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JUNE 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019

OPWRC Meeting will be at the WM Convention Center.

Program begins at noon!



Kyle Ardoin, Secretary of State (Incumbent)



Stewart Cathey, Jr., Candidate for State Senator - District 33



Ryan Reid, Candidate State Representative - District 15

Patriots in the Park – June 8

A patriotic celebration of freedom will be observed on Saturday, June 8 at the American Legion Hall on Forsythe Avenue from 10:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The annual Patriots in the Park event will feature musical entertainment, prizes, politicians and delicious barbecue. Tickets are \$10. Donna Cathey is serving as Chair for the activities.

The program commemorates the 75th anniversary of D-Day with a historical salute to the Normandy Invasion to be presented by *Nell Calloway*, local historian and founder of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum. Calloway will teach a brief history lesson to remind us of the significance of D-Day. (OPWRC maintains educational initiatives which support teaching of the Constitution as the supreme law in our nation. The club promotes patriotism and respect for veterans.)

Highlighting the list of talented entertainers for the program are *Chanley Patterson*, the reigning *Miss Teen Louisiana 2019*, who will sing the national anthem. She is the daughter of Jeanne and Charles Patterson of Ruston. Chanley's grandfather was George Randolph Dickson, Jr. and he fought with the 250th Field Artillery on Normandy Beach 75 years ago.



Performing popular World War II songs will be the Alto Trio – comprised of *Kim Weed*, *Tiffany Remore*, and *Katie Pruett*. By popular request, *Verda and Walter Gates* will close the program with the song, "I Wouldn't Trade America for the World".

Our *honored guests* will be residents of the Northeast Louisiana Veterans' Home on Highway 165. These veterans will receive special invitations with free tickets for lunch. Also, any other World War II veterans will enjoy free barbecue compliments of the Republican Women.

OPWRC honors veterans and celebrates freedom with this occasion. Freedom does not come without a heavy cost. The men and women who serve in the military pay that price in order to protect us – the citizens of a grateful nation. Join us, as proud Americans, celebrate FREEDOM.

We are planning to sell at least 300 tickets for this event. Send your checks to OPWRC, PO Box 4193, Monroe, LA 71211. Contact any officer for extra tickets.



Special Thanks to our SPONSORS



Sponsors for our annual PATRIOTS in the PARK celebration of FREEDOM include several Republicans who currently hold public offices and others who are candidates for the fall elections. The following patriots are SPONSORS for this community-wide event. Thank you for supporting this patriotic program.

Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D.
Candidate for GOVERNOR

Wade Bishop
Candidate for Senator – District 33

Stewart Cathey, Jr.
Candidate for Senator – District 33

Michael Echols
Candidate for State Representative – 14

**Senator Jim Fannin*
Candidate for Senate – District 35

Foy Gadberry
Candidate for State Representative – 15

Drake Graves
Candidate for State Representative – 15

Frank Hoffmann
Current State Representative – District 15

Lucy Holtzclaw
Candidate for Ouachita Parish Police Jury

LaKeisha Johnson
Candidate for Clerk of Court

Judge Sharon Marchman
Fourth District Court

**Representative Jay Morris*
Candidate for State Representative - 14

Matt Parker
Candidate for Senate – District 35

**Scotty Robinson*
Ouachita Parish Police Jury – District B

Eddie Rispone
Candidate for GOVERNOR

Tim Temple
Candidate for Commissioner of Insurance

Mayor Caesar Valzquez
Town of Sterlington

Senator Mike Walsworth
Candidate for Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court

Glen Womack
Candidate for Senate – District 32

Mike Creel
Commercial Properties

Judy & Kenneth Auger
JA Chips, LLC of Farmerville

State Farm Insurance Agents
Josh Fuselier and Blake Wheelis

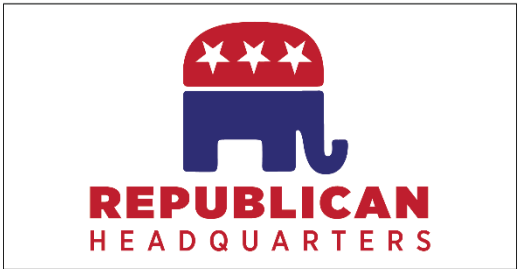
(*) denotes an incumbent in the race



Republican Headquarters Opens on Monday, July 1

The Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club members and associates are pleased to announce the opening of the Republican Headquarters in the OIB Plaza on Louisville Avenue in Monroe. Formal ceremonies will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 1 following our regular meeting. Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser will speak at lunch; afterwards, he will join other state leaders of the LAGOP for a press conference and a reception at the Headquarters.

The Louisville Avenue location provides maximum visibility for motorists and easy access for voters who would like to pick up literature, yard signs, or push cards of the various Republican candidates. Landlord Mike Creel stated, "As a conservative Republican, I am happy to have the Republican Headquarters located in the Plaza. If any candidates want additional space – we will gladly work with them to meet their individual needs. We have a nice space for informal receptions and a private conference room. Both areas will be available for candidates to use during the campaign season."



Abraham Surges toward Statistical Tie with Edwards

Two leading newspapers across Louisiana recently reported that a new poll indicates United States Congressman Ralph Abraham is gaining momentum in his campaign to unseat Gov. John Bel Edwards in the fall election. The poll conducted prior to reports appearing in *The Advocate* and *Monroe News Star* revealed that Abraham is polling at 45% and within the margin of error in a head-to-head matchup with incumbent Governor John Bel Edwards.

"The latest poll is devastating for John Bel Edwards" according to Dan Fagan (*The Advocate*, May 11, 2019). The political writer suggested that improving statistics for the Congressman could mean trouble for the Governor.



Locally, the *News Star* reported that "Abraham's campaign has been endorsed by 150 of Louisiana's elected leaders."

Congressman Abraham welcomed President Trump to Louisiana this week.

Brietbart commentator, Mathew Boyle commended the bold leader for preventing the liberal governor from taking credit for a major project at the Barksdale Air Force Base. Abraham, Mike Johnson and others in the Louisiana delegation worked together to secure federal funds for the Barksdale project. Like Trump in 2016, Ralph Abraham campaigns vigorously and earnestly. His message is in sharp contrast to the tax and spend policies executed by Edwards over the past four years.



MEMORIAL DAY

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On Friday morning, May 24, an incredible group of members, associates, and children within the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club honored VETERANS and celebrated FREEDOM by setting flags on 401 gravesites in the North Louisiana Veterans' Cemetery on Highway 15 in Rayville. (See photo at left.)

Dignataries included *Dianne Abraham* with granddaughter, *Addie*; *State Representative Jay Morris*, who led the pledge; and *Dr. Alan Miller*, pastor of Alto Baptist Church who gave the invocation. *Stewart Cathey, Jr.* welcomed the group; and *Tim Johnson* explained the protocol for setting flags at the gravesites of the veterans.

Among the crowd were *Kay and Wade Bishop* with granddaughter, *Alyssa*. A veteran himself, *Matt Parker* drove over to place flags on the gravesites of others. *Drake Graves* was accompanied by *Joanie Graves* and *Finley Hebert* - the tiny daughter of *Natalie* and *Dr. Jacob Hebert*. *Natalie* was present for the flag setting. *LaKeisha Johnson* came to help fellow club members honor our veterans. *Ted and Helen Holmes*, who serve as our ambassadors to local veterans came to help place the flags. Among others present were *David Haynes*, *Maydra Pomeroy*, *Kenda Reed*, *Ginger Dean* and grandchildren, *Betsy Trapp*, *Katie May*, *Sarah Crow*, *Misti Cordell*, *Donna Cathey*, *Angie Robert*, *Kathy Ray* and *Mickey Jackson* with three of her grandsons. Many other members were there to participate in this activity sponsored by OPWRC. (Sorry that some names may be missing.)