



MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

DECEMBER 2015

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, at 10:30 a.m. - CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Speaker Is Marine Iraqi War Veteran and Author



Ilario Pantano, NC Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who fought in the First Gulf War (1991). As a sergeant, he led an elite Scout/Sniper team in support of UN Peacekeeping Operations in ex-Yugoslavia.

While working as a commodity (electricity) trader for Goldman Sachs by day, he earned his B.A. in Business in three years, at night. On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center collapsed, and (4 WTC), a building where Pantano had worked, was destroyed, as were many of his colleagues. Ilario immediately worked to rejoin the Marines, and, after seeking age waivers, he earned a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 32.

He led a platoon of Marines in the first fight for Fallujah, Iraq in 2004. After receiving an honorable discharge, Mr. Pantano continued serving his community as a Sheriff's Deputy, business consultant, a Red Cross Volunteer (Katrina) and a veterans' advocate.

Ilario will give us an update on NC Veterans Affairs, as well as discuss his new book, "Grand Theft History, How Liberals Stole Southern Valor in the American Revolution." Autographed copies will be available for purchase and will make a great Christmas gift!

The Christmas Brunch will be like last year's fabulous offering of delicious Pinehurst dishes. 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, December 3rd**. Cancel by noon **Saturday, December 5th**. If you fail to cancel by this date, you are responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Cost is **\$18.50** inclusive, checks payable to Pinehurst LLC. Reserve by email at mooregopwomen@gmail.com. Valet parking is available. For telephone reservations, contact either Mariann Benway at 949-3856 or Kay Wildt at 235-4654.

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

President's Message Kay Wildt

During the last month, the world witnessed even more horrible savagery: Paris, Mali, and in many places. The suffering of so many innocents tears at our hearts and disturbs our souls. We here in our villages and towns will continue to demand that our elected representatives act with courage and show true leadership in addressing those world problems and in keeping our own land safe.

In this season of giving thanks for our many blessings, let us encourage love in our homes and make our homes a sanctuary and place of peace. May Peace and Love reign in your hearts as we approach the end of 2015, and may you and your loved ones have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Military Outreach. Sandi Carl

As we reported last month, Sandi Carl, Debbie Spelman, and Kay Wildt visited the North Carolina Veteran's Home in Fayetteville and learned how we might help the 150 residents celebrate Christmas. Kay and Mariann Benway delivered the CD/Radio players that our generous members brought and donated funds for at the November meeting. In addition, we brought Christmas decorations for their 30 dining room tables and other places throughout the facility.

If members wish to bring in music CDs for the nursing home's music library, they would be appreciated. Thank you to Sandi and Debbie for their work to make this contact for our veterans.

MRW Swearing In. Kay Wildt

Our newly elected board will be sworn in at the December Brunch: Kay Wildt, President, Mariann Benway, 1st Vice President (Programs), Meg Lindenberger, 2nd Vice President (Membership), Carole Alfieri, Treasurer, and Ruth Iverson, Secretary.

Congratulations Judy Martin, Moore County Register of Deeds

Judy Martin was named the Outstanding Register of Deeds for 2015 by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and was presented the Eunice Ayers Award for 2015, the most prestige's award by the North Carolina Register of Deeds Association at the NC Register of Deeds Annual Conference this past September. The County Commissioners recognized Judy at their September meeting; however, the Pilot did not publish that information about the award.

We know Judy is the best, and we are delighted that her colleagues agree with us!

Box Tops for Education for Aberdeen Elementary School

Thank you to the Moore Republican Women for donating 30 Box Tops at your November Luncheon! Please continue to bring in your box tops from products such as General Mills cereal, Nature Valley granola bars, Ziploc, Scott paper products, Reynolds 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.

Box Tops for Education donation for Aberdeen Elementary School

Academic Year 2015-2016



11-02-2015 30 Box Tops = \$3.00 for AES

Year-to-date 265 total Box Tops submitted to General Mills =

\$26.50 for Aberdeen Elementary School

Membership Meg Lindenberger

Membership renewal dues for 2016 are due by December 31, 2015! Please bring your check in the amount of \$30 payable to MRW, to Meg Lindenberger at the Membership Table at the December Holiday Brunch. If you are not planning to attend the December brunch, 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 or email meglindenberger@icloud.com.

Welcome to our new members: Sharon Gootman, Janice Cantelou, Boo (Elizabeth) DeVane, Sally Bolton, Barbara Esposito, Connie Burns, Nan (Anna) Krugel, Pilar Page, and Betty Jean Infanti. Please continue to bring your friends to our luncheons and encourage them to join MRW.

Legislative Update. Peggy Smetana

IT IS JUST TOO MUCH!!!

There are so many bills in Congress. Obama is issuing so many orders. Executive agencies are issuing so many new regulations. It is just too much! I can't do anything!

If that's the way you feel, take heart. I feel that way at times too.

We can't do everything. But each of us can take some action. Start with 1 action: 1 call to a Senator or Representative (Capitol switchboard [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121)). Even if they don't follow your wishes, you have made an impression - on them and on their staff.

Keep their phone numbers. Call them when you hear a government action that seems unreasonable or makes you feel you are losing your rights. The collective wisdom of Americans who are educated and attuned to reality is greater than that of Congress. You are right; they are wrong. They have to get re-elected. You don't.

Don't nag your spouse. Nag your Senators, Representatives, and President.

Be personable to legislative assistants. Be engaging. Be the best version of yourself.

THE LONG HAUL

We have been blessed by God, by the values passed from our parents, by our own hard work, and our savings for our future.

But it can all be taken away - by Islamic terrorists, by \$18 trillion in government (taxpayer, aka you and me) debt, by progressive government redistribution of wealth.

Pray - for the impossible - for the evolution of all of Islam into a truly peaceful religion, for Americans who will value their own abilities above government handouts, for the defeat of progressivism.

At November's MRW luncheon, the "Work Together Under Republican Platform" petition had 101 signers. These were sent to Ellmers and Ryan and to Burr and Tillis, and I added McConnell for good measure.

WORK TOGETHER UNDER REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

We, the undersigned Republicans, urge newly elected U.S. House Speaker Ryan and Representative Ellmers, Senator Burr, and Senator Tillis to work together to achieve a Restoration of Constitutional Government, as called for in our national Republican Platform.

U.S. Senator Richard Burr
200 West First St, Ste 508
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Dear Senator Burr:

On behalf of Moore Republican Women, enclosed are our petitions. We expect you as a Republican Senator to espouse the Republican Party principles.

We Believe... that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

We Believe...the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

Engage your fellow Republicans and Democrats in discussion. Actively listen to them.

Convince them, and all Americans, of the wisdom and benefits of Constitutional Conservatism.

Act as if your life depended on it. All our lives do depend on it. The Constitution specifies "Provide for the common defense." Unfortunately, Congress and the President spend most of our money on items not specified in the Constitution.

Sincerely,

Peggy Smetana

Chair, Legislative Committee

Moore Republican Women

Enclosure: Work Together - Republican Platform

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."



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

If you are able to clip the coupons yourselves, that would be very appreciated. The volunteers at Penick Village are no longer able to continue clipping.

THANK YOU, PENICK VILLAGE FOR ALL YOU DID TO HELP!

Ways & Means. Andrea Moore

The nuts have been sorted and delivered. Thank you, Kay and Mariann, for delivering them! We earned \$1492.46 profit from the nuts. Thanks for all who ordered them. They are delicious.

We will have nuts and candy for sale, beribboned for a quick hostess gift or special friend treat.

We once again will have soaps from the Moore County Historical Association. These soaps, made by Burt's Bees, are terrific for hostess gifts or stocking stuffers. Many of the soaps are humorous, especially the Man Cave Soap! We also have Christmas soaps that are lovely and the fragrance is Sugar Pine!

We netted \$310.65 from sales at the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women Convention.

Please stop by the Ways and Means table at the Brunch and support your Club. This is our only fundraiser, and we could use your support!

Unity in the Community – December 5th, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Moore County GOP is sponsoring an event featuring three prominent black Americans:

- Elbert Guillory, Louisiana State Senator and Patriot
- Dr. Ada Fisher, Retired Physician, NC Republican Committeewoman. Author of “Common Sense Conservative Prescriptions Solutions for What Ails Us”
- Anita MonCrief, Americans for Prosperity Trainer/Educator and ACORN Whistleblower.

Entertainment: Gary Brown, Jr., Piano and Trumpet

Lunch, Listening and Rallying Together! Join us and explore what it means to be important to one another.

Let's consider what UNITES us! We all have value, and there's room for each of us in our beloved America.

Location: DOWN MEMORY LANE - Route 5, Aberdeen, behind Bowling Alley in Food Lion Shopping Center.

\$5.00 per person at the door - Lunch Included. Children under 10 free.

Questions, call Carol Wheeldon or Dee Park at 255-6091.