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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Julie Carroll, Modesto RWF President

Happy Spring to our members, associates, and guests!
We thank Turlock Mayor Amy Bublak for being our April guest speaker! She gave us a lively and enjoyable update on a myriad of improvements and accomplishments achieved in the city of Turlock under her direction. Topics covered were the decrease in homelessness, improvements to the downtown area and many road improvements.

Be sure to **save the date. August 16** will be our Centennial Dinner Fundraiser. Our guest speaker will be California Gubernatorial Candidate, Sheriff Chad Bianco. Be sure to buy your tickets early since seating is limited. The theme for the evening is Roaring in to the 20's (1920's attire optional). Get your squad together and join us for a fun event!

As Republican women, we must stay united and focused on the upcoming midterm elections in 2026. Let's get ready, roll our sleeves up, and prepare to elect strong Republican candidates into office!



May 26 is Memorial Day, where we remember and give thanks for all the veterans who gave their lives for our country and our freedoms.

The MRWF Board of Directors wishes you a Happy Mother's Day!
Thank you ~ Julie Carroll

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Welcome to May

by Linda Countryman, Modesto RWF 1st VP
and CFRW Americanism Chair

MEMORIAL DAY - OBSERVED ON MAY 26, 2025



Originally known as Decoration Day, the first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30th, 1868.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed the last Monday of May in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties. A partial quote by James Garfield on May 30, 1868 states:



*"For love of country they
accepted death, and
thus resolved all doubts
and made immortal their
patriotism and their virtue."*

Ways we can and do observe Memorial Day:

- Visit memorials that honor and mourn those who have died
- Decorate military graves with the American flag, flowers, and/or wreaths
- Attend local community-based activities such as a parade
- In the spirit of the day, and a show of support for all who have served, wear red, white and blue

It should not come as a surprise that under the leadership of women during the Civil War, the practice of decorating graves increased.

Let us not forget and disregard the importance or purpose of this holiday. Make our/your Memorial Day observance meaningful and remember those who are no longer with us. We should be mindful of showing our gratitude for those who have died while serving the United States Armed Forces.

"All great things are simple and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." ~ Author unknown



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, May 13, 2025

Featuring

Josh Whitfield

Chief of Staff to California Assemblymember
Juan Alanis



SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

***** MASONIC CENTER *****

800 Rose Avenue
Modesto California

11:30 a.m.—Check In

12:00 p.m.—Call to Order

***** Cost of Program: *****

\$25 cash

\$26.50 credit card

*Includes a delicious lunch, dessert, coffee or iced tea
(tax & gratuity are included!)*

Must RSVP by Friday, May 9th

Lunches are pre-ordered

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Modesto RWF

P.O. Box 148 - Salida CA 95368

Program Includes:

Attendance at Meeting

Guest Speaker

Delicious Lunch

(includes beverages, entrée, and dessert,
plus taxes and Gratuity!)

**Program cost is the same with, or
without lunch**

MAY GUEST SPEAKER!



Joshua Whitfield is a retired United States Army Soldier who served during the War on Terrorism. He is a recipient of numerous military honors, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Josh was inducted into the Space Camp Hall of Fame in 2008 and was honored as a California Veteran of the Year in 2011 for his military service and his continued advocacy for Veterans' issues.

Josh has worked in politics for over 17 years. He has served as an aide to the late Senator John McCain, former Congressman Jeff Denham, former Assemblymember Kristin Olsen, and Assemblymember Heath Flora. Currently, Josh serves as the Chief of Staff to California Assemblymember Juan Alanis in the 22nd District.

He has also twice been elected to the City Council in his hometown of Waterford, California. He is the Chief Election Analyst for Election Recon and KFIV 1360. In the 2024 Election, his Election Recon Model correctly projected the outcome in all 50 states for President, all 34 states for the U.S. Senate, and 428 out of 435 U.S. House seats!



Josh is also a cancer survivor. He has been married to his wife, Kerr, for 9 years. Today, they reside in Mariposa, California with their 4 dogs and 3 goats.

Join us at our monthly General Meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at the Masonic Center on Rose Avenue. Check in and socialize at 11:30. Program and lunch begins at 12:00. Make your reservation by Friday, May 9. See you there?



CELEBRATING



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CFRW OBJECTIVES FOR 100 YEARS:

- promote an informed public through education and activity;
- increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;
- influence legislation and maintain a CFRW presence in State government in accordance with CFRW goals;
- promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party;
- encourage active citizenship;
- cooperate with the California Republican Party and the County Central Committees for the election of Republican nominees;
- facilitate cooperation among Federated Republican Women's Local Clubs;
- foster loyalty to Republican candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS NEARBY

Modesto Memorial Day Events:

Mayor Sue Zwahlen, Councilman Jeremiah Williams and Police Chief Brandon Gillespie are featured at the Acacia Memorial Park Memorial Day service Monday. A service will be conducted by VFW Post 3199. The event is at 11 a.m. at the memorial park, 801 Scenic Drive

Members of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 3199 will conduct their annual tossing of flowers from the Lion Bridge on Seventh Street into the Tuolumne River at 9 a.m. Monday. The commemoration will also include a 21-gun salute and honor guard, according to their Facebook page.

A ceremony will be held by the Korean War Veteran Chapter 316 Monday at 11 a.m. at the Stanislaus Veterans Center. The center is at 3500 Coffee Road, Suite 15. The ceremony will be followed by a free meal for all veterans; the meal is \$12 for others at the door.

Riverbank Memorial Day Event:

An event will take place at the Riverbank Community Center's Veterans Wall from 11:30 a.m. to noon Monday, according to the city of Riverbank. The community center is at 3600 Santa Fe St.

Turlock Memorial Day Event:

A Memorial Day program hosted by American Legion Rex Ish Post 88 will be held at Turlock Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Monday. The park is at 575 N. Soderquist Road.

Hughson Memorial Day Event:

A ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakewood Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 900 Santa Fe Ave. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Columbia Memorial Day Event:

The holiday will be observed Monday in Columbia State Historic Park, with activities throughout the day, including horse rides, panning for gold, climbing and storytelling. Red, white and blue attire is encouraged. The Memorial Day Ceremony, free and open to the public, begins at 1 p.m. The 191st Army Band Brass Ensemble will perform, and the guest speaker is Congressman Tom McClintock.

WE NEED YOU!



Your MRWF Board of Directors is collecting prizes for a *HUGE* drawing at our upcoming **1920's themed Centennial Dinner** (see flyer on page 5). If you have items you'd love to contribute, just let us know! We are especially looking for:

Symphony Tickets

Restaurant Gift Cards

Vacation Getaway

Special Wines

Round of Golf

Jewelry

Complete Themed Baskets

Hands-on Classes

Gasoline, Home Improvement, Specialty Gift Cards

Gallo Theater Tickets

If you own a business or know someone who does and would be willing to help us, please ask them!

Happy May Birthday

to our

Modesto RWF Members

Vicki Godkin

Gary Johnson

Anita Martin

Norman Martin

SAVE THE DATES

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All General Meetings: Check-in 11:30am Adjourn 1:30pm

May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 6 10:00 a.m.	Modesto RWF BOD Meeting
May 8	80th Anniversary of VE Day
May 11	Mothers Day
May 13 11:30 a.m.	Modesto RWF General Meeting with Josh Whitfield Please RSVP
May 26	Memorial Day
August 16	Centennial Dinner - Save the Date! Speaker, Drawings, 1920's theme



Modesto Republican Women Federated

Centennial Dinner

Tonight's Theme we are Roaring back to the 1920's.
(Period Attire Optional)



California Gubernatorial Candidate
Sheriff Chad Bianco

August 16, 2025

VIP Table - 8 Seats Donation \$600
(VIP Time includes appetizers and picture with Sheriff Bianco)

Individual Tickets Donation \$65

Masonic Center of Modesto 800 Rose Ave Modesto, 95350

Doors Open: VIP @ 5:00pm - General Admission @ 6:00pm - Dinner @ 7:00pm

For Tickets: modestorwf@gmail.com



Limited Seating Due To Venue
NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR



Capitol Update

Provided by Amy Russell

Legislative Update ~ April 2025

SB601 continues to be flagged as problematic legislation because it removes individual water and property rights for commercial landowners, farmers, and homeowners. Newspaper articles label SB601 as “The Right to Clean Water Act,” “Waste Discharge,” and “Protect California’s Fresh Water.” **However, SB601 does not effectively protect clean water; instead, it designates your backyard as protected land that cannot be developed.** This could mean your property, your rights, and your future!



Democratic Representative Bill Allen of El Segundo introduced SB601 in February to re-establish federal water protections. This move

aims to counter the 2023 U.S. Supreme Court case Sackett v. EPA, which removes the ‘wetland’ or ‘relatively permanent’ clause from the law, thus restoring property rights to landowners and asserting that the government does not have the right to dictate how individuals use their land. SB601 is a response to this, seeking to bolster state environmental laws in opposition to President Trump.

Did the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972 directly affect commercial landowners? Yes, it did! Did it also impact homeowners? Indeed, it did! The proposed law would effectively revert California to the regulations in place in 1972. However, its important to note that local communities in California were significantly affected by the Clean Water Act. For example, homeowners were prohibited from building additions to their homes simply because a seasonal wetland developed on their properties. This could be your neighbor, your friend, or even your own property!



This bill is not set in stone. It continues to see adjustments and refinements as it moves forward. Your input and engagement are crucial in shaping its final form.



from the President of NFRW, Julie Harris

Headlines Can Be Confusing

The National Federation of Republican Women remains steadfast in our commitment to provide our members and followers with reliable and trusted information.

Since taking office, President Trump has begun a tremendous national course correction to secure our borders, strengthen our economy, and restore American excellence. Unfortunately, we are witnessing his efforts being countered by mainstream media, Democratic activists, and Democrat elected officials who appear to fight more for illegal aliens than for the well-being of their own country’s citizens.

When confusion surrounds important issues, it's best to get the facts directly from the source implementing these much-needed changes. Below, we present facts as presented in numerous White House press briefings to provide clarity on recent headlines concerning the deportation of a “Maryland father.”

- **He’s not a “Maryland man.”** He’s an illegal alien MS-13 terrorist from El Salvador. The corporate media wants so badly for our country to be flooded with foreign criminals.
- **He was NOT deported mistakenly.** That was a lie inserted in a legal brief by a since-fired DOJ lawyer.
- **The foreign policy of the United States is conducted by the President — not by a court —** and no court in the United States has a right to conduct the foreign policy of the United States.
- **In 2019, two courts** – an immigration court and an appellate immigration court – ruled that he was a member of MS-13 and in our country illegally. There was a deportation order for him dating back to 2019.
- **It’s up to Salvadoran President Bukele** and the government of El Salvador if they want to return him. It’s not up to us.
- **The Supreme Court ruled** that *if* El Salvador wanted to return him, we would facilitate it. Meaning provide a plane.
- **When President Trump** declared MS-13 a foreign terrorist organization, he became no longer eligible for any form of immigration relief in the United States. He had a valid deportation order and HAD to be returned because of the foreign terrorist designation.
- A district court tried to tell the administration that they had to **KIDNAP** a citizen of El Salvador and fly him back to the United States, and the Supreme Court overturned that ruling 9-0.
- **The Supreme Court’s ruling** made clear that NO district court has the power to compel the foreign policy function of the United States.
- The Supreme Court also held that ***EVEN IF*** El Salvador returned this MS-13 member to the United States, we could deport him a second time. NO version of this legally ends with him ever living in the U.S. because he is a citizen of El Salvador.
- We have one party, led by **President Donald Trump, that fights for Americans**, and a **second party led by AOC, that fights for illegal aliens.**



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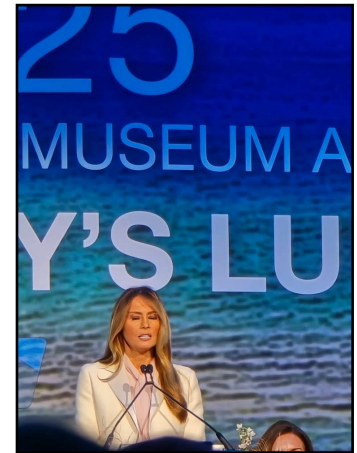
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112th First Lady's Luncheon *Honoring First Lady Melania Trump*

CRWF'S President (and MRWF's own beloved) **Lydia Kanno** was invited to attend the Silver Reception and also the Luncheon honoring our cherished **First Lady Melania Trump**



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