

ATASCADERO REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

2026 TRUMPETER

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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 Tull always has some beautiful jewelry available for sale.

ARWF CALENDAR NOTICE!!!!

We are meeting at the
Atascadero Elks Lodge

1516 El Camino Real from now on

Date: ARWF General Meeting
4th Tuesday
February 24, 2026

Check-in: 11:00AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Speaker: Amanda Curaza, Operation

Surf, all-inclusive rehabilitative program, large steps of healing occur for injured military men and women from all over the nation

Meeting/Luncheon Cost: \$26.00

Menu: Taco Salad, Guacamole, Chips, Salsa, and of course Larry's Salsa and Dessert

Location: Atascadero Elks Lodge at
1516 El Camino Real from now on

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

[https://](https://buy.stripe.com/28E4gydCS0Ms3iN3IK6Zy03)

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Date: Wednesday March 4, 2026

10:00am at the Atascadero Elk
Lodge



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ARWF CLOSET

Barbara Tull will be launching an ARWF Closet at the upcoming February meeting, and it will continue to be available at all future meetings. This initiative provides an opportunity for members to contribute and support the club in a meaningful way.

If you have any gently used or new clothing items, shoes, handbags, or hats that you wish to donate, please bring them to the next meeting. All donated items should be brought on a hanger to help with organization and display.

The proceeds from the ARWF Closet will be directed to support the club, specifically under the fundraising efforts led by Barbara's Jewelry Sales.





President's Message – February—2026

President's Message February 2026 Newsletter

It was the Spring of 1968. I was a senior in high school. Our family had lost a dear 18 year old friend who had died as a result of friendly fire in Viet Nam. Then Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in April; Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in June. There was rioting in our backyard (we lived in Chicagoland at the time) with anti-war protestors at the Democratic National Convention which was being held at McCormack Place downtown. It seemed as if the world was going crazy—it was scary and I had never seen anything like it at that time in my 16 years.

It was a lot like today. Protestors coming out of the woodwork, throwing firebombs, creating chaos, unrest and uncertainty, aimed at law enforcement. This time around the far left (I suspect sponsored/paid for by Soros enterprises) is protesting anything President Trump does. Trump Derangement Syndrome is a real thing. Individuals who suffer from this syndrome cannot even look at a video of a protestor using her vehicle as a weapon and aiming that weapon at ICE agents (one of whom had been injured only months before) and acknowledge that she was aiming her car at agents and when law enforcement tells you to do something it is a very good idea to comply. So the woman who was shot and died has become a martyr to the far left cause, much like George Floyd. No one on the left recognizes that she and she alone put herself there and she is responsible for her own death.

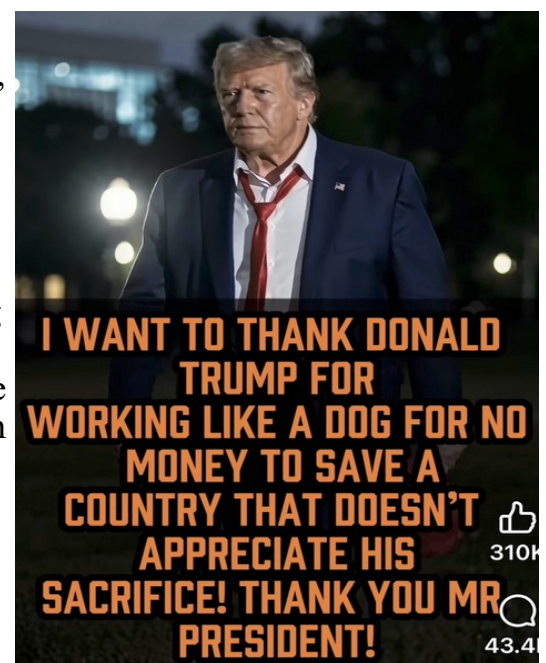
It's strange—I did not see anyone going crazy when a US Capitol police officer fired his weapon at Ashley Babbitt who was trying to get into the capital building on January 6, 2021. She was unarmed and had done nothing against the officer to provoke the shot. I didn't see anyone rioting during the eight years Barack Hussein Obama was deporting 3.1 million people. In fact, the Obama administration deported more people than the two terms of George W. Bush and Bill Clinton combined. As a comparison, President Trump recorded fewer than 1 million deportations in his first four years. In his second term, 622,000 deportations have occurred (in one year) and it is reported that 1.9 million people have self-deported.

But don't bother mentioning this to those on the left—they will not want to hear it. In their view, President Trump could cure cancer, end all wars, and put a viable colony on Mars and they would still hate him.

So in the meantime, we need to continue to pray for our President, our Vice President, cabinet members, the Supreme Court and all their families and ask the Lord to protect them and at the same time, to ask that the eyes of the deranged be opened to be able to acknowledge facts. And know that always, we are in God's loving hands and things will work out as God intends...as they always do. And which I ultimately acknowledged during that long ago year of 1968.

In the meantime, hug your friends and loved ones, realizing the many blessings God has given us and be grateful we were born in the USA.

Jan Wolff-ARWF President





SPEAKER FOR JANUARY WAS SHANNON KESSLER

Our speaker for January was Shannon Kessler, a long-time resident of the Central Coast, who is running for our State Assembly, District 30. Her opponent is none other than Dawn Addis. Shannon is a 7th generation Californian. She and her husband own Kessler Construction and a real estate company here on the Central Coast.

Shannon shared with us how she began this walk to run for office. She began speaking out in support of girls being protected from boys sharing locker rooms and bathrooms with boys who claim they are girls, Save Girls Sports Central Coast.

Shannon is a generation X woman who benefited from women's sports. She said we are about to lose women's sports if this continues. Many young girls are not even going out for sports today because they are allowing boys to participate in the girls' sports, so girls are saying why bother. The boys are bigger, it's uncomfortable, and it's unfair. Shannon went on to say that the mutilation of boys' and girls' bodies to change their gender is not called mutilation by the left but rather "gender affirmation". Further Shannon's incumbent opponent, Dawn Addis, supports surgical sex changes because as soon as the Federal Government banned the funding of gender mutilation, she introduced a bill in the California legislation counteracting this federal ban, and it passed.

Shannon says we have a chance to defeat Dawn Addis and the Democrat super majority.

There are 7 Republicans running for office plus if we re-elect the Republicans currently holding office we can break the super majority. We also have 477 new Republican registrations in this district whereas the Democrats have lost 517. That is a very good thing.

Shannon discussed cost of living. She said we all know California is known for exporting fruit, nuts, and now our grown children. She wants our children to stay here. She is a proponent of protecting Prop 13. She is also a member of Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association, because she believes in what they stand for. Shannon said she supports career pathways and promotes our Junior Colleges and their trades programs. Her son is now a welder where he received his training from Cuesta College.

Shannon told us that she is a TPUSA Faith Leader teaching the Constitution. She is a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment, holding a CCW permit. She adamantly opposes offshore wind farms. She told us her nephew wanted to work in the industry that maintains the structures in these wind farms, but when he saw that they would have to climb that 400 ft. structure, he joined the Army. She said that many young men have lost their lives working on these very dangerous structures. The media never reports this.

Shannon's campaign is based on "Common Sense for the Central Coast". Of course, she wants to see the Coastal Commission and the Air Resource Board abolished, which the \$3.50 added tax on our gas passes through to this board.

Shannon is an enthusiastic and energetic candidate with a platform that reflects Republican values. She is courageous and we thank her for taking up this sword on our behalf.

She has been endorsed by the California Republican Party, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Monterey and even Santa Barbara Republican Parties, as well as Carl DeMaio.

We can support Shannon by following her on social media, Facebook, Tik Tok, and more. We can also donate to her campaign financially and help with walking precincts, phone calling, whatever her campaign might need help with.

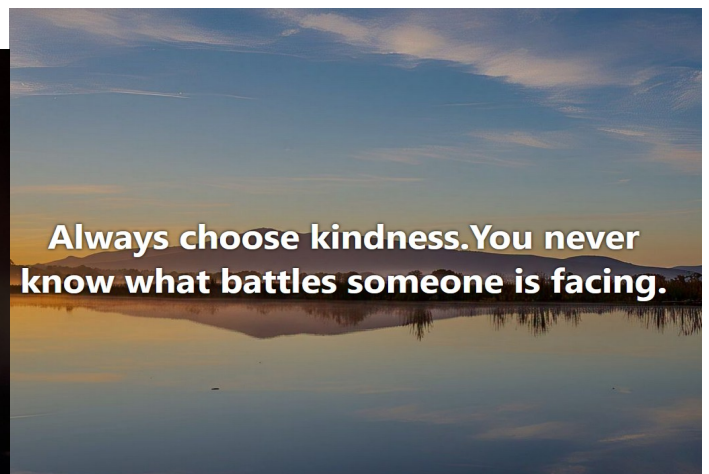
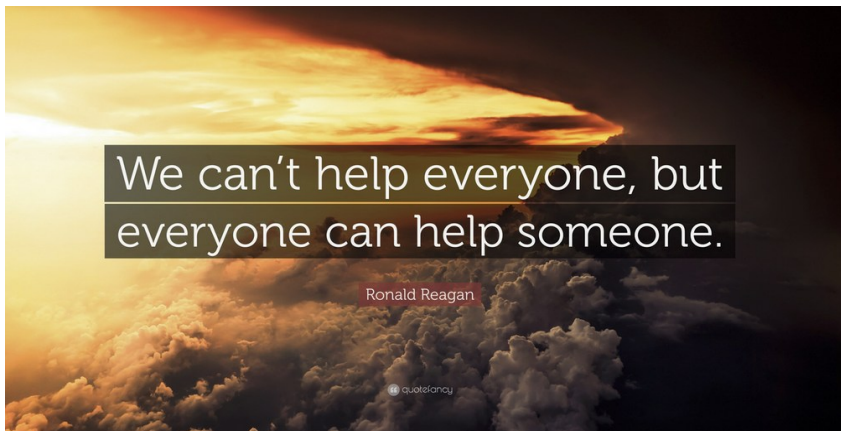
Shannon did say that they need help with No Party Preference voters of which there are 34,000 in this district. With her commonsense platform and her courageous stand for girls and her approach to the cost of living we have a lot of talking points to begin an open and friendly discussion.





SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE AMANDA CURAZA

Amanda has been with Operation Surf for over 15 years and has played a foundational role in shaping the organization's growth. Beginning as a volunteer, she has been deeply involved in the evolution of Operation Surf into a nationally recognized leader in surf therapy for veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. As Executive Director, Amanda provides strategic leadership, organizational stewardship, and vision that guides program expansion while preserving the integrity and high-care model that defines Operation Surf. Under her leadership, the organization's work has been featured by major outlets including Netflix and ESPN and has contributed to ongoing research and evidence-based studies exploring the benefits of surf and ocean-based therapy for mental health, resilience, and well-being. She is deeply committed to service-driven leadership and takes great pride in the collective accomplishments of the Operation Surf team, alumni, and partners.





RPSLO Atascadero Headquarters
 7357 El Camino Real, Atascadero
 hours are 12:00pm to 4pm Monday through Friday
 (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.



Hello members.

Our donations for the month of January 2026 went to the Veteran Services Food Pantry in San Luis Obispo. We collected \$177 to help keep the pantry full. Thank you for your generosity.

For February and March, contributions will be going to Operation Surf in Avila Beach. Amanda Curaza, Executive Director of Operation Surf, will be at our February 24th meeting (Juanita's birthday!). Amanda will give us more insight into the organization. I can share that they are a nature-based/Ocean therapy resource for active military and veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. Prepare to be intrigued!

Again, thank you for your generous donations. You are a blessing and truly appreciated.

Michele Nolan (Tabares-Nolan)
 Chair - Caring for America
 805-748-3446"

**WHEN IT WAS COOL TO BURN DRAFT CARDS,
 THERE WERE MEN WHO REMAINED LOYAL TO
 THEIR COUNTRY. BRAVE MEN WHO FOUGHT
 AND DID THEIR DUTY WHEN IT WAS POPULAR
 NOT TO. GOD BLESS OUR VIETNAM VETS!**



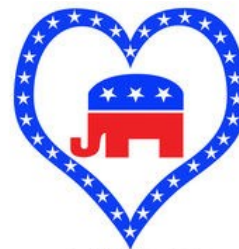
If they are dreaming of the waves tomorrow, they won't take their life today."





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



<https://www.atascaderorepublicanwomenfederated.com/>

The Trumpeter is published monthly. We do not have a meeting in December
Please let the editor of this newsletter know if you have any contact information changes.
This way, we can continue to send your newsletter without you missing any important issues.

We are proud to announce that we have 117 members as of this month that have paid their dues for ARWF 2026. We have 2 new members

Pam Nargie

Stacy Korsgaden

Please when you see them welcome them to our club.

If you haven't paid your dues yet please use the links below or mail them or bring to the next meeting.

Here is a link for the dues

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

Here is the Associate Dues link

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

or you can mail them in to

ARWF

P.O. Box 1664

Atascadero, CA 93423

Juanita McDaniel– 2nd Vice President-Membership



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| Danita DeVoss | February | 04 |
| Fay Johnson | February | 09 |
| Dannie Tope | February | 12 |
| Janice Whiteley | February | 21 |
| Margi Bauer | February | 22 |
| Juanita McDaniel | February | 24 |
| Rose Martin | February | 24 |
| Laurinda Roberts | February | 27 |

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

☐ **Associate Member** (Assoc. Members are men or members of another RWF club) \$15

Name: _____ Month/Day of Birth _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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

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

Checks payable to "ARWF", **Regular Membership \$35**, Associate Membership \$15 Mail to:
ARWF P.O. Box 1664, Atascadero, CA 93423

ARWF
RENEW
MEMBERSHIP
For 2026



Republican Women Federated

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WE SHOULD SEND A CARD TO WHO IS SICK, BEEN INJURED OR FAMILY MEMBER PASSED? PLEASE E-MAIL THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND REASON TO CAROL BRAZIL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, AT (lesbrazil@aol.com) or call (805)438-5398.

Name: _____

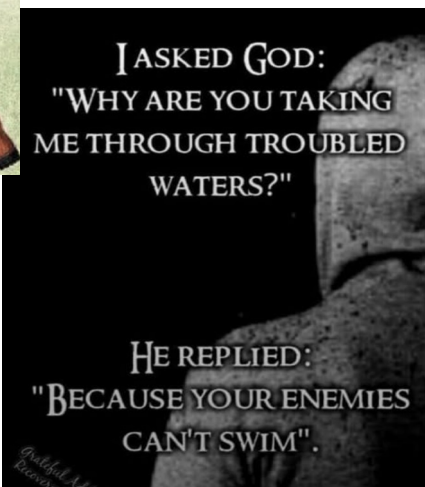
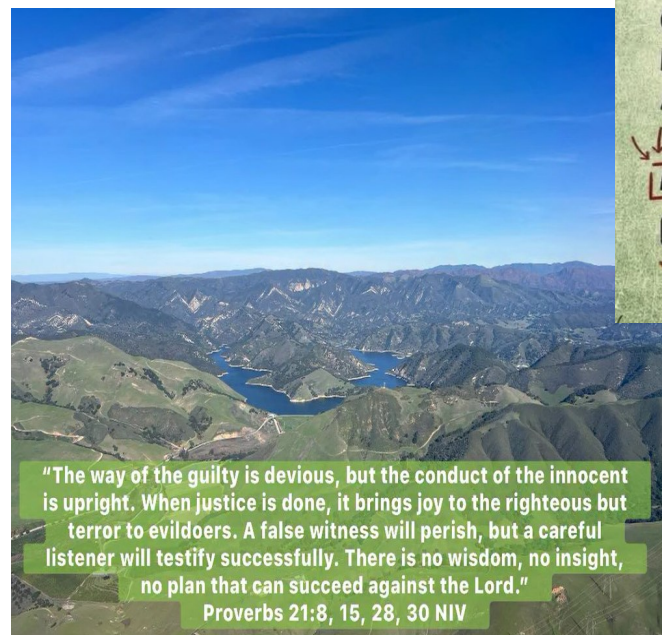
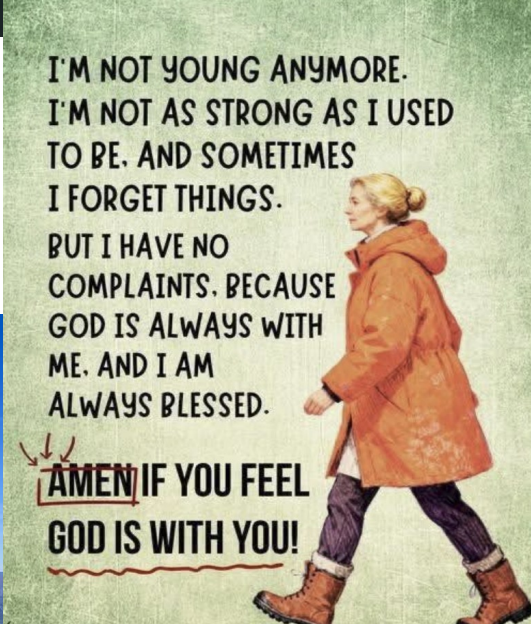
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Reason: _____

Suggested by: _____

Prayer Chain
Please let Juanita know if you want to be added on this page. arwclub@gmail.com

Juanita McDaniel is recuperating from back surgery (lumbar decompression) on Jan 12. So far no more pain in right leg.
John Paulsen fell and has a gash on his head.
Sue Walters is doing well following her Cardiorevision.





February



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|--|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | 2 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm Tea Party HQ 6:00pm | 3 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 4 ARWF Board Meeting 9:30am Atascadero Elks RPSLO Hours 12-4 12:00-4:00pm | 5 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 6 RPSLO Hours 9-2pm | 7 |
| 8 | 9 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 10 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 11 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 12 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 13 RPSLO Hours 9-2pm | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Office Closed | 17 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 18 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 19 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 20 RPSLO Hours 9-2pm | 21 Happy Birthday Janice Whiteley |
| 22 | 23 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 24 ARWF Meeting 11:00am Atascadero Elks RPSLO Hours 12-4 Happy Birthday Rose Martin Juanita McDaniel | 25 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 26 RPSLO Hours 12-4pm | 27 RPSLO Hours 9-2pm Happy Birthday Laurinda Roberts | 28 |
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