



MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

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Nationally known Terrorism and Sharia Law Expert to Speak on November 2nd



Nationally acknowledged expert on national security, terrorism and Sharia, Clare M. Lopez, will address the Moore Republican Women on November 2 at noon at the Pinehurst Country Club. Lopez is the Vice President for Research and Analysis at the Center for Security Policy, where she uses her expertise on Iran, Hezbollah, and southern border issues as the manager of the center's counterjihad and shariah programs.

Lopez, a Senior Fellow at The Clarion Project, the London Center for Policy Research, and the Canadian Meighen Institutes, is a member of Accuracy in Media's (AIM) Citizens Commission on Benghazi and was a contributing investigator and writer to their interim report on Benghazi, which may be viewed at <http://www.aim.org/benghazi>.

Lopez 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 was an instructor for military intelligence and Special Forces students and lectures widely on Iran, Islam and the Muslim Brotherhood. Earlier an advisor to EMP Act America, in February 2012, Ms. Lopez was named a member of the Congressional Task Force on National and Homeland Security, which focuses on the Electro-Magnetic Pulse (EMP) threat to the nation and is a member of the Center's Secure the Grid Coalition. She is deputy director of the U.S. Counterterrorism Advisory Team for the Military Department of the South Carolina National Guard and serves as a member of the Boards of Advisors/Directors for the Center for Democracy and Human Rights in Saudi Arabia, the Clarion Project, the United West, and the Voice of the Copts. She has been a Visiting Researcher and guest lecturer on counterterrorism, national defense, and international relations at Georgetown University.

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

The Luncheon Menu is Blackened Spice Rubbed Breast of Turkey, Southern Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Balsamic Brown Sugar Pan Jus. Dessert is North Carolina Tarheel Pie, a Combination of Belgian Chocolate and Carolina Pecans. Cost is **\$18.50** inclusive, checks payable to Pinehurst LLC.

The luncheon is at noon with registration at 11:30 a.m. Reserve by **Thursday, October 29th**. Cancel by noon **Saturday, October 31st**. If you fail to cancel by this date, you are responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Reserve by email at mooregopwomen@gmail.com. Cost is **\$18.50** inclusive, checks payable to Pinehurst LLC. Valet parking is available. Luncheon Chair, [Linda Robson](#), confirms all reservations, email Linda at mooregopwomen@gmail.com, or call Linda at 235-0860 to reserve.

Please remember the club requested that everyone must have an advance reservation to attend the luncheon. If not, we regret that we cannot accommodate walk-ins. Thank you for your understanding.

Special meal requests should be made early and limited to allergies and dietary restrictions.

President's Message Kay Wildt

Recently Sandi Carl, Debbie Spelman, and I visited the North Carolina Veteran's Home in Fayetteville to determine how MRW might help the veterans at Christmas time. Because this home is run by the State of North Carolina, Christmas celebrations are allowed, unlike at Federal facilities. We were very pleased to see the bright and cheery facility and to note how clean and pleasant it is. The Director told us that staff works very hard to present a home-like environment for the 150 veterans in residence, and that our providing Christmas decorations for their dining rooms and other places in the home would be much appreciated. Other items that are wanted are small Memorex CD/Radio players that fit easily on the bedside tables. The home likes to give the CD players to the veterans to provide entertainment and so the veterans can play their favorite music. The home features a chapel, recreation areas, and a large, enclosed outdoor space with a screened-in gazebo, gas grill for cookouts, and tables. We plan to make a trip before Thanksgiving to deliver the Christmas decorations for the home, and then later in December, we will return with whatever gifts we have to deliver. We appreciate that the staff is asking for specific items that are most useful to create the Christmas spirit for the veterans and that will enhance their quality of life. Thank you to Sandi and Debbie for their work to make this contact for our veterans.

MRW Elections. Kay Wildt

Thank you to our Nominating Committee members, Diana Barton, Donna Bartrip, Carol Wheeldon, Chris Mancuso, and Kim Tackett for developing a slate of candidates to run for election. Carol Wheeldon presented the slate of candidates: Kay Wildt for President, Mariann Benway for 1st Vice President (Programs), Meg Lindenberger for 2nd Vice President (Membership), Carole Alfieri for Treasurer, and Ruth Iverson for Secretary. The floor was opened for nominations, but there were no nominations from the general membership. Per our bylaws, the election will be held at our November meeting, and officers will be installed at our December brunch.

Thank You...

Senator Jerry Tillman, Senate Majority Whip, and our Senator in the 29th District for his generous contribution of \$250 to help us in our work.

Carole Alfieri for attending additional Treasurer training in Raleigh.

Diane Ingold for your work on *Operation Bear Hug*. You are the best Teddy, and we loved your costume.

Mariann Benway for managing the nut fundraiser.

Pam Venet and Diane Ingold for submitting our Caring for America Project to the NFRW.

Caring for America Diane Ingold

**CARING FOR
AMERICA**

Because of the generous donations from MRW, *Operation Bear Hug* was a success! Over forty bear hugs have been collected and donated to the Moore County Sheriff's Office. Teddy bears will still be accepted at the November luncheon. One bear hug at a time, we are caring for America.



2015 Elections

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd

VOTE EARLY!! One Stop Absentee Voting ~ Thurs., Oct. 22 - Sat., Oct. 31

Location: Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 31: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Future Speakers. Mariann Benway

December 7th Christmas Brunch: Ilario Pantano, NC Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs

Ilario Pantano will speak about his soon-to-be released history of the battle of King's Mountain, the Revolutionary War's most decisive battle in the South. The book is entitled, "Grand Theft History."

Condolences

Our very deepest condolences go to our members on the deaths of their loved ones:

Blanche Woodruff on the death of her husband, David, from a fall in the home.

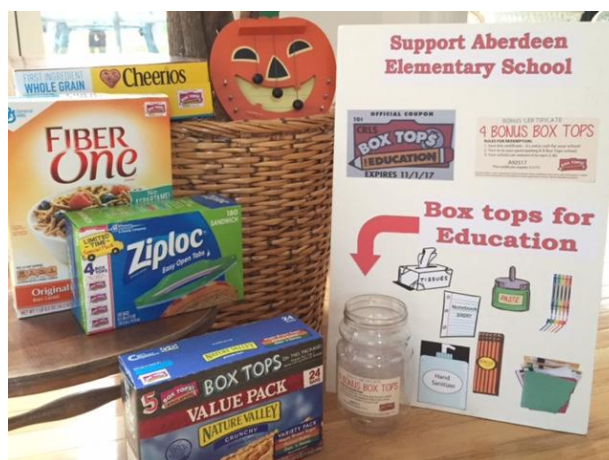
Gina Brown on the death of her sister.

Box Tops for Education for Aberdeen Elementary School

Thank you to the Moore Republican Women for donating 50 Box Tops at your October Luncheon! Please continue to bring in your box tops from products such as General Mills cereal, Nature Valley granola bars, Ziploc, Scott paper products and Progresso Soup. Look for a sign and jar at the Membership Table when you sign in or give to Meg Lindenberger. Each box top earns the school 10 cents towards school supplies such as tissues and hand sanitizer for the teachers and students.

October 5th - Box Tops submission
50 Box Tops = \$5.00 for AES

October 5th - Box Tops current total
98 Box Tops = \$9.80 for AES



Community Outreach. Mariann Benway

We again had a booth at the Holly Fair on October 17th where we sold our patriotic jewelry, ties, and scarves. We also had a supply of beautiful soaps from the Moore County Historical Society, and we earned close to \$350.

In addition, we offered voter registration and registered two voters, one of whom was a life-long Democrat no longer able to identify herself with their lack of values.

Legislative Update. Peggy Smetana

DOG CATCHES CAR; NOW WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO WITH IT?

Many Moore Republican Women voted for Hassan Harnett and Michelle Nix at the NC GOP Convention and were thrilled when Hassan and Michelle won! We were thrilled that we, not the power brokers, decided the leadership of OUR party.

Maybe we forgot that the power brokers, in previously selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair, were in a position to comfortably support the Party when funds were short.

Let's put our money where our mouths were. Contribute to YOUR party, lest it fall back into the hands of the power brokers. Experience the pride of ownership.

Send your donations to
North Carolina Republican Party
1506 Hillsborough St.
Raleigh, NC 27605

Or donate via <http://www.ncgop.org/donate/>

PREPARE

ABC criticized Republican candidate (what a surprise!) Ben Carson for suggesting that potential victims attack a mass shooter.

However, former Navy Seal and FBI agent Jonathan Gilliam gave suggestions for dealing with an active shooter situation. It's important to be prepared. There are 4 things people should concentrate on beforehand:

- be aware of critical areas at critical times - a school, when it is in session, not at 3 a.m.
- train your mind; think ahead of time of how to react in a critical situation
- awareness of what's normal and what's not as far as behavior goes
- decide that you will take action now, not when a situation arises - prepare your mind now for taking action.

The action can vary based on the situation but could include rushing the shooter, hiding, or running.

The Democrats want us to believe that we are helpless victims, that the government is primarily responsible for our safety and protection instead of us. You are your own first and best protection. Don't believe the Democrats.

Oppose legislation that rewards helplessness and a cult of victimhood.

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR

Your Senator votes for a bill you and other constituents like. That means he's a good representative, right?

Not necessarily. He could actually be against the bill, but know there were enough votes to defeat the bill without his vote. He could therefore safely vote for the bill to look good to his constituents.

What if your district representative writes a bill supporting an issue you agree on. That must be good, right? Not so fast. There are thousands of bills written, but only a very small minority gets passed. He may have written the bill, but never intended to work to get it passed, only to look good to voters.

What if a Senator says he sponsored a bill - he may actually be just one of 50 co-sponsors.

These misrepresentations happen on the state level, as well as the federal. Be smart when looking at a Member's legislative or voting records.

Military Outreach. Sandi Carl

Socks for Homeless Vets

Until Nov 11th, MMIA is collecting 6-packs of white crew-length socks for homeless vets in North Carolina. If you wish to participate, please bring your 6-packs of socks to the November 2nd meeting. Also at each meeting, we collect hotel toiletries for MMIA to distribute to homeless veterans in our area.

Troopons for the Military Deb Spelman



We continue collecting manufacturers' coupons for military families overseas to use at PXs under the auspices of a program called "TROOPONS." Volunteers at Penick Village kindly clip them for us to send to the troops.

Surveys show that military families depend on the savings that the TROOPONS provide, so please keep bringing them in. Thank you for your support of this ongoing program.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

November is here and it's time to renew your membership! Please bring your check for \$30 payable to MRW, to Meg Lindenberger at the Membership Table. If you are not planning to attend the November lunch, please mail your membership renewal to MRW Membership, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Also, it is VERY important to let me know if your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, so that our membership spreadsheet is kept current. If you have any questions, please call or text my cell at [910-603-5505](tel:910-603-5505) or email meglindenberger@icloud.com.

Welcome to our new members: Kay Daly and Beverly Raffaele. Please continue to bring your friends to our luncheons and encourage them to join MRW.

Literacy. Pam Venet

Volunteer Opportunities in Southern Pines, Robbins, and Aberdeen

Have you made out your application to be a Reading Buddy yet?

If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity. Many schools in Moore County need your help. I just heard from Dr. Robin Moore, the Coordinator of Volunteers for the Reading Buddy program that Aberdeen and Southern Pines Primary have requested more Reading Buddies, plus he would love to start a program at Robbins Elementary. So please give some serious thought to becoming a Reading Buddy.

I just had my Reading Buddy experience today, and it was so rewarding reading to Mrs. Elliot's second grade. I read a chapter in a short novel being read in all second grades. All classes are now reading class novels in the elementary grades. This is a wonderful reading experience for the children. This strategy is one way to encourage the love of reading in the elementary grades. Many of us retired women with a desire to attack literacy have the time and energy to spend a half hour putting smiles on children's faces and reading with children weekly. The days of volunteering are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

So MRW members, please volunteer to become a "Reading Buddy" and complete the application. Call [910-295-1072](tel:910-295-1072) or email the Volunteer Coordinator, Dr. Robin Moore, at robin@cismoore.org. Members can learn more about the program and procure a volunteer application on the website (<http://cismoore.org>). Dr. Moore stated members do not need to complete the reference page. However, Dr. Moore said that a social security number must be on the application. Strict confidence will be assured. This is for the background check. Time allowance for this would be 1-2 weeks.

Ways & Means. Andrea Moore

At our October 5th lunch, we earned \$126 from sales of our “right wing bling.” Thanks to all who supported the Club with their purchases.

Split the Pot - \$57 was won by Carol Meyer and \$57 went to the Club. Thank you to everyone who bought split-the-pot tickets.

Veterans Weekend in the Sandhills

Friday, November 6

Nov 6 - 5:00 p.m. Veteran Vets BlueVass Festival and Cars under the Stars Cruise-In (Vass Park)

Saturday, November 7

Nov 7 - 9:45 a.m. Texas Hold 'Em Flag Run (Moore County)

Nov 7 - 10:00 a.m. Southern Pines Veterans Parade (Downtown Southern Pines)

Nov 7 – 9:30 a.m. Union Pines Band Plays
10:00 a.m. 10th Annual Carthage Veterans Day Observance (Carthage Veterans Memorial)
Guest Speaker: General (Ret) William “Buck” Kernan

Nov 7 - 11:00 a.m. Freedom 5K and Chili Cook-off (Southern Pines)

Nov 7 - 1:00 p.m. Aberdeen Veterans Celebration (Aberdeen Lake Park)

Sunday, November 8

Nov 8 - 1:00 p.m. Aberdeen Veterans Celebration (Aberdeen Lake Park)

Nov 8 - 5:00 p.m. The New Patriotic Concert featuring Todd Allen Herendeen (Lee Auditorium - Pinecrest)

Monday, November 9

Nov 9 - 8:30 a.m. VGA National Championship Sponsorship Tournament (Pinehurst #4)

Nov 9 - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Putting Challenge (Pinehurst #2)

Nov 9 - 5:00 p.m. VGA National Championship Kick-off Dinner (Pinehurst Resort)

Nov 9 - 8:00 p.m. Colt Ford Concert (Pinehurst Arboretum)

Tuesday, November 10

Nov 10 - 8:30 a.m. Wounded Veteran Open (Pinehurst #5)

Nov 10 - 7:00 p.m. Veteran Movie Special Event (Pinehurst Fair Barn)

Wednesday, November 11– VETERANS DAY

Nov 11 - 8:30 a.m. VGA National Championship (Pinehurst #2)

Nov 11 - 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Observance (Pinehurst Village Hall)

Nov 11 - 4:00 p.m. Free Concert Army Ground Forces Band (Robert E. Lee Auditorium - Pinecrest)

Nov 11 - 7:00 p.m. Free Concert Sandhills CC Jazz Bands (SCC - Owens Auditorium)

Nov 1-30 Curated Military Art Exhibit (SCC - Hastings Gallery)