



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our June Meeting will be on Monday the 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino
Our Program will be Mobilization – How to Get Involved in a Local, State or Federal Campaign

VICTORY IN 2004

Len Yelinek

The days are counting down to the election. How are **you** participating? Your vote on Election Day is valued. Your involvement in the process leading up to Election Day is desired and needed. The June meeting is about Mobilization. **If you want to get involved, this is the meeting to attend. Bring a friend.**

We understand that there have been some problems with the Club address list. Thanks to new member volunteer Basil Raffa, we have a modern member database. Thanks for your help Basil.

On a matter of decorum, please understand that the materials distributed at luncheons should only relate to a candidate or an election issue. Business information is NOT appropriate. Thank you.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome the following 15 persons who joined the Republican Men's Club this month. In the past 5 months, we have gained 94 new members.

New Member	Sponsored By
Jeff Boughrum	Jim Marsh
Nicholas F. Fiore, Sr.	Don Carll
Elizabeth Gonzalez	Paul Workman
Fred Kempf	Al Valdez
Steven McDonald	Lynette Boggs McDonald
David McGowan	Al Valdez
Erven T. Nelson	Paul Workman
Joe North	Jim Marsh
James Pappas	Len Yelinek
David Pulliam	Bruce Thompson
Todd Rosenberg	Keith Blasko
Joe G. Sortino	Al Valdez
Thomas G. Thompson	Paul Adams
Richard W. Truesdell	Paul Workman
Guy R. Williams	Len Yelinek

We appreciate these committed Republicans who have joined to become actively involved in helping elect Republican candidates in 2004.

We recognize the following RMC members who have sponsored one or more new members during the first six months of our incentive program:

Al Valdez – 10	Paul Workman – 7
Rick Burnam – 4	Dan Barnett - 3
Bill Kohn - 3	Maxine Clark – 3
Uli Miyashiro – 3	Len Yelinek - 3
Betty Rumford – 2	Jim Frank – 2
Ronnie Vause – 2	

The following have each sponsored one new member:

Harry Allen, Sr.	Anthony Bandiero
Bob Beers	Phyllis Bougie
Ernie Clark	Ron Cuzze
Alice Fessenden	Don Guardina
John Hambrick	John Hathcock
Joe Heck	Lisa Heck
Catherine Junek	John Laub
Chuck McDonald	Ray McKay
Chip Maxfield	Dennis Nolan
Steven Saul	Arlene Southard
Nancy Sprague	John Stanhagen
Ronnie Vause	Conrad Vilella
Rex Wilhoite	Donna Woddward
Paul Adams	Bernie Zadrowski

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the above named 44 members who have contributed significantly to the strength of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

At the June meeting, we will recognize Al Valdez, Paul Workman and Len Yelinek for their recruiting efforts.

The active involvement of each of us is required to assure the overall success of Republican Victory 2004.

Thank you for your support

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Never give in - never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

Winston Churchill

COMMENTARY

Paul Adams

According to the campaign rhetoric, President Bush was wrong because he **did not act** preemptively before 9/11 and because he **did act** preemptively in Iraq. Democrats claim that President Bush lied about the existence of Iraqi WMD even though they acknowledged the existence of those weapons before the war. They claim President Bush failed to gather enough human intelligence before the war and then condemn his administration because it may have conducted harsh interrogations of some terrorist prisoners. They express sustained "righteous indignation" over the events of Abu Ghraib but collectively shrug at the killing and mutilation of the 4 American in Fallujah and the recent beheading of Nicholas Berg.

This is why John Kerry is the perfect Democratic nominee. He volunteered for Vietnam and then, 4 months into a 12-month tour, invoked a little known regulation to abandon his troops and go home. Kerry threw his medals over the White House fence, but now campaigns on them. Although he voted against nearly all of the major weapons systems deployed today and against active duty pay raises, he now claims to support the troops. He proposed gutting the national intelligence gathering capability and now wrings his hands over the inability to gather intelligence. He voted for the \$87B before he voted against it.

The Democratic message is that America does **not** really support the war on terror. The Democratic message to the terrorists is clear - sustain the chaos until November, kill a few Americans every week, blow up a car bomb or two on a regular basis and **together**, we can defeat President Bush. According to Gen. Giap, Kerry is experienced in helping our enemies in time of war. <http://tinyurl.com/3g5ml>. A President Kerry can return to Paris to negotiate his version of "Peace with Honor." And the terrorists can again focus on how to conduct attacks on American soil.

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VETERANS' ISSUES

Dick Higgins

SBA FAVORS S-D VETERANS

With new rule changes effective May 5, the Small Business Administration (SBA) gave service-disabled (S-D) veteran-owned small businesses a break, effective immediately.

The new rule adds provision to the Code of Federal Regulations that will allow contracting officers to restrict contract awards to small businesses owned by S-D veterans when there is a reasonable expectation that two or more such small businesses will submit bids at a fair market price.

Small businesses owned by S-D veterans can be awarded sole-source contracts when there is not a reasonable expectation that two or more such firms will submit bids and the anticipated contract price does not exceed \$3 million, or \$5 million for manufacturing contracts.

The interim rule allows small businesses to self-certify as s-d veteran-owned businesses and any challenge to a firm's status or standing must be referred to the SBA for resolution. The SBA will rely upon existing Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense determinations regarding status and will help enforce penalties for false representation.

Additional details at

<http://www.sba.gov/news/04-29.pdf>

VA TILTS TO NEW COMBAT VETS

VA Secretary Principi is sending a personal letter to more than 150,000 veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in Iraq, and Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan.

The letter is addressed to veterans recently separated from the military to thank them for their service and to remind them of their eligibility for VA Health Care and other benefits.

The letter includes brochures and links to web pages at www.va.gov that contain more details about VA benefits, including applying for benefits on line.

VA focuses special attention on those with service-related disabilities.

In addition, the goal is a seamless transition from military to VA services with claims for financial benefits receiving expedited processing.

For the seriously wounded, VA has counselors working at the bedsides of patients in military hospitals with the largest numbers of casualties to begin benefit applications before they leave the military.

CAN BUSH WIN ANNA'S VOTE?

A CONVERSATION WITH A SWING VOTER WHO'S LEANING TOWARD KERRY.

Peggy Noonan

The WSJ May 20, 2004

Anna is going to vote in November. That's not in doubt; she always votes. But she isn't sure who she's going to vote for. She'll make up her mind. It's not like they say on TV, that there will be some picture and it will crystallize for her "Yes Bush" or "No Bush." It's more like she'll be imagining "more Bush" and the world that brings, or "let's hire Kerry" and the world that brings. And she'll vote for the better world she imagines. And oddly enough she's starting to feel a little like Mr. Bush can be let go because maybe he has already done the job he was meant to do. He did what we hired him for. He got us through 9/11, he led us through, he got the Homeland Security Department. He cleaned out Afghanistan. Then he moved into Iraq, he fought hard. And maybe that's the job he was supposed to do. And maybe now we can let him go. Maybe Kerry's supposed to handle it the next few years. He'll get us out of Iraq as soon as possible because he's a Democrat and they don't want to be there.

Read the full editorial at

<http://tinyurl.com/32vcj>

Editorial comment – He can if YOU help

OUR ENEMY IS NOT TERRORISM

Address by Former Secretary of the Navy
John Lehman

We are at a juncture today that really is more of a threshold, even more of a watershed, than the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was in 1941. We are currently in a war, but it is not a war on terrorism. In fact, that has been a great confusion, and the sooner we drop that term, the better.

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This was the emergence of a transnational enemy driven by religious fervor and fanaticism. Our enemy is not terrorism. Our enemy is violent, Islamic fundamentalism. None of our government institutions was set up with receptors, or even vocabulary, to deal with this. So we left ourselves completely vulnerable to a concerted attack.

Read the full address at

<http://tinyurl.com/2bmq6>

Support President Bush

How can you get involved? Join a coalition in support of President Bush. These coalitions include

African Americans, Asian Americans, Construction, Democrats/Independents, Doctors/Medical, Educators, Farmers/Ranchers, Firefighters, Hispanics, Labor/Union Households, Law Enforcement, LDS, Small Business, Seniors, Social Conservatives, Sportsmen, Veterans, Women, Young Professionals, and Youth.

Contact [Ross Mellor](mailto:Ross.Mellor@bushwhitehouse.com) at the Bush Cheney office at (866) 640-2874 for more information. If you do not fit in one of those categories, let the campaign know and you can start a new coalition.

Nevada Veterans for Bush Cheney

Veterans for Bush Cheney national rollout was on May 11th, lead by Senator Dole. See the full press release on the coalition at <http://tinyurl.com/yv75y>. Contact [Paul Adams](mailto:Paul.Adams@bushwhitehouse.com) (702) 896-4393 (State Chair) or [James Frank](mailto:James.Frank@bushwhitehouse.com) (702) 228-2056 (Local Region Chair) to get involved.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Express your support of President Bush by writing a letter to the editor of the LV Review Journal or the Sun. Take part in countering the attacks on our President.

THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IS NOW!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Central Command Press Release, dated January 16, 2004, on the detainee treatment investigation can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/2grv9>

The complete AR 15-6 Investigation of the 800th MP Brigade can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/3arfc>

The **National Federation of Republican Women** is conducting a membership drive? For details on the program, contact Margaret Penn at mpenn@nfrw.org. For details on the organization, visit www.nfrw.org.

We are in the midst of a **Young Republican Roundup**? For details, contact Nancy Sprague at 702-594-7551 Fax: 566-6204, Email: SpragueCo@cox.net

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Year 2004 Meetings -- All dates are Monday -- Please Mark Your Calendars

Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board
Jun	7	21	Jul	5	19	Aug	2	16
Sep	13	20	Oct	4	18	Nov	1	15
Dec	6	20						

Notice: The cost of the luncheon at the regular meeting of the Men's Club is \$15.00 each for Members and Guests.

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Mark Risman	Mahlon Faust**
Scott Black	Robert Wiseman
Mike Moody	Michael Schaefer
Charley Johnson	** Deceased

BIOGRAPHY

As a new feature to the newsletter, we will provide background information on Officers and Directors. This month's featured Director

AL VALDEZ

Al brings a combination of over 42 years of diversified business management with over 30 years of political activism to the board of the Republican Men's Club. Al spent 32 years at the largest financial institution in New Mexico, rising to the position of Senior Vice President/Marketing Division Manager. After leaving that position, Al was a self-employed business management consultant for another 10 years.

In 1970, Al became actively involved in political activities. This included five campaigns on behalf of Senator Pete Domenici, eight campaigns on behalf of Congressman Muel Lujan, Jr. and five campaigns on behalf of Congressman Steve Schiff. In addition to these activities, Al served as the Finance Chairman to Congressman Schiff and the New Mexico State Finance Chairman.

Upon moving to Nevada, Al remained politically active. He was an active volunteer in three campaigns on behalf of Congressman Jon Porter and is the precinct leader of precinct 1421. He has served as the Nevada Republican Party State Treasurer, a member of the Clark County Central Committee and Executive Board.

As the membership chairman of the RMC, Al has been instrumental in organizing the activities of the membership drive, which has resulted in 94 new members since December 2003. Al, and his lovely wife Toni, will be representing Nevada Republicans as Official Delegates to the 2004 Republican National Convention.

Visit the Club Web Site at <http://www.republicanmensclub.com>

If you have ideas for newsletter content,
please submit suggestions to [Paul Adams](#).



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