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## President's Message

### Robert Bortins

Brothers and Sisters in Liberty,



As we gather this month, we do so not merely as members of a political organization, but as stewards of ordered liberty in Moore County. The lessons of recent elections have confirmed what our

founders understood: that self-governance requires constant vigilance, strategic thinking, and principled action.

Our recent electoral results reveal both encouragement and challenge. While we've seen victories that reflect our commitment to constitutional principles and limited government, we've also witnessed areas where our message must be clarified and our organization strengthened. The 2025 cycle has taught us that electoral success demands more than righteous principles—it requires strategic communication, grassroots mobilization, and a clear articulation of

how conservative governance serves the common good of Moore County families.

Looking ahead to 2026, we must begin our work now. The progressive left never rests in their efforts to expand government power and undermine the foundational institutions that secure human flourishing—family, faith, and freedom. Our response must be both principled and pragmatic. We need to identify and cultivate strong candidates who understand that politics is ultimately about the cultivation of virtue in the public square, not merely the acquisition of power.

I call each of you to renewed commitment: attend our meetings, engage your neighbors, support our candidates, and remember that politics, rightly understood, is an extension of our duty to love our neighbors through the establishment of just laws and ordered community life.

### 2026 Dues

You can now pay them online at [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) or in person or via the mail. We are starting to collect for 2026. We are actively looking at how we can use our funds to “Win Moore” and your participation in the club as a dues paying member goes a long way in our mutual success.

Robert Bortins  
MCRMC President

### Think Tank Meeting

Pinehurst, 211 Central Park Ave, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Come out every Thursday at 11am except the Third Thursday due to the Republican Men's Club Meeting.







## Moore GOP Chairman

### Tom Beddow

We are looking for good candidates to run in the 2026 election. There are many seats up for grabs, including key school board races.



If you are considering running, please let us know. There is training available for you.

We are working on our 2026 strategic plan to make sure that we once again sweep local elections and put a Republican

in our Senate seat.

## FROM CRA

### The Most Flawed Census in Modern U.S. History

The 2020 U.S. Census was one of the most flawed in modern American history, with even the Census Bureau admitting there were major issues.

Several factors skewed the results, including the Covid-19 Pandemic making it difficult to count those living in group quarters like college dorms, nursing homes, and correctional facilities. On top of that, the seminal Supreme Court Case *Trump v. New York* (2020) scuttled efforts to ensure illegal aliens would not be counted.

But the most important factor was the implementation of differential privacy, an opaque algorithmic application that intentionally manipulated census data. Under the guise of protecting user data, differential privacy contributed to massive errors, nullified the ability

of localities to correct mistakes, and concealed the number of non-citizens in the census.

As a result, fourteen states reported significant statistical errors, which has had a major impact on our political system. Our estimate indicates that differential privacy resulted in Democrats illicitly gaining a net of six seats in Congress.

This is a critical issue with long-term implications that must be immediately fixed.

Thankfully, there are solutions.

### The Path Forward: Correcting the Record

President Trump has rightly called out the 2020 U.S. Census for what it is; a completely inaccurate and politically biased count of the American public. As we outlined in our recent policy papers, there are several ways to fix this.

First, Trump must put in place trusted personnel in the U.S. Census Bureau who can undo the damage of 2020 and reform the census going forward. They need to clear out the Obama bureaucrats in charge, and re-release the 2020 Census with all errors from differential privacy corrected.

Once that's completed, these officials need to revamp how the federal government collects state data, add a mandatory U.S. Citizenship question, and most importantly, eliminate the use of differential privacy.

Learn more about our solutions to fix the census.

<https://americarenewing.com/issues/primer-republishing-the-2020-census/>





## Lawmakers Needs Accountability

## Become a Heritage Action Sentinel in Your Community

**Too Often Lawmakers Get Elected and Forget About the Conservative Principles Their Constituents Elected Them to Uphold. The Heritage Action Sentinel Program Was Created to Be the Tip of the Spear in the Fight to Achieve Conservative Victories in Washington.**

Heritage Action Sentinels Are a Grassroots Army of Committed Conservative Activists Who Are the Front Line Against the Liberal Agenda. Sentinels Have Access To:

### Sentinel Strategy Call

Each week, Sentinel Nation gathers to get a legislative update for the week directly from Capitol Hill. Heritage Action answers Sentinels' questions and explains how activists can take action that actually impacts the important debates in Congress.

### Activist Training

Heritage Action trains and equips Sentinels with the skills needed to be an effective activist. From how to be effective on X to how to write a letter to Congress, we will make sure activists have what they need to be on the cutting edge of activism.

### Activist Resources

Heritage Action creates activist materials for every legislative fight. This includes process memos, policy briefs, and issue specific toolkits with sample tweets, talking points, call notes, and graphics.

### Exclusive Capitol Hill Updates

Heritage Action wants to make sure Sentinels have the latest news and analysis from Capitol Hill. We work to ensure Sentinels are the first to hear of breaking news, political maneuvering, and how conservative activists can play a role in the fight.

### Online Community

Sentinel Nation has an exclusive online community where Sentinels receive real time policy analysis, the latest important articles, and action items to stay on top of the news from Capitol Hill.

Become a Sentinel: <https://heritageaction.com/about-sentinel>



Stephanie Kreuz from Heritage spoke to us in November.

**You're invited to a  
GOP Holiday Party!**

**Saturday, December 13**

**12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm**

**Light refreshments**

**Celebrate the holidays with patriotic friends!**

Hosted by the MC GOP, Moore Republican Women  
and MC Republican Men's Club





## MCRMC Fall Line Up

### Pat Haggerty – Programs Director

#### DECEMBER 18 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our next MCRMC meeting is lunch at beautiful Pinehurst County Club #9. Many of us have heard all or part of a program of the very talented cappella group, the GOLF CAPITAL CHORUS. Our Christmas program will be a full Golf Capital Chorus Christmas program with a surprise opening. The doors open at 11:30 and the program begins a Noon. As always, we always finish no later than 1:30. Just go mcrmc.club to register. As always, cash or check only.

This will be both a very enjoyable program and a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit. Because this is a non-political program, consider sharing this Christmas program with others. Members who bring a guest will have their name put in the hat to win a prize.

## 2026 Speaker Lineup

January 15th - Candidate Forum

February 19th - Tom McInnis and Neal Jackson

Or Rep Hudson

March 26th – Sheriff Fields Or Rep Hudson

April 16th – Tom Jones, American Accountability Foundation

May 21st – Jason Simmons NC GOP Chairman

June 8th - Pinewild Golf Fundraiser

September 17th - State / Local Candidates Speaking

October 15th - National Candidates Speaking

November 19th – Election Recap

December 17th - Christmas Program



### Radical Democrats are becoming the norm.

Recent 2025 polls indicate a growing embrace of socialism among Democrats. Gallup's August survey of 1,094 adults found 66% of Democrats holding positive views of socialism, surpassing their 42% positive rating for capitalism, with support rising since 2010.

A Cato/YouGov poll showed 67% of Democrats favorable toward socialism, compared to 50% for capitalism.

Data for Progress's August poll revealed Democrats preferring democratic socialism over capitalism by a 58-point margin, especially among younger voters.

THE POINT IS when we say that the Democrats ideas will lead to SOCIALISM that more than half their party (and growing) believe that is a GOOD THING!





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### *The Grand Old Party*

*The Republican Party, often called the GOP (short for "Grand Old Party") is one of two major political parties in the United States. Founded in 1854 as a coalition opposing the extension of slavery into Western territories, the Republican Party fought to protect the rights of African Americans after the Civil War. Today's GOP is generally socially conservative, and favors smaller government, less regulation, lower taxes and less federal intervention in the economy.*





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## NC GOP Talking Points

Matt Mercer – NC GOP Communications

**PRESIDENT TRUMP IS WORKING TO PUT THE  
AMERICA'S ECONOMY  
FIRST**



**fake  
report on it.**

**The GOP Majority and  
President Trump keep  
delivering for the  
American people, but the  
news media refuses to**

- Under President Trump, America's economy is getting back on track, and prices and inflation are down.
  - President Donald J. Trump promised to crush inflation and lower prices — and he's delivering this Thanksgiving, with the classic holiday feast about 3% cheaper than last year, according to a [brand new report](#).
  - Gas prices [reached](#) their lowest average price in more than four years.
  - The price of [eggs](#) is [down](#) 66% since President Trump took office.
  - The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was [6.17%](#) at the end of October — 12% lower than when President Trump took office.
- President Trump's deregulatory efforts are [saving](#) Americans a collective \$180 billion — or \$2,100 per family of four.
- President Trump and Republicans in Congress have worked to lower costs and slash taxes by passing the Working Families Tax Cuts (One Big Beautiful Bill), which delivered:
  - The [largest tax cut](#) in American history.
  - Increased [take-home](#) pay by as much as \$13,300.
  - An end to taxpayer-funded [benefits](#) for at least 1.4 million illegal immigrants.
- Under President Trump, all [job gains](#) have gone to native-born workers.
  - 2.5 million native-born Americans gained employment.

- 670,000 foreign-born workers lost employment.
- 3.4 million native-born Americans joined the labor force.
- 708,000 foreign-born workers left the labor force.
- The Atlanta Fed is now [projecting](#) a blockbuster 4.2% economic growth in the third quarter. That means more jobs and higher incomes for Americans.
- **PRESIDENT TRUMP IS MAKING BIG PROGRESS ON PRICES — AND WILL KEEP WORKING TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE BENEFITS**
  - President Donald J. Trump inherited an economic mess when he took office. Years of mismanagement under Biden, his incompetent Administration, and Democrats in Congress — who spent years insisting inflation was “transitory” while doling out trillions in new spending and dramatically upscaling government — brought the country to the brink of economic ruin.
  - Since Day One, the Trump Administration has been on a mission to tame Biden's inflation crisis, stop the sky-high Biden price increases, and lower costs for everyday families — and while it can't happen overnight, evidence shows the trend is in the right direction.
- **Americans have made real wage gains, but there's still work to do.**
  - Under Biden, workers lost over \$2,900 in purchasing power — meaning inflation rose faster than wages.
  - In President Trump's second term, even after accounting for higher prices, Americans' real wages have grown by nearly \$700 and are on track to increase by nearly \$1,200 after his first full year in office.

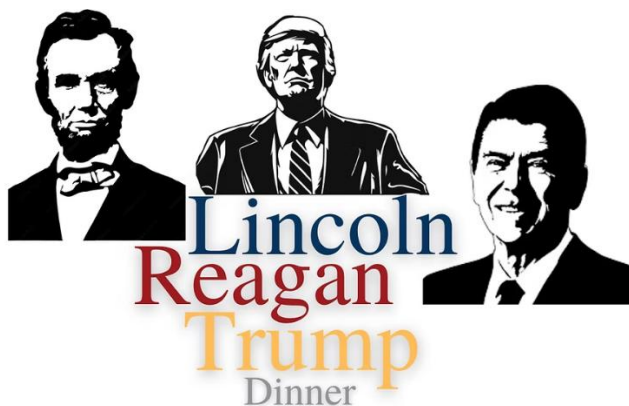
**From the North Carolina State Board of  
Elections (as of 11/29/2025):**

- **Registered Democrats: 2,310,0196**
- **Registered Republicans: 2,306,897**





## Notices/Updates



### Time & Location

Feb 07, 2026, 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

CCNC Clubhouse , 1600 Morganton Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374, USA

We are looking to raise \$50,000 this year at our golf fundraiser, but we need you to be part of our committee to get sponsorships and donors.

Please email Lou Bologna - [lbologna@usacorporatecare.com](mailto:lbologna@usacorporatecare.com)

If you are interested in helping.



**TOM MCINNIS**  
State Senate

*Drop In and Support*

**Senator Tom McInnis**  
Bold and Experienced Leadership  
SENIOR CHAIR OF SENATE FINANCE  
AND CHAIR OF REGULATORY REFORM COMMITTEES

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**  
**6:00PM – 7:30PM**  
**Soirée on South**  
**111 W South St, Aberdeen, NC 28315**  
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**Sponsorship Levels**  
**Platinum: \$5,000 Gold: \$2,500 Silver: \$1,000**  
**Couple: \$500 Single: \$250**

Please Make Checks Payable to McInnis for State Senate  
RSVP to Mike Freidel at 910-722-6436 or [MEFreidelsr@gmail.com](mailto:MEFreidelsr@gmail.com)

Paid for by McInnis for State Senate

*Meet & Greet*  
AN EVENING BENEFITTING THE CAMPAIGN OF

**Beth Tanner**  
**District Court Judge**  
**Moore & Hoke Counties**

**JANUARY 15, 2026**  
FIVE THIRTY IN THE EVENING  
*until*  
SEVEN THIRTY IN THE EVENING  
64 KILBRIDE DRIVE  
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA 28374  
HOSTED BY ALISON RICHARDSON  
LYDIA BOESCH, MIKE & DONNA ALLEN

*suggested contribution levels:*  
Attendee - \$50 Friend - \$250 Co-Sponsor - \$500  
Sponsor - \$1,000 Co-Host - \$2,500 Host - \$6,800  
Online contributions may be made at:  
[www.auntl.com/beth-tanner-for-judge/95670d02-8f19-45da-8667-3676b784809a](https://www.auntl.com/beth-tanner-for-judge/95670d02-8f19-45da-8667-3676b784809a)

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