



# TRWF NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome To TRWF News...

Welcome to the eighth edition of the Tampa Republican Women Federated monthly newsletter. Here, you will find information about meetings, opportunities to volunteer, Bay Area Republican activities, TRWF committee reports, meet new members, and much more. Feel free to share this with those who you think might be interested in joining us.

## A Proud Celebration by Susie Nicely

On June 15th, members of American Legion Post 5 celebrated their Blue Star Marker dedication at their post on Kennedy Blvd. Our dear, dedicated member Marsha Craig worked for more than a year on the project, with not only the Tampa Federated Garden Club, but also the Florida and

National Chapters. The placement was significant because the USS Tampa Legion Cemetery is the only privately owned Veteran's cemetery in the United States. The program began in 1944 as a living memorial to Veterans of WW II, in 1945, the national council of state garden clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Memorial Highway system that cover 1000s of miles across the colonial US.

The program included members of the local and state chapters as well as members of American Legion USS Tampa. We honored Marsha hard work by baking blue star cookies for the event. We Thank Marsha for her work and

dedication to both Veterans and active duty military!





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## Seen Around Town

by Beth Donnellan-Blidy



From June 21-30, Tampa was the proud host to the 2019 Warrior Games. There were many events held at a few different venues around town. The first event was held at USF track for the track and field events and the last event was held on Sunday, June 30 at the USF Yuengling Arena for the sitting volleyball finals. Warriors competed in a variety of sports including archery, power lifting, and golf. All events were free to view and most were packed!



The Warrior Games is sponsored by the Department of Defense and is held annually in different cities. Next year's Warrior Games will be held in San Antonio, Tx. This is, by far, one of the most inspirational events that our city has held as it not only honors our wounded veterans for their service, but provides them an opportunity to show their strength and resilience.

As a long-time resident of Tampa, I have always been grateful for our city's overt pride in military service. As a wife of a retired Navy veteran (Iraqi Freedom), I know personally how supportive our city is of those who serve (and their families). However, I think that I was most moved by the dog tag flag memorial that volunteers created from dog tags of fallen soldiers. Many people do not realize the emotional significance of those dog tags to soldiers or their families. It was one of the most moving exhibits that I have ever seen. It shows, once again, just how strong our love for our country, for each other, and for our freedom really is—regardless of politics!



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Dog Tag Flag Memorial that was on display on Riverwalk



Closing ceremonies for Warrior Games, Tampa 2019



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## Legislative Corner

### National Update

Rep. Daniel introduced a bill at called the Care Act of 2019. physicians to to treat those Medicaid and Insurance Program (CHIP) for a tax deduction. This will increase access to Primary Care Physicians for those who cannot afford full care.



Webster (R-FL-11) the end of January Physician Pro Bono The bill allows donate their services covered under Children's Health

Florida state physicians, as a group, asked Rep. Webster to introduce this so that they could continue to provide service to patients whose insurance does not cover all aspects of care. The doctors want to be able to provide care to these patients, but cannot afford to do so. You might want to contact your area Representative (if District 14, Kathy Castor) and ask for her support. The bill has not been passed by the House yet.

District 14: D-Rep. Kathy Castor's office  
Tampa: (813) 871-2817  
Washington DC: (202) 225-3376



Did you know that you can easily track Florida state legislation? Bookmark this website and check it often. You can track Gov. DeSantis' vetoes/approvals, introduced Bills, and much more. This will give you an opportunity to speak out BEFORE legislation progresses too far. Click on the link to go the page directly.

<https://legiscan.com/FL>



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*With Women We Win*

## **Tampa Republican Women Federated**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Jamie Grant  
Florida State Representative

Monday, August 5, 2019  
5:30pm Social Hour - 6:30pm Dinner & Program

**Besito's Mexican Restaurant**  
205 Westshore Plaza  
Tampa FL 33609

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## Social Media/Contact

We have been working to increase presence in the community and on social media. There are ways that you can help with this effort including asking a friend or family member to attend one of our meetings, volunteering to work on campaigns, and participating in our social media discussions.

Many of you have joined and continue to share information on our Facebook page and we encourage you to post/share as often as you can. If you volunteer, take pictures and share them on our page. Suggest that others join our page too!

If you do not have a Twitter account, consider creating one. This is a good place to read the news as it is happening. We have a very active account that only posts tasteful, conservative, and accurate news. You can find educational links (e.g. Constitution), current news (White House, Congress, and local Republican events), and more. It only takes a few moments to join and can provide information in real time, when you need it! Once you create an account, search for @TFederated and “follow” us. We are building an active following and want you to be a part!

## Recruiting Tools

We need your help in recruiting new members. Please consider doing one of the following:

1. **Send out a pre-printed postcard.** We have postcards that you can send to your co-workers, neighbor, and friends to invite them to a meeting. Meeting information is on the postcard, so there is not much for you to write besides “Hope that you can join us!”
2. **Hand out palm cards/flyers.** These are great to hand out while networking, chatting with a friend/neighbor, or visiting with family members.
3. **Set a goal.** If we each set a goal of inviting 3 people to each meeting, we will soon increase our membership.

\*You can pick up these materials at the sign-in table during general meetings. Let’s get the word out!



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## TRWF Millennial Scholarship

Did you know that we have a scholarship for young women to age 30? If you have a daughter, grand-daughter, niece, or daughter-in-law who might be interested in joining us for a year (no membership fee), please contact Sandra or Susie for information. The club will pay for the one-year annual membership fee. Millennials are important to the continued vibrancy of our party—do your part, recruit a millennial!

## TRWF YouTube Channel

Speaking of millennials... did you know that according to Pew (2018) report of millennial news watching habits, nearly 65% report that they get their news from watching YouTube. So, we are now there too! Please be sure to spread the word about our new site. We will be posting recordings from each of our monthly meetings, interviews with local politicians and community leaders, and other fun events. Miss a meeting? Watch the video of it here.

You can share our link with the younger members of your family to encourage them to watch and join us. A part of our mission is to reach out and motivate women to run for local office— a first step is learning about us.

You can find our channel opening YouTube and searching for Tampa RWF (we had to use our email address). Once you find us, follow us. You can do this by clicking the “follow” button at the top. This is only possible if you have your own YouTube account or have a gmail account. You can access it without it though.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpTgWWzHVgQ4gpl8WRhEVA/featured>



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