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2020 State of the Union Address: What the Democrat Party Does Not Want You to See and Hear

Every year at this time we report on the President's annual State of the Union Address, but this year's speech and presentation to the American people by President Trump was one for the ages. In all my 72 years I've never seen anything like it, so I've decided to do my best in giving you a sense of what got Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Shumer and the rest of their Dem gang so hot under the collar. I can tell you right now, in my humble opinion it wasn't so much the President's citing of his administration's many accomplishments over the past three years, such as the resurrection of the American economy and record low unemployment numbers among African Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, etc.

No, the thing that stirred them up with furious anger like a disturbed hornet's nest was his unprecedentedly effective use of something started by Ronald Reagan decades ago and used to some extent by all presidents ever since, that being his invited guest list. You'll recall, when Reagan was president an Air Florida commercial jetliner had recently crashed into the icy Potomac River. Somehow five people

survived and one of them was saved by Lenny Skutnik, a Congressional Budget Office employee, who jumped into the freezing river and pulled the drowning woman to safety. Honoring the man at the State of the Union speech was richly deserved and began a tradition of powerfully emotional visual images for the American people during this annual report to the nation.

But no president has come anywhere near perfecting it until Donald Trump gave his address this year, and no one knows that more than the Democrats, who sensed its effectiveness in conveying the president's message to the American public, and that is the real reason why Nancy tore up the speech.

Most of what follows is from CP Reporter Samuel Smith and his presentation of the President's featured guests is the best thing I've seen to give one a sense of the undeniable emotive power of President Trump's 2020 State of the Union address.

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11 Featured Guests at President Trump’s 2020 State of the Union Address

Opportunity Zones Beneficiary Tony Rankins



While touting an Opportunity Zones initiative created by the 2017 tax law to provide tax incentives for investment in low-income communities, Trump said that jobs and investments are pouring into 9,000 “previously neglected” neighborhoods nationwide.

“In other words, wealthy people and companies are pouring money into poor neighborhoods or areas that haven’t seen investment in many decades, creating jobs, energy, and excitement,” Trump said. “This is the first time that these deserving communities have seen anything like this.”

Trump noted that the initiative is helping Americans like Tony Rankins from Cincinnati, Ohio.

“After struggling with drug addiction, Tony lost his job, his house, and his family. He was homeless. But then Tony found a construction company that invests in opportunity zones,” Trump said. “He is now a top tradesman, drug-free, reunited with his family, and he is here tonight. Tony, keep up the great work.”

Venezuelan Opposition Leader Juan Guaido



Trump declared that U.S. leadership is “once again standing up for freedom in our hemisphere.” He assured that the U.S. is supporting the hopes of Cubans, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans to “restore democracy.”

“The United States is leading a 59-nation diplomatic coalition against the socialist dictator of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro.” Trump said, calling Maduro an “illegitimate ruler” who “brutalizes his people.” Trump declared that Maduro’s “grip on tyranny will be smashed and broken.”

“Here this evening is a very brave man who carries with him the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of all Venezuelans,” Trump said. “Joining us in the gallery is the true and legitimate President of Venezuela, Juan Guaido.”

Since the 2019 election, Guaido has received the backing of the National Assembly and dozens of foreign governments. However, Maduro has maintained control.

“Please take this message back that all Americans are united with the Venezuelan people in their righteous struggle for freedom,” Trump assured Guaido. “Thank you very much, Mr. President.”

Tuskegee Airman and His Great-grandson



Trump touted the fact that his administration became the first since President Harry Truman’s to create a new branch of the U.S. military called the Space Force.

He then recognized 13-year-old Iain Lanphier who aspires to go to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado and “has his eye on the Space Force.”

“As Iain says, ‘Most people look up at space; I want to look down on the world,’” Trump said.

Then, Trump recognized Lanphier’s great-grandfather, Charles McGee. McGee, who turned 100 in December, and is one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American fighter pilots who served in World War II.

“After more than 130 combat missions in World War II, he came back home to a country still struggling for civil rights and went on to serve America in Korea and Vietnam,” Trump said of McGee. “On December 7th, Charles celebrated his 100th birthday.”

Trump explained that he signed a bill a few weeks back promoting McGee to Brigadier General. “[E]arlier today, I pinned the stars on his shoulders in the Oval Office,” Trump explained. “Gen. McGee, our nation salutes you. Thank you, sir.”

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Fourth Grader Awarded School Choice Scholarship



Trump told Congress that to build an “inclusive society,” the U.S. must ensure that every American gets a “great education and the opportunity to achieve the American dream.”

However, Trump stressed that too many children for too long have been “trapped by failing government schools.”

Trump praised the 18 states that have passed school choice in the form of opportunity scholarships. Trump said that the programs are so popular that tens of thousands of students are on a waiting list.

Trump recognized one of those students, fourth-grader Janiyah Davis from Philadelphia, and her mother Stephanie Davis. According to the White House, Davis loves art and math but has been assigned to “low performing schools.”

Rush Limbaugh



One of the biggest surprises of the evening was the presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to conservative political radio host Rush Limbaugh by First Lady Melania Trump.

Limbaugh announced this week that he has been diagnosed with advanced-stage lung cancer.

Limbaugh was seated right next to first lady Melania Trump in the House gallery when he was recognized by the president.

Girl Born at 21 Weeks and Her Mom

As expected, Trump again called on Congress to ban late-term abortion. In doing so, Trump honored 2-year-old Ellie Schneider and her mother, Robin.



In 2017, Schneider became one of the earliest premature babies ever to survive when she was born at just 21 weeks and six days of pregnancy. At the time of birth, Trump said, Schneider weighed less than a pound.

“Ellie Schneider was a born fighter,” Trump said. “Through the skill of her doctors—and the prayers of her parents—little Ellie kept on winning the battle of life. Today, Ellie is a strong, healthy 2-year-old girl sitting with her amazing mother, Robin, in the gallery. Ellie and Robin, we are so glad to have you with us tonight.”

Trump’s call for a ban on late-term abortion drew a supportive fist pump from Robin Schneider.

“Whether we are Republican, Democrat or independent, surely we must all agree that every human life is a sacred gift from God,” Trump said.

Brother of American Killed by a Criminal Illegal Immigrant



Trump used his speech to continue criticizing states and localities that are providing “sanctuary” to illegal immigrants.

“In sanctuary cities, local officials order police to release dangerous criminal aliens to prey upon the public, instead of handing them over to ICE to be safely removed,” Trump said.

He called out the state of California, which became a “sanctuary state” in 2018. “In December 2018, California police detained an illegal alien with five prior arrests, including convictions for robbery and assault. But as

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required by California’s sanctuary law, local authorities released him,” Trump said.

“Days later, the criminal alien went on a gruesome spree of deadly violence. He viciously shot one man going about his daily work. He approached a woman sitting in her car and shot her in the arm and in the chest. He walked into a convenience store and wildly fired his weapon. He hijacked a truck and smashed into vehicles, critically injuring innocent victims. One of the victims is a terrible, terrible situation. Died, 51-year-old American named Rocky Jones.”

Trump then gave recognition to Jones’ brother, R. Jody Jones, sitting in the gallery.

Border Patrol Officer Raul Ortiz



The President explained that in the last three years, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has arrested 5,000 human traffickers as his administration has “undertaken an unprecedented effort to secure the southern border of the United States.”

“Before I came into office, if you showed up illegally on our southern border and were arrested, you were simply released and allowed into our country, never to be seen again,” Trump said. “My administration has ended catch-and-release.”

He declared that immigrants who come illegally will be “removed” from the U.S. As a result of agreements with Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, Trump said that border crossings are down 75 percent since May 2019.

Trump recognized Deputy Chief Border Agent Raul Ortiz, whom he met during a visit to Texas last year. “Over the last 24 months, Agent Ortiz and his team have seized more than 200,000 pounds of poisonous narcotics, arrested more than 3,000 human smugglers and rescued more than 2,000 migrants,” Trump said. “Days ago, Agent Ortiz was promoted to Deputy Chief of Border Patrol, and he joins us tonight.”

“A grateful nation thanks you and all the heroes of Border Patrol and ICE,” Trump added.

Parents of American Christian Aid Worker Killed by Islamic State

One of Trump’s 2016 campaign promises was to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. Although IS once con-



trolled over 20,000 square miles in Iraq and Syria three years ago, Trump said in his speech that the extremist group’s “territorial caliphate” has been “100 percent destroyed.” He also emphasized the fact that IS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi was killed last October.

Trump recognized the parents of Kayla Mueller, a Christian aid worker who was raped and murdered by IS in Syria in 2015. It was reported that Mueller was the personal prisoner of Baghdadi before she was killed at the age of 26.

“We are joined this evening by Carl and Marsha Mueller. After graduating from college, their beautiful daughter, Kayla, became a humanitarian aid worker,” Trump explained. “She once wrote, ‘Some people find God in church. Some people find God in nature. Some people find God in love. I find God in suffering. I’ve known for some time what my life’s work is, using my hands as tools to relieve suffering.’”

Trump explained that the U.S. Special Forces operation that resulted in the death of Baghdadi was named “Task Force 8-14.” The 8-14 is a reference to Mueller’s Aug. 14 birthday.

“Carl and Marsha, America’s warriors never forgot Kayla, and neither will we,” Trump said.

Family of a Fallen Soldier



Trump gave recognition to the family of Staff Sgt. Christopher Hake—his widow Killi Hake and her son Gage—who was killed by a roadside bomb in his second deployment to Iraq in 2008.

Trump quoted a letter that Hake wrote to his son in 2008 promising to teach him how to ride a bike and build his first sandbox.

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“Sergeant Hake now rests in eternal glory in Arlington. And his wife, Kelli, is in the gallery tonight, joined by their son, who is now 13 years old and doing very, very well,” Trump said. “To Kelli and Gage, Chris will live in our hearts forever. He is looking down on you now. Thank you.”

The President pointed out that the roadside bomb that killed Sgt. Hake was placed there on orders of Iranian terrorist leader Qasem Soleimani who was an Iranian major general in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Soleimani was killed in a targeted attack by the U.S. military earlier this month following several attacks against the U.S. and allies in the Middle East orchestrated by Soleimani.

Family of a Deployed Service Member



Another special moment occurred when Trump gave recognition to military spouse Amy Williams from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Trump told the audience that Williams works full time and volunteers to help other military families.

Williams’ husband, Sgt. 1st Class Townsend Williams, has been stationed in Afghanistan on his fourth deployment to the Middle East. “Amy’s kids haven’t seen their father’s face in many months,” Trump said. “Amy, your family’s sacrifice makes it possible for all of our families to live in safety and in peace. And we want to thank you.”

Trump then told Williams that they had a “special surprise” for her family.

“I am thrilled to inform you that your husband is back from deployment,” Trump said. “He is here with us tonight. And we couldn’t keep him waiting any longer.”

Williams walked down the steps of the gallery and greeted his wife and children as they celebrated his return. The Williamses then got hugs and handshakes from Melania

Trump as members of Congress chanted “USA! USA! USA!”

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The president was more than just prepared for his momentous report to the American people on the State of our Union. When he first took office three years ago, he was obviously unaccustomed to reading from a teleprompter, and it showed each time he used the device. But this year’s speech in the U.S. House of Representatives was delivered smoothly and with the confidence of a leader who knows he’s done a good job for his country.

For most of the emotionally-charged moments of this superb speech, when the president’s guests, who any idiot could see were deserving of bipartisan applause from a grateful nation, Democrats could be seen scowling and sitting on their hands, and then, after the President concluded his remarks, Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives tore up the address to the nation. Most media outlets reported that it was in response to his neglecting to shake her hand at the outset, but that was misleading. In her opening introduction of the President, she insultingly and intentionally left out the words “my high honor and distinct privilege” which all previous speakers have traditionally done. When he got to the podium and looked at her, she applauded in a most disrespectful way which the following picture captured perfectly and then, and only then, did he refuse to shake her hand.

—Tom Mullings



Palm Beach County Republican Party Marches in Annual MLK Day Parade

For the fifth straight year, the Palm Beach County GOP took its place in the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade in Rivera Beach to honor the memory of the man who has perhaps done more to advance civil rights and racial harmony in America than any other American since Abraham Lincoln.

The party was well represented this time with over two dozen Republicans showing up to take part, including GOP Chair Mike Barnett, Vice Chair Tami Donnally, Secretary Cheryl Mullings, State House candidate Sayd Hussain, and congressional candidate Laura Loomer, among others.

Sitting shotgun in Tami’s convertible, I held up a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of MLK, *Bearing the Cross*, by author David J. Garrow, to children among the bystanders, while urging them to study Dr. King’s life and beliefs about his hopes and dreams for America, during a time when segregation was much more prevalent than it is today.

At one point, upon realizing that our contingent were local Republican Party members, one lady in the crowd yelled defiantly that she was “a Democrat.” When I countered by responding with my belief that “We all should be here,” another lady in the crowd called out, “That’s right.”

But most of the bystanders were respectful and gracious and I didn’t see one that didn’t gladly accept and wave the numerous American flags we handed out.

As usual, a good time was had by all for a good cause that has nothing to do with party affiliation—honoring a man who died while trying to draw us closer together as one people—the American people.

—Tom Mullings



MAGANOMICS

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The Trump economic policies are a non-stop streak of winners. The stock market is unidirectional (up) and the unemployment rate is likewise (down). Predictions of market crashes and economic setbacks keep falling by the wayside. It seems that business cycles have been repealed. What's going on? Well, lucky readers, you're about to get the only true explanation of what's going on and why this "Goldilocks" economy has a long way to go. I call it MAGAnomics.

First, we need a short history lesson. World War II ended seventy-five years ago, in 1945. The world was mostly rubble. Even far away places like China were dealing with their own civil wars (Mao). Japan and Germany (our enemies) were unrecognizable. Japan took two atomic bombs. And so on. But there was one oasis, the world's new undisputed economic and political powerhouse, the United States of America. Our mainland was unbombed. Our factories were humming and for a few years we were the world's major heavy manufacturer. General Motors, Ford, US Steel, General Electric; these companies were the global economic giants. We were large and in charge.

Fortunately for the world, Americans were, are, and will always be the most generous people on earth. We created the Marshal Plan for the sole purpose of rebuilding Europe. Our money, their benefit. We joined in the creation of the United Nations and built its headquarters. Next came NATO. Everything we did was, at least, a partial act of charity and nation building. And it worked. In short order Germany, Japan, England and France were economic powerhouses. Toyotas and Volkswagens flooded onto our shores long before Chevys and Chryslers found theirs. Every deal, every treaty, assumed that we were rich and generous. And we were, and still are.

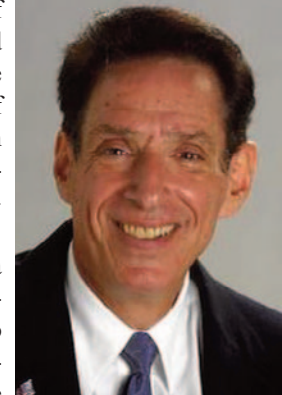
And now for the literary analogy. Jonathan Swift wrote a book entitled *Gulliver's Travels*. On his first stop, Gulliver encountered the Lilliputians; tiny, mean men. They overwhelmed Gulliver and tied him down with an infinite number of small ropes. The giant is conquered and impotent, unless he accedes to their demands. Sound familiar? It is. America is Gulliver and everyone else is a Lilliputian.

Back to the real world. Ultimately, Uncle Sam became Uncle Sap. Instead of thanking us for our generosity, they demand increasing amounts of our blood and treasure. Indeed, America's lowest point was the election of a President, Barack Obama, who went on a tour apologizing for our success and generosity. And then came Donald Trump and the ride down the escalator. "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) became the greatest political slogan in American history. Or, as I like to say: ENOUGH!!!!

MAGAnomics is the totality of President Trump's political and economic policies that recognize the strengths and capabilities of all countries. It is the shift from global subsidies to global competition. It is the 180 from America, Apologize to America First.

President Trump has taken a giant scissors and cut the Lilliputians' ropes. Gulliver would no longer be a giant patsy. December 1, 2016: Trump makes the Carrier deal. Hasta la vista outsourcing. Snip. UN anti-human rights committees lose their funding. Snip. Energy independence; bye, bye OPEC blackmail. Snip. Corporate taxes cut from 35% to 22%. We're open for business. Snip. No more Paris Accords, massive deregulation, rewritten NAFTA; snip, snip, snip. NATO members have to pay up. Snip. Two million fewer people on food stamps. Revised Disability benefits criteria. Snip, snip. Every snip makes us stronger. Every snip extends the "Goldilocks" business cycle. Every snip is for years or decades or generations. And did I mention the China deal? Super snip. And there are more snips in our future. Brexit means the U.S. and UK will have hands across the water. C U EU. And there's still plenty more to do. Education Reform will bring back upward mobility. Higher Education Reform will lower the prices and end the propaganda. Immigration Reform will invite the makers and discourage the takers Snip. Snip. Snip. Snip. Snip. Snip. The mainstream media will fade away and Hollywood will find their America First voices or lose their audience.

MAGAnomics is pro-market, pro-Constitution and pro-growth. It is a generation of Making America Great Again. America is back. Push, pull or get out of the way.



Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as "Charter School Advocate." He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.



Session Updates Weeks 3 and 4

WEEK 4 was another busy week, as most Subcommittees met for the last time. This means that we will begin to spend more time focusing on the budget and on the floor passing bills that have been heard in their respective committees.

On the House floor lawmakers passed several bills, including one that would stop homeowner and condo associations from preventing law enforcement vehicles from parking in residential and guest spots. The next floor session is set for Wednesday, February 12th at 2:30. Watch it live at The Florida Channel.

House members took part in several other meetings where they moved legislation through committees that will make positive changes for Floridians. One of those bills is HB 1205 which we voted on in our Insurance and Banking Committee on Tuesday. Health Care providers have some flexibility in discussing costs with patients, but there may be cases when a provider's contract with an insurer limits communication related to costs of care. In committee, we approved HB 1205 to ensure open communication. This bill prohibits a health insurer or HMO from limiting the ability of any provider to discuss pricing information with a patient, ensures that insured patients do not pay more than an uninsured patient for a health care service, and safeguards a patient's right to open communication with providers regarding costs of care.

As health care costs continue to rise, many health insurers are asking consumers to take on a greater share of their costs by increasing premiums and out-of-pocket expenses. Patients should have the information they need to be able to choose less expensive health care services—or even pay for a service themselves, rather than using insurance, if it's less expensive.

Three of the bills I filed this session were heard in committee last week. HB 649: Patient Brokering and HB 1089: Trusts unanimously passed the Civil Justice Subcommittee. HB 1213: Holocaust Education unanimously passed the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. Each bill has one more committee stop before it is ready to be heard by the full House on the floor. You can learn more about any of these bills by clicking on the bill number.

WEEK 3—The Florida Capitol last week got a facelift; streamers of colorful crayon-stained construction paper cutouts cascaded from the third-floor rotunda, signaling the 25th anniversary celebration of Children's Week. I have to admit that it's not only the most beautifully decorated week in the Capitol, but it's also the week when we have the most adorable visitors.

In the spirit of the theme, we considered many policies that empower Florida families and help kids in the process. In committees, lawmakers approved sweeping reforms to the state's child welfare system and improvements to school security. During Wednesday's House floor meeting, we passed several bills, including one to protect public school student athletes from deadly heat strokes by requiring schools to have life-saving cooling tubs or pools available. As a parent of former student athletes, I was proud to vote for this good bill. You can read more about HB 7011: K-12 Student Athletes here.

Two bills I filed passed their initial committees last week. HB 1213: Holocaust Education unanimously passed the PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee. This bill will allow the Florida Department of Education to work with the Florida Holocaust Museum and other expert institutions to develop instructional materials for Holocaust education. It also adds a requirement for the study of anti-Semitism, and an annual report from each school district and charter school to the Department of Education, with evidence, that Holocaust Education requirements are being met. This bill now heads to the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.

HB 1371: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety unanimously passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. As I wrote last week, this bill aims to increase safety for pedestrians and drivers at crosswalks by eliminating the confusion that is causing wrecks and costing lives. It now heads to the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

As always it is my honor to serve you in the Florida House. If ever I may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office number is (561) 750- 2396.

“The Backhoe Chronicles”

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THE DEEP STATE: Part 3

The Deep State is Real and is Fully Functioning

FEBRUARY 13—In The Deep State, Parts 1 and 2, we defined who and what the Deep State is, but more importantly, we defined who WE are, those of us that oppose the Deep State, and why we fight.

We fight because we are freedom loving folks, "clinging to our guns and religion" to protect and defend the greatest nation that has ever existed on the face of the Earth.

Critics say we are in a fantasy-land of false conspiracies, creating a straw man to justify our support of our President. Here are the facts: The Deep State is real and our second civil war rages on. The good news is that most of you reading this are eager front-line warriors in this battle for the heart and soul of America. But I digress. Below are a few examples of the Deep State and there will be more to come in later posts . . .

1. The non-stop leaking of classified information to the press, hostile to our beliefs and willing accomplices of the Deep State.

In the first 126 days of the Trump administration, there were 125 leaked stories from within the Deep State. And all of those leaks of classified information were specifically designed to hurt our President, especially involving the so-called Russian collusion so a Special Prosecutor could be appointed.

2. Sally Yates: Obama holdover-made Acting Attorney General by President Trump during the time until Congress could confirm a new Attorney General. She refused to enforce President Trump's Executive Order on immigration which was ultimately upheld by the United States Supreme Court.

3. Richard Cordray: He was the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He resigned after Mr. Trump got elected and then decided that HE, not the President, would appoint his successor!

He named Leandra English as the new Director. Of course, President Trump made his own appointment, but Ms. English ran out to the media, breathlessly covered by the Deep State media sycophants, and claimed SHE was the rightful Director, that there was a constitutional crisis and filed suit in Federal Court .

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

She lost the suit, of course, but it furthered the narrative of the Deep State—Trump is a lawless President, blah, blah, blah.

There is more, but that will appear in Part 3.1—The Deep State after 3 years of the Trump Administration...

THE DEEP STATE: Part 2 (of 10)

FEBRUARY 5—“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know

yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

In Part 1 we discussed the importance of “knowing your enemy” based on Sun Tzu’s book, *The Art of War*.

As you can see from the quote repeated above, knowing your enemy is only half of the equation in order to be victorious in battle, including political battles.

We must also know ourselves. In the political arena of “We The People” (with Donald Trump as our standard bearer) vs. The Deep State, we must have a clear vision of who and what we are as a nation. This knowledge or self awareness of America as a force for good in the world and a beacon of hope and freedom for people everywhere gives us the confidence and energy we need to win elections.

But let's take a minute to really understand what a nation of We The People really means to the rest of the world and how this grand experiment in freedom, the likes of which the world had never seen, got started. . . .

For that journey, we must go back almost 400 years. . . .

In 1630, John Winthrop led the Puritans out of England and headed to a new land, a land that would become known as NEW England. He delivered this message on board his ship as it approached what would become New England:

“The eyes of the world will be upon us. We are as a city upon a hill, raised up. You may think you are in the hollowing wilderness. You may think we are out beyond the farthest beyond. But in fact, God’s providence is such that, as the later days begin to unfold, this may indeed be the city, the new Jerusalem that is unfolding before, not only our eyes, but the eyes of the world.”

Surely prophetic and astounding words! And so, a nation is birthed that would become unique in all of world history. Something was about to spring forth from North America which the world had never seen. A new nation was being formed to show the rest of the world the way to the New Jerusalem.

In the decades leading up to the American Revolution in 1776, a great spiritual revival took place. The “Great Awakening” historians have called it.

The Great Awakening gave birth to a sense of, not just spiritual freedom, but political freedom. This sense of political freedom sets the foundation for the creation of some of the greatest documents of freedom ever written.

Thomas Jefferson pens the Declaration of Independence and forever changes how people view the role of govern-



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ment. The statement that we are all endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights was literally and figuratively, revolutionary!

What God endows, no man can take away. So, for the first time in human history, a government is established based upon the proposition that our rights come, not from a pharaoh, a king, a monarch, a dictator, or any other form of government, but from Almighty God Himself. . . . A government is constructed to protect God given rights, not to dispense them. The concept of a LIMITED government took root, where the people learned self-reliance and reliance on God, not reliance on Government to provide for them.

The concept of LIBERTY took root, the French gave us a statue to commemorate the concept and people flocked here by the millions from every corner of the globe. . . .

To be continued. . . .

Good Job, William Barr

FEBRUARY 12—In the middle of my Deep State series, William Barr's Justice Department does the right thing with regard to Roger Stone's prison sentence recommendation and reigns in the out of control Deep State prosecutors. . .

Attorney General William Barr yesterday changed the recommendation of the sentence for Roger Stone. Before Mr. Barr got involved, the prosecutors on the case recommended a 9 year sentence for Mr. Stone. 9 years????

The average sentence for rapists is 4 years. The average sentence for violent felons is 4 years.

This was a political prosecution from the get go. He was convicted of...lying. Seriously, 9 years for lying?

So Robert Barr stepped in. And suddenly all the attorneys on the case resigned. Well, who are they?

They were prosecutors on the Mueller team! Deep Staters. Chonicluers, this is part of draining the swamp.

Good job William Barr . . . drain the swamp!

The Deep State—A 10-Part Series: Part 1 WHAT IS THE DEEP STATE?

FEBRUARY 4—Sun Tzu was a 6th century BC Chinese general, military strategist and philosopher. He is credited with having written *The Art of War*, an influential work on military strategy.

He is famous for this quote: “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every vic-

tory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

The opponents of Trump and our conservative values have been successful in both areas. Our educational system has failed in educating our children as to who and what we are as a nation. They have also been successful in obfuscating who they are.

Thus, Part 1 begins with a discussion of who we are opposing.

Sun Tzu’s first tenet in the art of war—know your enemy. Hence, “What is the Deep State?” The Deep State:

- Bureaucratic operatives opposed to our notion of limited government and individual liberty.
 - Holdovers from the Obama-Biden administration, intent on foiling all things Trump.
 - The military-intelligence establishment who think they know foreign policy better than any Washington outsider.
- The Deep State has as accomplices the manistream media, the Democrat Party, Democrat elected officials, some Republican elected officials, our colleges and universities, Hollywood elites and a smattering of professional athletes.

To a great extent, many multi-national corporations who have benefitted from crony capitalism willingly join the Deep State in order to avoid this uprising of We The People.

More to come. . . .

State of the Union

FEBRUARY 4—Great State of the Union speech by President Trump. . . .

Absolutely pathetic and despicable response by the Democrats watching the speech.

There was not one single time when the Democrats clapped or even acknowledged any good thing that this President might have accomplished.

Even during some of the heartfelt moments of acknowledging the service of our citizens, not an ounce of compassion or sympathy was shown by the heartless Democrats.

And the final act of such uncouth and disrespectful behavior: Nancy Pelosi ripping up the printed copy of the President's speech at the end.

Ugh—Are those the people we want leading us?

The speech recited the FACTS—the truth—and for those of us that hear the truth? . . . It sets us free!

Vote Trump!!!!!!

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February 27 Is National Term Limits Day

By George Blumel

That date commemorates the day—February 27, 1951—that the 22nd Constitutional Amendment was ratified limiting the President of the United States to two terms in office. Since then over 30 governors and cabinet officials, 15 state legislatures and countless other politicians' terms were limited to great effect, as we've seen in Florida.

With a renewed push to impose term limits on Congress, a new national holiday has emerged from the term limits movement. On Feb. 27 each year, everyone is encouraged to make a show of public support for term limits.

This can be as simple as posting a sign in your yard or wearing a [term limits t-shirt or hat](#) on Term Limits Day. Whatever you do, be sure to snap a photo and post it on social media on Feb. 27. There will also be a local sign-waving near downtown West Palm Beach on that day.



Would you put a sign on the front of your home or business on February 27th? If so, go to <https://www.termlimits.com/wpb/> to request a free sign be dropped on your lawn on the evening before Term Limits Day.

Term Limits Day also provides an opportunity for office holders and candidates to publicly share their views on this critical strategy for draining the D.C. swamp.

We have several highly qualified candidates running in the August primary for the Republican nomination to oppose incumbent Rep. Frankel (21st district). All but one, Laura Loomer, has signed the pledge to sponsor and support the proposed term limit amendment. We've asked each of them, including Loomer, to comment on the amendment and Term Limits Day for this page. Check their websites for more on their positions.

Liz Felton <http://electelizabethfelton.com>

Term limits are essential to making sure people are going to Washington to represent the best interests of their constituents, not their own political careers. If your day is filled making calls to get reelected and bending to the will of your "big" donors, you are setting yourself up to fail the people

who entrusted you to represent them. Additionally, I would like to see an end to pensions for Congress. The ability to run requires a level of personal financial stability that negates the need for citizens to pay indefinitely for a brief service to your country.



Victor Garcia da Rosa

<https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com/>

There is wisdom in term limits. It will prevent the very thing we witness in Washington, D.C., today—political elitism. Our Founding Fathers envisioned persons of service giving their time for the betterment of our great nation, not a political class which is self-serving and seeks to be served by their constituents. It is time to bring the government back to We The People by passing legislation in favor of term limits for the House and the Senate.

Michael Vilardi www.vilardi2020.com

Looks good to me. I fully support term limits because it will stem political corruption. Our Founding Fathers never intended for people to serve 40 years in government. I will fully support the proposed amendment to limit terms and I'll sponsor it in my first 100 days in office.

Christian Acosta www.voteacosta.com

I signed the pledge to support term limits because I believe that it will make Washington more responsive to the people. More frequent turnover of representatives will create more frequent campaigning and voter outreach. It will also allow us to get fresh ideas into Congress while still allowing a structure in which the parties can operate. Florida already shows that term limitations can deliver a more responsive government while still providing enough continuity to get big legislation passed. It's time for Washington to follow the same winning recipe that our states have been using.

Aaron Scanlan www.electscanlan.com

Term limits on elected officials is a necessary step to ensure we continue to have fresh ideas that reflect current ideology. It helps keep the focus on our nation and our communities instead of the person holding office. It is also a step to help prevent influence from outside sources in governing our elections.

Happy Term Limits Day!

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Immigration: Anything Goes in Proposed Bill

By William J. Skinner

Once again, Tucker Carlson, on the Fox News cable channel has brought us earlier knowledge of congressional attacks on the American government and U.S. citizens than we normally get from Congress. I am writing about the New Way Forward Act, H.R. 5383, co-sponsored by Florida Representatives Frederica S. Wilson (FL-24) and Alcee L. Hastings (FL-20), both Democrats.

These two liberal Democrats are among the 43 Democrat sponsors of the bill initially filed by Rep. Jesus Garcia, D (IL -4). Since the bill was filed in December 2019, it has almost ten percent of the House as sponsors. You can download the bill at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5383/text>

According to the Immigrant Justice Network’s website it is all about “fairness and justice for immigrants.” See <http://immigrantjusticenetwork.org/resources/newwayforward/> This website says the New Way Forward Act would:

- Reduce mass incarceration by ending mandatory detention and banning for-profit immigration jails.
- Allow immigration judges to consider a person’s individual circumstances during deportation proceedings, allowing more people to remain with their families and move forward with their lives without fear that an old offense could lead to deportation.
- Allow independent federal judges to review certain decisions of immigration judges that the 1996 laws unfairly tried to remove from judicial oversight.
- End federal prison sentences and criminal prosecutions for people who cross the border seeking freedom, safety, opportunity, or to reunite with their families.
- Advance racial justice and address obstacles to equal justice in the criminal legal system by limiting deportation for drug convictions and other offenses that result from enforcement that disproportionately targets communities of color.

- Protect communities and local resources by ending the harmful practice of local police acting as deportation agents or carrying out mass deportations with ICE.
- Allow people previously ordered deported to apply for the opportunity to come home.

At the bottom of the home page is the following statement. The site says it is supported by: The Immigrant Defense Project, The National Immigration Project & The Immigrant Legal Resource Center | Site Implementation by Akiva Rubin

Tucker Carlson got all worked up about this development on February 6 and 7 on his TV show. He said, “The New Way Forward Act is the most radical single piece of legislation we’ve seen proposed in this country. It would allow criminals to move to the U.S. and settle here permanently.” Now that you know more about what these House Dems want to do, maybe you will want to ask the two Florida Representatives, “What are you doing?”

Republican members of the Congress will probably not support these 43 House members’ ideas in H.R. 5383, but you may want to find out for sure. This is an issue that you and your Congress members need to understand.

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Pelosi's Twisted Conscience

by Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

Upon delivering the impeachment charges against President Trump to the United States Senate, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was asked how she felt about doing so. Knowing that the charges were unfounded and, hence, unprovable, she said that, nonetheless, the fact of impeachment would stick to his name and legacy for all time into the future of our country. This was her way of admitting that the entire three-year farce, at the cost of tens of millions of taxpayers' dollars and the neglect of critical legislation needed by our people, was simply her low-life method of throwing mud on one of our greatest of all presidents. It was her way of sticking her tongue out to Donald Trump, his family (present and future) and to all of us who support and admire him.

This charade has been no more than a dirty little escapade (correction: a dirty big escapade), concocted by a cheap politician who lacks a conscience, to try to bring a great patriot and political genius down to her despicable level. Yes, this was her way of putting her thumb to her nose while wiggling her other fingers in a nine-year-old's gesture of I GOTCHA! How pathetic, how self embarrassing, how sad that an individual sitting in the halls of our Congress can stoop to such a level.

Also embarrassing is the fact that the entire ship of fools (the Democrat Party) has allowed itself to be led by the nose down the path of shame and ignorance by this terrible woman. She has done this evil deed by running a kangaroo court alien to all the founding principles of our Founding Fathers. Along with such henchmen as Adam Schiff, Gerald Nadler and the Odd Quad Squad, she has kept all of her brain-dead Democrats in line with voting as she ordered—or else! Consequently, each of these fools should be defeated at the polls in November.

So, let us look ahead as to the long-range future of this magnificent country in light of the indignities heaped upon it by Madam Pelosi. In the future, generations will look back upon the Pelosi putrefaction as something inconceivable to ever have taken place in our noble and glorious country. Rather than seeing President Trump as the bad guy, they will



see Nancy Pelosi as the wicked witch of the western world. They will see the Democrat Party come apart with an even more bizarre structure arising out of it and a third socialist offshoot party in addition. On the other hand, the Republican Party will be forever the dominant party and the keeper of the torch of liberty handed down to us by our Founding Fathers.

As for President Donald John Trump, he will, proven to be one of our greatest presidents ever, be added to the Mt. Rushmore National Monument and have a national holiday named in his honor!

Col. Arthur DeRuve was commissioned a second lieutenant through the college ROTC program, and after serving with the 2nd Armored Division as a Cold War soldier in Germany, he remained an additional 28 years in the Army's active reserve, including 11 years as a military liaison officer for West Point. He is a graduate of the Army's Artillery and Guided Missile School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Fordham University and a master's degree in public administration from New York University. He and his wife Dorothy have been married more than 60 years, and after being "snowbirds" for many years, now reside in Wellington.



From a Historical Perspective

By CS Bennett

It is that time again folk . . . yes, election year! The Sunday morning pundits and the politicians have had their say the past two years. Now it is time for *we the people* to have the final say. Most of us have more than a clue when it comes to who we should support and vote for. Other voters remain clueless. The rest are programmed. So, I am going to make it easy for them and explain who the two parties are and the historical difference between them. And no, that fabled lie about the two parties switching is just that, a lie. It never happened. There are other reasons why Blacks went Democrat, which has proven to be a big mistake. But that is for another column.

I begin by stating that the Democrat Party is not a fair and honest organization. Let's start with their party's website. In the history section they boldly state the following: *For more than 200 years, our party has led the fight for civil rights, health care, Social Security, workers' rights, and women's rights.* They cite that in 1920 that *Under the leadership of Democratic President Woodrow Wilson, the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote.*

Sounds noble and something to be proud of, yes. However, they are being less than honest, while the rest of their chest beating is an outright lie. What they failed to mention was that they were the party of slavery, Jim Crow Laws, Black Codes, literacy tests, and voter intimidation. If you still refused to conform, you were paid a visit by the militant wing of that party, the KKK. Now, why did they not mention any of this?

As for President Woodrow Wilson, he was an outright bigot and racist. He was the first president to screen a movie in the White House and that movie was entitled *The Birth of a Nation*, a film that celebrated the rise of the Ku Klux Klan. Wilson also segregated federal offices that had been once integrated. Separate eating spaces, work spaces, and separate toilets became the norm. He even threw Black civil-rights leader, and editor of the *Guardian*, William Monroe Trotter out of the Oval Office after a contentious meeting they had.

On women's suffrage, Wilson was never a supporter of women's rights. He was placed in a situation by Republicans where he was left with no choice but to support and pass the 19th Amendment. It was the Republicans who championed women's rights, as they did with Negro rights. But they do not teach this truth in government-run schools. Why? Because the truth about the Democrat Party and the role they played in oppressing Blacks and pressing the heels of their racist boots on the throats of this community over the decades would be exposed.

It was the Republicans who stood up for the downtrodden and disenfranchised, and many of them were lynched right alongside of the Blacks they supported. More than anything, it was the Republican Party that came into existence for the sole purpose of abolishing slavery. More than that, there was a faction of the party who wanted to go further than just freeing the slaves, they wanted Blacks to have the right to vote and own property and to become citizens, and because of their beliefs, they were called radicals . . . Radical Republicans.



As for the social programs the Democrat Party brag about, they are what led to government dependency and the breakup of the Black family. Other failed policies they enacted created more than the Welfare State, they created a hell hole the Black community is still trying to crawl out of. Rampant crime, drugs, failed schools, violence, and children who have little hope, are largely the result of these horrible policies. The legacy of the Democrat Party is nothing to brag about or be proud of, not at all.

The Republican Party has had its failings, due to its leadership, some who had little interest in what principles and tradition the party was founded on, but overall, it was Republican policies that best served the needs of the poor by primarily giving them a hand up and not a handout. This was the political party based on freedom and liberty and prosperity. Compare that to the Democrats whose policies have eroded our rights and liberties and exported government dependency, misery, and overbearing regulations. Right now, as you read this, Republican policies have made America great again. There is plenty of evidence of this out there, so one doesn't have to look hard.

Just think, this is Black History Month and the Republican Party is not generally mentioned, and when they are, it is very brief. That the party that liberated the ancestors of Blacks today are even given an honorary mention goes to show how great a snow job the Democrats have done on the Black community. Patriots like myself, and many others, are doing our best to bring about an awakening in the Black community, but we need your help. Learn about your party's history and use it to shut down the lies the Democrats are good at espousing.

This is but a snapshot of what I could really delve into about these two major political parties, but I believe I have explained enough that people can make up their minds about who to vote for. America is under assault and I aim to defend this republic with my vote, and my life, if necessary. Good and evil still exist in this world and exists in the seat of our government in Washington. Let's join the President and help him fight corruption and clean house. Trust me, the air in Washington, DC would be a lot fresher. . . .

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So, there 'tis:

Ugly Politics? Vicious Media? You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet

By Larry P. Horist

February 1, 2020

We can all agree that we are living in one of the most divisive and politically charged times in American history, but maybe not the worst—considering the Civil War and the 1960's "Days of Rage"—but pretty bad.

The presidency of Donald Trump and the unhinged reaction to it from Democrat—and an unprecedentedly biased news media—has divided former political allies, friends and even families. The political atmosphere is so toxic that it is recommended that people maintain civil comity by not even mentioning politics at social and holiday gatherings.

The majority of the national mainstream media—long guilty of a left-wing bias—has been completely corrupted into partisan propaganda outlets—further exacerbating tribal public passions among the citizenry.

It cannot be denied that President Trump's acerbic and pugnacious personality has been a contributing factor. In some ways, it has enabled the ever-present #NeverTrump Resistance Movement to find credible footing for its criticisms. But make no mistake. The extremity and dishonesty of the attacks on Trump go far, far, far beyond the President's flaws. The opposition has lost all objectivity, integrity and civil decency.

It is not enough to attack Trump, his personality and even his policies. From the time of his inauguration, the Democrats and the media have been on a venomous attack on any and all who might find even some aspects of the Trump presidency to have merit or be deserving of praise.

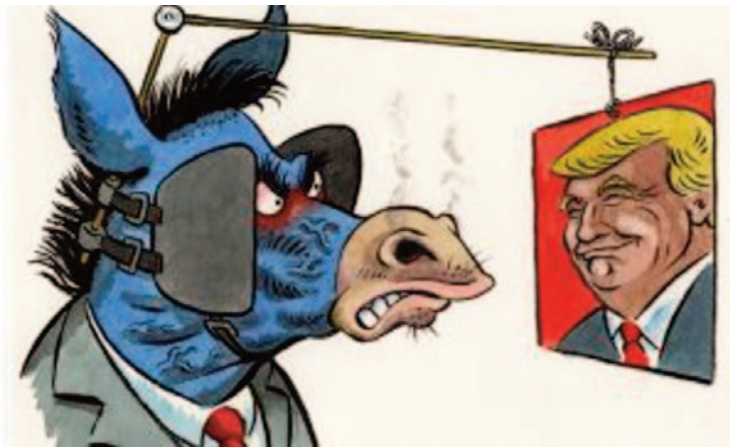
They have a battle cry for their abject opposition. They demand that no one should "normalize Trump." In other words, there can be no room for honest appreciation of good work. No acceptance of any facts that reflect well on Trump or his presidency.

According to the left, we should not be allowed to air differences over policy or opinion. No, No, No. According to the anti-Trump talking heads on the small screen, the millions of people supporting Trump to any measure are bad people in every way—ignorant, intolerant and immoral. In a word, deplorable.

Hillary Clinton was chastised at the time for referring to Trump voters as a "basket of deplorables." Since then, the

attack on roughly half the population has sunk to even lower levels of elitist depravity. Rick Wilson—a false flag so-called Republican strategist—provoked uncontrolled on-air laughter from CNN host Don Lemon for describing supporters of Trump as "you know, the credulous boomer rube dumb-o that backs Donald Trump." This led to an ongoing schtick mocking Trump supporters by Wilson and co-panelist, *New York Times* writer Wajahat Ali—all to the delight of Lemon, who closed the act with, "Thanks, I needed that."

In something less than an apology, the Trump-hating Lemon explained that he was not referring to the people to whom Wilson WAS referring, but just laughing at the joke.



What Joke? Would I get such guffaws from Lemon if I were to make crude stereotyping "jokes" mocking blacks or gays—two categories into which Lemon fits? Or, in this divisive political correctness world Lemon embraces are such "jokes" only acceptable against Republicans, conservatives or white people.

MSNBC's Joe Scarborough describes Trump's defense team as a "confederacy of dunces"—invoking a round of congratulatory laughter from his bobblehead panelists. His insult was so popular among the left that the *Washington Post* used it as the header on a guest editorial by Scarborough. He and his paramour, Mika Brzezinski, are a dynamic duo of derogatory dialogue when it comes to Trump supporters. Not a morning goes by that they—and their guests—do not express their disdain for any and all who do not share their views.

All this is nothing more than a broad-based maligning effort by the unhinged and obsessively anti-Trump media to shame people away from the President. It is strategic. It is nothing less than a partisan effort to support the election of their Democrat allies. They want a Democrat in the White

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House. They want Democrats to take over the Senate. They want America to be run by a clique of east coast elitist—them. The left-wing American media is in full campaign armor.

The toxicity they produce permeates every corner of society. Folks wearing MAGA hats are being assaulted in public. Arrogant and self-righteous imitation Nazis are accosting Republican officials on the streets, at their homes and in restaurants and stores—incited by such Democrat officials as Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez AND stirred to hatred by the drumbeat of a fully corrupted media that makes opponents the enemies of the state.

These *ad hominem* attacks on Trump, Republicans and conservatives at all levels have become increasingly more extreme and dangerous. Each time the left believes it had struck a fatal blow to the Trump presidency—and failed—the rhetorical heat is increased. The accusations become more extreme.

Even after the Mueller investigation debunked their two-year-long bogus accusations, the House Democrats launched an entirely political, unnecessary and ill-advised effort to remove Trump just short of an election because there is a good chance that Trump will be re-elected.

How obviously maddening this has been to Democrats and their friends in the press ho seem to believe that they

should possess the power to mold public opinion at will.

There are no indications that the #NeverTrump Resistance Movement will return to fairness and decency after the President's acquittal by the Senate. In fact, their attacks will likely become more vicious, more mendacious and more prevalent—if the latter is even possible.

The political left in America is so deranged over the Trump presidency that they will do anything to destroy him, his administration, Republican officeholders and grassroots supporters—even if they have to destroy the Constitutional Republic that once believed in *e pluribus unum*. And sadly, you ain't seen nothing yet.

So, there 'tis.

So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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I joyfully attended Republican Executive Committeeman Ron Harp's 80th birthday celebration and had a wonderful time. Knowing Ron's fondness for the crimson color of his beloved Alabama college football team and his membership in the Republican Party, a guest gave him the above gag gift—a crimson-colored, elephant-shaped, G-string!!

—Tom Mullings

Dems Losing Their Black Sheep

By Gene Robinson

Democrats are losing formerly loyal Black voters by the “carload,” and the Dem elected officials’ disrespectful actions at the recent State of the Union address caused them to lose even more. But I do not want to get ahead of myself, because I have a lot to say below about this subject.

From the time that I was a child, my parents taught me two very important things that I follow to this day. My father said, “Always be yourself, because you can’t be anyone else.” And, my mother told me to, “Go anywhere you want to go, and act like you are supposed to be there.” I keep those two things in mind daily, which allows me to go anywhere in South Florida as an outspoken Republican in Democrat territory, or walk through any U.S. airport proudly wearing a red MAGA cap, and dare anyone to confront me . . . **while wearing a certain facial look, and without saying a word!**

As my dad always said to me, “If people don’t hate you, you ain’t doin’ nuthin’,” and he also said, “People may not like you, they may not love you, but they damn better respect you.” Consequently . . . **I really do not care what people think of me, so long as they respect me, because if they do not. . . we are going to have a problem!**

Since the time of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal in the 1940s, followed by Lyndon Johnson’s Great Society in the 1960s, the Democrat Party has had Black Americans as their “most loyal” constituency. FDR got the country back on track following the Great Depression with federal “back to work” programs that brought Blacks to the Dems in monstrous numbers—from the Republican ranks after Republican Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves—and LBJ kept them there with federal programs, including Food Stamps, that Johnson said, “Would keep Negroes as Democrats for the next 200 years.” **In other words, most Blacks have been slaves since that time, following their Democrat masters like sheep!**

I am a fourth-generation Republican, so never needed the Walk-Away movement. And it is a misconception that all Blacks came to America as slaves, because my family background shows something entirely different, as you will see if you keep reading.

We have officially traced my family history back many generations to the time that my ancestors came to this country. On my father’s side, they came to America from Portugal as businessmen and landowners, and established a homestead by opening a large fruit farm in northern Illinois, where they became Republicans. My father’s family eventually sold their land to housing developers, and used the profit, in part, to help finance their political beliefs. When I was little, and went to visit my fraternal grandparents in Rockford, Illinois, they schooled me in politics, as they were “movers and shakers” in the Winnebago County GOP, introducing me to people who came to visit my grandpar-

ents’ home, like longtime, powerful, and famed Republican Senator, the late Everett Dirksen, and many others.

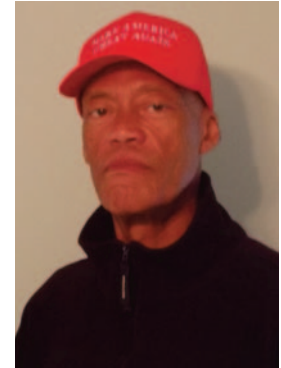
I had the above history on my father’s side, but also know the history on my mother’s side of the family. My mom’s immediate family lived, and many relatives still live, in Salisbury, North Carolina, before moving north to Massachusetts, where I was born, and that family side is a bit more complicated . . . **“But, None the Less TRUE.”**

My mother’s family came free to America from Sierra Leone as farmers, buying land, then tilling the red clay of North Carolina, before selling the valuable farmland that would eventually border on Livingstone College in Salisbury. Now, here is where my background becomes complicated, to say the least.

My great grandfather—based on “word of mouth” stories, recorded documents, and since discovered, and officially “recovered and recorded” evidence from his Salisbury Old English Cemetery gravesite—was John Ellis, the one-time white Governor of North Carolina. Ellis, who was a native of Salisbury, served as Governor from 1859 until 1861, when he died in office. The man had two legally recognized wives in his lifetime, but was known as a handsome charmer and “ladies man” who reportedly had several affairs, one being with my great grandmother. That “relationship” produced a child, my grandmother, who was so light, and fair skinned, that she looked white, but who always carried herself as a proud Black mulatto woman. She passed that proud trait on to those in my maternal line who followed her, including my mother, who had very fair skin, but had a tough character, which came in handy as the high school English teacher she became. That family lineage is where I get my skin’s fair complexion from. My maternal grandfather fell in love with, and married my grandmother, then moved the family north, where he eventually became the first Person of Color to own an automobile dealership in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

John Ellis, my great grandfather, was the Democrat Governor of North Carolina during the Civil War, who led the state to Secede from the Union, and to my knowledge, and family history . . . **is the only registered Democrat of note in my family’s recorded past . . . thank God!**

I have told you all of the above to let you know that I carry myself as I do, because . . . **I have never had an historical slavery mentality or considered myself to be a**



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victim . . . as I know where I came from, who I am, and where I am going!

And now, many Blacks who may not have had the same kind of positive upbringing as me, and who may not know their family history as I do, have opened their eyes to see that the Democrats have used them for their votes for decades, but left them to struggle in deplorable communities, where education, unemployment, and crime are at the worst levels in this country. And their so-call Black leaders in Congress get rich at their expense (see Maxine Waters, et al.) while leaving them to “rot in unlivable conditions.” You could see that Democrat leadership mentality on display during the president’s State of the Union speech, when Donald Trump singled out a little Black girl who received a scholarship to the school of her choice, bestowed a Brigadier General’s rank on a 100-year-old former Colonel in the famed Tuskegee Airmen, told America that his administration had given more money to historically Black colleges than any previous presidential administration in history, and lowered the unemployment rate among Blacks to historical proportions, while the congressional Democrats that night, many of them Black . . . **sat on their asses, never smiled or applauded, kept their arms folded, and as much as told their Black constituents that they didn’t give a damn about their plight in life!**

These are the Democrats that Blacks have given their votes to, for far too long, and received Nothing in Return. Now . . . **how stupid and dumb was that?!**

I travel to other states routinely, speak with people in other cities often, and have heard the poll numbers that say

34.5% of Blacks are supporting the President. I do not know if that statistic is accurate, but in speaking with those who do know, and knowing Black people as I do—many of whom will never say out loud or publicly, to their friends, neighbors, co-workers, members of their church, or in some cases, to even other family members—that they like what Donald Trump is doing, as they fear the backlash they will certainly get. But . . . **many, many Blacks, while staying quiet, so as to not bring attention to themselves, are going to vote for the President to help him get re-elected in record numbers in November.**

The Donald, saying to the Black community when he was running in 2016, “What do you have to lose?” and then bringing in results that are so favorable to them . . . **has carved out a niche that privately shows at least 25% to 30% Black support, which is huge!**

Now, if the second most loyal Democrat constituency, that of the Jewish community, ever begins to turn their backs on the Dems as well, then the party of Pelosi, Schumer, Schiff, and Nadler, who do nothing to counteract, or officially recognize, and in some cases even condone, the rise in anti-semitism in this country . . . Democrats will become an endangered species, and like the do-do bird . . . **will go out of existence and become extinct!**

We can only . . . **hope, pray, and do what we can, between now and November, to help make that happen.**

GOD Bless!

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American Humane’s Annual Pups4Patriots Gala

Once again, I was delighted to attend—along with my wife Cheryl, U.S. Navy vet Steve Laine and Denise Fallabella—American Humane’s annual Pups4Patriots Gala, honoring the Pups4Patriots service dog graduates and their veteran handlers.

As I’ve said before in these pages, I love this organization. They do such wonderful work providing life-saving service dogs to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury at no cost to the veterans, saving lives at both ends of the leash.

But that’s not all they do, not by a long shot. They’ve been around a long time so let me give you a historical overview of what American Humane is all about. These are just some of the things they’ve done over the years:

- 1877—American Humane founded as the country’s first national humane organization.
- 1916—Rescued 68,000 wounded horses a month during WW I.
- 1940—Launched “No Animals Were Harmed” program to protect animals on movie sets.
- 1940—Lobbied to protect the bald eagle, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law.
- 1970—Advocated for spay/neuter programs and drew critical attention to the emergence of “puppy mills.”
- 1971—Advocated for the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

- 1985—Advocated for anti-dogfighting in Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.
- 1991—Developed guidelines for animal shelters to foster pets of military reservists sent to Operation Desert Storm.
- 1992—Deployed during Hurricane Andrew to save animals in Florida, Louisiana and Texas.
- 2001—Following 9/11, deployed to help protect hundreds of search-and-rescue dogs.
- 2011—Launched the Hero Dog Awards to honor extraordinary dogs.
- 2014—Assisted with the second-largest dog-fighting raid in U.S. history.
- 2015—Advocated for return of military working dogs in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act.
- 2016—Launched the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs.

As Megan Lowry, a former Secret Service Agent for President George W. Bush, has said, “We’re trained to fight. We’re not trained to come home.” American Humane does as much as any organization around to help the veterans of our country’s wars make that transition from the battlefield to their “tranquility base” back home here in America and you can reach them online at www.AmericanHumane.org.

—Tom Mullings



Honored 2020 graduates (left to right): Joseph Greenwood, Sgt., U.S. Army (Ret.), and service dog Nattie; Kris C. Morgan, Senior Airman, U.S. Air Force, and service dog Andi; Alicia Dech, Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, and service dog Gabriel; Michael Stevens, Specialist, U.S. Army, and service dog Murphy; and Matthew Lanig, Specialist, U.S. Army, and service dog Simba. At right is American Humane President and CEO Robin R. Ganzert, PhD.



Navy submarine veteran Steve Laine at the start of the gala.



Photo at left—L to R: Lois Pope, founder of the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs at American Humane; Robin Ganzert greeting service dog Andi; Kris C. Morgan; and Honorary Chair and Keynote Speaker Maj. Gen. James “Spider” Marks (Ret.).

Club News

BAARC of the Palm Beaches: Everything You Missed Last Night!

JANUARY 28—The Black African American Republican Club of the Palm Beaches had a fantastic meeting last night with Mr. William J. (Bill) Skinner, author of *South Florida Election Law Handbook: How Voters Can Prevent Election Fraud and Make Elections Fair*; also candidate for Palm Beach County Sheriff, former PBSO Captain Mr. Lauro Diaz, who spoke on home and personal safety habits. Free food, snacks for everyone's enjoyment—coffee regular and decaf, orange juice and apple juice, etc. Door prizes. BAARC had new members join the club. Everyone enjoyed

the information and fellowship. BAARC of the Palm Beaches hope you can join us next month. Visit GOP's Republican of Palm Beach County website (www.palmbeachgop.com) and the weekly "Wire" for the BAARC of the Palm Beaches' February meeting date.

*Cheryle P Davis-Darrell President
Black African American Republican Club
of the Palm Beaches*



Trumpettes Founder Toni Holt Kramer Rocks the House with the Republican Federated Women of South Florida

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida welcomed a sold-out crowd to hear Toni Holt Kramer, the president and founder of Trumpettes USA, at their January meeting.

Mrs. Kramer entertained the dinner goers with stories of her friendships with many great entertainers—Frank Sinatra, Richard Burton and Debbie Reynolds, just to name a few.

Mrs. Kramer's book, *Unstoppable Me*, published in 2018, details some of her fascinating experiences and influential friendships.

Toni and three of her friends founded the Trumpettes in 2015, a pro-Trump women's group that hosted the "Third Annual Red, White and Blue Gala" on February 1st at Mar-a-Lago to another sold-out crowd. Ms. Kramer calls President Trump "the greatest person on the planet," and most of those in attendance agreed.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be on February 27 at the Boca Country Club. Special guest speakers will be Florida's National Committeeman Peter Feaman and National Committeewoman Kathleen King. This will be a great opportunity to



find out what the Republican National Committee is planning for the 2020 presidential campaign.

On Sunday, March 29, the RFW of South Florida will once again be heading to the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach to host an ice cream social for the resident veterans of the Community Living Center and the hospice wing of the hospital. We will also lead the veterans in a round of Bingo for those who are able to participate.

For more information about the RFW of South Florida, please contact President Linda Johnson at ljayll@att.net.

Letters

JANUARY 23—I attended a Republican dinner this evening where, in the Q&A session following the presentation, there were questions about what would we have become if the “progressives” had won in 2016, and then some statements of concern that we could become like Venezuela if they prevail!

Venezuela is the least of our problems. We should worry about becoming like Virginia! Look what has transpired there. The Governor, who has a photographic history of appearing in blackface, is a man who opines that, should a live birth occur after a botched abortion, that it is a woman’s right to decide to withhold care and let that child die. Infanticide! Think about that. A normal, healthy adult will die in about a week not from starvation, but from dehydration. Just how long will it take for a newborn infant, who has ingested zero food and nourishment, to die that excruciating death? Way to go, Mom! You too, Doctor!

Then there are other senior elected officials in Virginia who are the subject of credible accusations of sexual assault. The Governor and those state officials are still in office! This is the same cabal, who along with their cronies in the fake news who, after the ANTIFA anarchists and the White Supremacists assaulted each other in Charlottesville,

Virginia, lambast President Trump for saying both radical groups were wrong.

The preceding speaks to the character and mindset of these individuals. Let’s look at their policies. These socialists currently running Virginia are now attempting to enact legislation to seize the firearms from the law-abiding citizens of Virginia.

It has started! We don’t have to look to socialist Venezuela to see the failures of socialism, we have to look to Virginia to see and understand that it has already metasized in the United States!

Oh, the dangers of socialism! We must wake up. It’s not just socialists. Let me pose a question. What distinguishes Communists, Marxists, Socialists, Progressives, Liberals and Democrats from each other?

The answer is their individual dates of birth. Other than that, they are all tarred with the same stick!

We must overcome all of them at the ballot box, and hopefully in the Supreme Court. If we don’t, we will have to address it in our streets.

*Ed McCarthy
Boca Raton*

Gold Star Wives Greeting President Trump at PBJA



Gold Star wives Jennifer Parrish Faulkner-Teague of North Carolina (husband—A1C Charles Michael Faulkner) and Candice McCabe of New Jersey (husband—Sgt. Bryan McCabe) were in West Palm Beach a couple of weeks ago, along with 45 other Gold Star wives from all over the country, staying at the Airport Hilton, and were thrilled to be near the President. They stood outside the airport fence as Air Force One was departing, holding up signs that read “We Love You President Trump.” They have made the ultimate sacrifice and they couldn’t express more their gratitude and the love they have for the President and how much he has done for them. Photos by Ed Primoff, shown above with his wife Sue, both wearing MAGA hats.

Book Review

***The Fertile Soil of Jihad: Terroris's Prison Connection*, by Patrick T. Dunleavy. Potomac Books, an imprint of the University of Nebraska Press, 2011. Hardcover, 143 pp., notes, index. ISBN 978-1-59797-548-3.**

The *Fertile Soil of Jihad: Terrorism's Prison Connection*, at only 120 pages, is a small book in length, but one that packs a big punch in terms of delivery and, hopefully, in the review that follows I can give readers a sense of why that is the case.

Patrick T. Dunleavy, the author, is a former deputy inspector of the Criminal Intelligence Unit of the New York State Department of Correctional Services who worked as part of an elite team of investigators for more than 26 years, infiltrating criminal enterprises. He was a key figure in Operation Hades that probed the radical Islamic recruitment movement for jihad from both inside and outside prison walls.

As you've undoubtedly guessed by now, Mr. Dunleavy's book is about jihadist recruitment in the nation's prisons, and to probe that subject we first must get acquainted with Abdel Zaben, the central figure in that story. Zaben was born in a refugee camp on the East Bank of the Jordan River in 1969, where his parents, along with thousands of Palestinians, had relocated after the formation of the nation of Israel in 1948. As he came of age, he felt that out of all the groups (opposed to Zionism), only Hamas and Islamic Jihad were united in supporting their leaders against the Israelis.

Zaben saw the Israelis as an inferior enemy occupying force, calling them "cowards" and "pigs," and he did not separate his hatred for his enemies and his fervency for his religion: both were equally strong.

Repeatedly, with forged papers, Zaben tried to enter the U.S. where his brother lived, and eventually succeeded. A young man with a forged visa was rarely seen as the potential beginning of a "cell," that smallest of organisms representing the vanguard of a terrorist organization on foreign soil, but Zaben was just such a person. His purpose was to raise support for the Palestinian cause and Hamas in particular. The enemy at the time was Israel, not America, and the goal was liberating the occupied territories, not global jihad.

At some point, he began committing armed kidnapping and robberies. One night he was overheard by one of his victims saying about the money, "this is for the cause." Eventually he was caught and became just another prisoner in a crime-ridden city, waiting to be taken into the abyss. At Riker's Island he became an aide to the Imam and began sharing his beliefs with other inmates, seeking to convert them to Islam. According to a later CIA study: *Prisons and the Internet provide easy access for radical imams to recruit lonely, angry, incarcerated individuals who are particularly receptive to learn an anti-western form of Islam and using*

violence against a government by which they feel they have been wronged.

In prison, convicts often pursue religion as a way to give structure, purpose and hope to their lives. Any religious worker could demand to enter a prison in the New York system without restriction! Imam Sahrau, was just such a civilian chaplain. He was trained as a Wahabi Sunni Muslim by the Saudi Government and that was the philosophy that guided him in hiring other Muslim chaplains for the prison system. The philosophy is a fundamentalist version of Islam that teaches followers to adhere to a strict and literal interpretation of the Koran.

Zaben became a radical chaplain's clerk in prison for five years.

Eventually, all agencies were brought in under the umbrella of the Joint Terrorist Task Force's Correctional Intelligence Initiative Program. The goal of this new program was that, working together proactively, federal, state, and city investigators would continue to monitor radical Islamic recruitment efforts. When threats were found, they would have the ability and authority to close down the cell. But even with the mechanisms and tripwires instituted by law enforcement after the Correctional Intelligence Initiative, the fruits of Islamic radicalization in the prison environment continue to come forth.

Why is that? One reason may be adaptability. Jihad isn't a singular idea that stops when discovered; it's a cultural and religious war that has no end. Likewise, the people involved in jihad don't stop their efforts when incarcerated. They merely find another path with new and clever ways to achieve their goals.

By the way, I heard author, Patrick T. Dunleavy, speak at a seminar of the Citizens for National Security recently and would have reported on it for this newsletter, but his talk that morning was not for the record. Nonetheless, his book, *The Fertile Soil of Jihad*, published in 2011, gives you a pretty good idea of his views on the subject and is well worth your investment in time to read it.

As for Abdel Nasser Zaben, he was released from prison to the Department of Homeland Security custody in early 2005. He was deported to Jordan in 2006 and all attempts to locate him by sources in both Israeli and Jordanian intelligence have proved fruitless. His whereabouts are unknown and not all of his prison converts have been accounted for.

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***Sacred Duty: A Soldier's Tour at Arlington National Cemetery*, by Tom Cotton. William Morrow, an imprint of Harper-Collins, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-06-286315-7, 301 pp. The book is available at the Palm Beach County Public Library.**

S*acred Duty* came to my attention watching Mark Levin interview Senator Tom Cotton on his Fox News Channel TV show in recent weeks. The book was part of Levin's reason for the interview. The other major focus was to familiarize his viewers with the character and caliber of the man. Senator Cotton graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law School, worked as a lawyer, became an infantry officer, served a term in the House of Representatives, then was elected to the U.S. Senate by the state of Arkansas.

Overall the book is part history of the First American Regiment organized by George Washington as the only body of professional soldiers after the Revolutionary War, part instruction manual for future generations of U.S. Army soldiers about the procedures and use of the Arlington National Cemetery, and part a love story about the U.S. Army that Cotton was and is dedicated to serving. The text covers the assignments of the Old Guard from the beginning to the present time. The book has a prologue, six chapters, an epilogue, notes on sources and acknowledgements. An index is not included so you will have to read every word to know the subjects and people mentioned.

Cotton's family has lived in rural Arkansas for seven generations raising cattle. Cotton was born in 1977 and at 6'5" tall he was the center of his high school basketball team. He studied hard and was accepted to Harvard where he graduated with an A.B. *magna cum laude* with a senior thesis on *The Federalist Papers*. Then law school followed with a J.D. in 2002. A more complete biography is found at Wikipedia.com. But Cotton was called to duty by the September 11 attack on New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania by the Muslim terrorists, and he made up his mind to serve in the U.S. Army. The book tells what drove his interest in serving the infantry, not in positions in military law. After graduating from law school, he clerked for a judge, and worked briefly for two law firms to help pay for college, then he enlisted and worked his way up to Captain.

Cotton tells his story like he was dictating it in streams of thought, punctuated by events and people as time rolled on. In his acknowledgements, he gives credit to lots of people and says Cowboy helped him write the book. We are not sure who that is. In Iraq he earned a Bronze Star with the 101st Airborne Division. At the end of that tour, the Army assigned him to all-volunteer Old Guard, though he had not applied for it. He looked forward to this and worked hard to meet all of the expectations. Then he served another tour in Afghanistan before going home.

When he first ran for Congress, people wanted to know about The Old Guard, not the other things he did in the Army. Cotton says he began writing this book because he wanted to tell the story of the soldiers who dedicate themselves to our collective sacred duty of honoring those who served and died for our nation since 1784, three years before the Constitution was adopted. Also known as America's Regiment, its soldiers uphold the highest standards.

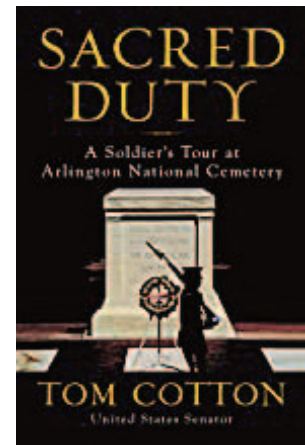
Today the Regiment conducts 20 funerals per day, each one unique, requiring continued preparation to avoid any missteps for families and observers. It conducts special ceremonies and operates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The story is about how these Old Guard soldiers look, how they organize and train to assist in these services. Cotton tells the story with much detail for the reader to learn what the real deal is for the families and loved ones of the fallen. Tailored uniforms, Corfam shoes, Windex, and sole edge dressing are an ever-present part of The Old Guard.

Arlington is the name of the town and township of the area in Virginia to the south and west of the Lincoln Memorial. George and Martha Washington adopted George Washington Parke Custis. When "Wash," as they called him, grew up, he acquired the farm in the area where the National Cemetery is now. Wash died in 1857. Wash married Robert E. Lee's surviving daughter, Mary. The farm was in the Lee family at the time of the Civil War and it was protected from thieves and conscripted to bury the Union dead in the 1860s.

By the time Tom Cotton got to Arlington, the area included the Pentagon and Ft. Myer South Post. The remainder of the farm is contained in a nice two-page map drawing in the front of the book. Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers go into Section 60 which is a large area where Cotton served for a time before he went off active duty.

In chapter 3, Cotton reviews how he joined the Old Guard, including earning the Buff Strap, a special insignia for its members. In chapter 4, honor funerals at Arlington are discussed. Three types are full honors, standard honors, and dependents. During his time at Arlington, Cotton participated in over 400 funerals. He explains the process and rituals involved.

In chapter 5, ceremonies are reviewed, from "box-up" to finish. There are many different ceremonies, several recognizing retirements from the Army, but funerals take pri-



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ority. The Continental Color Guard is the busiest ceremonial unit. The Fife and Drum Corps is a twelve-soldier group. They wear the 1779 Continental Musician uniform which has the reverse colors of the infantry uniform.

The Commander-in-Chief’s Guard wears a special uniform modeled on George Washington’s personal guard uniforms. “The CinC Guard’s most important outreach event is Twilight Tadoo. . . . The origins of tadoo date to the seventeenth century and to that most soldierly tradition of drinking beer. Dutch military commanders sent a drummer and bugler into the streets to recall their troops from local taverns by playing a tune known as *doe den tap toc*, which is Dutch for ‘turn off the tap.’ . . . As British and American commandoes adopted the practice, the tune’s final two Dutch words were combined and altered into ‘tadoo’” (p. 186).

There is also the U.S. Army Drill Team that offers up to 150 performances per year. Another unit, the Honor Guard Company is the busiest as it marches in almost every ceremony.

Chapter 6 is all about the tombs of the unknown. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was the original tomb, and Cotton discusses its history and use in detail. The original tomb was for WW I, but in 1958, tombs for WW II and the Korean War were dedicated. Later Viet Nam was added to the list of unknowns.

This book is most interesting because it explains how The Old Guard helps preserve our memories of soldiers who have kept our country safe since our founding. I am glad I read it. If you plan to visit Arlington read this book.

Reviewed by William J. Skinner. One of my mother’s cousins married a Master Sargent who was a culinary chef at several U.S. Army bases in Germany and the U.S. This resulted in my younger brother and sister getting to visit them at several of the places they lived while I was in college. Finally, when this Army family retired, the chef became an armored car guard for a few more years before passing in Florida. My mother’s sister in the last half of her life worked for the U.S. Army at an Indiana location. She married a U.S. Army Major who retired from the Army in the 1980s. The U.S. Army was good for these families.

President Trump Visits NASCAR

President Trump was the first sitting president to be named Grand Marshall of the Daytona 500, and on February 16 he started the race with the words, “Gentlemen, start your engines.” The day was filled with exciting images, from the Air Force One flyover when it arrived over the Speedway, to the President and First Lady walking out on the race track to thunderous applause and chants of “USA” and “four more years,” to the presidential limousine affectionally known as “The Beast” taking a lap around the track.



Editor's Postscript

Dumbing Down the Impeachment Process for Partisan Gain with Phony Crime Charges Against a Duly-Elected President of the United States

By Tom Mullings

From start to finish, the whole sorry impeachment clown show of President Donald J. Trump was a disgraceful attempt to remove from office by illegal means a man they could not defeat at the ballot box. Now, I'm not a lawyer, but you don't have to be one to determine that what has happened to the President was done by extra-legal means.

To make my case here, let's get one thing straight at the outset. The attempt to impeach Donald Trump did not start with his phone call to the president of Ukraine, as Democrats would have us all believe. It began when he and Melania first came down the escalator to announce his intention to run for the presidency in the 2016 election. It's a continuing effort to remove the President from office, or in the absence of the success of that paramount goal, to diminish him so much in the eyes of voters that they would reject him in his reelection bid this year.

First there was Russia-gate in which for two and a half years the public was saturated with bogus stories of the President's collusion with Russia's President Putin to steal the 2016 election from Hillary Clinton. The details of that sorry affair have been covered here repeatedly and there is no need to rehash them, but suffice to say, it is now beyond dispute that the whole thing was willfully made up, and people in the highest echelons of government in the Obama Administration certainly deserve to go to prison because of it.

Unfortunately for those who perpetrated this fraud on the American people, their chicanery, lies and manufactured tales of wrongdoing eventually were exposed and coincidentally, as soon as that happened they and their media mouthpieces were no longer interested in the story, except to dismiss such talk as a "discredited conspiracy theory."

That, you see, Trump-Russian collusion, was plan A to impeach Donald Trump and when that fizzled, they immediately pivoted to plan B—Trump-Ukrainian collusion. To start the impeachment ball rolling on plan B they needed a guy to spill the beans on Trump's evil dealings with a foreign power to once again steal another election, so they turned to the invisible whistleblower. I say invisible because no one was allowed to know who this guy was. Right after he blew the whistle he disappeared from sight and took his

whistle with him and has not been seen since. We did learn of course from the Horowitz Report that whoever he is, he may be suffering from political bias toward the President. Gee, what a surprise that is. Anyway no one, including the President is allowed to confront this patriotic defender of the Republic about his accusations or even whisper his name in public, and it has been reported that he has gone on vacation to a cave in Afghanistan and can't be reached for further comment about his heroic charges against the leader of the free world.

That brings us to the clown show referred to as the third impeachment of a sitting president in U.S. history, led by a bunch of Democrat clowns in the U.S. House of Representatives on display in the picture that accompanies this article. In the picture, as on the House floor, they pose as patriotic defenders of the Republic and Constitution, and if you know what these clowns really believe about the Constitution, their hypocritical performances in front of the whole country would have been hilarious if it wasn't so irritating. By the way, speaking of clowns, Republican Senator Mitt Romney was the sole Republican to vote with the Dems in the final impeachment vote, which should do wonders for his reelection bid in four years, but to think I once voted for this idiot for President of the United States. Go figure.

But there is one bit of good news that came out of this whole sorry affair. The President's approval rating with the public went up 10 percent!!



Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.



Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman _____ Committeewoman _____

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). _____ REC Precinct # _____ 2). _____ REC Precinct # _____

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
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Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
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Candidate Oath
(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, _____

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of **Committeeman** **Committeewoman**

Precinct/District Number _____ *(Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),*

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party
(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____		
day of _____, 20____.		
Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____		
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