



September 2021



President's Message by Pauline Bruno



On the 20th anniversary of 9/11

On September 11, 2021, we mark the passage of two decades since the day that changed our lives forever.

Just like you and millions of others, I watched the events of that horrific day on television. I was confused, angry and very upset. The ache in my heart was unbearable. How could anyone do this to my country? To my people?

But what happened? After 20 years of fighting, the same men who participated in killing over 3,000 of our fellow Americans on September 11 are now the leaders of Afghanistan. Where is *our* leadership? What do we say when we meet the families of those soldiers who gave everything they had in Afghanistan? What exactly did they die for? What exactly were they maimed for?

The Taliban are now using our military weapons, our airport, our EVERYTHING against us. We take orders from them as the entire world laughs at us. The U.S. walks out and leaves our people there with no protection? No way to get to the airport? Our own allies are furious with our behavior. We abandoned them also. What is China's role in this? Dear God, who is running our country?

This is a failure of leadership - not just Biden's, but all who believe in (or surrender to) the uber-liberal agenda. It is time to oust these people from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh. It is time to take power out of the hands of the Obamas, the Bidens, the Clintons, the Coopers and every one of their mentality. We will NOT let them do as they please. We will not let them win!

IT IS TIME TO WORK – REALLY WORK! It is time to redouble every effort. Let us honor September 11th. But let us also get our inspiration from it.

God bless our soldiers, veterans, police, firefighters and first responders.

Pauline

Action item: Express your outrage



Call and write the White House, Senators Burr and Tillis, and Congressmen Bishop and Hudson. Tell them to get the Americans and Afghan allies and their families safely out of Afghanistan.

Tell our representatives to urge their colleagues to focus squarely on this catastrophe. They should be on TV and social media loudly and forcefully urging the Biden administration to do what's right. Don't stand passively by and watch the disaster unfold.

Also: No work should be done on anything else. Stop work on \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and \$3.5 trillion budget bill.

Your impact on recent School Board decisions



Thank you to everyone who wrote and/or signed letters and petitions to the School Board, attended the rally on August 9 before the School Board meeting, and otherwise influenced the decisions being made by the Board. Following are the results, which were mixed but definitely leaned in our favor:

Masks - they punted. The board voted 4-3 to require masks until September 30, when the decision will be revisited. NOW is the time to let them know how we feel about this!

Sale of land to the Southern Pines Land Trust - a VICTORY! The board voted 4-3 in favor of selling 12 acres of land formerly occupied by Southern Pines Primary School to the highest commercial bidder, which will result in significant new funding to repair aging school infrastructure across the county. The motion also approved the sale of five acres of the parcel to the Land Trust at a price of \$300,000, as long as the Trust accepts the offer within seven (7) days. The Trust has since done so.

September 8 Luncheon is sold out



As expected, the September luncheon featuring Clare Lopez, Middle East expert, is sold out. No more reservations are being accepted.

Collection: Bring in personal hygiene items and snacks, and we will fill the shelves in the Dayroom at the Army National Guard Armory in Southern Pines!

And NEW: Please donate a **sleeve of golf balls**, to be given as prizes for a charity golf tournament benefiting the Linden Lodge, a residence for six residents who have severe and persistent mental illness.

Cocktails with Clare, evening of Sept. 7



Because of the popularity and value of Clare Lopez's appearance at our Luncheon, we have arranged another opportunity to meet Clare in a smaller-group setting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
The Market Place Restaurant
246 Olmsted Boulevard
Pinehurst, NC

Cost: \$20.00 - Pay at the door
Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar (wine and beer)

Register now

MRW Board of Directors elections by Kay Wildt

Per our bylaws, every two years we elect new officers to lead our club. Those officers are President, 1st Vice President (Programs), 2nd Vice President (Membership),

A Nominating Committee of five members will take on the responsibility of finding women willing to run for office. To be eligible, you must be a regular member for one year prior to November 2021.

At the August board meeting, two members of the board were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. They are Lisa Sheridan and Sandi Carl. In September at our luncheon, three members will be elected from the general membership to complete the five-member Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will meet and develop a slate of candidates willing to run for office. Any eligible member of MRW is welcome to run for office and may contact the Nominating Committee once it is established.

At October's meeting, the Nominating Committee will present its slate to the entire membership. Our bylaws permit nominations from the floor at the October meeting in addition to those on the slate. The election will take place at November's meeting.

Be assured that the current board members always help and support the new board because we love our club and want it to remain successful. We pray that good women will agree to take on leadership of MRW.

Membership Update by Mariann Benway

Luncheon fundraising results

- **Ways and Means** - \$46. Thanks to Sandy Fowler for selling our jewelry.
- **Split the Pot** - \$130. Pilar Page won \$65; thanks to Katrin Franklin for selling tickets.
- **Basket Raffle** - a record \$600! The beautiful basket was won by Karmen Harris, guest of Katrin Franklin. Special appreciation to Charles and Diane Authement for this exquisite basket which broke MRW records for fundraising!

Congratulations to two MRW members!



Our own young member, high-schooler **Emily Carson**, recently received the 4-H Gold Ambassador Award. She was one of three recipients of this state-level award which was presented at the 2021 NC State 4-H Congress virtual event.

What a great honor - the result of over 100 hours of workshops and training, plus 35+ hours of service work - all designed to empower 4-H teens with the knowledge, skills and aspirations to be effective advocates for 4-H Youth Development. Congratulations, Emily!



Congratulations to our own **Laura Morgan**, a proud member of Moore Republican Women, who was recently crowned the national Ms. Senior America Queen. This is the first time North Carolina has won the crown in the 42 years of the pageant.

The Senior America Pageant is designed to encourage seniors to be active and involved in the community, and to promote the dignity and value of America's seniors. Congratulations, beautiful and talented lady!

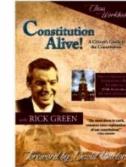
U.S. Constitution course Tues. nights at HQ

Do you know your rights? Are you able to defend freedom? How can you secure liberties?



Attend a FREE course on the U.S. Constitution starting Tuesday, August 24.

- Location: Central Park Ave, Suite E Pinehurst.
- Time: 6-8pm (doors open at 5:30).
- Cost: Free. Optional purchase of workbook \$15
- Every Tuesday for 10 weeks.
- All are encouraged to attend. Ages 10-110



We encourage the participation of all elected and appointed county officials and those running for office. This is a non-partisan educational event. The GOP donated the space.

Don't make excuses, make plans.

Just getting off work and need to eat? There are many places to get food. Cannot attend all 10 weeks? Come when you can. Come once or all 10 times. Materials will be provided for the weeks you cannot be there in person.

RIP Deputy Eric Ritter



We all mourn the death of Moore County Sheriff's Deputy, Eric Ritter, who passed away after complications from COVID.

Deputy Ritter was a career public servant. He retired from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol at the rank of First Sergeant in January 2016. He joined the Moore County Sheriff's Office in May 2018 as a part-time bailiff. He became a full-time Deputy in February 2021 and was assigned to the security detail at the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

He leaves behind his wife Regina, daughter Krista, son-in-law Timothy, granddaughters Julia, Jade, and Jasmine, his parents Otis and Elizabeth, and a brother Terry. Please keep them in your prayers.

Field of Honor flags on sale now



Flag in honor of our servicemen and women. They will be flown at the West End Fire & Rescue station at 4203 NC 73 and Route 211 during the week of Veterans Day, from November 6th through November 14th, 2021. The opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 PM.

The Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America invite you to sponsor a 3'x5' American

Flags are \$15.00 each, and will bear the name of one honoree. The deadline is October 15, 2021.

Fill out the form below and send it with your check to the address on the form.

Field of Honor Flag - Order Form

Help A Hero to build home for injured Marine in Aberdeen



On August 16, the [Help A Hero organization](#) welcomed special guests to a groundbreaking ceremony for a house honoring the service and sacrifice of a Marine. The home in Aberdeen, NC, will be for Sgt. Joe Bartel, who lost his leg in an anti-tank mine explosion in Afghanistan. It will be wheelchair accessible and big enough to house him and his family in comfort as he continues on the road to recovery.

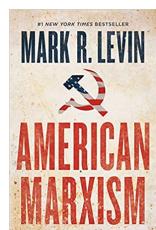


As always, MRW stands behind organizations that support the military and first responders.



JD Zumwalt and Maureen Krueger with Lee Greenwood, who sang his famous "God Bless the USA" at the event.

MRW Book Club is back!



On Monday, October 11, we will have a Book Club meeting at the GOP Headquarters in Olmsted Village Shopping Center at 4:00 p.m. Nancy Fiorillo will lead our discussion.

The book will be Mark Levin's "**American Marxism**." Whether you get a chance to read the book or not, put the meeting on your calendar and hope to see you there! There's always a great discussion with like-minded people.

Highlights from August luncheon



Dean Jones, award-winning Hollywood film-maker and make-up artist, discussed his career as a conservative in the liberal bastion, and revealed his latest project: A



Jill Stewart and her lovely pooch (a rescue from China) were guests on Tucker Carlson's show to discuss how the CDC unilaterally decided to ban dogs from being able to enter

values-based entertainment and hospitality venue with nine sound stages, administrative offices and TV/movie studio support services in Burlington, North Carolina (his home town). Go [here](#) for more information.



Former District Attorney Maureen Krueger led a letter-writing campaign to oppose masks in school and bring back our rights to free speech. Attendees then signed letters that were later presented to the Moore County School Board.

the U.S. from 123 countries, and what people are doing to fight this. She urged us to contact our Senators to rein in the CDC. See her [website](#) for more information.



Diane and Charles Authement created and sold raffle tickets for the "Beauty Basket." They raised a record-breaking \$600 for MRW - truly a beautiful outcome!

Pet portraits that save lives



MRW member Bonnie Dougherty uses her artistic talent to provide beautiful portraits of your pet - and donates all the proceeds to [LifeCare Pregnancy Center](#).

In addition, she offers cards that are perfect for gifts, stocking stuffers and your own personal use. The cards are ONLY \$3.00 per 5 x 7 and \$2.00 per 4x6. It's a great way to donate a bit to save a life.

If you're interested, see Bonnie at our September luncheon or email her at rj1094@aol.com.

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