

# GTRW GAZETTE

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## CALENDAR

- Aug 1 - GTRW LUNCHEON MEETING
- Aug 4 - Coast Guard Day - Fly Your Flag!
- Aug 29 - GTRW Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
- Sep 5 - Labor Day - Fly Your Flag!
- Sep 11 - Patriot Day - Fly Your Flag Half-Staff
- Sep 12 - GTRW Luncheon Meeting
- Sep 17 - Constitution Day & Texian Navy Day  
Fly Your Flags!
- Sep 25 - Gold Star Mother's Day-Fly Your Flag
- Sep 25-27 - Rosh Hashanah
- Sep 26 - GTRW Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
- Oct 2 - Battle of Gonzales
- Oct 3 - GTRW Luncheon Meeting
- Oct 4-5 - Yom Kippur
- Oct 10 - Columbus Day - Fly Your Flag!
- Oct 17 - GTRW Executive Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
- Oct 27 Navy Day — Fly Your Flag
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Nov 3 - Stephen F. Austin's Birthday
- Nov 7 - GTRW Luncheon Meeting  
RSVPs due Sunday, Oct 30, 6 p.m.
- Nov 8 - National Election Day - Fly Your Flag

# MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022

## 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### ELEGANTE' HOTEL BALLROOM BEAUMONT, TEXAS

*Featuring:*

# ALAN D. VERA

## HCRP/SREC BALLOT SECURITY

### “ELECTION INTEGRITY IN TEXAS”

## Bring School Supplies for K-3!

- R** Due Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m.
- S** Online @ [gtrepublicanwomen.org/speaker/](http://gtrepublicanwomen.org/speaker/)
- V** Checks must arrive by Monday, July 25:
- P** GTRW, P.O. Box 12902, Beaumont, TX 77726

*PLEASE Fill Out Your 2022 Membership Applications while you're on our website!*

## ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO JOIN GTRW!

Dear Members of GTRW:

I am so very proud of GTRW — a group of exuberant women who know that, in order to safeguard our freedoms, we must be educated and involved! As a result, we are dedicated to promoting conservative values and enthusiastically supporting Republican candidates. And GTRW has proudly exercised these values while working in our communities.

If you've been able to watch Dinesh D'Souza's movie, *2000 Mules*, which includes intel uncovered by Catherine Engelbrecht's organization, TRUE THE VOTE, we know our elections are not secure. Voter Integrity Chair Cindy Dishman has been vigilant in educating GTRW members on the duties of poll watchers, judges and clerks. We so appreciate your persistence and dedication, Cindy.



Caring for America Chair Danielle Faraci organized our involvement in Relay for Life and Boys' Haven's Crawfish Boil. Not only did we have fun, but we made each of these events special.

Our plates were full for the month of June, with Americanism Chair Ann Jones educating our organization on "Old Glory" and our luncheon speaker, Ashley Smith Thomas, revealing the perils of China. Former RPT Chair Steve Munisteri joined us in Jefferson County to swear in our new Jefferson County Republican Party Chair Joe Evans. And to top off June's schedule, many of our members represented our club and county as delegates to the Republican Party of Texas State Convention in Houston. WOW! The list is almost overwhelming!

SO WE TOOK A BREAK in July to recuperate and get ready to work for the Red Wave in our County, State and Country. We must commit to these elections by giving of our talents, time and money. And we must promote GO VOTE! Do you really want to even imagine Texas under Robert Francis O'Rourke a/k/a BETO?

Leadership is key for GTRW and so far this year we are:

No. 1 in Membership in the State — Thanks to Membership Chair Elaine Henderson;

No. 1 in Campaign Hours — Thanks to the perseverance of our members and the reporting of Campaign Activities Chair Linda Nicholas; and

Outstanding attendance numbers ranging between 150 and 200 — Thanks to First Vice President/ Program Chair Janet Brown seeking out wonderful speakers and Reservations/Hospitality Chair Lajaunda Williams handling venue, meals and reservations!


I thank all of you for the honor of serving GTRW during this pivotal Mid-Term Election year. LET'S ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES to defeat the Democrats at the Local, State AND National levels.



**TOGETHER, WE WILL  
MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**

*Sincerely,  
Linda Brown  
GTRW President*





**SHERIFF RICHARD MACK**  
 HONORARY GUEST  
 APRIL 11, 12:00 PM  
 GTRW's April Luncheon  
 10000 10th Street, Suite 200  
 Dallas, Texas 75243  
 www.richardmack.com

Richard Mack was Sheriff for five years until 1997. He served twelve, twenty and eighteen years in the county and state prisons. He founded the Constitutional Sheriff's & Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) which advocates for officers as well as the families of peace officers in the Constitution and the limitation of power in our local courts.



*We the People*  
 of the United States, in Order  
 to form a more perfect Union,  
 establish Justice, insure  
 domestic Tranquility, provide  
 for the common defense,  
 promote the general Welfare,  
 and secure the Blessings of  
 Liberty to ourselves and our  
 Posterity, do ordain and  
 establish this Constitution for  
 the United States of America.





# BE PREPARED BETO IS COMING



Beto O'Rourke: 'Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47'

**Time**

Saturday, July 30  
6:30 - 7:30pm CDT

**Location**

Location TBD  
Beaumont, TX 77702

**Time**

Sunday, July 31  
1 - 2pm CDT

**Location**

Location TBD  
Port Arthur, TX 77640

## WATCH FOR MORE INFO

CHECK HERE FOR BEAUMONT EVENT LOCATION:  
<https://www.mobilize.us/betofortexas/event/478120/>

CHECK HERE FOR PORT ARTHUR EVENT  
LOCATION: [https://www.mobilize.us/betofortexas/  
event/478117/](https://www.mobilize.us/betofortexas/event/478117/)

### SOME T-SHIRTS & ABBOTT SIGNS AVAILABLE

### CALL LINDA TO LET HER KNOW YOU WILL PARTICIPATE: 409-718-6458



# ALL REPUBLICAN POLL WORKERS

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN  
UPDATED TRAINING GIVEN BY THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

CHOOSE ONE OF THESE DATES  
**THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 2022 FROM 10 AM- 12PM**  
OR  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2022 FROM 10 AM- 12PM**  
AT JCRP HEADQUARTERS 2825 HALL, PORT NECHES

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED  
JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERKS TRAINING



# Annual Gala

With Dr. Ben Carson

A SPECIAL SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Montagne Center  
<https://www.hopeclinicpartners.com/gala>

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!



## ALAN D. VERA

has been President & CEO of The Quest Business Agency, Inc. since 1984 and in that environment is known as a research and strategic planning innovator, champion and master marketer. Alan previously worked as Brand Manager for Proctor & Gamble which prepared him for the next chapter of his life — cleaning up and eliminating excessive packaging and waste in the plastics industry, including recycling. While Vice President of McCann-Erickson in Houston, Alan teamed up with current Acme Fish Creative partners to develop marketing/advertising programs for Texas Instruments and Six Flags.

Quest grew into one of the most highly regarded marketing and communications organizations in the U.S. under Alan's leadership, serving Exxon, FedEx, 3M, Mitsubishi, Dow, DuPont, BP, Shell, International Paper, Baker Hughes, Schlumberger, ConAgra, HP and many other Fortune 500 firms. Alan developed the Quest Marketing Paradigm which includes five copyrighted or trademarked marketing methods and models that helped some U.S. companies capture increased sales and markets.

In 2001, Alan Vera was named "Marketer of the Year" by the American Marketing Association.

He has served as Chairman of the Board of the Better Business Bureau of Greater Houston and the Gulf Coast. He's also served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership as Chairman of the GHP Marketing Committee.

Alan was one of the original founders of Catherine Engelbrecht's True the Vote and served as Director of Training and Curriculum for four years. For his service, he was honored with the True the Vote Bayonet Award in 2012.

Alan has served as Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee since June of 2014 and was named 2017 Volunteer of the Year for SD7 by the State Republican Executive Committee for his work on Election Integrity.

In 2019, Alan was selected to serve on the SREC Election Integrity Committee. The SREC and RPT staff soon replaced their election worker training materials and curriculum with those developed by Alan for the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee.

Alan and his wife Colleen were honored by Empower Texans in 2018 with the Conservative Leader award which recognizes men and women who truly shine in the conservative movement as grassroots leaders — ***individuals who do not hold legislative office or seek the spotlight. Instead, they diligently work to make Texas a strong and better place to live.***

On March 23, 2022, Alan and Colleen received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Harris County Republican Party for their work on Election Integrity. Alan and Colleen received the Christian Patriots Award for their work on Election Integrity on April 2, 2022.

Alan served as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger from 1970 through 1974, receiving numerous individual awards and unit citations. He is the father of seven productive adults and six hyperactive grandkids. Alan gives all the credit for whatever good he's accomplished to Almighty God.









# CLUB UPDATES



**GTRW is still ranked #1 Republican Women's organization  
in the great state of Texas —  
Presently 402 Primary Members and 110 Associates!**



**MAY MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION**



WINNER RECEIVES

**2 TICKETS TO AN ASTROS GAME**  
(GAME TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON)

AND A  
NIGHT AT A DOWNTOWN  
BONVOY/MARRIOTT



TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST  
BRING IN AT LEAST 6  
MEMBERS

IN ORDER TO GET CREDIT, YOU MUST NOTIFY  
ELAINE HENDERSON WHEN YOU BRING IN A MEMBER.  
SEND TEXT TO 409-656-5724 WITH NEW MEMBER'S NAME



**Elaine Henderson,  
GTRW Membership Chair**

**Let's all applaud our GTRW PRESIDENT LINDA BROWN, who won both —  
YES, BOTH MEMBERSHIP COMPETITIONS — and donated the \$500 to JCRP!**

## ***NINA ADAMS - June 7, 1948 - July 9, 2022***

***On July 9, 2022, long-time GTRW Member Nina Miller Adams decided it was time to say goodbye.***

She leaves behind her family and friends to mourn her passing. Nina was born in Hearn, Texas, on June 7, 1948, to Martha (Jody) Snyder and James C. Miller. She attended school in Nederland and after college began her career as a teacher in the Port Neches-Groves School District. She later taught for the Texas Youth Commission and obtained her Master's Degree from Lamar University. Nina retired as an educational diagnostician.

Her surviving family include her husband, Jackson "J.P." Adams; sons, Jeremy Roebuck and his wife, Jennifer, of Lumberton, and Jeffrey Roebuck and his wife, Heather, of Fannett; sisters, Jamie Brezinski and her husband, Mark Goodell, of Waldwick, New Jersey; Judy Udell Gereaux; Jana Landry and her husband, Kevin, all of League City; and Jody Brimer and her husband, J.C., of Beaumont; grandchildren, Parker Roebuck, Caroline Roebuck, Hudson Roebuck, Cooper Roebuck, and Juliana Roebuck; and her stepmother, Rose Miller. Her parents and stepfather, Jasper Snyder, predeceased her. She also leaves behind her beloved pets, Sissie and Judy.



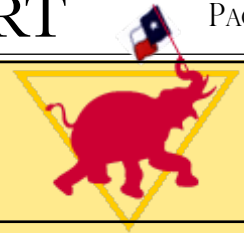
Memorial contributions may be made to Pups In Peril, P.O. Box 1655, Groves, Texas 77619, <http://pupsinperil.org/donate/>; Sweetpups Nation Rescue and Sanctuary PayPal: [swe181@sweetpups.org](mailto:swe181@sweetpups.org); or The Humane Society of Southeast Texas, 2050 Spindletop Avenue, Beaumont, Texas 77705, [humanesocietyofsoutheasttexas.org/donate/](http://humanesocietyofsoutheasttexas.org/donate/).







# CLUB UPDATES



## GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION PASSES WITH REPUBLICAN HELP

*Submitted by Linda Sparkman, GTRW Legislative Chair*



What Democrats call the most significant gun legislation in decades passed the Senate June 23rd with the help of a coalition of Republicans led by — **YES!!!** — **Texas Senator John Cornyn**. The 65-33 vote occurred after a month of negotiations following the school shooting in Uvalde.

The legislation includes \$15 billion in funding. It is intended to help states put in place and enforce extreme risk protection orders, also known as Red Flag laws. Such laws are meant to keep dangerous people from having guns, closing loopholes and expanding background checks. The juvenile and mental health record for those under 21 may now be accessed under the new law. However, the enhanced background checks for younger buyers will expire after a decade. More than half of the \$15 billion in funds are allocated to improve school safety and fund mental health programs. And there are stronger penalties for straw purchases (the buying of a gun for someone else) as well as for gun trafficking.

The Democrat majority in the House made the pathway to law a virtual certainty. The bill was signed into law by the President on June 25. Senator Cornyn was quoted as saying, “Doing nothing is an abdication of our responsibility.” Republicans had to agree to some things in the legislation “that were outside our comfort zone that, frankly, we are having to explain to people.” Cornyn claimed that the potential to save lives “is worth any sort of concession we might have had to make during negotiations.”

**Prior stumbling blocks were overcome when the Democrats gave up their calls for banning assault weapons** or raising the age to purchase a rifle to 21. Republicans agreed to tighten scrutiny of young gun owners.

Those Republican Senators voting for the final bill were: Senators Mitt Romney (Utah), Thom Tillis (North Carolina), Roy Blunt (Missouri), Richard Burr (North Carolina), Bill Cassidy (Louisiana), Susan Collins (Maine), Mitch McConnell (Tennessee), Shelley Moore Capito (West Virginia), Joni Ernst (Iowa), Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), Todd Young (Indiana), Rob Portman (Ohio), Patrick Toomey (Pennsylvania), John Cornyn (Texas) and Lindsey Graham (South Carolina).

**Then, on Wednesday, July 20, the House Judiciary Committee approved the Assault Weapons Ban of 2021 in a 25-18 vote** following an hour’s-long markup. Sponsored by Rep. David Cicilline (D-Rhode Island), the bill seeks to prohibit the sale, manufacture, transfer or import of different types of semi-automatic weapons. Committee Chair Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) said he is looking forward to “moving this legislation . . . onto the House floor,” but House leadership has not yet announced a vote.

**Note: GTRW submitted letters in support of the Second Amendment to all Texas members of Congress and our two Senators, Cornyn and Cruz, prior to passage of the final legislation.**





## GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

P.O. Box 12902 ❖ Beaumont, TX 77726

June 6, 2022

The Honorable John Cornyn  
U.S. Senator from Texas  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Second Amendment to Our United States Constitution

Dear Senator Cornyn,

***A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.***

In the 2008 case, District of Columbia v. Heller, 478 F.3d 370, the United States Supreme Court held that the "Second Amendment protects an ***individual right*** to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home." The Court meticulously detailed the history and tradition of the Second Amendment at the time of the Constitutional Convention and proclaimed that the Second Amendment established ***an individual right*** for U.S. citizens to possess firearms.

The Second Amendment was written by people who had spent their lifetime fighting the greatest empire in the world, knowing if they had not had the right to bear arms they would have been enslaved.

One year ago, on June 17, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott signed into law seven pieces of legislation to protect our individual Second Amendment Rights here in Texas.

We understand the Democrats' determination to "never let a crisis go to waste." So we beg you not to succumb to any of their deceiving wiles following the tragedy which occurred in Uvalde, Texas.

**Please do not agree to any legislation which will in any way minimize the individual rights of U.S. citizens to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment to our United States Constitution very clearly states THAT RIGHT SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.**

Sincerely,

Golden Triangle Republican Women  
Largest Republican Women's Organization in Texas



Attendees at GTRW's June 6, 2022 meeting and those attending the Swearing-in Ceremony of Joe Evans, new Chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party, plus others filled two (2) pages of signatures for each of the letters mailed to our two U.S. Senators and 23 U.S. Congressmen on this very important topic of Safeguarding our Second Amendment Rights.







**HOURS****HOURS****HOURS**

***Congratulations, Ladies,*** on significantly increasing the number of hours worked for GTRW in the Second Quarter of this year! Our GTRW members reported **35,703 hours!** That is **14,018 more hours** reported by GTRW than in our First Quarter and definitely an improvement over previous numbers! And we intend to continue to work hard in this manner for our Republican Candidates and GTRW.

However, with all this improvement, we missed the win in the Texas Federation of Republican Women contest for hours worked by Super Jumbo Clubs. TFRW would not tell us the exact number of hours reported by Austin Republican Women (we were told "44,000-plus"), so at the very least, we were 8,297 hours short of winning and need to do better next time.

We endeavor to keep GTRW members informed of all campaign needs and activities, ***so if you're aware of any in the coming months, please let me know so we can spread the word!***

Please remember that ***everything*** you do for Golden Triangle Republican Women or the Republican Party and our candidates counts! That includes:

- Travel Time to and from meetings/events;
- Paid Hours count, if it is not your primary income.
- Hours spent as Election Judge, Clerk, Poll Watcher, knocking on doors and phone bank calling.
- Work done for campaigns, preparing signs and delivering the signs.
- Hours for elected officials such as State Senators and Representatives, City Council and School Board members.
- And don't forget to count the hours of time you spend out and about in the community, sharing information about our candidates and stances on issues.
- Political candidates may count All campaign hours.
- Republican Party committee work counts, local or state, including any committee meetings and preparation.
- AND ANY time spent researching candidates and casting your vote!

<b>Quarter-Hours</b>	<b>Months Included</b>	<b>Report Hours to GTRW</b>	<b>Report Due to TFRW</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 21,685	January - March	April 10, 2022	April 15, 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 35,703	April - June	July 5, 2022	July 15, 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	July - September	October 10, 2022	October 15, 2022
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	October - December	January 10, 2023	January 15, 2023

**Golden Triangle Republican Women is the LARGEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IN TEXAS AND we work hard to remain first — but we MUST REPORT OUR HOURS!**

Email Linda Nicholas: [nichor@me.com](mailto:nichor@me.com) or Text: 409-720-9558



**So let's aim to WIN  
in the next quarter!**

**TOGETHER  
We Can Do It!**

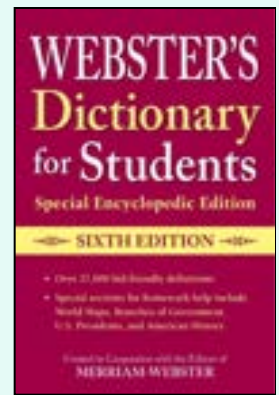
**Linda Nicholas**







**Possessing the ability to read and write is fundamental. It makes learning possible, inevitable and infinite. For this reason, fostering literacy has long been a priority of the National Federation of Republican Women, Texas Federation of Republican Women and Golden Triangle Republican Women, so several literacy programs have been developed to achieve this goal.**



**May 2022 Update:** Buckner's Children and Family Services deals with children who are in the foster care system. Colton Mullins of Buckner's was contacted with the thought of providing books to these children to help them deal with their situation. Mr. Mullins is compiling a list of recommended books for us, most of which can be ordered from Amazon. We hope to complete our efforts on behalf of Buckner's and the foster care children they serve in the fall of 2022.

**July 2022 Update:** On June 8, GTRW's Literacy Committee met with Dr. Shannon Allen, Superintendent of Beaumont Independent School District, and JCRP Chair Joe Evans, who is a member of BISD's Board. Dr. Allen was very interested in our ideas about providing dictionaries for disadvantaged third-grade students and mentioned that all third-grade students and their families could benefit from having a dictionary in the home.

Soon thereafter, we ordered 96 copies of what Webster's calls their "Best-Selling Dictionary for Students." *Webster's Dictionary for Students/Special Encyclopedic Edition* is written for use by third-grade through sixth-grade students and features special sections for homework help including world maps, branches of government, U.S. Presidents and American History.

These 96 dictionaries are ready for distribution and include labels designed, printed and placed by GTRW's Literacy Committee on each owner's page which read:

***This gift is to honor you as a third-grade student and to help you learn the joys of reading.***

***Compliments of:***

***Golden Triangle Republican Women***

One GTRW member's very generous donation of \$5,000 has now expanded our program **to provide a dictionary for EVERY third-grade student in BISD** — approximately 1,100 students for the school year beginning August 2022. We are waiting for the additional books to arrive and have also ordered U.S. flag stickers to be included along with the labels mentioned above.



We hope to have Dr. Allen attend our September 2022 monthly meeting when we plan to present her with a box of dictionaries. A September celebration at BISD is also planned when we will deliver the remaining books to the school district.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Joy Crenshaw & Geraldine Lapham  
Literacy Committee Chairs***





Memorial Day is a very important National Holiday. It is the day we honor those who *died* in active military service throughout United States history. It is observed on the last Monday of May of every year and is not to be confused with Veterans' Day, which celebrates the service of United States military men — *veterans* who served in previous wars and are still living.



Recognition of Memorial Day as a large observance began three years after the Civil War in 1868, when the head of an organization of Union veterans established "*Decoration Day*" as a time for the nation to *decorate with flowers* the graves of those who had died in service. Major General John A. Logan declared it should be May 30, believed to have been chosen because flowers would be blooming across the country.



General Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance . . . Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."



On that first Memorial Day, May 30, 1868, ceremonies were held at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., where approximately 5,000 people attended. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave.



Ceremonies that day in 1868 also centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of General Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided; and following the speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. However, it was not until after World War I that the

day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

Fast forward to Memorial Day, May 30, 1922, where it is probably no coincidence that the completed Lincoln Memorial, whose cornerstone was set in 1915, was dedicated before a gathering of more than 50,000 people, black and white. Lincoln's only surviving son, Robert Todd Lincoln, attended the ceremony.

President Warren G. Harding and former President/then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William Howard Taft delivered addresses.

Memorial Day was finally declared a national holiday by Congress in 1971 and was then designated as the last Monday in May, which in 2022 is the 30th of May!

**How many soldiers do we memorialize each year on Memorial Day?** FAR TOO MANY gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let us enumerate some of our nation's wars:

- 1 - French & Indian War 1756-1763
- 2 - American Revolutionary War 1775-1783
- 3 - War of 1812
- 4 - Civil War 1861-1865
- 5 - Spanish-American War 1898
- 6 - World War I 1917-1918
- 7 - World War II 1941-1945
- 8 - Korean War 1950-1953
- 9 - Vietnam War 1962-1973
- 10 - Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm 1990-1992
- 11 - Global War on Terrorism/Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) 2001- 2021
- 12 - Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2011
- 13 - Multiple operations and conflicts today

Yes, too many gave too much!

Words cannot express the debt we owe these men and women. Our entire nation owes our freedom to these fallen heroes. We ARE the **Land of the Free** BECAUSE of soldiers.

On Memorial Day, Fellow Patriots, let us pay respect to those who didn't make it home. We cannot forget that freedom is NEVER free! Someone always pays the ultimate price.

This year, AND EVERY YEAR, please encourage your families — particularly our children — to actively participate in **honoring our fallen on Memorial Day, May 30.**



**GOLDEN TRIANGLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
AMERICANISM - NO. 11**







We need volunteers who are willing to be substitute Election Judges for the May 24th Runoff Elections, Early Voting for which will be held Monday through Friday, May 16 - May 20, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If any Judge has an emergency, we need someone who is already trained to take his place.

If you are available to help in this manner, at your very earliest convenience, please contact Troy Gideon at [tgideoniii@gmail.com](mailto:tgideoniii@gmail.com) or 409-656-5585.

We also need MORE POLL WATCHERS at all locations for these upcoming Runoff Elections. It is imperative that Poll Watchers be VISIBLE so our opponents will not take advantage of any lack of oversight.



Participation in Naturalization Ceremony @ Federal Courthouse  
Beaumont, TX May 18, 2022



## GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN AMERICANISM



*Are You a Community Volunteer?*

*If you currently volunteer in any capacity in your community,*

**PLEASE CONTACT**

*GTRW's Americanism Chair  
Ann Jones at 409-291-3990*

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
AMERICANISM - NO. 3  
COMMUNITY SERVICE**



Supporting ES&S voting machines at Jefferson  
County Commissioners Court.

With Raphael Cruz, father of U.S.  
Senator Ted Cruz, at RPT State Convention!  
Meet & Greet for U.S. Senator John Kennedy  
of Louisiana.







## GTRW Goes to ...

**WHAT:** Setting out U.S. Flags for Memorial Day

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 28 — 9:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** FOREST LAWN CEMETERY - Beaumont Veterans Wall - 4955 Pine Street

**WHY:** To place U.S. flags at Forest Lawn's SETX Veterans' Memorial Garden in advance of Memorial Day

**HOW:** Wear your GTRW shirts or our Flag's Colors - Red White & Blue!  
Invite your children/grandchildren and any company you may be hosting to attend this unique experience with you!

**CONTACT:** Ann Jones @ 409-291-3990  
to let her know you will participate

Forest Lawn Memorial Garden - May 28



**GOLDEN TRIANGLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
AMERICANISM - NO. 3**





On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, passed the first Flag Resolution, officially adopting the Stars and Stripes as our national flag. The resolution states:



***Resolved: That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.***

Because of this resolution, June 14th is celebrated as FLAG DAY. Although Congress did not dictate why red, white and blue were chosen for the flag, Secretary of the Continental Congress Charles Thompson wrote a detailed summary of work done in creating a National Seal, which states:

***The colors ... are those used in the flag of the United States of America: White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardiness & valour, and Blue . . . signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice.***

In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

In 1916, 139 years after the Continental Congress proclamation, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as a nationwide observance of Flag Day. Since then, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in many ways — displaying the flag in the front of their homes, parades and other patriotic observances.

On August 3, 1949, President Harry Truman officially declared June 14 of each year as National FLAG DAY. The legislation called upon the president to issue a FLAG DAY proclamation every year, so it is not a federal holiday.

While the U.S. government has encouraged citizens to display Old Glory outside of our homes and businesses, we need to “lead the pack” in celebrating FLAG DAY!

**So, here are a few interesting facts for you to share about Old Glory:**

1 - Some historians believe Betsy Ross (Elizabeth Griscom Ross), an upholsterer who repaired tents and uniforms during the Revolutionary War, sewed and helped design the Stars and Stripes. She often told her children and friends of the visit in May 1776, when three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress came to call upon her. Those representatives, George

Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, asked her to sew the first flag. George Washington was then head of the Continental Army. Betsy knew George Ross as she had married his nephew and Robert Morris was perhaps the wealthiest citizen in the Colonies. Betsy was well acquainted

with the great General Washington — her pew at church was next to that of George and Martha Washington. Betsy’s daughter recalled that “Washington had often been in her house in friendly visits, as well as on business; that she had embroidered ruffles for his shirt bosoms and cuffs, and that it was partly owing to his friendship for her that she was chosen to make the flag.”

According to Betsy, General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. But Betsy demonstrated how to cut a five-pointed star in a single snip and got the nod. According to her sequence of events, she finished the flag in either late May or early June 1776. In July, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud for the first time at Independence Hall, heralding the birth of a new nation.

2 - In 1958, news of Alaska becoming a state had spread. Designers began reconfiguring the flag to insert a 49th star and a 17-year-old Ohio high school student named Bob Heft came up with a different idea. Using his mother’s sewing machine, he reconstructed his family’s 48-star flag by patterning 50 stars upon his newly designed flag. Bob turned it in as a history class project, telling his teacher he thought Hawaii would achieve statehood, too, but he received a B-minus for his grade!

Thereafter, Bob sent his flag to his congressman, who submitted it to then President Eisenhower. After Alaska and Hawaii were admitted as states, he received a call at work one day — from President Eisenhower. He was invited to Washington and, on July 4, 1960, Bob Heft stood beside President Eisenhower as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time.

3 - Another interesting fact about Old Glory is that draping a coffin with the American Flag is not reserved for military men, veterans and U.S. government officials. Anyone may utilize this tradition to honor those who have passed on!

***Take time to teach our children about FLAG DAY and make EVERY day FLAG DAY by flying the Stars and Stripes daily!***

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### FLAG DAY PROGRAM

Flag Bearers - Harold Mills & Charlotte Case  
 Cadence Drummer for March - Carter Neild  
 Prayer - Emily Neild  
 U.S. and Texas Pledges - Cole Neild  
 Flag Protocol/Etiquette - Taylor Neild, Jr.  
 National Anthem - Laurel Mills  
 Trumpeter - Gail Labath - You're a Grand  
 Old Flag



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**AMERICANISM FLAG DAY SHOWCASE - June 6, 2022**  
*Opening Prayer by Emily Neild*

Dear God,

We come to you and thank you for all of the many blessings you have given us and for allowing us to meet today.

We ask, Lord, that you continue to keep Your Hand of Protection on our nation and that you provide the leaders with the wisdom and integrity to make the right decisions.

Lord, I pray that you protect our world from the division that challenges our ability to live lives pleasing to you. Lord, I pray for our safety as a country, as well.

Please give us the strength, Heavenly Father, to continue to protect our flag and fight to make our generation better than the last.

I pray that our nation would turn to you for your wisdom and strength in all decisions made.

In Your Name we pray, AMEN!



**Oh, say,  
does that  
star-spangled  
banner  
yet wave —  
O'er the land  
of the free  
and the  
home of the  
brave?**





June 22, 2022 - Every day is a battle in Washington, D.C. From the outside, our beautiful Capital is still a *beacon of freedom*. But on the inside of the buildings — in every branch of government and within every agency, it is a WAR ZONE — ***a cultural war for the heart and soul of America.***

What we are witnessing is a full battle assault on our Constitution, which is precisely what we need to follow in order to recover the “Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.” The great achievement of America — for the first time in human history — **that we are *not constrained by the circumstances of our birth or the sins or merits of our parents*** is a distinction that makes America and Americans exceptional — bound together by a commitment to rights and principles granted by God.

It is intentional that in the last decades we have lost the sense of what that means. We have forgotten (or not been taught) that American citizenship in the fullest sense involves active participation of citizens in the government — as officeholders, jurors, citizen-soldiers, election workers, delegates to state conventions and informed members of organizations like GTRW. You are American citizens in the fullest sense. You understand that it is our role and responsibility to sustain these rights. And the last two years of crises have opened the eyes of a great many more people to that responsibility.

Think about this: The debacle of Afghanistan was less than a year ago; and more debacles, tragedies and disasters in these last 10 months have our heads spinning. I want to caution you **not to be overwhelmed** by the bad news and to be careful **not to be distracted** by the ever-changing moral panics. Every crisis is an opportunity for those we diametrically oppose to take away more of our freedom. They are loud and they are clever, and

sometimes their proposals even sound reasonable, but ***THEY LIE.***

The good news is that we know they lie, and we now know that they have been lying to us for a very long time. The institutional and academia elite and their mouthpiece media are panicked because we are recovering the spirit and the understanding that produced the American Revolution. **We are standing up against this overwhelming monstrosity of a government in order to bring it back to where it belongs — *under the control of the people.*** And I want you to know, as I serve with other representatives from all over the country, that more signs of our movement are emerging every day in every state.

I am so inspired to know that the members of GTRW have the courage to fight for the right to participate in our government, the right to raise our children, and the right to look to God and not to a ruling class for guidance, and the courage and understanding to take action. Our beloved America and everything for which she stands is at stake.

The last two years have been a disaster, but also a revelation of opportunity. It is my hope and belief that we will be joined by many other Americans this November who will go to the polls in a great red wave. This election, itself, will do more than test the integrity of the American electoral process. ***This election will open the door to a future of resolve and commitment by more citizens like you who will NOT take our freedoms for granted.*** I look forward to meeting with you in person soon.



Since 2015, U.S. Congressman Brian Babin has represented the 36th Congressional District of Texas, which includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler counties, as well as portions of southeastern Harris County. He holds a key leadership role in the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, serving as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics. Brian served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Germany and upon his return to Texas served as Woodville’s Mayor, City Councilman and as a Woodville ISD School Board member and other civic roles with the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, Lower Neches Valley Authority, Texas Historical Commission, Board of Dental Examiners and Deep East Texas Council of Governments.





*You're a grand old flag  
 You're a high-flying flag  
 And forever in peace  
 may you wave  
 You're the emblem of  
 The land I love  
 The home of the free and  
 the brave*

*Ev'ry heart beats true  
 Under red, white and blue  
 Where there's never a boast  
 or brag  
 But should old acquaintance  
 be forgot  
 Keep your eye on the grand  
 old flag!*

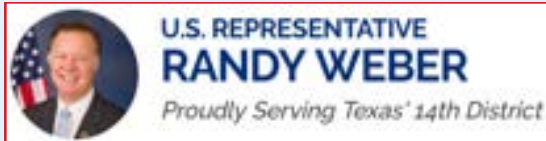








**TED CRUZ**  
U.S. SENATOR FOR TEXAS



### Senator Ted Cruz and U.S. Rep. Randy Weber Introduce Bill to Boost School Safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) introduced legislation to enhance school safety and prevent school-based violence. Sen. Cruz's bill is the Senate companion to legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. Randy Weber (R-Texas). The Cruz-Weber legislation would allow schools to use unspent previously appropriated Federal COVID-19 education-related funding to improve school security. This bill is cosponsored by Sen. Lankford (R-Okla.).

About the "Protect Our Children's Schools Act," Sen. Cruz said:

"Far too many atrocities have been committed at schools in Texas and across our nation. Increasing school safety is of paramount importance. The excess and unused monies given to schools to address the coronavirus should be used to keep our kids safe from monsters in their communities, and our bill would make sure local schools can use these funds to address their specific security needs. It's teachers and local education officials who know best what their schools need, and how to use funds to keep our kids safe when they go to school."

Rep. Weber said:

"My district knows too well that evil people do evil things, and we know the importance of protecting our children in schools. As we approach a new school year, our children should feel safe and secure when they walk through the doors, and that's why I introduced a common-sense bill to harden schools. I appreciate Senator Cruz introducing the Senate version of the Protect Our Children's Schools Act."

Read the full text of the bill here:

[https://www.cruz.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/protect\\_our\\_childrens\\_schools\\_act.pdf](https://www.cruz.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/protect_our_childrens_schools_act.pdf)



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**Beto O'Rourke: 'Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47'**













### CHINA'S COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP)

- The Chinese Communist Party (known as the CCP) is the current ruling party of China.
- According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the CCP has had a monopoly on power in China since the Mao Zedong-led party defeated nationalist rivals and founded the People's Republic in 1949.
- In 2012, President Xi Jinping consolidated control over the party, ending term limits - path for him to rule indefinitely.
- CCP was founded in 1921 on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, as they were inspired by the Russian Revolution.
- A civil war broke out in China and the Communists gained the victory in 1949.
- The modern Chinese state remains a Leninist system, just like Cuba, North Korea, and Laos.
- The CCP relies on 3 pillars: control of personnel, propaganda, and the People's Liberation Army.























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**Ronald Reagan on GUN CONTROL**

I don't believe that taking guns away from honest people is going to keep the criminals from getting them. There probably are no stricter gun controls in the world than those in Washington, D.C. There are over 20,000 gun-control laws in the United States today. But the fellow that decided to use me for target practice a year ago last March — there he was on the street at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in spite of all those laws against it, and he had a gun.

*Providence-St. Mel High School  
 Chicago Illinois  
 May 10, 1982*

It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun control laws. I happen to know this from personal experience.

The Constitution does not say that government shall decree the right to keep and bear arms. The Constitution says, "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

We've both heard the charge that supporting gun owners rights encourages a violent, shoot-em-up society. But just a minute. Don't they understand that most violent crimes are not committed by decent, law-abiding citizens? They're committed by career criminals. Guns don't make criminals. Hard-core criminals use guns. And locking them up, the hard-core criminals up, and throwing away the key is the best gun-control law we could ever have.

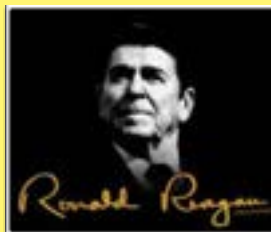
*National Rifle Association  
 May 6, 1983*

You won't get gun control by disarming law abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time.

*"Salute to the President" Dinner  
 Long Beach, California  
 June 30, 1983*

There are those in the world today, as there always have been, who recognize human rights as only selective favors to be doled out by the state. They preach revolution against tyranny, but they intend to replace it with the tyranny of totalitarianism.

*Bicentennial Observance of the Battle of Yorktown  
 Yorktown, Virginia  
 October 19, 1981*



*40th President of  
 the United States  
 1981 ~ 1989*