

Greetings, Members!

Dear Members,

The CRWC leadership and I are heartbroken by the tragic assassination of Charlie Kirk. This was not merely an act of violence, but a direct attack on a powerful and influential voice in the conservative movement. This senseless act, which has no place in a civil society, is a stark reminder of the escalating political intolerance in our country. We must stand together against the rising tide of political violence that seeks to silence conservative voices and suppress free speech.

We send our deepest condolences to his family, his friends, and all those who have been impacted by this loss. Let us honor his memory by continuing to fight for the conservative values he so bravely championed.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Shirley Miles
President CRWC





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Upcoming CRWC September Meeting

CALL TO ACTION – IT IS NOW OR NEVER!!!

Poll Watcher Training with RNC/RPV NOVA Election Integrity Director Dave Platte

Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Virginia Election Integrity Director for Northern Virginia, Dave Platte, will provide Poll Watcher Overview Training in collaboration with the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club.

When: Thursday, September 25th at 7:00pm

Where: Alexandria City Police Department Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304.

RSVP: shirley@1primus-usa.com

Please join us to learn how you can help make Virginia elections fair, honest, legal, and accurate.

Early Voting starts this Friday, September 19th. Now is the time to commit to doing your part. We need all boots on the ground.

Early Voting shifts are about four hours long. You can serve on as many or as few shifts as you want during the 45 days of Early Voting. If you serve only a few shifts during the entire 45-day period, you are still helping greatly.

Come attend this training session to learn about being a Poll Watcher (also known as an Authorized Representative), then sign up to reserve your shifts.

Commander Dave 'Splat' Platte, a retired U.S. Naval Officer, is an expert in large-scale operations and strategic planning. His career spans the military, government, and private sectors, focusing on national security and emergency management.



Recap of Spring & Summer CRWC Events

Lawfare or Justice with Dr. John Eastman – March 28, 2025

In March, CRWC proudly hosted Dr. John C. Eastman, former Dean of Chapman University School of Law and attorney for President Donald Trump. Dr. Eastman spoke about his pivotal role in President Trump's fight to expose election irregularities in 2020 and the ongoing political persecution he faces for standing up for the truth. The evening featured a documentary on his legal battles and concluded with a powerful Q&A on defending election integrity and safeguarding our constitutional freedoms.



Annual Membership Gala with Ronald D. Vitiello – April 24, 2025

CRWC was honored to host Ronald D. Vitiello as keynote speaker for our Annual Membership Gala. With a remarkable 34-year career, Mr. Vitiello shared insights on national security, immigration reform, and leadership, drawing on his experience as the only Border Patrol agent to lead both CBP and ICE. The evening brought together community leaders and members for a compelling address, followed by a lively reception. Thank you to everyone who made the evening a success



Recap of Spring & Summer CRWC Events (continued)

Celebrating Women's Health Month – May 31, 2025

Members gathered at Fort Ward Park to celebrate Women's Health Month with a focus on wellness and self-care. Special thanks go to fitness expert Quaashie Wise of *Boot Camp With X* for leading an energizing exercise session, and to Kaylyn Wadley of *KVW Fitness & Health* for sharing valuable insights on mindful nutrition. It was inspiring to see so many members come together to prioritize health and well-being.



2025 VFRW Convention – May 16, 2025

VFRW Members - Gathered to celebrate accomplishments, hear dynamic speakers, network with other Republicans, and prepare for future successes moving forward a conservative agenda here in the Commonwealth. Our purpose was to promote the cause of good, sound, responsible government through the efforts of knowledgeable and capable women in politics.



Recap of Spring & Summer CRWC Events (continued)

Annual Fundraiser at The Little Theatre of Alexandria – June 6, 2025

Our annual fundraiser was a spectacular evening of fellowship and entertainment. Guests enjoyed a pre-show reception, intermission spread, and the hilarious performance of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. The night was filled with laughter, great company, and a true sense of community. A heartfelt thank-you to all supporters who attended and made the evening a tremendous success.



Latest CRWC News & Updates

Welcome New Members

We are thrilled to welcome our newest CRWC members! Your energy and commitment strengthen our community, and we look forward to working together as we continue to grow.

**Barbara King
Cindy Ahlstrom
Karen O'Gorman
Nuri Vitiello**

**Stacey Orben
Taylor Hathorn
Celianne Gunderson
Gale Nemas**

**Laura Perez
Shaina Greenfield
Suzanne Wible
Zada Martin**

Leadership Opportunities

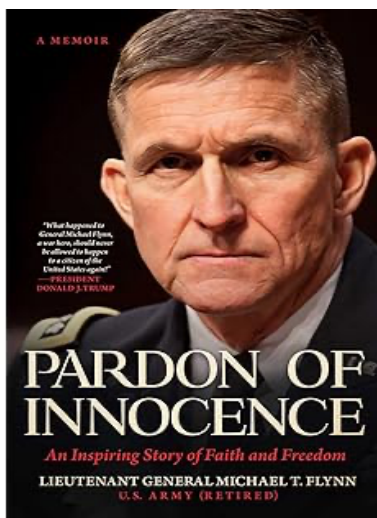
As some of our dedicated leaders move on to new life chapters, we are deeply grateful for their service and wish them the very best. Their transitions open opportunities for new members to step into leadership and help shape the future of our organization. We currently have openings for **First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Public Relations/Media Chairperson**. If you're interested in serving, please contact Shirley at shirley@1primus-usa.com for details.

CRWC Website

Our website is currently under construction. In the meantime, be sure to follow our Facebook page for the latest news and updates! Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCRWC/>

Join us for September Book Club: *Pardon of Innocence*

The CRWC Book Club will meet on Saturday, September 27 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the home of Susan Yonts-Shepard. Our featured reading will be the book titled "Pardon of Innocence by Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn. We hope you'll join us for thoughtful discussion, fresh perspectives, and fellowship. RSVP for direction at seysrls@comcast.com.





Latest CRWC News & Updates (continued)

School Board Highlights: Second Half of 2024–2025

The second half of the 2024/2025 school year held several highlights: confirmation of a new school board, deliberations on a new school board budget, development of school board maps for future school redistricting, a new agreement between the Alexandria Police Department and School Board, and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) -mandated testing of K-2d grade students for literacy.

1. New School Board. Four new members joined the school board early this year. These included two members from District C: Donna Kenley and Abdullahe Abudulla; one member from District B: Alex Sciosca; and one new member from District A: Ryan Reyna. Mr. Sciosca is the youngest member of the board, having graduated from Alexandria City High School in 2017. Mr. Reyna had a prior relationship with the ACPS Central Office through his work with select committees.

2. 2025/2026 School Board Budget. The City Council, always critical of the school board's expanding yearly budget, instructed the board it would be necessary to cut its budget this coming school year in light of "political" realities. Items of serious discussion by the school board included teacher raises and new staffing requests. The final recommended 2026 operating budget in the amount of \$363M was approved at the last school board meeting of the year.

3. School Redistricting. The re-districting process, started in 2023 in response to escalating school over-crowding issues on the West End, District C, entered into its community-engagement phase. A committee of school board members, consultants, and community members from each school district was formed to meet and discuss various options proposed by the firm advising the school system on best options. At the last school board meeting, the three remaining options were discussed and one chosen to move forward to the implantation part of the process. The new plan is to become effective at the beginning of the 2025/2026 school year.

4. Alexandria Police Department (APD)– School Board Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Every 2 years, the APD and School Board sign a MOU that outlines the responsibilities of each party concerning the security of our students. The members of the school board voted at the last meeting of the year to extend discussion with the APD for another 6 months. The crux of their objection to the current proposed MOU is APD's request to have direct access to student records. The current MOU stipulates that records can only be accessed by permission of a school administrator.

5. VDOE Testing of Alexandria K-2d Graders. The Virginia Literacy Act of 2022, which outlined requirements for the training of teachers and the testing of students for literacy standards set by VDOE, mandated the testing of K-2d grade students this past school year. For each child who does not meet standards, the school system is expected to develop and monitor a Student Learning Plan. A total of 1,870 students (roughly 34%) of Alexandria K-2d graders did not pass their tests. The 3 schools with the highest number of students failing are located on the West End, in District C.

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2025 White House Historical Association Ornament

CRWC is delighted to offer the 2025 White House Historical Association's Christmas ornament (pictured and described below) as part of this year's fundraising efforts. To purchase one or more ornaments, you can call or text Laurie Kirby at 703-220-1067. Each ornament costs \$25 and can be paid by cash, Zelle, or a check made payable to CRWC.

The 2025 Official White House Historical Association's Christmas ornament celebrates the 150 year tradition of State Dinners at the White House by depicting two iconic State China plates.

The ornament front features the Reagan State Service plate produced in 1981 by Lenox China. The plate is distinguished by a red border with gold crosshatching surrounding the Presidential Coat of Arms.

Pictured on the reverse side of the ornament is the plate commemorating the 200th anniversary of President John Adams' occupation of the new President's House in Washington, DC. This was the first of the State Dinner China to feature images of the White House.



Commonwealth REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

JOIN CRWC. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Joining CRWC is the way to participate in the political process at the grassroots level and to network with other women in Alexandria, Virginia and the nation.

The **Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC)** is the Alexandria Chapter of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (**VFRW**), an affiliate of the National Federation of Republican Women (**NFRW**). Join **CRWC** and get automatic membership in **VFRW** and **NFRW**.

CRWC gathers monthly at 7:00 pm for snacks/social and 7:30 pm for our meeting on the 4th Thursday from September through June.

Our meetings offer informative programs, guest speakers, political candidates, and the company of like-minded people. **Join us!**

OUR BELIEFS

Free enterprise as the engine of our economy
Fiscally responsible government | Budgetary restraint
Equal rights, justice and opportunities for all
Responsible citizenship | Upholding the US Constitution
Strong national defense | A nation founded on faith in God

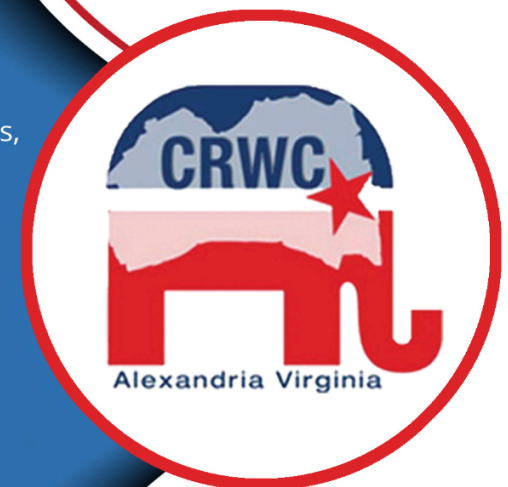
JOIN US AS WE:

- Enjoy access to resources for leadership and political training.
- Explore the political process through programs, workshops, and timely presentations.
- Experience politics in action.
- Meet party leaders and candidates.
- Work on local, state, and national campaigns.
- Encourage emerging local candidates considering political careers.

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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership

Application/Renewal Form 2025

*Required information

*Name _____ *Date _____

*Address _____ *City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Email _____ *Phone _____

Employer _____ City _____ State _____

Precinct: _____

Please indicate type of renewal:

_____ New Member (\$50) _____ Renewing Member (\$50)

_____ Associate (\$25) _____ If a woman, name of primary club _____

Member: Must be either (1) a resident of Alexandria or (2) a nonresident who is not a member of another Republican women's club and chooses the CRWC as her primary club. Dues: \$50/yr

Associate member: May be a member of a Republican club outside of Alexandria. They may not make motions or vote, hold office or be a delegate to conventions from the CRWC. Men may also be associate members. Dues: \$25/yr

Make check payable to CRWC and mail to:

Suzanne Morrison
CRWC Treasurer
3812 Woodlawn Ct.
Alexandria, VA 22304

I am interested in participating in the following committee areas:

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| _____ Election Integrity | _____ Election Officers | _____ Poll Watchers |
| _____ Education | _____ Fundraising | _____ Legislation Monitoring |
| _____ Program Events | _____ Phone Tree | _____ TEMPO Newsletter |
| _____ Hospitality | _____ Civic Projects | _____ Recruit HS/College Rep. Women |
| _____ Facility Search | _____ Scholarships | _____ Publicity/Press |
| _____ Website | _____ Outreach | _____ Political Campaigns |
| _____ Communication | _____ Media | _____ Farmers Market Tables |
| _____ College Republicans | _____ Promote Women's Health | _____ Minority Inclusion Program |
| _____ Present One Program on RPV State Central Committee | | |