



Elephant Tracks



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Deltaville Seafood Festival, but most especially MCRC's Meet & Greet tent proved *the* place to be, May 10 and 11. People flocked to the booth for signs, hats, t-shirts, flags, U.S. Constitutions, and conversation! Many visitors expressed gratitude for our presence and the educational efforts we are making. The message signs opposing Socialism were attention-getting with kudos heard for them from many people. Surprisingly, the two items that garnered the most attention with supplies being sold out by the end of the festival were hats--MAGA, plus another in red displaying the message "Trump 2020" and a third in blue with the message, "Make America a Shithole, Vote Democrat." Women purchased the latter one, in distinctive numbers, but we weren't sure if they intend to wear them or they were for the men in their lives!

There were fewer than a half-dozen vocal, rude naysayers. None would engage in conversation, only shout comments of "racism," "you don't belong here," "haters," etc. Of greatest concern to MCRC members was hearing people say they were fearful to

wear items carrying President Trump's name, particularly a MAGA hat, due to potential violence. Think about that. This is in Deltaville, Virginia.



Here is one fellow, seen above with MCRC Vice Chair Lynda Muller, who was not fearful of wearing a Trump 2020 hat. Dismayed to learn MCRC could not accept a credit card, he left the festival to find an ATM to return with cash so he could pay tribute to "my man". How uplifting it is to hear echoed the praises for what President Trump is achieving across this country! This gentleman could not have been more supportive of what he's seeing accomplished and saying how minorities are now being given opportunities to prosper.

Many thanks to MCRC volunteers who helped at the Meet & Greet tent, Jean Rhame, Kat Stansell, Patti & Thom Taylor, Hal & Lynda Muller, Fernando & Marilyn Atienza, Tom & Trudy Feigum.



***Thank you for joining the
Middlesex County Republican Committee!***

Your support makes our educational efforts possible. Your membership helps buy campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions and so much more.

Let's work together to **KEEP AMERICA GREAT!**

Annual membership is \$15 per single/\$25 per couple. Mail your check payable to MCRC and send to PO Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071.



Distinguished Middlesex Veteran Honored by Congressman Rob Wittman

Raymond W. Burrell, Sr., turned 100 years old, May 9. Mr. Burrell is one of the last, if not the last, member of the Black Panthers, the first tank battalion comprised of African-Americans. He was in the 761st Tank Battalion at the Battle of the Bulge in Europe during WWII. Mr. Burrell, who lives with his daughter in Deltaville, is a native of the county.

1st District Congressman Rob Wittman paid a personal visit to Mr. Burrell last month to read a proclamation that was made part of the Congressional Record to honor Mr. Burrell's heroic service to our country. What a grand way to recognize a distinguished veteran!



A National Popular Vote Compact seems to be developing a head of steam with plans by its designers to eliminate the Electoral College. Aiming to force a national popular vote for president, opponents of the Electoral College believe it is ridiculous for a candidate to win the office of President of the United States without receiving the most popular votes.

While this appears, in my opinion, to be yet another scheme by Democrats to ensure their candidate wins, this current plan is progressing and is a massive threat to the Electoral College and the United States Constitution. By causing what in effect would be a direct election for president, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPV) would take away the protections that ensure our votes count in rural as well as urban areas. Our votes here in Middlesex County would be ignored while voters in New York and California (legal *and* illegal) would elect our President. Without the Electoral College fraud in one state would impact and affect every other state. Obviously, and

this is what Democrats want, more power over elections would be given to the federal government. Nationwide recounts in close elections? Forget it. Would each state have to certify it's own popular vote? Would one state trust another's findings? How will the NPV overcome states' rights? Can state legislatures ignore their state's voters? I don't understand how NPV isn't unconstitutional. Don't interstate compacts (per the Constitution) have to be given congressional consent?

Commonsense seems to dictate the NPV stands no chance. On the state level both Senator Ryan McDougle and Delegate Keith Hodges have stated they will not support the NPV.

But, the NPV movement tells me once again (a mantra!!) that elections have consequences. The men and women we elect to serve in Congress must adhere to the United States Constitution upon which they take an oath. If America does not remain free and stable, our citizens—that would be you and me—and our rights will no longer be protected. Democrats may relish this as achieving a long sought after goal, something they seem to be focused on making happen. But, truth reveals that abolishing the Electoral College will result in pushing America's decline into the deep abyss of Communism.

Suggested resources for further information:

Prager University video: The Popular Vote vs. the Electoral College. (4:53 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXnjGD7j2B0>

"The Danger of the Attacks on the Electoral College," Trent England, director, Save Our States, adapted from speech to Hillsdale College; published *Imprimis*, June 2019, Vol. 48, Number 6



97th Legislative District Candidate Scott Wyatt's nomination for delegate has been validated by the Republican Party of Virginia's (RPV) entire State Central Committee. This information may not be startling news to anyone but incumbent candidate for delegate Chris Peace, but it is something MCRC members should pay attention to. The entire process of choosing a method of nomination, holding a district convention, nominating a candidate for delegate, and who said what to whom has been underfire, so to speak, since early 2019. The reason this is significant is because the incumbent and his supporters called 'foul' against the nominee of the 97th District and brought into question the legality of how the nomination came about.

This challenge resulted in a hearing of appeal by both sides before the members of the 1st Congressional District Committee of which I am one, as MCRC chair. The hearing conducted by District Chair Bob Watson was professional and orderly. News media and RPV staff were present. Equal time was given both candidates or their representatives to present their concerns; adequate time was given for questioning by committee members; and clear instructions were given to those of us charged with voting to uphold the nomination or process or declare them invalid. By a large majority 1st District

members voted in support of Scott Wyatt's nomination and declared the nomination process followed as legal and in accordance with the RPV Plan. This decision was forwarded to the RPV State Central Committee's Executive Committee, which upheld the decision by 1st District, May 30

In the meantime RPV Chairman Jack Wilson and RPV's Executive Director John Findley came out publically against the 1st District's decision. This, obviously, has not set well with 1st District members and many Republicans around the Commonwealth. Letters written by attorneys representing both Candidate Wyatt and Mr. Peace have been sent to 1st District members and to RPV. At a 1st Congressional District meeting June 15, members, including myself, voted unanimously to reiterate our decision of May 20, upholding the nomination of Scott Wyatt. Ultimately, the entire RPV State Central Committee met June 21 in Richmond and voted to uphold the decision of the 1st Congressional District Committee and Scott Wyatt is the official nominee for delegate of the 97th District.

Why is this important to MCRC members? It shows clearly the necessity for following adopted, stated procedures and rules when we conduct our business. What may seem to be a trivial detail or "busy" work that can be ignored, if not followed, can turn into a legal challenge with significant consequences. In this particular case the Hanover County Unit Chairman was removed from office by that county's Republican Committee members. The charge was for not following proper procedure which interfered with the nominating process.



MCRC will not meet in July 2019. This was the decision made by MCRC members at their regular meeting, June 20. While there is ongoing business to attend to, it was agreed much of this can be accomplished with one or more meetings of specific committees within MCRC. MCRC will meet Thursday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m. Candidates who have most recently filed for the offices of supervisor, sheriff, and commissioner of revenue are being invited to speak.



Of interest to those who are following the subject of Solar Development in Middlesex County is the decision by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to ask that an ordinance be prepared to make all such applications by Special Exception. This proposed ordinance will then be up for a vote by the BOS at their next meeting, July 2. If approved, going forward all applications for Solar Developments within the county will have to be heard and acted on by the BOS.

Clark Waring continues to collect petition signatures to require a vote by district citizens before a Solar Development can be built within that district. Additionally, Clark has asked that approved solar developments must have signage posted on the property describing the project before work can begin. This will grant neighbors and potential property buyers opportunity to know about the project before work begins. One of the biggest deterrents heard to solar field development in the county at recent public

hearings is the alleged reduction in nearby property values and an inability to sell property by owners who neighbor a solar field. These points relate specifically to not wanting to view solar fields and to fears of not knowing what the eventual outcome of solar development will be; i.e., aging/deterioration of the panels creating potential health hazards; bankruptcy by developer may evolve into burden on property owner or taxpayers; etc. Unhappiness has also been expressed about the tax-subsidies developers are receiving while energy costs to consumers continue to rise.



Snippets :

“When regulatory costs are combined with estimated FY2018 projected outlays of \$4.412 trillion, the federal government’s share of the entire economy reaches 30 percent (not including state and local spending and regulation). If it were a country, U.S. regulation would be the world’s ninth-largest economy, ranking behind India and ahead of Canada.” – *Competitive Enterprise Institute*, annual Ten Thousand Commandments Report

“...no amount of marketing could change the poor physics of resource-intensive and land-intensive renewables. Solar farms take 450 times more land than nuclear plants, and wind farms take 700 times more land than natural gas wells to produce the same amount of energy. – www.Forbes.com

“San Francisco has 6,168 property crimes per 100,000 people—roughly 148 burglaries, larcenies, car thefts and arsons per day; 51 car break-ins everyday on average.” – *Charlie Kirk* on Twitter

“People are driving across that border with tons of everything from byproducts from methamphetamine to cocaine to heroin. And it’s all coming up from corrupt Mexico.” – *Joe Biden*, 2020 Democrat Presidential Candidate



--UPCOMING EVENTS--

“The Truth about Sustainability” – Sunday, July 14, 2019
Middlesex Shooting Sports Club, 1860 Twiggs Ferry Road, Hartfield, VA 23071
Speaker: Tom DeWeese, author, founder and president, American Policy Center
No admittance fee, light refreshments
Sponsored by The Earnest Patriot Kat Stensall



MCRC Monthly Meeting – NO JULY MEETING



MCRC Events/Fundraising Committee – Friday, July 12, 2019

MCRC Monthly Meeting – Thursday, August 15, 2019
Cooks Corner Public Conference Room, 2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.



County Meetings

Board of Supervisors – First Tuesday of each month, 3:00 p.m.

School Board – Second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
(Historic Courthouse in Saluda unless otherwise noted)

Check county website for updates, committee, and Authority meetings
www.co.middlesex.va.us/

PARTING THOUGHT: “If we wish to save the world from barbarism, we have to conquer Socialism, but we cannot thrust it carelessly aside.” – Ludwig von Mises, Austrian economist, author of *Socialism*, published in 1922

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