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NORWF President Letter

President's Letter NORWF March 2026

Join Us in Supporting Republican Candidates

I hope your year is off to a productive and fun start. There is still time to make and or follow up on a thought or resolution to join NORWF.

We Need Your Ideas

A very important request! Please share your thoughts on how we can increase membership or enhance your experience as a member of NORWF. Your input is vital to our success.

Community Events and Engagement

Are you most interested in attending or inviting other members to community-focused events? Consider the following activities:

- Bingo, Bunco, and other games.
- Music events, Comedy Shows, Dancing Lessons
- Gaming
- Informational sessions
- Family-friendly gatherings, such as patriotic events - learn about the flag/ to raise awareness about the importance of voting and meeting the candidates.

Partnerships and Membership Growth

Could you help us partner with local businesses and organizations for joint events or promotions? These collaborations can help us reach Republicans who need more information about the candidates and legislative issues.

Engaging Younger and Diverse Members.

How do you suggest we engage younger and other eligible women with programs tailored to their interests and needs? Your recommendations will help us create relevant and meaningful meetings.

Loretta

Best Wishes for a Great Month!

Loretta Forlaw
NORWF President



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**Northwest Orange Republican Women Federated (NORWF)
March 19, 2026, meeting**

**PAUL RENNER
For Governor**



PAUL RENNER was the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives during the 2022-2024 term. He was elected to the Florida House in 2015 and term limited in 2024.

He is a U.S. Navy veteran, former prosecutor, and business attorney. He began his legal career as an Assistant State Attorney, prosecuting serious felony offenses. Since 1998, Mr. Renner has represented individuals and businesses as their advocate in a broad range of commercial settings.

He served as a naval officer, both on active duty and in the reserves. He served in Desert Storm during combat operations and later in 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

He was raised in Northeast Florida. He earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, and his Bachelor of Arts in history at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Gov. DeSantis recently appointed Mr. Renner to the Board of Governors for the State University System. He lives in Palm Coast with his wife and two children.



Mr. Renner's appearance does not imply endorsement as NORWF does not endorse any candidate in the primary election.

HILTON GARDEN INN APOPKA 580 E. MAIN ST. APOPKA, FL 32703
Reservations: MARTY HARRISON: email martyaoii@aol.com or call 407-493-0471.
COST: \$25 with reservations by Monday/16 and \$30.00 thereafter
Mingle at 11:00 a.m. – Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/NORWFC> <https://www.norwf.org>



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONORABLE PRESIDENT ON HER ONE-OF-A-KIND AWARD!!! Quilt of Valor!



Key Points

- Loretta Forlaw received two awards at VFW Post 10147, including a Quilt of Valor honoring her Vietnam War service as a U.S. Army Nurse Corps member.
- Forlaw was inducted into the DAR Women in American History database alongside notable women like Amelia Earhart and Maya Angelou.
- She is an associate professor at UCF, first female commander of VFW Post 10147, and president of the Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated club.

Apopka Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Lor Quilt ofw received two prestigious awards Saturday at VFW Post 10147 during a fundraising concert. Bugler Paul Chong-You played the Call to Assembly before Melissa Mathews, a representative from Quilts of Valor, presented Forlaw with a red, white, and blue



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quilt. Volunteers had sewn the quilt to honor Forlaw's service in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps at Bai Combat Base in Vietnam.

"I was so honored to receive the Quilt of Valor," Forlaw said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "I agreed to the presentation during a VFW fundraising concert because I have recently become aware that women combat veterans are often asked why they are wearing their husband's shirts. Many people do not realize that women and military nurses [have] served in the Vietnam War and wars throughout history. There are approximately 170,000 women veterans in Florida and 1.3 million nationally."

To Forlaw's surprise, Chong-You played the Call to Assembly a second time to welcome Dr. Sarah Hoefler, chairman of the American History Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) William P. Duval chapter. Hoefler's chapter had nominated Forlaw to the DAR's Florida state committee. Her application was then sent to the DAR's Women in American History Committee, which selected her application to be placed in the DAR database.

"She joins such notable women as Amelia Earhart, Maya Angelou, and Eleanor Roosevelt," a Feb. 23 press release said. "Three hundred years from now, a person researching the role of women in the [Vietnam] War will find her name and read about her life."

The Florida committee had selected Forlaw for her accomplishments in education, politics, and community service. Forlaw serves as an associate professor at the University of Central Florida, the first female commander of VFW Post 10147, and president of the Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated (NORWF) club. She spent 25 years in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, receiving the Legion of Merit Award upon her retirement.

"It is such a privilege to join the roll call of women who have received the DAR Women in American History Award," Forlaw said. "I am proud to receive the responsibility and honor associated with this award."



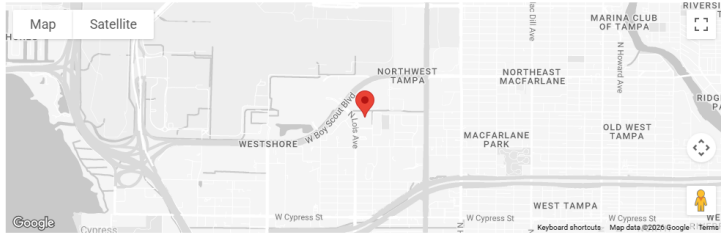
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Time & Location

Apr 10, 2026, 5:00 PM – Apr 12, 2026, 12:00 PM

Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 N Lois Ave, Tampa, FL 33607, USA



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Engage in Local and State government. Women are the life of the Republican Party.

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REGISTER TODAY IT WILL BE A MEETING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!!! VERY EDUCATIONAL!!!



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APRIL 14th

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT!!!

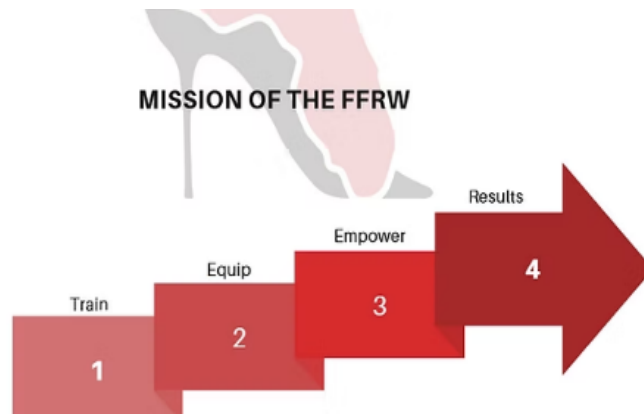
**FOLLOW THE RACE CLOSELY WITH
ENCOURAGING WORDS TO GET ALL FRIENDS,
FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY
OUT TO VOTE!!!**

**Ladies, we have one leading role ELECTIONS!!!
MAKE CALLS, WEAR YOUR
VOTE PINS AND VOTE!!!**





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The Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) is a statewide organization dedicated to providing structure and support for women who champion conservative values, influence public policy, develop candidates, and help elect Republican leaders across the great, free state of Florida. Our mission is to educate, equip, empower, and expand the impact of women in politics.

FFRW is a member of the largest Republican women's political organizations in the nation - the National Federation of Republican Women. We remain steadfast in the core principles of the Republican Party—government by the people and the belief that engaged citizens are essential to an effective democracy. As a hard-working grassroots organization, the FFRW influences policy at the local, state, and national levels.

The Federation actively supports Republican candidates while fostering strength, unity, and coordinated political action. We encourage Republican women to run for office and provide training to help them become effective leaders at every level of government and within the Republican Party.

With 50 FFRW clubs across the state, there is a place for every Republican woman in the Federation. Members stay informed and engaged through monthly newsletters, timely communications, and local and statewide meetings designed to broaden knowledge, strengthen unity, and increase political impact.

FFRW keeps its members active by offering year-round volunteer opportunities and encouraging participation in special assignments, committee leadership, and campaign projects that advance



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OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

President	Loretta Forlaw
First Vice President	Carolyn Boothe with support by Charlotte White
Second Vice President	
Treasurer	Sue Dewbre
Recording Secretary	Paulette Chessa
Corresponding Secretary	Sandy Bove



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

Judith Risser March 9th
 Amelia Harrison March 9th
 Charlotte White March 18th
 Louise Fortunato March 20th
 Sue DewBre March 23rd.

Committees

1. <u>Americanism</u>	7. <u>Federation Fund</u>
2. <u>Armed Services</u>	8. <u>Leadership Development</u>
3. <u>Awards</u>	9. <u>Legislation and Advocacy</u>
4. <u>Campaigns and Elections</u>	10. <u>Literacy and Education</u>
5. <u>Caring for America</u>	11. <u>Regents Program</u>
6. <u>Email Network</u>	

NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2026

January 15th	James Fishback	Candidate for Governor
February 19th	Jacob W. Scott	Turning Point USA
March 19th	Paul Renner	Candidate for Governor



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WHO ARE WE?

We are a non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to promoting political cultural and civic goals in a conservative tradition of individual rights and freedoms.

OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ *Elect qualified, capable and strong leaders into political office.*
- ◆ *Educate the public about the Republican party and its leaders.*
- ◆ *Seek qualified candidates and promote for office.*
- ◆ *Increase Republican votes and voter turn-out.*
- ◆ *Promote loyalty and support of the Republican party.*
- ◆ *Uphold the values and traditions of the Republican party.*
- ◆ *Bring issues of importance to the public's attention.*

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION???

Do you support the SAVE Act, which will require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections? *

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you believe that by blocking the SAVE Act, members of Congress are shirking their duty to their constituents? *

- Yes
- No
- Not sure



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NORWF 2026 Volunteers

Month	Raffle Basket		Dessert	
	Name	Phone #	Name	Phone #
January	Sandy Bove	407-463-9431	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011
February	Carolyn Booth	407-461-0929	Lil Finno	407-703-4743
March	Hillary Courson	407-402-8733	Sandy Bove	407-463-9431
April	Sue Dewbre	805-801-5371	Marty Harrison	407-493-0471
May			Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888
June	Loretta Forlaw	407-579-5971		
July	Charlotte White	407-461-2135		
August	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888		
September				
October			Beverly Blackman	407-361-6715
November				
December				

Last Updated: 12-30-25

MEMBERSHIP: Newsletter: We are going back to following our guidelines for publishing. The 3rd of the month is deadline for submission to the newsletter. PLEASE this is your newsletter. Every officer, every committee member should be submitting updates, requests, and timely information pertaining to that committee. The 20th year should have something submitted every month. This is your newsletter! Every committee above has deadlines and guides the committee can use the newsletter to promote. If individual has something of great interest/heart issue they want submitted



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please submit! The new deadline date for submission Wednesday, January 8th. The newsletter always was sent before the meeting reason is part of the lateness but also deciding what everyone wants to see and read and more importantly WHAT NORWF needs educated on is totally YOU as membership needs to let me know. Communication is everything. Have idea for committee or speaker please let us know



Find the FFRW on Social Media!

- Join FFRW on our private **Facebook GROUP**
- Like FFRW on our public **Facebook PAGE** (YOU CAN SHARE FROM HERE!)
- Follow FFRW on **X (formerly Twitter)**
- Find FFRW on **Instagram**
- Follow FFRW on **Truth Social**



I want to learn more about the

National Federation of Republican Women?

- NFRW's website (www.NFRW.org)
- Follow formerly Twitter ([@NFRW](https://twitter.com/NFRW))
- NFRW on Facebook
- Find NFRW on Instagram



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**NORTHWEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED, INC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: New Member Annual Renewal (Place an * next to new/updated information)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
 Street Address _____ Precinct # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____
 Birthday (month + day) _____ How did you hear about our organization? _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: Active Membership \$45.00/year Associate Membership \$30.00 per/year
 Women who are associate members must be an active member in another Federated club. List the FFRW Club of your Active Membership _____

____ Male Associate Membership—\$30.00/year
 ____ Young Republicans/Student Associate Membership—\$5.00/year

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS: Includes one year of active or associate membership
 ____ Platinum Eagle \$251 + ____ Gold Eagle \$200 - \$250 ____ Silver Eagle \$100 - \$199 ____ Bronze Eagle \$50 - \$99

Membership includes free monthly newsletters via email. Additional \$10/year for hard copy.

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (please check all that apply)

STANDING COMMITTEES: Bylaws Campaign Activities Community Relations Finance
 (Ways & Means) Membership Legislative/CAP/Resolutions Programs

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Achievement Awards Adopt-A-Soldier Americanism Caring for America
 ____ Armed Services & Veterans Historian/Press Book M.E.L.P. Newsletter Public Relations
 ____ Scholarships Sunshine Telephone Chaplain Newsletter/Website Parliamentarian

AMOUNT PAID:\$ _____ **Check #** _____ **Cash** _____ **CC** _____

Signature on this application certifies that I am a Registered Republican. By signing this application, I also agree to abide by the By-laws and Standing Rules of NORWF, to include supporting Republicans only in partisan and non- partisan races.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION & PAYMENT TO: NORWF. P.O. BOX 56, APOPKA, FL 32704-0056

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORWF