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## *The Elephant's Tale*

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### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- **JUNE 14:** Nevada Primary Election
- **OCTOBER 8:** Last date to register to vote for General Election by mail
- **OCTOBER 18:** Last date to register to vote for General Election online or in person
- **OCTOBER 22:** November 4, early voting for General Election



- **NOVEMBER 8:** General Election

*You're Invited to the  
Sixth Annual Dinner  
at the Governor's Mansion*



**JUNE 21, 2016**

**5 to 8 p.m. at the**

**GOVERNOR'S MANSION**

in the Nevada Room, 606 Mountain Street in Carson City

*Dinner by "A Catered Affaire"*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?



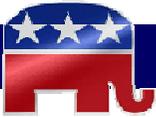
**Political Science Professor Robert Morin, JD, PhD**, of Western Nevada College, a noted political analyst, will speak on "Political Parties, Primaries and the 2016 Presidential Election." (By then, we will have the results of all the primaries! )

Wonderful Gift Baskets will be available in a silent auction!

\$50 per person. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT** required by June 15th. Your payment is your reservation! Please mail payment to IVCBRW, PO Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

### QUESTIONS?

Email Shirley Appel at [mrsradar@aol.com](mailto:mrsradar@aol.com) or call (cell) 818-266-4402 or (home) 775-831-1505.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hats off to everyone who made our May Candidate Forum an informative and successful evening. Over 70 members of our community gathered to listen to 19 Republican candidates explain why they are running for offices as

diverse as Fire District representative, Washoe School District Trustee, IVGID Board, and the U.S. Senate.

A special note of appreciation to Patricia Moser Morris who recruited the candidates, arranged publicity in the local media, and chaired the event in my absence. Also a thank you to June Shafer, who served as timekeeper for the candidate remarks, and Charlotte Curtis, who handled the brisk sales at our boutique. Patricia and Charlotte Curtis co-authored an informative follow-up article in the Bonanza newspaper. As they pointed out, our Club believes it is important to help voters be informed about their choices, particularly for local offices that are not as well known and publicized.

That evening our 2016 scholarship winner, Stephanie Homola, read her essay "How to Empower Students to Become Politically Active." Stephanie won the IVCBRW \$2,000 scholarship and will be attending Arizona State University in the fall. Congratulations to Stephanie, and in case you missed this event, her essay is reprinted in this newsletter.

Now we are focused on the June 14th Nevada primary. Please plan on voting in this important election, especially since we will be electing our State Assemblyperson for District 26 that day. Just a reminder – because there is no Democrat running, either Jason Guinasso or Lisa Krasner will become our next State legislative representative. Early voting began on May 28th, and there are many important offices on the ballot. If you know of anyone who is not yet registered and wants to vote in the primary, please have them contact me immediately at 775-400-3700.

On June 21st we will hold our 6th Annual Dinner at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. Doors open at 5 p.m. Our featured speaker is Bob Morin, a noted Nevada political analyst who will be giving a presentation entitled, "Political Parties, Primaries, and the 2016 Presidential Election." Given the unique presidential primary selection process our party experienced in 2016, Bob's remarks will be timely, insightful, and likely to stir up a lot of conversation. We will also conduct a silent auction for some lovely and novel gifts. So please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

Linda L. Smith

"Peace Through Strength"



In 1980, Ronald Reagan used the phrase during his election challenge against Jimmy Carter, accusing the incumbent of weak, vacillating leadership that invited enemies to attack the USA and its allies.

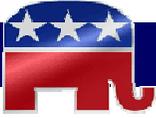
Reagan later considered it one of the mainstays of his foreign policy as President. In 1983, he explained it thus:

"We know that peace is the condition under which mankind was meant to flourish. Yet peace does not exist of its own will. It depends on us, on our courage to build it and guard it and pass it on to future generations. George Washington's words may seem hard and cold today, but history has proven him right again and again. . . . To be prepared for war, is one of the most effective means of preserving peace."

This "Peace Through Strength" approach was credited by many for forcing the Soviet Union to lose the arms race and end the Cold War.

"Peace Through Strength" has appeared in the Republican Party platforms of 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2008 and 2012.

NOTE: The phrase "Peace Through Strength" concept dates to ancient times. Roman Emperor Hadrian (AD 76-138) is said to have sought "peace through strength" or, failing that, "peace through threat." Hadrian's Wall was a symbol of this policy.



### About our Speaker Robert Morin, JD, PhD

Robert Morin has earned degrees in political science, sociology, criminal justice and law. He earned a BA in Political Science and Sociology from Hamline University; a MA in Criminal Justice from George Washington University; a JD in Law from Gonzaga University; and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Nevada, Reno. He also earned a Professional Management Certificate in Human Resources Management; a Professional Management Certificate in Gaming Management; and a Professional Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from the University of Nevada, Reno. He is currently engaged in doctoral coursework in Educational Leadership at the University of Nevada, Reno.



In 2006 Professor Morin he was selected as the Instructor/Teacher of the Year at Western Nevada College. In 2007 he was selected and served as an Aspen Institute Wye Summer Scholar.

Professor Morin is Division Chair of Political Science at Western Nevada College and the University of Nevada, Reno and teaches courses in political science, criminal justice and sociology. He is also a Research Associate at the Great Basin Policy Research Institute at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Professor Morin's research interests include state and local government, state budgeting, Indian gaming, and criminal justice policy. He is a graduate of Lead Wise in Virginia, Lead Butte in California and Leadership Carson City 2007 in Nevada.

### Nevada Politics All about the Money

Nevada gets a mixed report card for voting and election policies and, like nearly everywhere in the country — money plays an outsized role in its politics. That's according to a panel of political experts who spoke on money in politics and voter issues at a recent event hosted by Sierra Nevada Forums at the Brewery Arts Center Performance Hall.

The Silver State gets accolades for access to legislative data, reporting on political action committees and is one of the top five states for ease of voter registration, said the panel. But it's also ranked 27th overall, according to the Health of State Democracies, a report from the Center for American Progress, which looked at such things as voter ID laws, judge recusal laws and campaign contribution limits for individual donors. For the latter, in state races Nevada has a \$20,000 limit — \$10,000 in the primary and \$10,000 in the general election — but individuals can then set up LLCs and funnel more money to their candidates, said Annette Magnus, executive director, Battle Born Progress. That doesn't mean voters are happy about it. "Regardless of their party, voters want money out of politics," said Magnus, who quoted

a 2015 New York Times poll that said 84 percent of voters across party lines thought money had too much influence in politics. Even politicians aren't happy about it. "The candidates I speak with from both parties, will candidly say they don't like the system either," said Robert Morin, a professor of political science at Western Nevada College and the University of Nevada, Reno, who moderated the panel. "They say the most distasteful part of the election is asking for money."

And money doesn't always equate with success." Jeb (Bush) had the most money and looked what happened to him! Hillary (Clinton) has a war chest and she's in the struggle of her life," said Sondra Cosgrove, professor, College of Southern Nevada and president, League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley. Cosgrove said some election-related issues will take center stage at the legislative session in 2017. She expects county registrars to ask for money to test new voting machines to replace the state's aging systems. "They're having to go on eBay to find circuit board replacements," for them, she said.

Cosgrove said a bill draft request is being readied to change Nevada's caucuses to primaries without the state losing its early voting status. She explains that the parties pay for caucuses and the state pays for primaries. "The two legislators who are willing to put the bill draft request in are Republicans and they say they can find the money for it," she said.

Source: Article by Anne Knowles, Nevada Appeal, May 18, 2016.

#### 6th Annual Dinner Menu at the Governor's Mansion

Seasonal Fresh Fruits  
Composed Summer Salads  
(Chef's Choice)

Beef Wellington  
Chicken Piccata

White Cheddar Potato  
Seasonal Vegetable

Assorted Breads

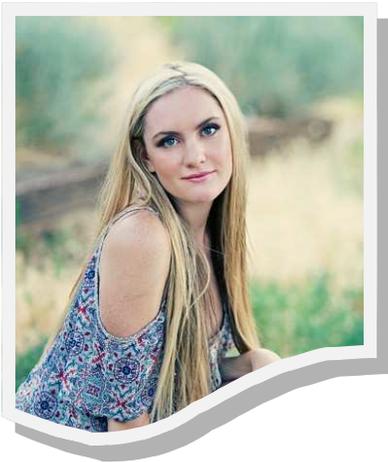
Deluxe Dessert Selections

Iced Tea  
Soft Drinks  
Coffee

Dinner includes a  
hosted wine and beer bar.

*The Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club hosted a Republican Candidates' Forum on May 10, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chateau in Incline Village. The winner of IVCBRW's essay contest and 2016 Scholarship is Stephanie Homola. We are very proud of you, Stephanie!*

## How to Empower Students to Become Politically Active



By Stephanie Homola

**T**he men and women of today's youth are infected with the idea that politically they have no true say. They truly believe that no matter how politically active

they are, they cannot change the course that the American government takes. Most people can agree that the government has let us down these past seven years, and this is one of the main reasons that the youth feels this way. Many people no longer feel that the government is for the people, and this causes them to distance themselves from politics. Because this has become such a widespread problem, it is important to empower students today to become politically active, and the best way to do this is to give these students the knowledge that they need to understand how their voice can truly make an impact.

Education clearly plays a large role in a student's life, and through education students learn their values and talents, among other things. By educating students thoroughly about American government, and how their rights enable them to influence the world, students may finally realize how important being involved in politics truly is. Politics play a role in each individual's life differently, but it is imperative that each person know how government functions before speaking about it.

Schools not only should teach this material in depth, but should also offer options like debate class as electives so that students can have the opportunity to express their political beliefs and be more involved.

Although teachers at school can greatly affect the opinions of their students, the greatest teachers a student has are usually their parents. Parents clearly make a very large impact on their children's beliefs, so when parents are not politically active, their children tend to follow the same path. So many adults today choose not to vote, yet complain about the government daily. This is completely hypocritical. If these people really care about how the government is influencing them, then they should do something about it, and if they do not, they should not complain about anything because they did nothing to try to prevent it. Parents need to show their children the importance of partaking in politics, or this problem will continue.

When people choose not to be politically active, they usually do not remember that political activism has not always been a choice. In this country's history, there have been multiple instances where Americans have been deprived of their right to be politically active. Just a hundred years ago, women did not even have the right to vote. So many people have fought for their right to have a say in their country's future, and that is why political activism is so incredibly important. When students are not aware of how Americans in the past have suffered just to earn this right, they do not value it. By making students more aware of the significance of political activism, these students may feel more responsible to participate in political events.

I am proud to be politically active. I love my country, and I think that it is very important that I do my best to contribute to it by being involved politically. As a young individual in today's society, I have seen many people who have lost hope in the political system. This must be changed, especially among young adults. Through using role-models in student's lives to educate them about the American government and the importance of political activism, this problem may be solved. As a Republican, I believe that through hard-work, success is possible. I have worked incredibly hard these past few years of my life, and I have faith that through living by my conservative values and staying politically active, I will achieve this success.



## It Wasn't Supposed to Work This Way



### Foreign drug cartels come to Colorado

Local authorities in Pueblo, just 40 miles south of Colorado Springs, were recently alerted by a vigilant resident to a possible illegal marijuana grow operation. Within days, on March 31, sheriff's deputies from the Special Investigations Narcotics Section raided a single-family home that was in

Elaborate conversions of homes into pot factories require sophisticated -- but illegal and dangerous -- electrical infrastructure. Credit: Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

the process of being converted into a "grow house." Authorities discovered 127 marijuana plants, over \$100,000 in growing equipment, and two Cuban nationals.

At first, no one seemed to take particular note of the individuals, Adriel Trujillo Daniel, 28, and Leosbel Ledesma Quintana, 41, who had recently moved to Colorado from Florida. They were arrested on felony drug charges but local authorities initially believed it was an isolated event. But in the span of the next week and a half, local authorities would arrest at least four more individuals in the Pueblo area in similar cases, with similar backgrounds. All were recent transplants to the state. All were reported by neighbors or by other Pueblo residents who had witnessed suspicious activity. All were transforming residential homes into elaborate marijuana grow operations. And all were Cuban nationals. "We have quite a bit of evidence" to believe they are members of "Cuban cartels," Pueblo sheriff Kirk Taylor says in an interview.

Local, state, and federal officials believe it's not just isolated to Pueblo. "It's across the entire state of Colorado," DEA assistant special agent in charge Kevin Merrill says. Merrill likens the danger to that of meth labs in homes. Besides the criminal element, turning a house into a greenhouse invariably destroys the home. It is what Colorado Springs mayor John Suthers calls "the total

nightmare" scenario, a byproduct of the state's recent legalization of first medicinal, and later recreational, marijuana.

People from out of town or even foreign countries move to Colorado and "buy or lease houses by the hundreds if not thousands," explains Suthers, who previously served 10 years as attorney general of the state. The new residents then convert the residential homes to industrial grow operations. They're . . . growing hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of plants in each house and transporting it out of state to marijuana markets nationally and internationally. Marijuana is [even] going back to Mexico from Colorado," asserts Suthers.

With legalization of medicinal and recreational marijuana came the ability for locals to grow up to six plants at home — and sometimes up to 99, if they are a designated caregiver under the state law that legalized medicinal marijuana. "That has created an enforcement nightmare for the police," the state's former top cop says. "But it's going beyond that. Because of that aura of no enforcement, organized crime has come to Colorado to grow the marijuana."

The DEA official insists the international element is increasing. "It's not just Cubans. We have Vietnamese-based organizations, Russian organized people. But we have seen a large influx of Cubans coming here. And we believe that all the organizations are here because we have a perceived lack of enforcement."

Another reason the problem is particular to Colorado — and not in the other 22 states and the District of Columbia that have some form of legal marijuana — is that Colorado has *uniquely loose medical marijuana laws*, which are meant to allow residents to grow substantial crops at home. . . . It is one of "the unintended consequences of the medical marijuana" law, Merrill contends. [Because of these ongoing problems] . . . John Suthers may find widespread support when he soon proposes to the legislature to eliminate the influx of foreign crime by outlawing home grows. That's a law even the legal growers and sellers of marijuana will likely support. "A few more of these huge busts, and there will be lots of them over the next several months," Suthers predicts, and "I think they're going to say, give me a break, let's clean that problem out."

Source: Article by Doug Halper, May 28, 2016, *The Weekly Standard*.



## Partisan Primary Races Take on New Significance

by Nancy Dallas of NewsDesk - <http://ndbynd.com/>

There apparently is greater reason to pay attention to the partisan Primary races this year. As many are just finding out (hopefully, all major party partisan candidates – Democrats and Republicans – are well aware of this) if the only candidates in a race for County Commissioner, City Supervisor, state legislature for example, are all Republicans, the winner of the Primary will be the only name to appear on the General Election ballot. This new policy affects two of the three commissioner races in Lyon County:

**District 1 Candidates:** Republican John Cassinelli; Republican Bob Ken Hastings

**District 111 Candidates:** Republican Ray Fierro; Republican Ken Gray; Republican Charles Shirley

The Primary winner of District 1 and District 111 **will be the only name to appear on the General Election ballot.** With no minor party candidates, the Primary race will determine the winner – leaving the decision as to who will serve in those positions to voting Republicans only. Sorry, Lyon County Democrats – you will have no say in these races!

District IV Commissioner Republican Joe Mortensen is running unopposed.

According to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 293.260, and a recent reply from the Secretary of State's office, as it was amended in the 2015 Legislative Session:

“Senate Bill 499 amended NRS 293.260 so that if a major political party has two or more candidates for an office, there must be a primary election regardless of whether there are any minor political party or independent candidates for the office. This is different from the old law where a primary election was not held in certain situations in which only one major political party had candidates for a partisan office.

“This change is particularly relevant to the rural counties where many of the candidates for partisan office are from the Republican Party.

“In summary, if a major political party has two or more candidates for any office, there will always be a

primary. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes at the primary election is declared the nominee of the party and will appear on the general election ballot as the only candidate for the office unless there is a minor party and/or independent candidate(s).”



Non-partisan races are run under different rules. Briefly, if there are only two candidates for any nonpartisan office, there is no primary election and the two candidates go directly to the general election ballot. If there are three or more candidates for any nonpartisan office, there must be a primary election. If none of the candidates at the primary receive 50 percent plus 1 of the vote, the top two vote getters go on to the general election.

All Carson City offices are non-partisan races. I do not have the time to check all city and county partisan races, but you get the idea. You should be aware of which partisan races in your area will be decided in the Primary.

By my count, four legislative races will be affected, with singular Republican or Democrat party votes electing the representatives from the following districts:

**District 26 with just two Republicans (southwest Reno, northwest Carson)**

Lisa Krasner  
Jason Guinasso

**Senate District 4 with just 2 Democrats (Las Vegas)**

Kelvin Atkinson  
Harvey Munford

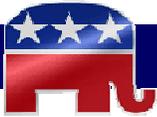
**State Assembly District 13 with just 3 Republicans (Las Vegas)**

Paul Anderson  
Leonard Foster  
Steve Sansone

**Assembly District 19 with just 2 Republicans (Las Vegas)**

Chris Edwards  
Connie Foust

See the Nevada Legislature for bill information pertaining to these changes (SB499 and SB5) at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/>



### Republican June Primary/Caucus Dates



**ALLOCATIONS**

- P = Proportional
- WTA = Winner Take All
- WTM = Winner Take Most

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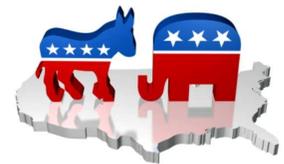
- Open = Voters may vote in either party primary, but can choose only one
- Closed = Only voters registered in their respective party may vote in the party primary
- Mixed = A semi-open or semi-closed environment, unaffiliated voters can choose to vote in either primary or can switch registration the day of voting.

- JUNE 7: California (172) P Mixed
- JUNE 7: Montana (27) WTA Mixed
- JUNE 7: New Jersey (51) WTA Mixed
- JUNE 7: New Mexico (24) P Closed
- JUNE 7: South Dakota (29) WTA Closed

Source: <http://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2016-presidential-primary-schedule-calendar/#qvPKSK4HUP2xRDA.s.99>

### About the 2016 Republican Primary Delegate Count

The delegate count for the 2016 Republican Primary to clinch the nomination is 1,237 out of 2,472 available delegates. If no candidate clinches this majority, then a brokered convention will take place to find a consensus candidate as the nominee.



#### Delegate Count as of May 28, 2016

Candidate	Trump	Cruz	Kasich
Delegates	1238	560	159

Candidate	Trump	Cruz	Rubio*	Kasich	Uncommitted	Carson*	Bush*
Delegates	1238	560	167	159	9	8	4

\*Candidate has suspended their campaigns. Rules vary by state, but delegates typically are no longer bound to the candidate who won them after the candidate drops out.

Read more at <http://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2016-primary-delegate-count/2016-republican-primary-delegate-count/#BrHBO9FerPwrdf2.99>

#### Scheduled Republican and Democrat Conventions

**July 18-21, 2016:**  
Republican National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

**July 25-28, 2016:**  
Democrat National Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Dear IVCB RW members —

I am the Regents Chairperson for our club. Started more than 20 years ago, the NvFRW Regents program is the only ongoing fundraising project for our Federation. Regents make possible:

- ◆ Leadership and educational training for our members
- ◆ Special projects approved by NvFRW Board of Directors
- ◆ Outreach to our communities to increase Republican visibility
- ◆ Expanding our programs to increase membership and develop new clubs
- ◆ Building a special fellowship among women who share the passion for Regents

Your generous donation of \$100 a year ensures our efforts to elect more Republicans on all levels of government. You also receive a lovely pin to acknowledge your membership. Your family members are also invited to join and become Regent Friend. I would welcome your membership into this worthwhile group. Contact me for any questions and applications.

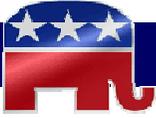
*Lorri Waldman* – 775-742-1652; email: memomL@aol.com

### Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club 2016 Meeting Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RSVP BY</u>
June 21	Governor's dinner	Governor's Mansion Carson City	June 15
July 4	Annual IVCBRW Parade Float and Club Promotion Booth	Aspen Grove	NA
August 9	Annual Garden Party	Home of Janet Pahl	August 5
September 13	Summer Picnic	TBD	September 9
October 11	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	October 7
November 15	Election Analysis and Celebration Luncheon	The Chateau	November 13
December 13	Annual Christmas Party and Officer's Installation	The Chateau	December 9

**NOTE:** Regular monthly meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month at The Chateau, 995 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada. RSVPs are due the Friday before the event. The November meeting will take place on the third Tuesday due to Election Day on November 8th. June, July, and August will be evening events.

**RSVP** to Shirley Appel at [mrsradar@aol.com](mailto:mrsradar@aol.com) or call (cell) 818-266-4402. We appreciate your reserving by the deadline so we can ensure a place for you.



### Membership Application

New Member     Renewing Membership

*If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.*

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (for roster and newsletter):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS, PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Active \$35 any woman registered as a Republican

Associate \$15, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,

\_\_\_\_\_ OR any man registered as a Republican

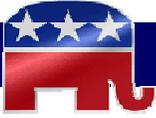
**PRIMARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art or Graphic Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising        | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance          | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity          | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Work           | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Email               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service       | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter          |

**MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK** to the following address:

Membership Chairman  
IV/CB Republican Women  
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450  
Always more information for you at our website: [ivcbw.org](http://ivcbw.org)



## Remembering Our Heritage



### Celebrating George H.W. Bush's June Birthday

**G**eorge Herbert Walker Bush was born June 12, 1924 in Milton, Massachusetts, to Prescott Bush and Dorothy Walker Bush.

He was our 41st President of the United States from 1989 to 1993 and 43rd Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989. A member of the U.S. Republican Party, he was previously a congressman, ambassador, and Director of Central Intelligence. He is the oldest living former President and Vice President. He is also the last living former President who is a veteran of World War II.

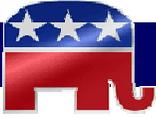
**World War II** – Following the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Bush decided to join the US Navy. After graduating from Phillips Academy in 1942, he became a naval aviator at the age of 18. After completing the 10-month course, he was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi on June 9, 1943, just three days before his 19th birthday, which made him the youngest naval aviator to that date. Bush was promoted to Lieutenant on August 1, 1944 and piloted one of four Grumman TBM Avenger aircraft from VT-51 that attacked the Japanese installations on Chichijima. His crew for the mission, which occurred on September 2, 1944, included Radioman Second Class John Delaney and Lieutenant Junior Grade William White. During their attack, the Avengers encountered intense anti-aircraft fire; Bush's aircraft was hit by flak and his engine caught on fire. Despite his plane being on fire, Bush completed his attack and released bombs over his target, scoring several damaging hits. With his engine ablaze, Bush flew several miles from the island, where he and one other crew member on the TBM Avenger bailed out of the aircraft; the other man's parachute did not open. Through 1944, he flew 58 combat missions for which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals, and the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to San Jacinto.

**Marriage and Family Life** – George Bush married Barbara Pierce on January 6, 1945, only weeks after his return from the Pacific. The couple's first residence was a small rented apartment in Trenton, Michigan, near Bush's Navy assignment at NAS Grosse Ile. Their marriage produced six children: George Walker Bush (born 1946), Pauline Robinson "Robin" Bush (1949–1953, died of leukemia), John Ellis "Jeb" Bush (born 1953), Neil Mallon Pierce Bush (born 1955), Marvin Pierce Bush (born 1956), and Dorothy Bush Koch (born 1959).

Bush had been accepted to Yale University prior to his enlistment in the military, and took up the offer after his discharge and marriage. While at Yale, he was enrolled in an accelerated program that allowed him to graduate in two and a half years, rather than four. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was elected its president. He captained the Yale baseball team, and as a left-handed first baseman, played in the first two College World Series. As the team captain, Bush met Babe Ruth before a game during his senior year. He graduated from Yale in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

**Political Life** – Bush became involved in politics soon after founding his own oil company, serving as a member of the House of Representatives and Director of Central Intelligence, among other positions. He failed to win the Republican nomination for President in 1980, but was chosen by party nominee Ronald Reagan to be his running mate, and the two were elected.

In 1988, Bush ran a successful campaign to succeed Reagan as President, defeating Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis. Foreign policy drove the Bush presidency: military operations were conducted in Panama and the Persian Gulf; the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, and the Soviet Union dissolved two years later. Domestically, Bush reneged on a 1988 campaign promise and, after a struggle with Congress, signed an increase in taxes that Congress had passed. In the wake of a weak recovery from an economic recession, along with continuing budget deficits, he lost the 1992 presidential election to Democrat Bill Clinton. Bush left office in 1993. His presidential library was dedicated in 1997, and he has been active – often alongside Bill Clinton – in various humanitarian activities.



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**Nevada Democrats beat GOP in April registrations**

*AP/Reno Gazette Journal, Page A08, May 4, 2016* – Officials say new Democratic voter registrations in Nevada outnumbered new Republican registrations two to one in April. The Nevada Secretary of State's Office reported Monday that Democratic registration grew by about 10,000 voters in April and is up to 512,000. That's about 40 percent of the state's active voter base. Republican rolls grew by about 5,000 voters and are up to 447,000. They account for about 35 percent of Nevada's 1.3 million active voters. The number of nonpartisan voters rose to about 242,000 in April.

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