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ARWF CALENDAR

We are meeting at the Atascadero Elks Lodge

1516 El Camino Real

ARWF General Meeting

Date: 4th Tuesday

August 25, 2026

Check-in: 11:00AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Speaker: SLO County District 5 Supervisor Heather Moreno

Meeting/Luncheon Cost: \$26.00 You aren't just paying for a great lunch but also great speakers and some of our money goes to the Elks Lodge

Menu: Chicken Fettuccini, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Location: Atascadero Elks Lodge at
1516 El Camino Real

Please RSVP through the Punchbowl Invitation. If you don't get it, email at arwfclub@gmail.com
ARWF Board Meeting You can also pay for the Meeting/Luncheon online

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Date: Wednesday August 5 2026, 10:00am at the Atascadero Elk Lodge

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Don't forget to wear your Elephant Jewelry to the meeting. If you don't have or want more Elephant jewelry, check out the Jewelry Table. Barbara always has some beautiful jewelry available for sale

Any Television Network That Refuses To Air the President's Address to the Nation in Prime Time Should Be Barred From the WH Press Pool and Denied all Future Interviews With White House or Cabinet Officials. It's Only Fair. 🇺🇸



The last part of the speech made at the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty reads.
"There is room in America and brotherhood for all who support our institutions and aid in our development. But those who come to disturb our peace and dethrone our laws are aliens and enemies forever." October 28, 1886.



President's Message – August—2026

We are hearing a lot about the Democratic Socialists of America lately. The new mayor of New York City, Mamdani (I call him Com-dani) is a proud Democratic Socialist and probably the one who has the highest profile in the country currently. But I am realizing that these folks might as well call themselves Communists which is what they truly are. I took a look at the website of the DSA and here are some of the ways they are selling these ideas to a gullible young American public: “Imagine this: you have no debt. You don’t need health insurance. You don’t pay a mortgage or have a landlord, because comfortable housing is a human right. Your retirement is publicly funded. Food, education, energy, medicine and transportation aren’t for-profit businesses; they are common goods and utilities.”

Here are a few of the things the DSA includes in its platform: freedom to flourish (including free quality public education from pre-K to college and cancel student debt; healthcare for all at no cost; housing for all; finish reconstruction (yes, that refers to post-Civil War reconstruction); end mass incarceration and police immunity; feminism for all; end the US war machine; green new deal; free Palestine; end blockades, embargoes and sanctions; abolish ICE; extend full voting rights to all permanent US residents and restore the right to vote for incarcerated people and people with criminal convictions; abolish the Electoral College; replace the President and Supreme Court with an executive and judiciary chosen by and subordinate to Congress; replace the two party system with a multi-party democracy; abolish the Senate; establish public ownership of the largest corporations and essential industries; enact aggressive wealth taxes on the richest individuals and corporations to spend on public goods.

And here is what the Communist Party USA believes in: cancellation of all student debt to liberate a generation and grant them true freedom to build their futures; abolish capitalist exploitation, raising the minimum wage; guarantee a living wage for all; eliminate all forms of racial, ethnic, and gender discrimination; free, high quality public education at all levels and the implementation of a universal, government funded healthcare system; transitioning to an environmentally conscious, sustainable socialist economy to combat the global climate crisis; demand a reduction in the military budget, an end to imperialist interventions, and a strong emphasis on international working-class solidarity and global peace.

It sure looks the same to me. So, let’s not be fooled by a name. Crap by any other name would smell as bad (apologies to Wm Shakespeare). We know that socialism/communism has never worked in any other country. As Margaret Thatcher once said, “The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people’s money.”

Stay strong and vigilant, my dear friends, and may God continue to bless our United States of America in her 250th year.

Your president,
Jan Wolff



SPEAKER FOR JUNE WAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAN DOW:

Our General Meeting in July was graced to have as our speaker, District Attorney Dan Dow.

After his introduction Dan, humbly gave Glory to God by saying that he breaths because of God, his heart beats because of God, and that nothing he is or does is because of him but rather because of our God.

Dan went on to speak about the budget for the District Attorney's staff and operation. He told us he had to cut back five of his staff and they were already short-handed to begin with. This does have an impact on how fast and efficient the District Attorney's office can operate and bring criminals to justice or be able to implement programs that can keep our County safe.

Dan talked about the effects of severe mental illness and the effects on our nation, especially in California and right here in our own community, referring to the homeless issue. He spoke about one mother who was in attendance, Dawn Marie Anderson, and her son. Dawn Marie has the opportunity rather than a challenge, Dan said, because her son has been dealing with severe mental illness. Dan said she has firsthand knowledge of the frustration with dealing with a system, or multiple systems layered together that have barriers that keep people like Dawn Marie's son from getting them well and getting them the treatment they so desperately need, in keeping them and the community protected at the same time. Dan said that most of the crime we see that is the most shocking has a mental illness component to it. Dan cited the man, Andrew Downs who murdered several people in Atascadero on Christmas Eve 2010. He was 19 years old and a habitual user of marijuana, THC. Dan believes that what he had was a psychosis induced using marijuana because he had an actual belief that there were aliens here and he had to kill them to protect himself and other people. He had an actual belief of this because of a psychosis that was drug induced. This was one example that caused a horrific crime in our community. Dan said that this doesn't excuse the behavior or the conduct but from his perspective makes it even more dangerous to allow them back into the community without proper treatment.

These statements led us up to the introduction of Dawn Marie. Dan said she had reached out to him and that many families over the course of 12 years have reached out to him saying they have an adult son or daughter, typically males, adult sons, that are in and out of a psychosis and so they are in and out of jail because they are not well enough and not medicated properly they end up causing problems because they are in a delusional state and they don't trust people and they begin believing things that are not true and so they become dangerous to others and to themselves. Dan pointed out that some people around the country and here in California may even end up in an officer involved shooting situation where they are tragically killed because their behavior becomes a threat to law enforcement who must protect themselves. Dan brought this up because we are seeing mental illness more rampant across the state than any other time in his career as the DA or a prosecutor. He said there are no easy answers. When he was approached by Dawn Marie, she simply said we just need someone to listen to us to what we're experiencing and our struggles. Dan gave us examples of sound mind. If you are not of sound mind you cannot write a will or power of attorney. If someone is in psychosis, do you think they are of sound mind to create or revoke a Release of Information? No, but when they go into treatment and they are properly taking medication for their psychosis, the powers to be may ask them if the ROI is still effective, and they will say no, I don't want mom or whoever to have that information. The point is that the system hasn't communicated well because that is not an appropriate question to ask when someone is in psychosis. They are not mentally well enough to make such an important decision. So, the person or persons who know the patient are cut off from communication to their loved one. This is just one tiny example but is the one that Dan has heard the most.

This is the book that Dawn Marie Anderson mentioned.





Dan went on to explain that he alone cannot fix this problem by himself because it has constitutional implications. The Supreme Court has weighed in about state hospitals, institutions, or what we used to call asylums. You cannot deprive people of their liberty without a lot of other things being done. These hospitals have been mostly closed down except for places like Atascadero State Hospital where people are institutionalized after a violent act has been committed. Dan said there are many people who are in the middle. They haven't committed a violent crime but have the potential to do so. Dan predicts that this will be the number 1 issue that will be the most difficult to solve in the next 5 years for the public safety of our community and that is changing some of our approaches so that we can compassionately get people into care so that we can protect them and protect those living in our community in a way that passes constitutional muster. It is difficult task but doable to produce ways of providing good, safe environments but we must reject the idea that everybody should be out in the community while they are getting treatment. This is a quote from Dan Dow's Speech.

Dan spoke to Mental Health Division is something that the legislature passed that says if you have committed almost any crime no matter how violent, except for murder, which was initially included, but Dan said they got it excluded, if you have a diagnosis in the DSM5 manual, the judge shall release them back into the community while being treated for that disorder. This issue needs to be dealt with. It is dangerous for our communities and it's not even compassionate for the mentally ill to treat them that way. We don't want to put them in that situation to end up committing a heinous act of violence. In January Dan said they held their first community forum in a desire to self-reflect. They are working on solutions to help keep both the community and the mentally ill and their families safe and protected. Dan talked about a couple of recent cases. One is the grandfather who molested his 7-year-old granddaughter. Dan said it was awful and it's always awful. Dan knew the factors and that it would ultimately earn a probation grant. That no judge would sentence him to prison. Dan and the Defense Attorney made an agreement, but Dan argued that he should receive the maximum of 364 days and the Judge agreed.

The second case was the most disappointing involving the two young men who brutally beat a sleeping homeless man. Dan said it was premeditated; they hunted this homeless man and attacked while he slept. Dan said it was predatory. Dan asked for 7 years, and the judge sentenced them to probation. Dan invited us all to reach out to him and his office if we have any questions about a case. The point is, there are factors that do not allow our DA to get the maximum sentence for a crime. The judge or jury will inevitably make that decision

Dawn Marie then stepped up to the microphone. She said that having Dan on their team has been so wonderful. It is a vicious cycle in this system. Her son gets arrested, goes into jail, is judged incompetent, gets some help but then is released and it starts all over again. Dawn Marie said that this time, though, her son is the best he has ever been because she said our jail is listening to them, the advocates for the mentally ill. She said their probation has been listening to them, the Public Defenders. The DA and Public Defender came to Dawn Marie. Because it was recommended that her son was not ready to be released, the DA and Public Defender agreed to allow Dawn Marie's son to stay in jail for another 3 months. He learned more about community service with others because in the SLO jail the program includes community living so they can recognize social skills again. When you are put into solitary confinement for 8 months to 3 years because you must become stabilized, then you're released right after that it does not help the mentally ill. Dawn Marie pointed out this flaw in the system that we need to also examine. Dawn Marie also told us that Dan pulled together all the Department Heads in the County to listen to her and others about their situations and what they have personally experienced trying to get help for their loved ones.

Not all counties have these programs or are willing to listen to the people. We are so fortunate and blessed to have Dan Dow as our District Attorney. Please, let's not take him for granted and commit to getting him re-elected. Talk about him on social media, to all your friends and family, to the work he is accomplishing that we never hear about in the media. Tell people what he has done for Dawn Marie and others.



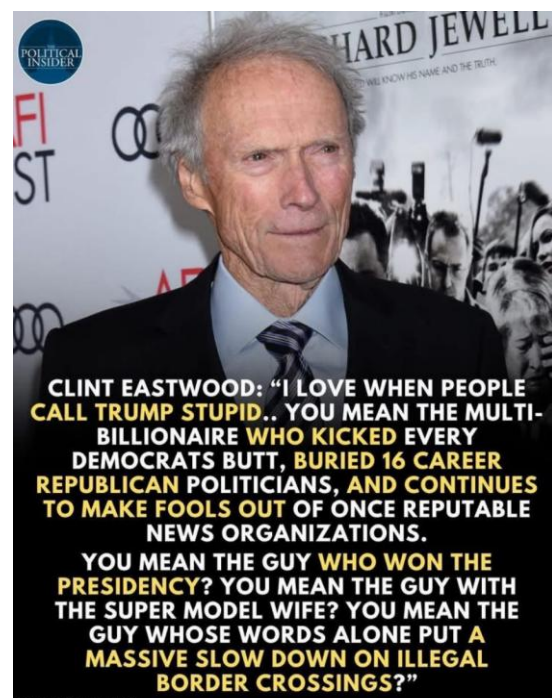
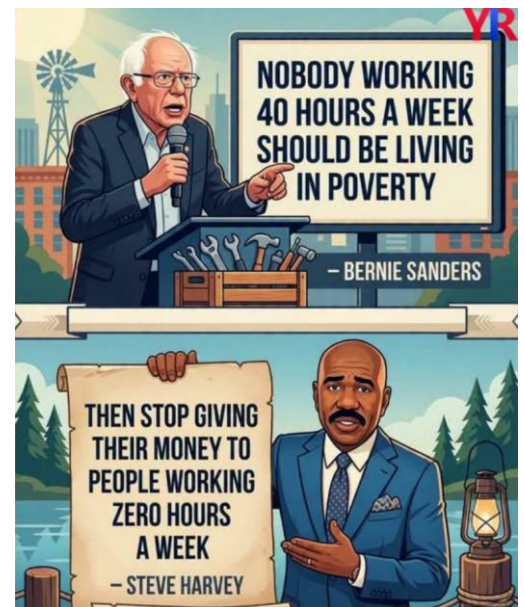
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AUGUST'S SPEAKER WILL BE: SLO County District 5 Supervisor Heather Moreno

Heather Moreno was sworn in as San Luis Obispo County Supervisor for District Five in January 2025, following more than a decade of local government service as an Atascadero Councilmember and Mayor. She is committed to transparent, collaborative leadership and focuses on improving public safety, strengthening government accountability, supporting economic vitality, and protecting the quality of life that makes San Luis Obispo County such a special place to live.

Before serving in elected office, Heather built a career as a CPA after graduating from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Accounting and working for KPMG. She later became an entrepreneur in the health and wellness field and earned a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. A longtime community volunteer, Heather served for a decade with ECHO Homeless Shelter and LIGHTHOUSE Atascadero. She and her husband, Mike, have called Atascadero home since 2004.





RPSLO Atascadero Headquarters
7357 El Camino Real, Atascadero
Hours are 12:00pm to 4pm Monday through Thursday
Friday 9:00am-2:00pm



(805)541-4010—Office Manager—Cheryl Burbach

You can also register to vote at the RPSLO Atascadero Headquarters.
If you know of someone who needs to register
let them know to come on down.

2026 Caring For America

Hello members.

I hope the summer finds you well and enjoying the many festivities the central coast has to offer. What a blessing to live here!

Time goes by fast; we are now in the third quarter of the year!

This quarter, our donations will be given to the Veterans Helping Veterans organization. Dennis Javins from VHV shared about his services at the July meeting what they provide our local military. If you see him at one of our meetings welcome him with open arms.

Thank you for your generosity.

Michele Nolan (Tabares-Nolan)

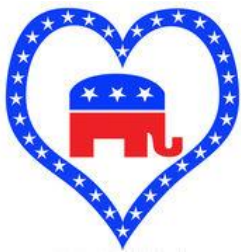
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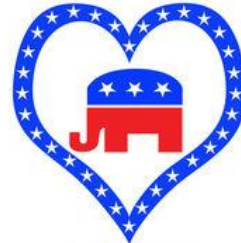


Dennis Javins and David Cruz
with Veterans helping Veterans





ARWF



Our meetings are now going to be at the
Atascadero Elks at 1516 El Camino Real
P.O.BOX 1664

Atascadero, CA 93423

We now have 155 members who have paid their ARWF dues for 2026, along with 12 Associate Members. We are pleased to see our membership growing and are delighted to welcome new members to our club.

Welcome to our new members. If you see them at a meeting give them a hug and welcome them to our ARWF club.

Welcome back Eileen Smith

Loretta Russell

Janice Chambers

Here is a link for the dues

<https://buy.stripe.com/fZe8z8g2Waow4GkeUU>

Here is the Associate Dues link

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or you can mail them in to

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Juanita McDaniel-ARWF 2nd Vice President



Edie Knight	August	08
Kay Jackson	August	08
Vanna Jo Clegg	August	11
Tami Clark	August	13
Patty Smith	August	14
Donna Jordan	August	19
Janice Whiteley	August	21
Laurie Richards	August	26
Jan Wolff	August	27

**ARWF
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MEMBERSHIP**

☐ **Regular Member \$35** **Name Badge (\$10.00)**

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Name: _____ Month/Day of Birth _____

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Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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☐ I am a **NEW Member** who was referred by: _____

☐ This is a **RENEWAL** ☐ I am a registered Republican

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Atascadero

Republican Women Federated

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Name: _____

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Suggested by: _____

Well poor Mel Tull fell outside and ended up having to have a hip replacement. He got transferred to Vineyard Rehab. Say a prayer for Mel but really a big one for Barbara.

August Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we enter August, we thank You for Your constant love and presence. Guide us, give us wisdom and strength in all we do.

Your Word says in Isaiah 40:31, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

We place our hope in You, trusting You to renew our strength.

Help us remember Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything...present your requests to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds." Teach us to bring our concerns to You and find peace.

Bless our families, work, and communities. Let us reflect Your love and grace. Fill us with compassion, patience, and kindness.

Remind us of Your faithfulness. Let our hearts be anchored in Your Word and our lives glorify You.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.



HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BE WITH THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED FAR FROM HOME. BRING THEM BACK SAFELY TO THEIR LOVED ONES. WE KNOW THAT DEPLOYMENT CAN BE DIFFICULT, SO GIVE THEM YOUR STRENGTH AND PEACE TO GET THROUGH EACH DAY. LET THEM FEEL YOUR PRESENCE AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE NEAR. THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR PRAYERS. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

Prayer For Our Soldiers

Bless our troops as they enter hostile fire
Give them the ability to stay alert as they tire

Allow the angels to spread their wings and unite
To create a barrier of safety as they fight

Grant them strength to endure the cries of the riot
And even more power to handle the moments that are quiet

Keep them safe as they continue to roam
All that we ask is that you bring them home

N.Schroeder



Your Representatives:

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Voters Registration —

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/>

Voter registration forms are available at the Republican Headquarters in Atascadero or you can also pick up one at your county elections office, library,

Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or U.S. post office. It is important that

your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked

or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

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LOCAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED MEETINGS

Atascadero RWF, 4th Tuesday @ Atascadero Elks

Estero Bay RWF, 3rd Thursday @ Inn at Morro Bay

Paso Robles RWF, 3rd Monday @ Bellaserra hotel

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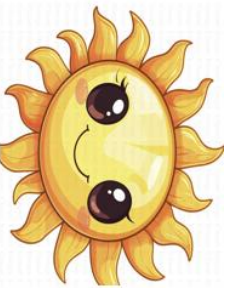


**WE LIVE IN A TIME
WHEN INTELLIGENT
PEOPLE ARE BEING**



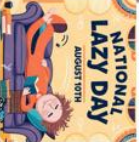
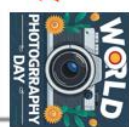
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SO THAT
STUPID
PEOPLE
WON'T BE
OFFENDED**

**“THE PROBLEM ISN'T
WHO SPENDS 4–8
YEARS IN THE WHITE
HOUSE. THE PROBLEM
IS WHO SPENDS 30–40
YEARS IN CONGRESS”**



AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 NATIONAL SISTER'S DAY Ice Cream Sandwich Day	1 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm 	4 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm	5 ARWF Board Meeting 9:30am Atascadero Elks RPSLO Hours 12-4 12:00-4:00pm	6 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm  	7 RPSLO Hours 9-2pm  	8 Happy Birthday Kay Jackson Eddie Knight is 96 
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