in schools; in fact, no God anywhere. Believe me I have asked my Lord that question over and over during the past several weeks.

Yesterday in church, I think God gave me the answer. I listened to a very conservative, God-fearing minister explain that, heart breaking as this election loss may be for us, we should, of course, pray for ourselves and for our country. However, not for what I thought would be the reason, but because of what half of our country believes in and how they live. He says he believes we are just where the Kingdom of Judah found itself. Its people persisted in their ungodly ways, even after years of God's prophets warning them to repent. They chose to live otherwise. Not all of them, just half of them. But God didn't just give Nebuchadnezzar half of Judah; he gave him all of it. Thus, all had to pay.

Our minister said he doesn't mean that we, the believers, should give up or quit fighting issues and policies but it doesn't mean we should not expect to suffer with those that caused HIS edict. We have to change the system with prayer and teamwork. We cannot change it with Sig Sauer or a long knife.

Stop the finger pointing. Stop the backbiting. Fight those who caused this mess. God will be on our side.

### More From and About Our Members

#### John Boesch – Veteran Committee Chair

**AUSTIN CONFIRMED AS NEW DEFENSE SECRETARY:** Former U.S. Central Command leader Lloyd Austin was confirmed last Friday as the next defense secretary; an historic vote that makes him the nation's first Black chief of the Pentagon. Austin, a four-star Army general who spent more than 40 years in the ranks, was approved by an overwhelming 93-2 vote in the Senate.



The vote erased fears of a possible lengthy wait for the new administration's national security team to be put in place. Austin, 67, has intimate knowledge of the DoD. He takes over a Pentagon

that is likely to see tighter defense budgets than in recent years and continued questions about how to balance traditional threats like China and Russia with overseas terrorist and extremist groups.

"Globally I understand that Asia must be the focus of our effort, and I see China in particular as a pacing challenge for the department," Austin told lawmakers.

**CONGRESS LISTENS AND KEEPS AGENT ORANGE PROVISION IN NDAA:** The Senate passed the final version of the NDAA which included the Agent Orange presumptive conditions, already passed by the House. The Senate and House Armed Services Committees conferees of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA) are to be commended for including Senate Amendment 1972 in the final version of the bill.

Senator Tester introduced this important amendment which will finally add bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and parkinsonism to the list of Department of Veterans Affairs presumptive conditions for herbicide exposure. President Trump was urged to sign the NDAA into law and provide our Vietnam veterans the long-awaited care and benefits they deserve."

**VA RELEASES COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN:** VA has announced publication of the VA COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan. VA began vaccinating veterans and frontline employees this week (1/25/21) after the authorization was given for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The plan includes a prioritization for identifying those who are at highest risk, and addresses vaccinations for veterans, staff, and other federal partners in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and U.S. territories where VA provides health care to veterans.

#### Roger W. Fromm



The arguments for impeachment or censure of President Trump for inciting the storming of the U. S Capitol on January 6 don't ring true to me. If they did THEN I would have to ask why not for the two presidents who bookended President Trump.

While in office President Obama used the bully

pulpit more often than not to cast suspicion on every police officer in the United States. Perhaps he had in mind only white officers (Who knows?), but in the aftermath Asian, Hispanic, black, and white officers were killed, some in assassination style. At least in the 2012 campaign then Vice-President Biden told African-American audiences that Republicans would put them back in slavery or as he put it, "put y'all back in chains." How divisive and inciting is that?

Let us also remember that Rep. Maxine Waters encouraged her followers to aggressively go after (implying physical confrontation) Trump associates and supporters. No one suggested she be censured.

While we're at it, could we also save some blame for social science and humanities professors at many of our colleges and universities for teaching that the United States of America is rotten to the core, then, now, and in the future, the only remedy for which is the destruction of the republic? Many of our 2020 rioters involved in arson, looting, destruction of buildings, businesses, and police cars, and in assaulting of police officers and innocent civilians were inspired by this anti-American academic rhetoric. Should those professors be absolved of some responsibility for the horrors of last spring and summer?

As it stands former President Trump is the only one held accountable. I wonder why!

**Tom Brady:**

I consider it an honor to have been named to serve on the Men's Club ExCom. To serve in any capacity is a humbling opportunity considering all of the strong leaders who have been at the helm of the club; Luis Gregory, John Rowerdink, Tom Beddow and Bill Demastus to name a few. Affiliation with the Men's Club offers a great place to fellowship with like-minded citizens, aligned to both support and propel the conservative agenda.

**Harold Mendelson to The Pilot**

Steve Bouser's opinion regarding the Electoral College is just as wrong today as it was when those who opposed it when it was implemented. The reasons for the Electoral College are the same today as it was when it was implemented.

Simply put, our government is organized as a

representation of the people by having them elect representatives in two separate chambers. One is based on population, and the other is based on geography.

The Electoral College follows the same principle. Each state gets a number of electoral votes based on the number of representatives each state elects.

The U.S. is not a true democracy. Again, our Founding Fathers realized a nation can't exist by mob rule. If we had a government with a true democracy, the large cities would control the entire nation. The rest of the country would have no input to governing our nation.

Do the people in Charlotte have the same needs and desires of those who live in rural counties? No. While some of their needs and desires match, many do not. If the Electoral College is eliminated, those of us who do not live in large populations will have little input to how our nation is run.

\*\*\*\*\*Charles Holbrook on Facebook\*\*\*\*\*



Okay, folks, we now have a New Order with rules for a New Normal for societal and personal speech, behavior and interaction. Best we all become acquainted with them in order to avoid offending anyone of a different persuasion and to

avoid public censure and expulsion from social media.

Each of us should understand that questioning positions, decisions and directions approved by the New Regime or offering countervailing ideas may be considered offensive and is to be discouraged. The following general guidelines will serve to launch the New Order, but rules may be added or revised without prior notice as circumstances may warrant. Remember:

It's not about violence, it's who defines violence and where and when the action occurs

>It's not about the Rule of Law, it's about who enforces it.

>It's not about the voting, it's about how the votes are obtained and by whom and when they are counted

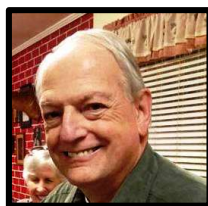
>It's not about the words, it's who speaks them

>It's not about the crime, it's who commits it

>It's not about gender, it's who defines it

>It's not about truth, it's who speaks it

>It's not about negative characterizations of others, it's who does it





These few rules will serve to begin the integration of outsiders into the New Order. Please behave accordingly!

\*\*\*\*\*Nancy Fiorillo to The Pilot:\*\*\*\*\*



It's time for someone to speak up for Congressman Richard Hudson, who represents Moore and parts of Cumberland County.

While our local and state elections are conducted with the greatest integrity, not all states/cities are as conscientious as North Carolina.

I applaud Congressman Hudson for standing up for his constituents on Jan. 6, whatever the results may be.

Felice Schillaci to The Pilot:

I hope President Biden understands he has to do more than speak in a slow monotone and folksy manner to create unity.



I also hope he will not brag about Sen. Romney and the likes, as if they were the leader for the Republican voter base. That makes folks like me less trusting and more suspicious.

The path to unity, is paved with brush, rocks, pits, snakes and jackals. Why? For the past four years, I have been called a white supremacist, racist, deplorable, unpatriotic, a Nazi fascist, gangster, xenophobic, red army sympathizer, traitor, fear monger, a "that is not who we are" person.

All this because I voted for a President who has done more for the average American than any other President in my lifetime. For voting for an authentic leader in an inauthentic world, a pragmatist not an ideologue, a hard liner against our enemies, one with a clear vision who hasn't played by the Washington rules, who is for honoring the men and women in blue, for wanting border protection against illegals, for protecting the unborn and freedom of religion, for promoting free enterprise, and for bearing 4 years of abuse by a Democratic Party and media who created non existing issues, like Russia-gate.

We are 74 million strong Americans who are sick and tired of being called names. We want the same respect that they want, we want them to compromise

on the major issues . To create unity, I suggest President Biden and his party to stop name calling, to appoint a really impartial committee to see what really happened at the recent Capitol events, and to start to compromise with the GOP on major issues. That would be a good start.

From Outside the Club:

NC Lt. Governor Mark Robinson  
on Facebook 2-2:

A cartoon posted on WRAL this morning depicted



Lt. Governor Robinson and other GOP leaders as members of the Klu Klux Klan. This

afternoon (Feb 2), Lt. Governor Robinson held a press conference showing the hypocrisy that this image portrays.

To watch the press conference  
click the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26hVaUWV1Dg>

This and That!



Reminder: The next luncheon meeting is on Thursday, February 18 at CCNC. Reservations are required and can be made before Sunday, Feb 14 at: [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club)

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