



# MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018 ISSUE



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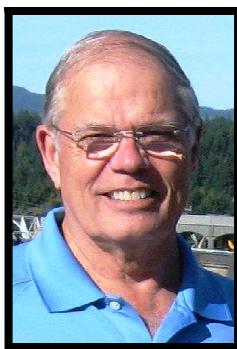
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**The next Luncheon at CCNC is scheduled for Monday, Sept 17th**



## WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

**“I hope you spent time this summer calling liberals to task. I have. Please see my letter to the Editor in the PILOT about unions.**

**We all have many things pulling us in different directions. After we take care of ‘Family First’, what should be next? I submit the most important task in politics is to get/keep the right Judges. Yes—I believe Judges are more important than other elected or appointed officials for the long-term health of the Republic.**

**Look at how the left is yanking our chain. They are doing it with Judges! The left cannot win with voters, so they rely on Judges to overturn the will of the people (the subject of how well our elected legislators represent the will of the people is for another day).**

**At both the State and Federal level, some of our elected and appointed Judges are crossing the line between interpreting the law and writing new law. Any Judge who believes he/she should legislate should be impeached!**

**At the Federal level, President Trump is doing a great job in placing solid conservative folks in judicial positions. His success can be measured by how upset the left is. 4 years or hopefully 8 years of Trump appointees to the bench will make a huge difference in the future. One good sign is that some democrats are supporting Trump nominees.**

**Our job in Moore County is to do what we can to ensure the election/re-election of Judges we directly vote for. The foremost example of whom we can directly affect is Justice Barbara Jackson. It is critical that she be reelected. Justice Jackson will be a speaker at our October meeting.**

**See you on September 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to start our fall season with Cleta Mitchell. She is always a ‘tell it like it is’ speaker.”**

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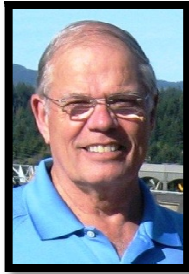
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We will be assigning new committee chairs and members for 2019 during the last months of this year and the first few months next year. Let an EC member know if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Committee meetings produce the policy and procedures that keep our club current. We need members to be active in committees to keep us current on and involved in the political process at the local, state and federal level.



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**Would you like to serve as the Calling Colonel?!**  
If so, let Acting Calling Colonel, Bob Zschoche, know that you are willing to serve.

When your Calling Captain calls, return the call to let him know if you are coming to the meeting or not.



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

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## Luncheon Meetings:

**Our luncheon meetings in 2018 are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The September lunch meeting and program is at CCNC on the 17<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 personal check to MCRMC.

Make your September luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, September 13 on [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) or by calling Bob Zschoche at (910) 949-4250 or email him at [bobzschoche@msn.com](mailto:bobzschoche@msn.com).

## Future Meetings and Events:

This is our first meeting following our summer break. We encourage all members to attend so we can prepare for the critical fall elections in November. Our programs Sept. and Oct. will include information & education about candidates and issues in the fall election. In November we hope to get commentary on the election results. Our December meeting will again be a Christmas season celebration. Plan to attend and bring a guest (prospective member) to the meetings.

## Newsletter Information:

As was started a few months ago, this issue of the newsletter is 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 the newsletter in



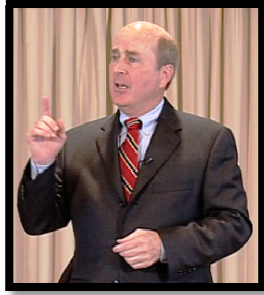
the US mail. In addition, there will be copies available at the luncheon meeting on the registration table.

**September Meeting Program News**  
By Pat Haggerty – VP Programs:

**DC POLITICAL LAWYER, CLETA MITCHELL, IS SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKER**

We have seen Cleta Mitchell on FOX NEWS TV and numerous other news programs talking about

elections, election law and strategic communications. Cleta has more than 40 years of experience in federal lobbying, campaign finance law, the Federal Election Commission, elections and all other thing political. She is a partner in the DC law firm of Foley and Lardner.



She served as co-counsel for the National Rifle Association in the Supreme Court case involving the 2002 campaign finance law.



She was selected by her peers in the Best Lawyers

in America and was named one of DC's "Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian Magazine*.

No all of this just a theoretical, Cleta has actually walked the walk. She is an Oklahoma native and was elected and served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for eight years.

Now, we get to see her and ask her questions in person on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. She is our Keynote Speaker at the Moore County Republican Men's Club luncheon.

The lunch is Monday, September 17 at CCNCC. There is meet and greet from 11:30am to Noon, lunch is served at Noon and the program starts about 12:30pm. As always, we will be finished by 1:30pm so members and guests can resume their day's activities. Go to the MCRMC webpage to make your reservations. Cleta is a DYNAMIC speaker, so make your reservation early to secure your place at the meeting.

#### Steve Woodward – Secretary:

We continue to leverage social media to help Moore Republicans (and, hopefully, the unaffiliated) remain informed and up to date as we close in on early voting and the November midterms. Our Facebook page has 244 followers (through August), but we are reaching much greater numbers by investing small amounts (\$20-\$50) to boost (or advertise) our Facebook posts to targeted audiences



in the immediate area. During August, we averaged 400-650 additional paid viewers per link to links to the RESOLVE blog posted on Facebook. The strategy is to drive eyeballs to our Facebook posts and encourage email subscribers to the blog. When we posted, on August 7, a Get-Out-The-Vote blog link with a photo from the Robbins Farmers' Day parade of our head-turning, surfing elephant, "Donald Trunk", the post reached 3,187 people and drew 129 reactions, nine comments and was shared 23 times. The boost cost was \$50.

Moore Republicans have entered the Instagram universe, thanks to the contribution of our newest communications volunteer, Lora Sherwin. Lora, recently wed to our data analysis volunteer, Josh Lowery, launched an Instagram account (@mcncpolitics) and continues to push out timely content and photos. If you have an Instagram account, please follow @mcncpolitics.

Finally, on the communications front, our informal Thursday "Think Tank" was paid a visit in August by Randy Brechbiel, a newly appointed NC GOP field director to our area. Randy has tutored a number of local Republicans on the uses of a smartphone app created by app producer Advantage Mobile. The app has two central features. It allows volunteers to set up door-knocking routes in their neighborhoods or precincts. It also has a targeted phone calling feature, which automatically skips calls diverted to voicemail and dials the next number on the roster. The NC GOP has established Tuesdays (7 pm) to conduct remote training sessions for those who wish to use the app. Join the sessions by computer (<https://zoom.us/j/273953580>), or by phone (646-876-9923; using meeting ID 273 953 580).

Before an individual user can engage the app, Randy must send by email a login and password to the user. This allows the NC GOP to control who has access to the app. Request a login/password by emailing Randy directly ([randy.brechbiel@ncgop.org](mailto:randy.brechbiel@ncgop.org)).

#### VP Membership - Bill Demastus:

Our summer break is over, our September meeting is set for the 17<sup>th</sup> and we have a dynamic speaker to start getting us fired up for the November elections. Keep the momentum going by bringing a guest to the meeting and asking them to become a member.

By getting our like-minded friends and neighbors involved in the political process, we can help get out the vote and assure the best and right Judges get elected. See President Zschoche's article on the

front page for more on this issue.

See you in a few days!

#### **Treasurer – Scott Sheffield**

I sincerely hope all enjoyed this summer and are ready to start the fall season with our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. We had a good golf tournament before the summer break, raising almost \$4000 to be used in supporting our Republican candidates and issues in the fall election. I will be able to report the detailed balance in our bank account at the September meeting.

If you were unable to participate in our June fundraiser, we can continue to accept donations right up to election day. Just send a PERSONAL check, made out to MCRMC with “donation” in the memo line. Mail it to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. All of our golf proceeds and donations will be used to support our candidates this fall. See you at the September meeting.

#### **John Boesch – Veteran’s Committee Chair:**

**Pope Air Force Base Combat Controller Receives Medal of Honor Posthumously:**

An Air Force combat controller, killed March 4, 2002, in a battle with al-Qaida militants in Afghanistan, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions during that 2002 fight.



The president presented the nation’s highest military honor to Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman’s spouse, Valerie Nessel, in a ceremony on Aug. 22. The award is an upgrade of the Air Force Cross that Chapman initially received posthumously for his actions on Roberts Ridge in March 2002.

Chapman, who served with the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope AFB, in Fayetteville, was part of an elite special operations team charged with locating and targeting al-Qaida fighters entrenched on Takur Ghar mountain, along the Pakistan border. He will become the first airman to receive the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War, and just the 19th in the service’s history.

#### **Historic Defense Bill Signed Into Law:**

President Trump has signed the *John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*

2019. Prior to signing, more than 7,000 veterans and supporters responded to a VFW Action Alert opposing a provision that would have dramatically increased TRICARE fees for current retirees. The final bill includes several provisions to improve the financial viability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, such as authorizing the home to accept financial gifts, and expanding eligibility to disabled veterans and spouses who are not currently eligible.

The bill will also authorize a 2.6 percent pay increase for America’s service members, the highest pay raise in nearly a decade; grant disabled veterans access to commissaries and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facilities; require DOD to design, produce and award a certificate for veterans exposed to radiation (Atomic Veterans); improve reporting, investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases; expand eligibility for Military OneSource to one year after discharge; and require DOD to conduct an assessment on ways to enhance and reform Taiwan’s military forces.

#### **JOHN MIMS HONORED AT SANDHILLS PURPLE HEART DINNER:**

On Saturday, August 18, John Mims, who served in WW II, survived the Bataan Death March, and 3 years torturous years as a Japanese POW, was honored at the Sandhills Purple Heart Dinner.



A resident of Pinebluff prior to his death, in 2016, John was one of Moore Country’s most notable WW II Veterans, and one of the nation’s last remaining survivors of the Bataan Death March. Shortly before his passing, at age 94, John was honored as the Marshall of the annual Southern Pines Veterans Parade, a feature of the Sandhills Veterans Festival. At the time of his death, it was estimated that there were fewer than 20.

The dinner was the 2nd Annual to be held as a forum for the community to honor Purple Heart recipients, Gold Star Mothers, Families of those Killed in Action. About 1200 people attended the dinner.

#### **Moore County Republican Women News:**

Welcome! 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!

#### MRW LUNCHEON:

The most recent MRW luncheon was on Monday, September 10 at the PCC Members Club, with lunch at 12 Noon. The speaker was Cory Swanson, President/CEO of the Locke Foundation. The John Locke Foundation is an influential North Carolina think tank that works “for truth, for freedom, and for the future of North Carolina.”

There was a delicious meal of Carolina Peach Salad Spinach and Romaine, Sliced Peaches, Seedless Grapes, Brie Cheese, Candied Pecans, Sun-Dried Apricots and Blueberries, with Green Apple and Citrus Vinaigrette. It was served with a scoop of honey pecan chicken salad. Also served was fresh rolls and butter. For dessert there was a scoop of rainbow sherbet and a cookie straw.

Our members are always welcome at the MRW luncheons as guests. Check the MRW website and watch your email for future meetings. Reservations are required and may be made by clicking on the link on the MRW website, [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org) or by email: [mooregopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:mooregopwomen@gmail.com). Sorry, but they cannot accommodate walk-ins.

#### President's Message

#### NOVEMBER IS COMING!

My heartfelt warning to Liberals, the liberal mainstream media, and every doomsayer out there: LOOK OUT DEMOCRATS!



These people are heavily relying on the usual pattern. In a midterm election, the President's party almost always loses seats in Congress, the trend being approximately a 7% loss. The opposition is often energized – but will the base be complacent?

**No! This November: THE GREAT RED TSUNAMI WILL TRUMP THE BLUE WAVE!**

We will defy history. We will challenge and defeat this so-called blue wave the media loves to tell us about. They are hoping, wishing, conniving and lying. Nancy Pelosi said to her fellow Democrats, “Do whatever you have to do, just win!”

If “each one brings one” to the polls, we will win.

America will win. The people will win. Our President will be able to keep our economy roaring and our country safe. We all have a vital role to play. Rush Limbaugh said on his radio show, “We have always known our enemies. They were always abroad. Now they are within.”

Democrats want to change America — they want it to be second rate, they want Socialism. Don't they ever look back and see what happened to the Union of Soviet Socialists Republic, or look southward and see what's happening in Venezuela?

The Battle of Thermopylae, which took place in the second Persian invasion of Greece, has become a symbol of courage against overwhelming odds. We will use this example of a patriotic army defending its soil. We will perform as these defenders did long ago.

November is coming, but you can vote before that! For information about voting in Moore County, including absentee ballots and early voting locations, visit <https://www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections>.

And you can volunteer to help by signing up at <https://moore.nc.gop/volunteer>. We need all hands on deck to fend off the blue wave.

**VOTE! EACH ONE BRING ONE!  
KEEP AMERICA ON TRACK! KEEP MAKING  
AMERICA GREAT!**

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:



#### Trumping a socialist wave

By Norman Zanetti – MCRMC Member

The radical leanings of the likes of U.S. House candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, and a host of others calling for Democratic Socialism, are a rapidly growing segment within the Democratic Party. They are stretching their party's interests from health care for all, for free college tuition, ending capitalism, nationalizing major industries and their profits, all part and parcel to driving wealth redistribution within America.

Their attempts to create what amounts to a cradle-to-grave social structure along with other left wing ideological whims represents an invariant agenda, mocking the dynamism of decades of dedication to personal innovation and risk taking. These grew America's wealth and stature, rewarding personal success, and supporting programs for its citizens by way of their tax contributions going forward. This made America a prosperous republic and the envy of the world.

The progressive preoccupation to woo voters to shifting all social costs to government entities versus the private sector only defers the inevitable — chaos, confusion, resentment, infighting, probability of hyperinflation, and a much higher tax rate for business and personal entities to support it. This is being assisted in part by a burgeoning social media that is now being scrutinized. There is no airbrushing this astonishingly expensive and strategically incoherent strategy.

Is there enough gullibility in the American voting public for this to resonate in political favor, to gain traction for a blue wave in this November's mid-term elections? Don't think so. The 63 million-plus who voted for President Donald Trump, as well as a growing independent base, will reject the cacophony of voices of those supporting socialism more broadly. The art of the possible is on full display. The ambitious agenda to Make America Great Again is succeeding, and all under the radar of a media network which has purposely refrained from acknowledging a booming economy and renewed consumer confidence. Group loathing by the entire progressive establishment will not point the November mid-term needle to a blue wave.

President Trump is unburdened with how the major media and progressives are challenging his agenda. He knows and we know they are afraid to admit to any and all positive enhancements his agenda has

accomplished. It can't be hidden from us despite splenetic attacks on his person. Posted on September

#### 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:



During the club's summer break, we had two email only issues of the newsletter. First, we had the June golf tournament results report. As noted in Treasurer Scott Sheffield's article, we were able to raise almost \$4000 to be used for support of Republican

candidates and issues. Add that to our reserve and we will have somewhere between \$15000 and \$20000 to support those who share our values and ideals. Thanks to those who participated in and contributed to this effort.

The other summer issue was a short email only issue that emphasized two messages and some summer RED MEAT: a) We must get -involved his fall and Get-Out-The-Vote, b) The importance of our fall meetings starting in September in getting our membership engaged in this effort, and c) Some RED MEAT sayings/cartoons about current political *stuff*.

As noted above, both of these summer newsletter issues were sent by email only. However, they will be available in paper copies at the September meeting on the registration table. If you are reading this and know of someone, including yourself, who would like to have a paper copy, let me know and I will send one in the mail.

Among my vacation happenings, including a trip to spend a few days with my oldest daughter and family in SC, I started a book about the "*Miracle At Philadelphia – The Story of the Constitutional Convention, May to September 1787.*" Until this was completed, that resulted in our current Constitution, the 13 "United States" were being held together and were operating under the "Articles of Confederation." I am almost half way through the book and am totally fascinated by the history that I either did not know or have forgotten. I will try to spend this and maybe the next couple of newsletter

columns summarizing this book.

In this column, I will remind all a little about the governing document that was in place at the time this “Convention” was called, the Articles of Confederation.” Following is a summary of that document as found on the following website:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Articles\\_of\\_Confederation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Articles_of_Confederation)

#### “Article summaries

The Articles of Confederation contain a preamble, thirteen articles, a conclusion, and a signatory section. The individual articles set the rules for current and future operations of the confederation's central government. Under the Articles, the states retained sovereignty over all governmental functions not specifically relinquished to the national Congress, which was empowered to make war and peace, negotiate diplomatic and commercial agreements with foreign countries, and to resolve disputes between the states. The document also stipulates that its provisions ‘shall be inviolably observed by every state’ and that “the Union shall be perpetual’.”

(I recommend all read the complete Articles at the website link noted above)

My reading reveals that the “Convention” was called in order to address some shortfalls of the Articles and therefore make needed “modifications”, not write an entirely new governing document. In the next issue of the newsletter, I will try to articulate the “problems” with the 13 states and the then governing document, as there were many.

I encourage anyone who has an interest in the fascinating history of our current Constitution to read this book for themselves. It was written in 1966, so fortunately it is void of current political rancor. Rather, it is written like a true history book with facts and descriptions of the beliefs and personalities of the delegates sent by the 11 states (two states choose not to send delegates)!

See you at the September 17 luncheon meeting.

#### From and About Our Members:

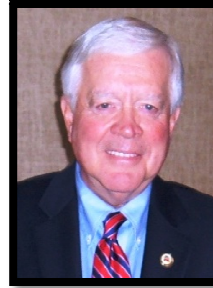
John Rowerdink – The Pilot Newspaper

Column: Growth Is a Result of Long-Awaited Reform - August 21

The topic for this column is whether President

Trump’s policies are helping or hurting America.

I’ll begin by acknowledging that President Trump is an unconventional president. As a lifelong Republican, I sometimes cringe at the things he says or tweets. However, voters knew this before they elected him and in fact, his defiance of convention was one of the reasons they voted for him. Voters had their fill of conventional



politicians and knew we needed a different kind of president to tackle the many challenges facing our country.

So far, President Trump’s policies and the things he has done — and is trying to do — have been overwhelmingly good for America. For example:

**The economy:** This is the strongest economy we’ve had in many years, and it’s all due to tax reform, which only Republicans voted for, and President Trump’s strong approach to deregulation, which has stimulated business activity. The positive results are everywhere. Millions of new jobs have been created, unemployment is at historic lows, earnings and wages are up, manufacturing is up, business confidence is up, the economy is growing faster, and on and on. This is a major turnaround from the sick, slow-growth economy of the Obama years. Amazingly, just as capitalism is working great, Democrats are embracing socialism. Go figure.

**Personnel choices:** President Trump’s personnel choices in key positions have been outstanding. This is the most critical skill any executive must have. An executive can accomplish his goals only if he chooses the right people and then empowers them to do their jobs. President Trump has done a superb job of this and the results show it. James Mattis, Mike Pompeo, John Bolton, Nikki Haley, John Kelly, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Neil Gorsuch and others, all doing a great job.

**Strengthened military:** President Trump reversed the devastating military cutbacks of the Obama years and empowered our military leaders to do their jobs without interference, making America strong again.

**Immigration:** You can like or dislike what President Trump is doing on immigration but our country needs the changes he’s pushing for, including a more secure border (build the wall), a merit-based immigration policy and a common-sense approach to DACA. We’ve had too many years of unenforced,

ineffective immigration policies. President Trump is trying to change that.

**Trade:** President Trump is playing hardball with countries that have used unfair trade practices to take advantage of American workers. His critics worry about a potential trade war. But if more of the goods we buy are made in America, it's good for American workers. Why should we allow China to continue to steal American technology and intellectual property? Or allow the European Union to charge a 10 percent tariff on American cars exported to Europe while we charge 2.5 percent on their cars coming into America? President Trump has taken a strong stand on trade fairness, and American workers will reap the benefits.

**Tougher with our adversaries:** He has taken a much tougher approach with Russia, China, North Korea, Syria, Iran, etc. It's about time. America first!

**Tougher with our friends:** He has talked tough to our NATO allies and insisted that they pay their share of our mutual defense costs. They agreed to pay more for NATO years ago but have simply not done it. The president's critics say he's weakening NATO but it's actually the opposite. NATO will be stronger when all its members pay their share.

**Tougher with ISIS:** President Obama's stated goal for ISIS was to "degrade and ultimately destroy" ISIS. That's another way of saying he would deal with it "someday," but he never backed it up with action. President Trump has turned our military loose on ISIS and they've been mostly defeated in less than a year and a half.

**Keeping his campaign promises:** More than any other politician in memory, President Trump has made it a priority to keep the promises he made during the election campaign, including all of the above. And the pace at which he is tackling things is breathtaking. He's not taking things one at a time and moving slowly. Rather, he is moving fast and juggling a lot of balls at the same time. You may not like his actions, but this is what he said he'd do and he's doing it.

For all these reasons, President Trump's support among Republicans and Republican-leaning voters is much stronger than it was during the 2016 election. If Democrats underestimate that, they do so at their peril.

So what kind of president do you want?

## President Bob Zschoche to The Pilot – August 28

### Union Decision is Fair

I enjoy reading the Point and Counterpoint columns by the Democrat and Republican leaders in Moore County. Of course they have the right to share their opinions, but it would be helpful if they did not make inaccurate statements.

In listing all the items that Darlene Dunham believes President Trump has implemented that are not good, she includes "workers have had their ability to join unions curtailed."

Unless I have missed something, the recent actions that unions do not agree with is forced payment of dues. I believe that folks can still join if they wish. But if they do not want a union boss to use dues money for political purposes with which they do not agree, they are not forced to pay union dues payments.

Somehow, forcing folks to give money to a political cause they do not agree with seems un-American. But then that is just my opinion, but apparently not the opinion of unions.

## Norm Zanetti Letter to The Pilot – August 28:



I'm not a big soccer fan, but I was impressed at what I saw at last month's World Cup soccer championship. Not one player protested against any social or racial misfortune in their country. They all stood with pride to honor their

national anthem.

The NFL season will soon be upon us. The protests of last season over players kneeling vs standing for our anthem got contentious last year. Social and racial injustices are unfortunate. To showcase this angst in prime time NFL is ridiculous.

Americans enjoy more freedoms and opportunities to better themselves like nowhere else in the world. Our freedom levels the playing field for everyone. It is what you make of that freedom that says it all. People from very poor means have achieved great heights, wealth, status and recognition.

NFL players have earned a roster spot for big bucks through years of bumps and bruises, and supreme dedication. They should take that message of achievement to all those who feel oppressed and abandoned. Some do, way too many do not. They take away from the game.

This season, I will most likely watch golf, read a book, take a walk or write articles rather than be an NFL couch potato.

### Felice Schillaci to The Pilot – September 1

There are indeed two Americas: the one that feels safer with President Trump and the one that does not. The America that likes to dialogue with our “enemies” anywhere, as a way to get to know them better and avoid a future cataclysm, and the America that doesn’t.



Mr. Giordano’s comments are an example. It reminds me of how unsafe I felt when reading the missteps of the previous administration.

I think of President Obama’s policies that have allowed China to soon become the most powerful economy and a potential future threat to the world; of our weakened military resources; of our open borders and sanctuary cities policies; of the \$400 million in cash delivered in the middle of the night to Iran, in addition to \$1.3 billion, a fact that has not deterred Iran to develop nuclear weapons, and threaten our allies in the Middle East.

I think of Obama not succeeding with North Korea developing nuclear weapons; of the eight long years of people like Hillary Clinton, Kerry, Brennan, Clapper, Comey and Jarrett being advisers, or implementing foreign policy.

The fact that Putin has interfered (not changed the results) in the recent elections is a proven fact. It happened under President Obama, who let it continue. Putin also hacked the computers that Hillary Clinton kept in her private home with information which most likely was secret, and damaging to our safety and national security. I suggest that “we the people” think more of helping our legitimately elected President to meet our many challenges, instead of continuing to accentuate discord and divisions.

### From Outside the Club:

### Kansas Election:

(As your editor, I have written many comments and rants about “voter fraud” and voter discrepancies. Each election there are several stories about voter fraud and/or

interference with the vote tally. Most recently, there has been fear expressed that the “Russians” did or could hack our election process and change the results. I submit that our biggest danger is our own politicians and bureaucrats fumbling around with the process. As stated, each election there are screams and cries about voter fraud, but they quickly die down and are seldom or never completely investigated. We in North Carolina have been known to discover suspected voter fraud, but seldom do we hear a “final report” explaining what was found and actions taken to prevent future problems. Following is a report from my friend and former Bell boss in Kansas about a problem they had in their last election. Once again, problem discovered, reported on but seemingly left “open” and without resolution.)

### Email from Marvin Schulteis:

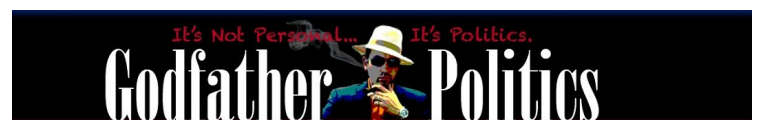
Paul, In a word, vote counting in the Kansas gubernatorial primary has been a colossal "cluster\$#@!" from one end of the state to the other. The article you sent me is only the small stuff--you know a 100-vote discrepancy from a small western Kansas county. You ain't heard nothin' yet.

The newly-purchased, newly-installed voting machines in Johnson County--the state's most populous--malfunctioned and nobody is quite sure of who won. It's so bad that public officials and the Kansas City Star are calling for a recount of the entire county (thank gawd there are also paper ballots that leave a more reliable trail). The Star--and just about everybody else--is demanding the Johnson County election commissioner's head on a platter, and for the company that sold the "reliable" voting machines to be sued, tarred and feathered and run outa town on a rail.

So....Paul...nobody knows who is Republican candidate for governor in Kansas, or the margin of victory. Bad, bad timing for Republicans since the Democrats have finally fielded a candidate that has a 50-50 shot of winning the governor's office. She's popular, smart, and well-spoken, and in this 2018 "year of the woman," who knows.

BTW, I voted for the more conservative of the two Republicans, Kris Kobach.

Hope all is well with you and Caroline. Marv



## DEMOCRAT ATTORNEY GENERAL SENDS LETTER ATTEMPTING TO SILENCE CHURCHES AHEAD OF MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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Churches have been fooled into believing that they are prohibited from discussing politics from the pulpit. For more than 50 years the threat of the IRS revoking a church's tax-exempt status has been held over churches. Some pastors don't care because they don't want to address controversial issues like politics.



When a church member approaches a pastor with, "Why aren't you addressing the issues of the day?," a pastor will often say, "I can't. The IRS prohibits churches from addressing issues that are political. And everything is political."

State governments and anti-Christian lobbying groups have taken advantage of this ignorance by threatening churches with the loss of their tax-exempt status. The latest example is from Hawaii:

**TRENDING YOUTUBE BURIES ANN COULTER VIDEO TO PREVENT USERS FROM FINDING IT HAWAII'S DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASED A GUIDANCE: ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE UPCOMING STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS. "TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD KNOW THAT THEY DO NOT SHARE THE SAME LEGAL RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER CORPORATIONS," STATED THE DEPARTMENT.**

**Latest: Democrat Attorney General Sends Letter Attempting to Silence Churches Ahead of Midterm Elections**

Actually, they do. In addition, no state can enforce federal tax law.

**THE ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM SENT A LETTER TO HAWAII ATTORNEY GENERAL RUSSELL SUZUKI ON MONDAY TAKING ISSUE WITH A GUIDANCE LETTER HE SENT OUT**

**LAST MONTH REGARDING CHARITIES AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY. ADF SENIOR COUNSEL ERIK STANLEY WROTE THAT HE BELIEVED SUZUKI'S GUIDANCE WAS "CLEARLY AN INTIMIDATION TACTIC LEVELED AT HAWAII'S HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO FRIGHTEN THEM INTO SILENCE ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR POLITICAL OFFICE." "HOUSES OF WORSHIP NEED NOT BE SILENT DURING ELECTIONS OUT OF A MISPLACED FEAR THAT SIMPLY PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THEIR STATE, THEY WILL SOMEHOW RUN AFOUL OF FEDERAL TAX LAW," WROTE STANLEY. (CHRISTIAN POST)**

I wonder what the Attorney General of Hawaii would say about Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaking at a Brooklyn church on August 19 where he attacked President Trump.

Addressing politics from the pulpit is only OK if the person speaking is a Democrat and the person being attacked is a Republican. This type of double standard has been going on for decades. Has a black church ever lost its tax-exempt when a pastor addressed politics from the pulpit? Of course not.



The First Amendment does not prohibit churches from speaking out on any issue, including political issues:

**"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.**

Notice that the prohibition is directed at Congress, our nation's national law-making body. It can't establish a religion and it can't prohibit the free exercise of religion. Period.

To prohibit a church from addressing politics for any reason is a violation of the First Amendment. Notice that the First Amendment gives everyone, pastors included, the right to speak about religion, write

about religion, congregate about religion, and “petition the government for a redress of grievances” regarding religion.

Intimidating conservative churches has been going on for a long time.

We got into this mess when in 1954 a law was rammed through Congress by then-Senator Lyndon Johnson to restrict churches from speaking freely on topics they have addressed for nearly two millennia. The following is from the IRS:

THE BAN ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY BY CHARITIES AND CHURCHES WAS CREATED BY CONGRESS MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY AGO. THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ADMINISTERS THE TAX LAWS WRITTEN BY CONGRESS AND HAS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OVER TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS. HERE IS SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY BAN AND THE LATEST IRS ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS REGARDING ITS ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CONGRESSIONAL BAN. IN 1954, CONGRESS APPROVED AN AMENDMENT BY SEN. LYNDON JOHNSON TO PROHIBIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES CHARITIES AND CHURCHES, FROM ENGAGING IN ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY. TO THE EXTENT CONGRESS HAS REVISITED THE BAN OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS IN FACT STRENGTHENED THE BAN. THE MOST RECENT CHANGE CAME IN 1987 WHEN CONGRESS AMENDED THE LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROHIBITION ALSO APPLIES TO STATEMENTS OPPOSING CANDIDATES.

This so-called ban is a direct violation of the First Amendment. The First Amendment is clear that “Congress shall make no law. . . .” In 1954, Congress made a law prohibiting churches from speaking out on political issues and endorsing candidates. The logic is simple. Since Congress passed such a law, then Congress violated the Constitution. This makes the law null and void.

Election Day Sermons were common in the United States. There was no violation of the First Amendment:

If you are a pastor who believes in the freedoms outlined in the First Amendment and want to challenge this anti-Christian organization and the IRS, then I have a deal for you. The Alliance Defense

Fund, a Christian legal advocacy group, will defend you.

IN RESPONSE TO MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF THREATS AND INTIMIDATION BY ACTIVIST GROUPS WIELDING THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT AS A SWORD AGAINST THE CHURCH, ADF BEGAN THE PULPIT INITIATIVE IN 2008. THE GOAL OF THE PULPIT INITIATIVE IS SIMPLE: HAVE THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL — AND ONCE AND FOR ALL REMOVE THE ABILITY OF THE IRS TO CENSOR WHAT A PASTOR SAYS FROM THE PULPIT. ADF IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO REPRESENT CHURCHES OR PASTORS WHO ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE IRS FOR VIOLATING THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT BY PREACHING BIBLICAL TRUTH IN A WAY THAT EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR — OR OPPOSITION TO — POLITICAL CANDIDATES. ADF REPRESENTS ALL OF ITS CLIENTS FREE OF CHARGE.

Don’t be bullied. It’s time to take a stand for Jesus Christ. Your future and the future of your children are at stake. If you want more information, go to the “Speak Up” site. The next Pulpit Freedom Sunday will be October 5, 2014. Talk to your pastor about it.

One last thing. The purpose of Christian involvement in the political field is not to use the power of the State to impose a Taliban-style religious-political system on the nation but to decrease the power of the State at every level.



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Goodbye Peace & Love. Hello Violence & Vandalism.  
by Brant Clifton • August 21, 2018

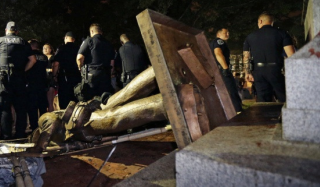
*See something you don’t like? Something make you unhappy? Break it.*

The Peace & Love crowd of the 1960s and 70s has fully-morphed into the Smash & Grab caucus. Many of them now dress in all black, mask their faces, and call themselves “antifa”. That’s short for “anti-fascist” (or communist, to you and me).



They tried to literally destroy DC during President Trump's inauguration. They've assaulted people who dare to wear pro-Trump hats and attend pro-Trump meetings.

Locally, they're into attacking statues — *inanimate objects*. Not long ago, a mob of these folks destroyed a



war memorial in front of the Durham courthouse. After years of caterwauling about an on-campus statue memorializing UNC

students who died in The Civil War, these maniacs have decided to trash the statue.

In the UNC case, the drivebys have been basically **BEGGING** for someone to tear the statue down. The edu-crats have contributed to the crime with their dishonest portrayal of The Civil War. *\*Stoke that anger, and then point out something to break.\**

Masked vigilantes prowling the state enacting and enforcing their own



political agenda with violence and vandalism was a problem we successfully dealt with in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *I don't know how ANYONE can say its return is a good thing.* The silence about these folks from alleged mainstream Democrats is troubling. Is it now socially acceptable to go destroy something that upsets you personally?

Let's say some folks troubled by the late Josephus Daniels's support of the KKK decide to tear down his statue in Nash Square Park in Raleigh? What if some folks, angered by the N&O's history of supporting white supremacy and the Klan, decide to vandalize or burn down the paper's office building?



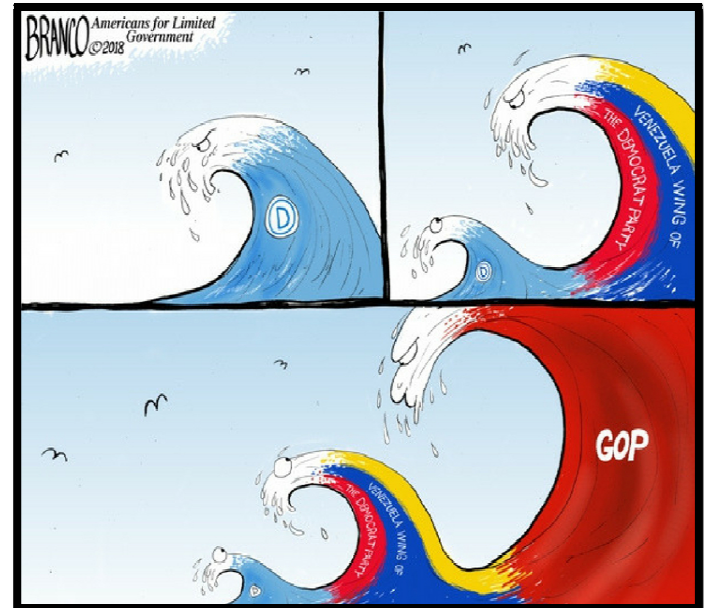
*Where does it stop?*

Mob rule is par for the course in Third World autocratic societies. We have elections and built-in checks and balances to address our concerns.

It's been said that, if you don't learn from history, you're doomed to repeat it. *An awful lot of stuff I'm seeing out there is looking quite familiar.*

When we have alleged intellectuals, alleged thought leaders, and politicians making excuses for this garbage, you begin to realize that we are truly experiencing the decline and fall of The American Experiment.

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