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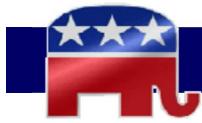


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## President's Message



Where did Fall go? I woke up this morning to the white stuff, with more to come this week. It seems kind of early for chain controls on the mountain passes, but they are predicting a "La Nina" winter.

October was a busy month and the next two months looked to be just as busy through the end of the year. **Jeff Church** and **Dr. Fred Simon** were our guest speakers in October and brought us up to date on the situation with our county and state schools. Jeff let us know what is happening with the Washoe County School Board and how he is going to be censured for speaking out. Dr. Simon spoke about the mess our school system is in. We will be hearing more from him in the coming year.

During our meeting **Linda Smith** gave a report from the nominating committee on the candidates for the Executive Board of Director's, of IVCBRW for the coming year 2022-2023. I can report that the following people will be up for election to the Executive Board.

**President: Shirley Appel, First Vice President: Cretia Eyster, Second Vice President: Nancy Carlson, Secretary: Connie Skidmore, Treasurer: Susan Calfa.**

At the November 9th General meeting we will be voting on these candidates. This will be a very important meeting and we need a quorum for our vote. After the business portion of the meeting, we are so honored to have guest speaker, **Captain Sam Brown**. We are honoring Sam and the rest of our veteran's in attendance for the upcoming Veteran's Day on November 11. We have asked Sam to speak about his military background and his time in Afghanistan. We will be welcoming Sam back next year for another important reason.

I am writing my message early because six of us from our club are going to be delegates at the upcoming NvFRW Convention in Las Vegas on October 23-24. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Executive Board of Directors for our State of Nevada. The six of us attending are **Myself, June Shafer, Connie Skidmore, Patricia Moser Morris, Lori Waldman and Yolanda Knaak**. We will be joined by delegates from all the Republican Women's Clubs throughout the State. I will report on this important election at the November meeting as well as in the December President's Message.

On October 25, 2021, I received some sad news this morning from Susan Schnetz, our Newsletter Editor. Susan's sister Sandi Underwood passed away a few days ago from complications of COVID, and as we know, Susan herself had COVID in September and is now well again.

On a lighter note I would like to report on the results of the election that was held down in Las Vegas for the new Executive Board of Directors for NvFRW. **Caroline Smith** will be the new President along with her "Team" for the coming term of 2022-2024. We are so happy for them!

I am going to sign off and wish everyone a Happy Halloween and hope to see you on November 9th.

Stay well,

*Shirley Appel*



At the NFRW convention in Orlando, Florida photographed here receiving the Diamond Award (the highest award given by the NFRW for Achievement for the year 2020) is Shirley Appel, Ann Schachett, and Patricia Moser Morris.



## About our Speaker, CAPTAIN SAM BROWN

**C**aptain Sam Brown graduated from West Point as an Airborne Ranger in 2006. In 2008 he was deployed as an infantry platoon leader to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Only after a few months into his deployment Sam was severely injured and endured a three-year journey of rehabilitation and recovery. During this time Sam met his wife Captain Amy Brown. Sam and Amy moved to Reno in 2018 from Dallas, Texas where they are raising their family of three children. The couple runs a small business that provides critical services to our veterans when the Veterans Administration (VA) needs private assistance system accessing medical needs outside the federal VA.

Sam has appeared on Fox's Hannity and the Laura Ingraham shows. Captain Brown recently announced he will be running in 2022 for the Nevada US Senate.



## Veterans in Public Service

**O**n January 3, 2021, the 117th Congress of the United States convened for its first session. It followed a contentious election season in which control of the White House changed hands, from Republican incumbent, Donald Trump, to Democrat challenger and current President, Joe Biden. The election resulted in Democrats maintaining control of the House of Representatives, although by

slimmer margins, and a dead 50/50 tie for control of the Senate.

Concerning Veterans in Congress, there was a slight reduction in Veterans elected in 2020, however we remain encouraged that more and more Veterans from the post-9/11 era are beginning to run for federal office. Of the 435 members of the House of Representatives, 75 members from both parties are Veterans, and of the 100 members of the Senate, 17 are as well. The following lists the current makeup of the 91 Veterans in Congress by party, state, and chamber:

Party Breakdown of Veterans in Congress by Party:  
Republican – 53 House Representatives, 10 Senators;  
Democrat – 21 House Representatives, 7 Senators.

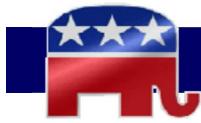
As noted by *Military Times*, there are 12 states in the Union without a Veteran serving in their state's delegation (Idaho, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South

Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming). Democrat Representative Gregorio Kilili Sablan is an honorable mention, serving as a delegate for the Northern Mariana Island territories, a US commonwealth.

Source: Veterans in Congress by Party and State - American Veterans Honor Fund; <https://www.americanveteranshonorfund.com/veterans-in-congress-by-party-state/>



Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.” – Dwight D. Eisenhower



## A Veteran's Story: The Hand of God

There are many memories of war that last a lifetime. Memories of buddies lost right before one's eyes, of prisoners, of battle. Sometimes these memories meet me at the strangest times, but there's one memory above all that has changed me forever.

Bastonge, and the Battle of the Bulge, can be considered no picnic. I was wounded there, and I remember sixty years ago as if it were yesterday. Our unit had been corralled in a low area. I was a medic, and this is where we'd based our headquarters.

As a medic, you go where you're needed. One day we received a radio message that they were desperate for medics in the next town. The infantry had taken severe punishment, and they'd lost two medical men who'd been shot.

My medical officer approached me. "Come on, Pete, we've got to move out."

I'd been over talking to a couple radio operators, my good buddies. I said goodbye to my friends. Then I jumped into the jeep as the driver, with Major Harold G. Stacy beside him, and we headed off. But to get to the next town we had to cross a high point, a very high point. We didn't know it at that time, but the Germans had that area pegged with their big 88 guns.

As we hit the top of that hill, a gun shell went over us. It landed about 50 feet away—at the most. The next one landed right in front of us. We knew then we had to abandon ship. The Major jumped out one side, and I dove out the other. On my side of the road I spotted the slightest gully, and into it I jumped.

I knew I had little protection and figured I was a goner since the Germans were firing from my side. Then, something amazing happened. As I lay there, I felt someone pushing on my back, pushing me deeper into the ground and telling me to get down.

Rounds three, four, and five landed on the jeep. There was nothing left. But as I lay in that ditch I had a sensation of protection, one I'll never forget. When it was over, blood dripped from my nose and ears. The Major was okay, but I had concussion problems from the shells that shook the ground. It took five days of rest before I could resume my duties. And even though I looked fine on the outside, something had changed within.

I'd been a Christian since I was a small child, but I had even greater faith after feeling the protection of the Lord pressing upon me. I'm still a strong Christian today because of that experience. Many people can deny the fact that God exists, but not me. I've felt His hand . . . and heard His whisper in the midst of war.

Source: Story by LeRoy 'Pete' Peterson, told by Tricia Goyer, 2004 11 November. <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/a-veterans-story-the-hand-of-god-1295880.html>



Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.

— George Washington



## AMERICANISM



**V**eterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces (that were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service.<sup>[5]</sup> Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

On November 11, 1919, U.S. president Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

ADDRESS TO FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN -  
The White House, November 11, 1919.

“A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

“With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

“Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

“To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.” – Woodrow Wilson

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin

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## Veterans Day

Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day."

U.S. representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. It had been eight and a half years since Weeks held his first Armistice Day celebration for all veterans. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since. The National Veterans Award was also created in 1954.

Congressman Rees of Kansas received the first National Veterans Award in Birmingham, Alabama, for his support in offering legislation to make Veterans Day a federal holiday.

*Source: Wikipedia.*



### Wisdom from Ronald Reagan

The most fundamental paradox is that, if we're never to use force, we must be prepared to use it and to use it successfully. We Americans don't want war, and we don't start fights. We don't maintain a strong military force to conquer or coerce others. The purpose of our military is simple and straightforward: We want to prevent war by deterring others from the aggression that causes war. If our efforts are successful, we will have peace and never be forced into battle. There will never be a need to fire a single shot. That's the paradox of deterrence.

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- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,  
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*Always more information for you at our website: [ivcbrw.org](https://ivcbrw.org/)*



## Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

**Vision:** To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

**Mission:** To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.



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