



MRW News

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Nationally-known Terror Expert to Speak in June



Nationally-acknowledged terrorism expert Clare M. Lopez will address the Moore Republican Women on June 2, at noon in the Ross Tufts Room at the Carolina Hotel.

An expert on Iran, Hizballah and southern border issues, Lopez is the Vice President for Research and Analysis at the Center for Security Policy where she manages the counterjihad and shariah programs. She began her professional career as a CIA operations officer and later applied her national security expertise as a consultant, intelligence analyst, and researcher in various contract positions within the defense sector. She has been an instructor for military intelligence and Special Forces students and lectures widely on Iran, Islam, and the Muslim Brotherhood around the country.

Lopez is a Senior Fellow at The Clarion Project, the London Center for Policy Research, and the Canadian Meighen Institutes.

As a member of the Citizens Commission on Benghazi, founded by Accuracy in Media (AIM), Lopez played a major part as a contributing investigator and writer for their interim report on Benghazi. You may view this report <http://www.aim.org/benghazi>.

Lopez is a regular contributor to print and broadcast media on subjects related to Iran and the Middle East and co-authored two published books on Iran. She is the author of an acclaimed paper for the Center for Security Policy entitled [The Rise of the Iran Lobby](#) and co-author/editor of the Center's Team B II study, "Shariah: The Threat to America."

Reservations are required to attend the June 2 meeting, which includes lunch. Doors open at 11:30 and the lunch and program begin at noon. Cost is \$17 inclusive, payable at the door to Pinehurst, LLC. For reservations, please contact **Kay Wildt** at 910-978-7766 or e-mail Mooregopwomen@gmail.com. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 28. Cancellations must be received no later than Saturday, May 31; those who do not cancel by this date will be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

For lunch: Herb-roasted chicken and Carolina peach salad. Fresh herb-marinated Raeford chicken breast served over spinach and hearts of Romaine, sliced peaches, seedless grapes, Brie cheese, candied pecans, sun-dried apricots and blueberries with green apple and thyme vinaigrette. For dessert, New York-style cheesecake with blueberry topping.

Members, please note the change of venue for the June meeting. We will meet at the Carolina Hotel, located at 80 Carolina Vista in Pinehurst.

From the Literacy Desk Pam Venet

Congratulations and thank you, MRW members! We surpassed our goal of 80 books for the book drive for the Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC). You donated 96 books that were approved by the NFRW and the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. What wonderful books to give to the fifth grade students at Robbins Elementary. Through your generosity, we reached 80 students this year. The project will continue next year, when we will give each incoming fifth grade student the gift of a novel. Teachers will receive corresponding study guides.

On May 12, members **Kay Wildt**, **Mariann Benway**, **Chris Mancuso**, **Norma Sullins** and I delivered these books, along with Coldstone Creamery ice cream and sundae fixings to the students in the fifth grade at Robbins Elementary. Board of education members **Ed Dennison** and Charles Lambert, County Commissioner Otis Ritter, his wife and two grandchildren, and NMFRC Director Clare Ruggles and her two assistants joined us for the special event. What a great time we had.

During the ice cream party, I conducted a few book "talks" outlining some of the donated books with the students. I also explained the summer reading project which each student is encouraged to complete. I will evaluate each project and return completed projects to the Elise Middle School sixth grade teacher, who will award credit of her choice. We will share results of the summer reading projects with all MRW members at the October Luncheon.



MRW member Normal Sullins, (left) who has tutored children at Robbins Elementary School for 12 years, was among the MRW members who attended the ice cream party for fifth graders as part of the club's book drive. With her is school principal Judy Heffner.

President's Message Kay Wildt

“Follow the money.” That's what comes to my mind whenever I consider any initiative from this administration. Take Common Core for example; with the cooperation of Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Bill Gates has spread hundreds of millions of dollars to national, state and local education groups and universities to influence their acceptance of Common Core. One might imagine that all this is done because Gates is a great fellow, and he may, in fact, be a terrific person. But a look at the education behemoth in another way yields a different interpretation. Every test a student takes from K-12, and on to the SATs and ACTs, must fit the new standards. Every text book must be created anew and sold to every school in America. Data on student records, testing, health screening, physical fitness results, all of it is stored electronically. Whoever makes the software, stores the information, and builds the computers in the classrooms stands to do well under the Federal Government's Common Core plan. There is BIG money to be made in retooling our educational system.

Finally, a few words about our June 2 MRW meeting. We welcome Clare Lopez, a nationally-recognized expert on Sharia and jihad. I encourage all of you to attend and invite others to hear her thought-provoking and factual program on this timely subject which is of such great concern in our country today. I'll leave you with a few quotes on Muhammadanism from history:

Winston Churchill on Islam:

“The fact that in Muhammadan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities – but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Muhammadanism is a militant and proselytizing faith.” —*Sir Winston Spencer Churchill (The River War, first edition, Vol. II, pages 248-50 (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1899).*

John Quincy Adams on Islam:

"THE ESSENCE OF HIS (*Muhammad*) DOCTRINE WAS VIOLENCE AND LUST. TO EXALT THE BRUTAL OVER THE SPIRITUAL PART OF HUMAN NATURE....Between these two religions, ... there can never be peace upon earth, and good will towards men." —From *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)* by Robert Spencer, page 83.

Ways and Means Andrea Moore

At the May meeting, **Pam Venet** won \$57 from split the pot and the Club earned \$57. We earned \$97 from the sale of soap and jewelry.

Please do not miss out on the golf soaps, which we will have for sale at the June meeting. They are perfect for gifts during the Open. We will also have Father's Day soaps for sale and ties! Nothing says Father's Day like a new tie! Stop by the Ways and Means table and support your Club by buying some of the terrific things we have for sale, including the new MRW lapel pin for only \$3.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

Please remember to pick up your 2014 member directories at the membership table during the June meeting.

Welcome to our new members:

- Catherine Graham
- Lois Lee
- Michelle Lexo

Fill the Footlocker Program Plans Underway

MRW will be partnering with Military Missions in Action to **FILL FOOTLOCKERS** with items not available to the troops who spend weeks away from their bases. Individual boxes will be available at the September luncheon for members to take home and fill. A list of requested items will be available along with the boxes. The filled boxes can be returned at the October luncheon where they will be picked up by an MMIA representative.

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

NC Common Core Update

NC 1061, which would remove Common Core standards from NC's General Statutes, began making its way through the North Carolina General Assembly on May 15. The bill calls for a committee to review the Common Core standards line-by-line, remove any which are developmentally inappropriate and create state standards. In this manner, NC will retain federal funds previously received. The Common Core Study Group, in which Senator Jerry Tillman played a huge part, was responsible for this bill.

Please contact Senator Jerry Tillman, 919-733-5870, Jerry.Tillman@ncleg.net, to thank and encourage him. Contact Representative Jamie Boles, 919-733-5903, Jamie.Boles@ncleg.net, and Representative Allen McNeill, 919-715-4946, Allen.McNeill@ncleg.net) to ask them to give this bill a speedy passage in this short session. Let North Carolinians decide what is appropriate for North Carolina students.

Benghazi update

On May 8, the House voted 232 – 186 to form a Special Committee to investigate Benghazi and Speaker John Boehner appointed Representative Trey Gowdy (R-SC) as chair. Congresswoman Renee Ellmers voted in favor of appointing the special committee.

After our May meeting, MRW sent 72 postcards, signed by our members, to Speaker Boehner. The postcards read “Thank you for appointing a Select Committee to investigate Benghazi. Please appoint Trey Gowdy to chair the Select Committee.”

We must keep the Benghazi issue in the spotlight and support its full investigation. Voice your support for the Special Committee and encourage members to remain focused on the facts without grandstanding and wasting time on pompous speeches and politics. Contact these Special Committee members today:

- Rep. Trey Gowdy, Chair, 202-225-6030, 104 S. Main St., Greenville, SC 29601
- Rep. Susan Brooks, 202-225-2276, 11611 N. Meridian St., Suite 415, Carmel, IN 46032, twitter [@SusanWBrooks](https://twitter.com/SusanWBrooks).
- Rep. Peter Roskam, 202-225-4561, 200 South Hough St., Barrington, IL 60010, twitter [@PeterRoskam](https://twitter.com/PeterRoskam)
- Rep. Jim Jordan, 202-225-2676, 3121 West Elm Plaza, Lima, OH 45805, twitter [@JimJordan](https://twitter.com/JimJordan)
- Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, 202-225-5901, 1601-B East Highway 34, Newnan, GA 30265
- Rep. Mike Pompeo, 202-225-6216, 7701 E. Kellogg, Suite 510, Wichita, KS 67207, twitter [@RepMikePompeo](https://twitter.com/RepMikePompeo). Pompeo is the only military veteran on the committee.
- Rep. Martha Roby, 202-225-2901, 401 Adams Ave, Suite 160, Montgomery, AL 36104, twitter [@RepMarthaRoby](https://twitter.com/RepMarthaRoby).

Immigration Reform Update

Republican House leadership on Friday killed the ENLIST bill in the NDAA (defense appropriations) bill. If enacted, ENLIST would have allowed illegal immigrants who entered the country before age 15 to apply for citizenship if they served a stint in the U.S. Military. **Continued on next page.**

In a report covering FY 2013, the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement revealed that 36,007 convicted criminal illegal immigrants who had served their sentences and were awaiting deportation were freed. The vast majority of these releases were discretionary, were not required by law and in some instances, were contrary to law.

Legislative Update (continued)

Many of these convicted criminals had multiple convictions. Among the 36,000 released, there were 88,000 convictions, including:

- 193 homicide convictions (including one willful killing of a public official with a gun);
- 426 sexual assault convictions;
- 303 kidnapping convictions;
- 1,075 aggravated assault convictions;
- 16,070 drunk or drugged driving convictions.

In addition the report shows 68,000 criminal illegal immigrants, usually in jails, who were freed in lieu of processing them for deportation.

Remind Rep. Renee Ellmers that no immigration reform bill should pass until we have a Republican House, Senate, and President. Our current President will ignore any border enforcement provision of a new law. Contact Rep. Renee Ellmers 877-645-8764 in NC, or 202-225-4531; write 406 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334, twitter @RepReneeEllmers).

Americanism Nancy Fiorillo

Will Rogers said, "Income tax has made more liars out of Americans than golf." And it looks like the current IRS has made liars out some of our elected and appointed leaders as well.

As of this writing, Lois Lerner, Director of the IRS Exempt Organization office in Washington D.C., has been held in contempt of Congress for her 2012 appearance before a House Committee. At that hearing, Lerner insisted she had not broken any laws or made any false statements but then invoked her Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. Why? In previous statements Lerner blamed the IRS targeting of conservative organizations on a few "front-line people" in the Cincinnati, Ohio office. Hmmm.

Presently, a public interest law firm, Judicial Watch, has released documents that indicate that the targeting of Conservative groups was indeed overseen by the Washington, D.C. office and Senator Carl Levin (D, Mi) was urging the IRS to look closer at certain groups - primarily conservative groups.

So what have we here? Another scandal in need of a select committee. Let's hope we can finally find the truth.

Personals:

Longtime Pinehurst resident and MRW member **Norma Cappelletti** passed away on Sunday, May 18, with her family at her side. Norma will be missed by her family and her many friends in the Pinehurst area.

Congratulations to our GOP primary winners! MRW will support the winning Republicans in November. Please help us get these Republicans elected by answering the call to volunteer at headquarters, attend campaign functions, donate as you are able and encourage other Republicans to get out and vote!

- **Thom Tillis**, U.S. Senate
- **Renee Ellmers**, U.S House of Representatives
- **Catherine Graham**, Moore County Commissioners, District 1
- **Otis Ritter**, Moore County Commissioners, District 3
- **Susan Hicks**, Moore County Clerk of Court
- **Neil Godfrey**, Moore County Sheriff