



## Jan's Journal



This May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will end the first part of our year and we won't meet again until August. Before we adjourn for the summer, we will have journeyed ourselves into a first class political organization. We have spread our services to such diverse causes and activities as campaigning, donating baskets for college-bound foster kids, donating items for silent auctions, collecting coupons for military families overseas, greeting our troops with hugs and home-made cookies, knitting helmet-liners for our troops, hosting a mayoral forum, securing speakers with important messages, encouraging new levels of interaction with our legislators, welcoming many new members, and kicking off our web site. Finally, we will be saluting our veterans.

We've worked hard, and we deserve a rest. But, there is much work to be done. Many Republican seats are up for re-election and the Democrats are licking their lips at the thought of eating them up and taking control of the House, the Senate and The White House. We can't depend on the American people to see through the haze of hatred being spewed at President Bush, hatred that has aligned them with our enemies and given hope to terrorists while demoralizing our troops.

When we re-convene in September, come ready to fight. We must commit ourselves to fight for the Republican Party and its values. The men we are honoring today deserve our very best efforts to keep the America they fought for safe and secure.

Thank you, everyone, for your help, your support and your cooperation. I am proud to serve as your president. Have a great summer.

*Jan Folmar*  
President

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You will receive a notice when it is ready  
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## NRW GENERAL MEETING May 21, 2007



**Time:** 9:30 a.m. Coffee  
10:00 a.m. Meeting  
**Place:** Fretz Park  
**Hostesses:** Ruth Gibson, Nelda Neale and Franne Jackson  
**Topic:** Readiness and the Reserve Component  
**Speaker:** Col. Mike Thatcher



Colonel James M. (Mike) Thatcher assumed command of 71st Troop Command on January 8, 2005. The Command consists of 5 battalions, and 7 separate companies and detachments providing Corps and Theatre level combat support and combat service support forces worldwide. It's current strength is approximately 2600 Texas Army National Guard soldiers.

COL Thatcher received a regular army commission from Texas A&M University in 1982. After completing the Armor Officer Basic Course, he was assigned as an M-1 tank platoon leader, Scout Platoon Leader, S-3 Air, and Liaison Officer with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 69th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division located in Aschaffenburg, West Germany. COL Thatcher left active duty in 1987 and joined the Texas Army National Guard.

He has been assigned to several organizations in the Texas Army National Guard including; 5-112 Armor, 2-112 Armor, 3-112 Armor, 49th Armored Division, and the 36th Infantry Division. Additionally, he served in various command and staff positions including, Company Commander, Battalion Motor Officer, Battalion S-3, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Commander - Division Rear Operations Center, and Brigade Executive Officer.

COL Thatcher earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, 1983; Infantry Mortar Platoon Course, 1983; Armor Officer Advanced Course, 1992; and the Command and General Staff Officer Course, 1997. His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Parachute Badge.

He currently resides in Plano, Texas with his wife Michele and two children, Alex and Josh. Throughout his civilian career he has been employed in the computer services industry in sales leadership roles in EDS, McKesson Corporation, and Perot Systems.

## NRW Investigates. . . Conservative vs Liberal. What's the difference?



Recently, a list of differences between the Democrats and the Republicans was read at an NRW General Meeting. To add the underlying premises that promote those differences, here is a summary of the literature that can be found on the Internet sites Conservative Central and Classical Liberalism.

**“One of the great choices in life is between conservatism and liberalism.** It’s not just about politics, but about the way we see the world and the values we hold,” says Mark Richardson in his article *Conservative vs Liberalism*.

**Conservatives recognize that human beings are born into a culture, an ethnic group, a nation, and a gender.** They believe that all human beings are born with a flawed nature and must be taught right from wrong. They believe that individuals are responsible for their own behavior and its consequences. And, they believe in a set of values making them more apt to be religious and favor group identities.

**Liberals, however, believe that human beings are born with a clean slate and a free will to choose all aspects of self.** That belief includes choosing your culture, your ethnic group, your nationality and your gender. Further, they believe that all human beings are born basically good and that society is the cause of bad behavior. Therefore, government must intervene to change society. They are more apt to favor globalism as an answer to this fulfillment of their vision for the individual.

**Because liberals believe that the rights of the individual are more important than the rights of society,** they must denounce nationalism, embrace open borders, espouse gender sameness, blur family roles, claim many forms of family, denounce moral judgments, reject the concept of good and bad, and equate tolerance with unqualified acceptance. The liberal sees anything that limits our ability to choose our own individual identity as negative and oppressive and so seeks to deconstruct traditional styles, values and moral codes. Conservatives want to “conserve” the guidance and experience of tradition.

**These liberal beliefs are held most dearly** by our government employees, our teachers, our universities, the mainstream media, Hollywood, the British Labor Party and the American Democrats.

**Conservatism is often equated with the establishment,** but, in fact, liberalism is more dominant in western cultures. It is their refusal to make any judgment on any act or individual that places western cultures in danger of being hijacked by an even more determined culture, one step at a time.

**Democrats will say that these ideologies belong to the radical fringe.** But, listen carefully and you’ll hear the mainstreaming of Liberalism, one step at a time.

*Carolee Blumin*, Editor

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### THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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**Recognizing that today’s young people will be the local, state and national leaders of tomorrow,** Northwood Republican Women (NRW) encourages the development of young women by awarding or contributing to scholarships at the local, state and national levels. One NRW scholarship of \$500.00 is presented locally to a deserving young woman either entering or continuing college. The selected recipient is asked to attend the August meeting to be introduced and to receive her check.

**In addition,** our local club contributes toward scholarships and internships at the state and national levels as follows:

**The Texas Federation of Republic Women (TFRW)** biennially (every two years) awards a scholarship to a student who plans to serve the Republican philosophy.

**The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)** awards the National Pathfinder Scholarships annually in honor of First Lady Nancy Reagan.

**The NFRW also awards three annual Betty Rendel Scholarships** to under-graduates in honor of the outstanding service and dedication of Past President Betty Rendel.

**The Dorothy Andrews Kabis Memorial Internship** honors a former president of NFRQW who later became U. S. Treasurer under President Richard Nixon. This internship allows the recipient to spend part of a summer working at the national headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

#### Quote without comment

“We need a spirit of community, a sense that we are all in this together. If we have no sense of community, the American dream will wither.” Bill Clinton as President



# Legislative Issues



Compiled by Nelda Neale, Legislative Chair (972) 732-0075

**Remember, you have to let your legislators know if you want them to vote your way!**

Nelda Neale

**Wow! These final days of the 80th Legislative Session in Texas** have been probably the busiest in memory! The Dems blocked any bill to come out of committee until March. The 5,000 bills must go to committee, get out, get voted on, be passed by both houses, then the governor must decide whether he will veto or sign. Of course, only a small fraction ever make it that far, but these next two weeks should be a whirlwind. Aside from media sources, we are indebted to Senators Florence Shapiro and John Carona for much help. Following are few points out of many legislative issues. We tried to highlight those of interest to NRW.

## UNITED STATES

**Of course, the big news is that President Bush had to veto the Democrats' bill** that would have the troops begin leaving Iraq by Oct. 1. Senate Majority leader Harry Reid actually said the war is lost. Never has a war-time senator so comforted the enemy.

## TEXAS

**Transportation:** We can pat ourselves on the back! Rep. Goolsby's bill 107 got out of committee and is waiting for a calendar date. This concerns lowering the Dart rail below street in North Dallas.

**Governor Perry is unhappy** about the toll road two-year moratorium bill (HB 1892) put on his desk. Both chambers overwhelmingly passed it to thwart the Texas Department of Transportation from allowing private companies to build and run certain toll roads for 50 years.

**Rep. Fred Hill of Richardson and Sen. Carona** have each authored a bill which would allow voters in cities without DART-like rail to add as much as a penny on the sales tax and build a transit system that will connect with other city rail systems. A poll says that 78% of the regions voters are willing to do this to increase rail.

**Education:** The House has passed the bill creating the Law School of N. T. U. in downtown Dallas. This will probably pass the Senate and get signed. The Senate unanimously passed Senator Shapiro's bill (SB 1031) phasing out the TAKS test for the upper grades and replacing it with end of course exams. The Senate also passed limits (SB 101) on the rule that the top 10% in any high school graduating class could be admitted to any state college. Currently 71% of the freshmen at U.T. were accepted under this rule. SB1031 would limit this type of admission to 50%.

**Homeland Security:** Senator Carona's bill (SB11) focuses on preventing attacks by terrorists and other criminals. HB 13 would create The Texas Border Security Council and would place the Texas Data Exchange under the control of the Texas Rangers.

**Voting Requirements:** To prevent voter fraud, two bills are proposed: HB 218 would require a photo I.D. to vote and HB 626 would require proof of citizenship. **Call or e-mail our list in the NRW Directory to express your desires on these bills.**

## DALLAS

**You may be asked to sign a petition** in support of Dallas Councilwoman Angela Hunt's wish to stop the expanded Trinity River Project. If she gets enough signatures, it will be a referendum on the November ballot. The project would include a toll road to speed traffic but still include lakes, parks and many other improvements. Originally in 1998 we voted \$126 million for this, but now other agencies are expected to contribute more than \$1 billion. If we dally, we could lose our federal funding to other cities. Senator Kay Hutchison, U.S. Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson and Pete Sessions have been working hard for this.

## Proposed Amendments to 2006 NRW Bylaws

To remove Corresponding Secretary as an Officer.

**Article V Section 1 a.** The elected officers shall be a President, President-elect, First Vice-President, First Vice President-elect, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Recording Secretary, ~~Corresponding Secretary~~, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

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To add Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter and Telephone to elected Standing Committee Chairmen

**Article V, Section 1 b** The elected Standing Committee Chairmen shall be Corresponding Secretary, Fund Raising, Hospitality, Legislative, Newsletter, Public Relations, Special Events, and Telephone.

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To change the election of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen from November to October and date of installation to prior to January 1.

**Article V, Section 1 c.** The Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen shall be elected at the November ~~October~~ meeting and shall be installed ~~at the December meeting for a term of one (1) year~~ prior to January 1. They shall serve for a term of one (1) year to begin January 1.

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To change the month for election by the Executive Board of three members and two alternates of the Nominating Committee from September to August.

**Article V, Section 2 a** The Nominating Committee shall consist of one member appointed by the President, one member elected by the Executive Board, three members and two alternates elected by the members present at the ~~September~~ August meeting. The Nominating Committee shall elect the committee chairman from one of its own.

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Add the Standing Committee Chairmen to the slate submitted and changes the month for submitting slate to coincide with the month the election occurs.

**Article V, Section 2 b** The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen at the ~~November~~ October meeting with prior consent of the nominees. The recommended slate of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen shall be listed in the ~~November~~ October newsletter.

To correct wording (vested vs. invested) and assign management responsibility to the Executive Board (since there is no Board of Directors).

**Article VI, Section 1** Board The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers, elected Standing Committee Chairmen, apointed chairmen, and immediate Past President and/or Parliamentarian, all of whom shall be registered voters. Management of this organization shall be ~~invested~~ vested in the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board and they it shall have the authority to transact any necessary business between meetings, to make recommendations as to the policies of the organization and to advise the President.

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To add Newsletter and Telephone Chairman as elected Standing Committee Chairmen and assign responsibilities to their positions. To move Corresponding Secretary from the position of Elected Officer to Elected Standing Committee Chairman and redefine its responsibility by removing Newsletter responsibility. Section numbering revised to comply with changes.

Section ~~9~~ – Corresponding Secretary

- a. ~~To be responsible for publishing and mailing the newsletter.~~
- a. To carry on any necessary correspondence.
- b. To serve as Sunshine Chairman.

Section 13 – Newsletter Chairman

To be responsible for editing, publishing and distributing monthly Newsletter.

Section 16 – Telephone Chairman

- a. To communicate a reminder of the monthly membership meetings to each individual member one week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.
- b. To communicate other information to the membership as it arises.

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**NOTICE**

TFRW Bylaws chairman, June Rentmeester, has approved the proposed amendments. They are included as an insert with this newsletter. Please read them and be ready to vote on them at the August 27th general meeting at Gretchen Sampson's home .

**News from our members**

On May 6th, Emily Johnson, granddaughter of Mary McElvany, received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. This is a culmination of twelve years of girl scouting for Emily who is a junior at Richardson High School. Nationwide, less than six percent of eligible girls receive this prestigious award. For the service project to complete this Gold Award, Emily and her friend, Betsy Adams, recruited volunteers and funds for supplies, and organized the re-covering and repair of more than 2,000 library books and videos at Spring Valley Elementary School.

A special thank you to NRW members who helped the girls with this project.

Kit Amos reports that her grandson, Will Amos, is serving in Iraq and that his platoon would welcome packages. II MEF FWD/HQ BN, Truck Co/2nd plt UNIT 73920, FPO-AE 09509-3920

**NRW R&R – Recruit and Recruit**

Brenda Gaustad, Membership Chair, (972) 733-4002

Webster's definition of the word **MEMBER...** One of the individuals composing a group; a constituent part of the whole. In other words, it takes each one of us to make up the NRW group. Together we do make a difference!

Please welcome our new member

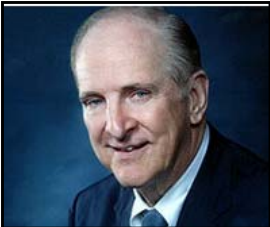
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Ladies, we just need four more new members to reach a Total membership of 200!!!

Membership: 154 active members, 42 associate members



Meet our new members Lanetia Gayden, Shirley Medaris, Gail Shaw and Joanne



Today, U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.-Texas) announced the reintroduction of his legislation to strengthen Social Security by allowing younger workers the choice of keeping their half of Social Security taxes to invest in a personal retirement account. All parties involved in the Social Security debate agree that Social Security will not be changed for seniors or near-retirees.

“For younger generations, Social Security needs fixing and I’ve got a simple solution. Seniors – this isn’t about you. There is money for your retirement. For younger folks – let’s share. Let’s split your 12% in payroll taxes in half... half to the government – half to you. You can keep your half and save it in your own personal retirement account. The other half will go to the government to pay Social Security benefits for near retirees, orphans, widows and the disabled,” said Johnson.

**The Individual Social Security Investment Program Act, H.R. 2002**, will give people born after 1950 the *choice* to divert their share of the payroll tax (6.2 %) into a personal retirement account.

Johnson’s plan hinges on simplicity and uses money that already goes directly into the Social Security system. This is not additional money workers must find, it is the taxes they already pay.

“Those who retire in 2035 should not be forced to live off a system created in 1935. My plan will allow younger folks to build a nest egg rather than build expectations of federal benefits that won’t be there.”

This legislation builds on Johnson’s legacy of reform on what some call the most radio-active issue in Washington – Social Security. Defying the odds and confounding the critics, in 2000 Johnson wrote the bill that ended the unfair tax on seniors’ Social Security benefits just because they opted to remain in the workforce past retirement. The President signed Johnson’s bill into law later that year.

“I’m not afraid to tackle tough issues because I firmly believe that strengthening Social Security for younger generations is right for America,” concluded Johnson.

Friends of Sam Johnson , April 30, 2007 (edited for space)

# Caring for America

## GREET THE TROOPS - MAY 30

We will NEVER give up!! For the second time in a row we were terribly disappointed when our troops were held in Iraq due to mechanical problems on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's not disappoint our heroes!!! Let's give them a special welcome home from the NRWC. Please check on the arrival time by calling the hotline 972-574-0392 after 8:00p.m. May 29<sup>th</sup>. Remember to wear your red, white and blue!

**TRAC - (An Agency for Foster Children)** The Dallas County Council of Republican Women has chosen once again to prepare baskets filled with essentials to help smooth the transition when the students go on to college. Suggested price for baskets and items \$50-\$70. No to food this year. Yes to school supplies, towels, linens, hygiene items, alarm clocks, lamps, radio clocks, stationery, journals, gift cards/certificates and phone cards. OUR DEADLINE for the TRAC BASKETS is MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>.

**LISA LEACH** is collecting gently used books for our Veterans. Please don't forget our heroes. A box will be at the next meeting for your convenience.

Please start collecting the "Box Tops for Education" and mail to the address below.

Dept. of the Air Force  
423 ABS/DPF  
Unit 5585, Box 100  
APO AE 09470



The Club really appreciates all you do to help others. I DO TOO!!!!

Lorna Crocker, (972) 818-2766

## AMERICANISM

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**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service, and was first observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

**While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day** by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it is difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings, each planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead.

**Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years.** However, since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

**To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day** the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec. 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of Remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'



NRW Board Meeting is at Jan Folmar's home on August 13, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

 Northwood Republican Women  
*We do make a difference*  
**Newsletter**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 21 NRW "Salute to Veterans: General Meeting at Fretz Park Library.
- May 31 TRAC Baskets Due
- June 1 NFRW Club Achievement awards form to 'Borah Van Dormolen, TFRW President.
- June 1 NFRW Club Campaign Activities award form due.
- June 1-2 TFRW Exec. Com. & Board of Dir. Meeting.
- June 22-23 RNC Women's Leadership conference in Dallas.
- July 28 TRAC Party
- Aug 13 NRW Board Meeting at Jan Folmar's home
- Aug 27 NRW General Meeting. at Gretchen Sampson's home at 9:30 a.m.
- Sep 27-30 NFRW 33rd Biennial Convention, Palm Springs.
- Nov 9-11 TFRW 26th Biennial Convention, El Paso.