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Laurie's Leanings



In today's 24/7 news-cycle, huge news stories get summed up in small phrases. Here are a few of my favorites!

"Let's roll...." "....pulled from a spider hole...." and now, "Osama sleeps with the fishes!"

Each of these instantly brings it all back to me. Our heroes on United flight 93 - actually the first effective response against Al Qaeda- and it was performed by untrained (but free!) citizens.

Capturing Sadaam. Once the people of his country knew that he was never coming back they turned out in huge numbers to dip their fingers in blue ink and vote for a new country & government of their own.

And now our special forces heroes have out-done themselves. A daring cross-border raid into the midst of the Pakistan military and it's intelligence hub. One reporter referred to Abbottabad as Pakistan's Annapolis, West Point & Langley all rolled into one. They flew in, got the bad guy, and flew out again heavy with intelligence & no casualties except a helicopter. I am getting goosebumps even now just writing about it!

I love America's heroes. And it is fitting to honor them any time, but most definitely in the month of May. Please join me at our Memorial Day Barbecue. We will enjoy a great dinner catered by Dickey's, patriotic music performed by one of our heroic veterans, fellowship with other great American veterans, and hear a fabulous speaker: Major General Jim Williams, USMC.

See you there!

Laurie Schacherer, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DON'T FORGET CANNED GOODS!



Yearbooks are here! Please grab your neighbor's book & save us postage!

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR HOURS!

**This month's meeting will be held at the home of Blair and Erik Petersen:
2224 Bunker Hill Circle, Plano, TX 75075**

Monday, May 23, 2011 starting at 6:30 pm Cost is \$25.00, your check to "NRW" is your reservation! Please mail checks to Joan Lane, 7715 Fallmeadow Lane, Dallas, TX 75248

Our Special Guest Speaker:

Major General James L. Williams – USMC

Major General James L. Williams recently retired as the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Division, the largest infantry division in the U.S. military, consisting of nearly 22,000 Marines, Sailors, and civilians. Previously, he was Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Marine Division (2006-2007), and Deputy Commanding General (Mobilization), Marine Corps Combat Development Command (2005-2006). As the Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division at Camp Blue Diamond, Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, Major General Williams directed combat operations and was directly responsible for the sensitive negotiations with insurgents and terrorist groups to get them to stop fighting and cooperate with the building of Iraq.

In the civilian business and corporate world, Major General Williams held positions as Chief Operating Officer in Kentucky and Texas with Humana, EPIC Healthcare, and HealthTrust; assisted Ross Perot in starting operations in development of corporate information systems for healthcare organizations at Perot Systems as a Principle Associate; was the Chief Information Officer for EmCare, the largest emergency physician management company in the U.S., and Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer for software company Emergisoft; and was President, Strategic Alliances for software security company bTrade, Inc. In addition, Major General Williams has been responsible for international engineering development for classified systems for various defense contractors and has worked in international global trade consulting roles for numerous multi-national corporations doing business with China, Vietnam, the Western Pacific region, the Middle East, Africa, and Central and South America. He is deeply involved in local, national, and global political issues as well. He is a member of a number of professional associations in academics, technology, military affairs, world trade, and global business forums.

Legislative Update: By Shelby Boyuls

There has been some confusing information circulating, primarily via email, about what is and is not included in the Obama Health Care Bill -- specifically regarding a 3.8% "sales tax" on home sales. Some of our Northwood members are considering downsizing as they become "empty nesters," or perhaps are considering selling properties they have been using as income. Those members may be asking themselves, "am I going to be taxed when I sale my home?"; "how is this tax going to affect me and my family?"

Well, here's the skinny on what the bill says and how it will affect us:

- * The new tax on investment income will go into effect in 2013 and will affect approximately the top 2% of wage-earning families.
- * The 3.8 percent tax is primarily a tax on **investment** income for the "wealthy." "Wealthy" includes any single person making more than \$200,000 per year or a married couple making more than \$250,000 per year. If you sell an investment property you will be taxed on the profit you make if your income is at or above these amounts.
- *For those looking to downsize from their **primary** home, the tax would affect you only if you cleared -- i.e., profited -- more than \$250,000 as a single person or \$500,000 as a married couple. The 3.8% tax would apply to any profit above the \$250,000/\$500,000 limits. Remember, the tax applies only if you earn \$200,000 as an individual or \$250,000 as a married couple.

"So there you have it. The sort of people who would have to pay the tax might include, for example:

- A single executive making \$210,000 a year who sells his \$300,000 ski condo for a \$50,000 profit. His tax on the sale of that vacation home would amount to \$1,900, in addition to the capital gains tax he would have paid anyway.
- An "empty nester" couple with combined income of over \$250,000 a year who sell their \$1 million primary residence to move to smaller quarters. If they cleared \$600,000 on the sale, they would be taxed on \$100,000 of the profit (the amount over the half-million-dollar exclusion). Their health care tax on the sale would amount to \$3,800 over and above the usual capital gains levy."

<http://www.factcheck.org/2010/04/a-38-percent-sales-tax-on-your-home/>

Obamacare is full of many new taxes that unfortunately will affect us all. This tax, however, affects only high-wage earners looking to sell a second home or investment property, or those ready to downsize from their primary residence if they clear a large profit on the sale. For a more detailed explanation feel free to take a look at these sites:

<http://www.factcheck.org/2010/04/a-38-percent-sales-tax-on-your-home/>

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2011/feb/01/3-8-percent-sales-tax-real-estate-health-care/>



Calendar of Events

May 11	GOTV phone bank at Natinsky HQ
May 12-13	TFRW Board Meeting
May 14	Local Elections in Dallas County, polls open 7 AM to 7 PM. Voting locations: www.dalcoelections.org
Aug. 4-5	TFRW Board Meeting
Aug. 8	NRW Board Meeting
Aug. 22	NRW General Meeting
Nov. 16-20	TFRW Convention – Ft. Worth

“Psalm 91” and Borah Van Dormolen by Delma Hendrix

At the Natinsky’s backyard barbecue honoring our vets, I became acquainted with our speaker Deborah “Borah” Van Dormolen. Her credentials are stellar: Past President of Texas Federation of Republican Women, National Committee Woman for Texas and on the Republican National Committee.

We spoke about her busy life...living in central Texas (Salado) and traveling constantly within the state...to help with Republican Clubs and causes. Her energy is amazing! I told her of my daughter Shannon, whose son is a Naval pilot and how is she very involved in the ‘Blue Star Mothers’ Organization’ in Houston where she lives. One of the focuses of that club is to mail monthly packages to our servicemen. She immediately went to her things and brought back 10 copies of “Psalm 91”..the small military edition size to fit into the pocket of a pair of fatigues. She suggested they might like to include them in the care packages. I sent them on to Shannon who was thrilled, as was the whole Club! She called back asking where they could get more...Borah stepped up to this need! An anonymous donor supplies them, free of charge, by the caseload to her. With that in mind, Borah met Shannon and me in Houston and gave her 80 more copies, saying, “Call me for more when needed”

Psalm 91 is the military edition of comfort that explains the ultimate umbrella of God’s protection for our deployed soldiers. Its timely message has sustained America’s troops in times of conflict through the ages! A much appreciated ‘thanks’ to our leader, Borah, for so quickly and willingly filling this need.



OUR AMERICAN VETERANS

A "veteran" in America is a person who, at one time in his or her life, has written a blank check to the United States payable in any amount up to and including his or her life.

Throughout history, nations have honored their veterans, both in celebration (such as the Roman "triumphs") and in memory of their sacrifice (such as the 300 Spartans). Both are expressions of a nations "thanks" and honor.

In the United States, President Lincoln in 1865 called for the country to care for those who have "borne the battle", as well as his widows and his orphans. But the first official recognition was Armistice Day, a new legal holiday on November 11 to honor World War I veterans. In 1954 the name was changed to "Veterans Day" to honor American Veterans of all wars on November 11.

Our Veterans Day is one of celebration and thanks to men and women who have served our country. In contrast, our Memorial Day is a somber remembrance of those who have died or become disabled in service to their country.

Today, our military services are composed entirely of "volunteers" who have written the "blank check" to their country, and we should honor them throughout the year at every opportunity.

Betty Doke
Americanism Chairperson

SPECIAL EVENTS

On May 17, 7 PM, Dallas County Republican Party Executive Committee will hold a special election to determine the next Chairman of the DCRP. Fellowship Dallas, 9330 North Central Expwy, Dallas, TX 75231. Contact: Kim Locus, 214-369-9555. Candidates are Debbie Georgatos and Wade Emmert.

May 25, 11 AM Meet and Greet, 11:30 – 1 Luncheon and Program, Preston West Republican Women Annual Luncheon and Fundraiser, Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green, Farmers Branch. Speaker: Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri. Contact: Beverly Wagner, Beverly66@verizon.net, 972-418-9395.

August 6, Third Annual District 112 Senior Awareness Day. Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho, Richardson (west of 75). 972-234-8980. Special guest, entertainment, door prizes, refreshments, exhibitors. Free.

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