



Elephant Tracks



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"We are at war!"



When President Trump spoke these words, he referred specifically to the Corona Virus, COVID-19. It was an unknown enemy, he said, with methods to fight yet to be fully determined. Over the ensuing months since the alleged onset in the United States, medical opinions and directives have evolved with the intention by President Trump, Vice President Pence and their team of experts to contain the spread and defeat the enemy in its tracks.

Attempts to contain the spread led to a rash of actions by government officials nationwide to shut down churches, businesses, any location or activity they believed might be a catalyst for infecting numbers of people at one time. Results of the shut down are mixed, as one might suspect, with some likely not to be verifiable for months or years to come. Contested statistics of success or downright failure are bantered about, fueled with speculation from models developed by institutions and individuals. Will there be an accurate accounting of how many cases of the virus were diagnosed nationwide? Treated by hospitals, including temporary hospitals? Deaths caused by

the virus? Will anyone pay attention to or care if the accounting is accurate? Will there be lessons learned or will it all be dismissed, tucked away as just another government report and...forgotten?

The pandemic began in China and arrived in the United States at a convenient time. President Trump had just been cleared of any impeachable charges. Clouds were beginning to form over Schiff and his party as they prepared for dumping yet another storm of lies and manufactured wrongs against Mr. Trump. Along came COVID-19, to deliver a death-blow to our country's mushrooming economy—and take away the one sure achievement which could ensure the President's re-election. What a grand way to pull the rug out from under this over-confident Tweeter's feet and make possible the Democrats retake of the White House in 2020. It's hard to avoid the glee in the faces of Pelosi and friends, including the ever-yapping, left DNC media. This, of course, begs the question: Is COVID-19 the real enemy in this war?

China, quickly losing economic favor around the world, is a bigger enemy than we care to admit. Diminished revenues, resulting from President Trump's trade deals, have pushed Communist China into scrambling to find ways to save their country. I'm not saying China released this COVID-19 on the world to save their economy, although I've read and heard plenty that lends credence to this theory.

Why are these viruses created in the first place? Is ruling the world with bio-warfare sufficient reason? Rather than battling about signing the Paris Climate Accord, why aren't efforts focused on destroying and preventing bio-warfare? Yes, these are rhetorical questions.

What has happened to American's Constitutional Rights through this? Where has our freedom to assemble, our right to free speech, our right to bear arms, and our right to worship as we choose gone? Reasonable efforts to contain and prevent the virus from spreading make sense. But, too many efforts are smacking of totalitarianism, ushering in and supporting government that's in charge of every aspect of our lives. And, it's opened the door wide to Communist takeover! The longer the shutdowns continue, the less likely we are to achieve restoration of our rights. Fear causes people to cower and lose ability to think rationally. Our rights were being eroded before the virus struck, but apathy clouds the eyes of many, while others are totally ignorant and willing to be subservient and oppressed with the promise of safety. Oh, for a dose of Benjamin Franklin, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Amen!

The enemy—Covid-19, Communist China, and the destruction of our Constitution and our country—is what we're fighting and, make no mistake, this is war. How can any of us rationalize the nationwide destruction of thousands of buildings and businesses, the tearing down of statues and monuments, and the rising number of deaths and injuries from this so-called cultural revolution without recognizing this is not about George Floyd, COVID or ancestral slavery? It's a Communist takeover of America! Question is: What are WE—you and me--going to do about it?

We have our nominee, now let's get him elected! Daniel MacArthur Gade received close to 68% of the vote in the Virginia Republican Primary, June 23, ahead of two other Republican candidates vying for the nomination.

Gade, a 1997 West Point graduate, retired from the United States Army as a lieutenant colonel in 2017. He became an amputee in 2005 while serving as a company commander in Ramadi, Iraq. As he says, he knows the sacrifices our brave service men and women make every day. Colonel Gade was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his service to our country.

Colonel Gade is also Dr. Gade, a professor of history and the U.S. Constitution at American University, one of the most liberal colleges in America. One of his favorite things to do, Dan says, is to watch the eye-rolls from students on the first day of classes each new semester when he announces they *will* know the Constitution when they leave his classroom.

A strong believer in protecting our Constitutional rights, freedoms and preserving our way of life, Dan will work to preserve the Second Amendment. He believes an unborn child has a fundamental right to live. He promises to fight to cut taxes, reduce regulations and get bureaucrats out of our pocketbooks. Dan wants to protect American families and will do all he can to secure the southern border and make immigration work for America.

Let's not make this a half-hearted attempt to unseat U.S. Senator Mark Warner. Virginia can no longer put Democrats who we know do not support America into office. This is no longer Warner Country! Right away, **send a donation to Dan to aid his campaign**. Do this by going online to www.GadeforVirginia.com or send your check by the USPS to Gade for Virginia, Inc.; 7330 Staples Mill Rd., #100; Richmond, VA 23228.

We must saturate Middlesex County with campaign signs for Daniel Gade. Wherever there's a sign promoting president Trump, there should be a sign for Gade for Senate, and another for Rob Wittman for Congress. Voters must see our support!



"The philosophical differences that exist between governments of the world are due to the fundamental beliefs of how the world is supposed to function. Our foundations are rooted in the Creator of the universe. That is what makes the United States different. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness should be available to all." –Doug Roby, Bible Broadcasting Network



Middlesex County Republican Committee Elects New Chairman



Lynda Muller of Urbanna was elevated from vice chair to chairman of MCRC when she was elected at a special meeting, January 16. Muller also served as MCRC Secretary. Lynda succeeds Trudy Feigum of Hartfield, who chaired county Republicans since 2016.

In her acceptance remarks, Muller announced her focus as chair will be to help young people learn about the Republican Party—what it stands for, why it's important, and why they should become part of MCRC.

Elected new vice chair is Tommy Kennedy of Locust Hill. Patti Taylor, Hartfield, is secretary and Garth Wheeler, Urbanna, continues as treasurer.

Want to take Chinese products off your shopping list? It may seem a pretty simple thing to do, if you just read the barcodes on product labels. Look at the first three numbers on the code. If those numbers are **690 to 699**, the product is made in China. But wait. These first three numbers may not tell the country of origin, but rather the country from where the product was last shipped. Thus, if a product was made in China and then shipped to say, Mexico to be packaged, the bar code would indicate the product was made in Mexico rather than China. Trying to research barcodes resulted in frustration because, as with far too many government regulations, clarity and verifiable truth are not detectable. Don't we have a right to know where products are manufactured and/or grown? Isn't there a U.S. law that requires country of manufacture be labeled on products marketed in this country? What about where a product is grown, such as meats? As shoppers in the United States of America, we should not allow ourselves to be deceived. Bureaucrats write these rules—President Trump knows this well—and these rules after a specified period of time become law. Why do you think our President has spent his first term working so hard to eliminate so many rules and regulations? Best news is that he's eliminated thousands of onerous regulations. Now, let's get him re-elected so he can continue his mission!



Feigum Elected Delegate to Republican National Convention...and there will be a convention!



MCRC immediate past chairman and Elephant Tracks editor Trudy Feigum was elected one of three National Delegates from the 1st Congressional District of Virginia at the unassembled convention, June 13, at Caroline County High School.

Feigum joins Scott Lingamfelter, a former member of the State House of Delegates; and State Senator Ryan McDougle as delegates; Pat Dunnington, Russ Wright, and Dottie Miller as alternate delegates. Dottie ran unopposed as District Elector. Together, these Republicans will hold fast to their commitments to nominate Donald Trump for a second term as the President of the United States. All are planning for an assembled convention in Jacksonville, FL, August 24-27.

District delegates were required to “drive through” the school parking lot to designated tents to cast their ballots. Before they did, candidates for National Delegate, Alternate Delegate, District Elector, State Central Committee, and District Chair waved, smiled, and urged them to “Vote for Me!” This method of campaigning adhered to social distancing requirements. Thankfully, masks were not required to be worn!



Thank you for joining the Middlesex County Republican Committee!

You make our educational efforts possible! Your membership helps buy and make available campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions. GOP Candidate support is front and center, too!

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.

“What happened to *Elephant Tracks*?” has been a question posed to your editor many times over the last several months. I don't like to make excuses, but, like you, I've been struggling to keep up with all that's happening in our county, our Commonwealth and our country—it's all been happening so quickly. I helped lead the effort to declare Middlesex a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, participated in the gigantic Second Amendment Rally of Support at Richmond, helped our new MCRC chair elect our district and state delegates after MCRC's Mass Meeting had to be cancelled due to COVID, campaigned for National Delegate, and this is a limited list of activities! *Elephant Tracks* will continue and I will do my best to return to our monthly publication schedule. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support and encouragement!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – VOTE!
Are you registered?

MCRC Monthly Meeting – August 20, 2020

Location to be announced

(Major thanks to All Saints Anglican Church for use of its Parish Hall)

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.



Republican Party of Virginia Unassembled State Convention

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Middlesex delegates will cast votes at Virginia State Fair Grounds

Watch email for additional information



County Meetings

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

County offices closed until further notice

Meetings held online via ZOOM

Watch for email notification with details for participating

School Board – Second Monday of each month

Meetings held online

Watch for email notification with details

Check county website for updates, committee, and Authority meetings

www.co.middlesex.va.us/

PARTING THOUGHTS:

“Socialism in general has a record of failure so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore or evade it. It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance. Much of the social history of the Western world, over the past three decades, has been a history of replacing what worked with what sounded good.”

– Thomas Sowell

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