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## **Granite Mountain Republican Women *"Shout Out"* Newsletter November 2023**



### **A Message from GMRW President Kristena Herrera**

Fall is here and we look forward to Thanksgiving with family and friends. We are also celebrating our Veterans and their faithful service to our country. Join us for our November 16th luncheon meeting as we enjoy a Thanksgiving themed meal with all the trimmings.

Our featured speaker this month is Rinda Ranch-Hillis, Captain, United States Navy, Retired. Among her varied duties, Captain Ranch-Hillis served as a Naval Aviator, Water Survival Instructor, Surface Warfare Officer, and much more. (See speaker bio below.)

Captain Ranch-Hillis completed 27.5 years of service as the Officer-In-Charge of Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center, San Diego.

We are truly blessed to have Captain Ranch-Hillis as our distinguished speaker. Rinda is also a member and Sgt. at Arms of our sister club, RWOP.

On a more somber note, as announced at our October 19th meeting and via Constant Contact email, Our membership will take a vote on the future of Granite Mountain Republican Women.

It is unfortunate that our many Executive Committee offices continue to remain vacant and that our membership has not come forward to answer the call. Our club can not survive with a skeletal board consisting of only a President and Treasurer.

Therefore, the Active/voting members of GMRW, attending the November 16th meeting, will vote on the question of whether or not to dissolve the club and return the GMRW Charter to AzFRW.

I encourage all Active GMRW member to attend so your voice can be heard.

I wish you God's Blessings and abundance in this Season of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Kristena Ewing-Herrera



**NOVEMBER GMRW**

# **Lunch Meeting**

## **Thursday, November 16th**

at the Prescott Centennial Center  
1989 Wineglass Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86301

Directions: Follow AZ-89 turning toward the Airport on  
Mac Curdy Drive.  
Turn right onto Clubhouse Dr.  
Bear right onto Wineglass Dr.

**Networking will begin at 11:00 am**

**Meal will be served between 11:20 am and 11:45 am**  
**Late arrivals may be unable to be served.**

**Program begins at 12:00 Noon**

Early Registration Email sent October 27th  
**LOOK FOR A RESERVATION EMAIL**  
be sure to check your spam folder.

### **Lunch Menu:**

Field Green Salad with Cranberries, Pecans, Pears  
and Balsamic Dressing  
Oven Roasted Turkey  
Honey Glazed Ham  
Mashed Potatoes  
Oven Roasted Vegetables  
Cranberry Sauce  
Warm Rolls and Butter  
**\$30 per person**





RSVP Here!



## Programs Kristena Herrera

## *November 16th Featured Speaker Rinda Ranch-Hillis Captain, USN, Retired*

### **Captain Rinda K. Ranch-Hillis United States Navy, Retired**

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San Diego.

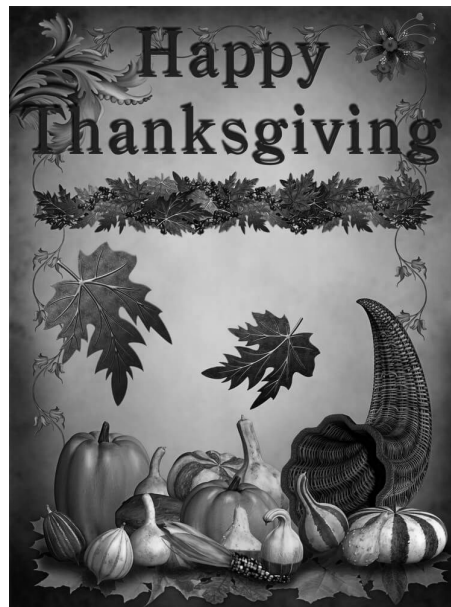
Captain Ranch-Hillis earned the following ship specific qualifications:

- Surface Warfare Officer Designator
- Officer of the Deck with Deep Draft qualification, specializing in Sea and Anchor details
- Engineering Officer of the Watch, 600lb Steam, and Diesel propulsion Command at Sea, twice



[Click for full Bio](#)

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**Carol  
McManus**



# Americanism



## The Star-Spangled Banner

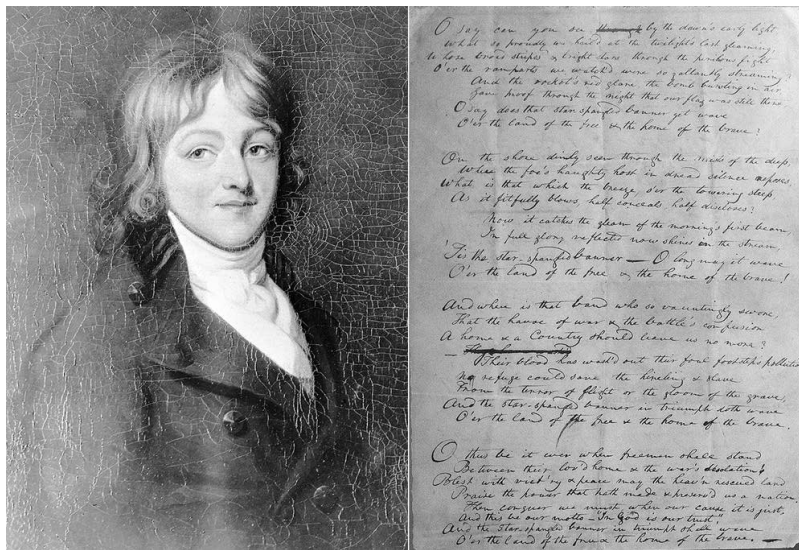
This history of our national anthem goes back to the War of 1812. After sacking Washington and burning the White House, British forces turned towards Baltimore. The British naval forces were stymied in Baltimore Harbor by the big guns of Ft McHenry. A Maryland lawyer was negotiating for the release of a prisoner being held in a 'truce' ship in Baltimore harbor. The British ordered the Americans not to head to shore during the bombardment as a condition of release. And so it was that Francis Scott Key witnessed the 'rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air," during the night and at dawn saw that the Stars and Stripes were still flying above Ft McHenry. Key was so moved that he started penning the verses as he awaited release from the truce ship. His song was titled "The Defense of Ft. McHenry."

Fun facts about our National Anthem:

- FSK wrote the lyrics with a specific tune in mind, known as The Anacreontic Song. It was a popular tune used in other songs at the time, including others written by FSK.
- According to the Smithsonian, the first documented public performance of Key's work took place on this date (October 19) 1814 at the holiday Street Theatre in Baltimore. A local music store subsequently published the score as The Star-Spangled Banner.
- Although FSK wrote 'land of the free' in his lyrics, he was in fact a slave holder from an old Maryland plantation family. He did speak out against the cruelties of slavery but did not see abolition as the solution. Instead, he advocated relocation of slaves to Africa and this movement eventually resulted in the modern nation of Liberia.
- During and immediately after the Civil War, the song gained a deeper meaning as the American flag became a powerful

symbol of national unity.

- By the 1890's the US military had adopted the song for ceremonial purposes, playing to accompany the raising and lowering of the colors.
- In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order designating it 'the national anthem of the United States'.
- The Star-Spangled Banner made its sporting event debut in September 1918 during that year's first World Series game between the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox. During the seventh inning stretch, the military band on hand struck up The Star-Spangled Banner and in a moving spectacle players and fans alike fell silent and saluted the flag.
- Finally, in 1931, Congress passed a measure making the Star-Spangled Banner the official national anthem.



## Chaplin's Corner Lisa Slater

**Click-Submit Prayer Requests**





**Up Coming  
Events!  
Website Chair  
Donna Buehring**





**November 16 - GMRW Lunch Meeting**  
***\*December 14 - GMRW Holiday Dinner***

(\*note date and time change)

The GMRW.org website has a new page with content meant for members only. If you are a member and wish to set up your profile password on that page, please contact DJ Buehring with that request.

GMRW *Shout Out* newsletters will be emailed to you on the first of each month. Make sure you check your spam folder in case your email provider parked our newsletter there.



**Armed Forces/  
Caring for  
America  
Claudia Cooley**



**August Caring For America  
Featured Charity  
Northern Arizona VA-Women Veterans  
&  
United Animal Friends**

**GMRW Armed Services Featured Charity**



Northern AZ VA Healthcare System – Prescott, AZ  
**Women Veteran's Services**  
**All donations will be dedicated to our local**  
**Women Veteran's Services**

**Cash donations are most welcome!**

**Checks should be payable to:**  
***Northern AZ VA Healthcare System***  
***Memo line:***

**Women Veterans Acct.# 9044**  
(Check donations will receive a letter for taxes)

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**UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS**  
**ON A RESCUE**  
**MISSION** 

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**Donations of cash or checks always appreciated  
or please donate from the list below**

Below is a wish list of items that will help our mission to provide programs and services to animals and those who care for them.

- **Dog and cat food/puppy and kitten food**
- High-quality dog treats
- Medium/Large Nylabones
- High-quality chews (not rawhide)
- **Dog collars**
- **4-foot length dog slip lead**

- **1-gallon stainless steel bucket**
- New dog/puppy/cat toys
- New dog/puppy beds
- Gas gift cards to help with transportation costs
- Petco / PetSmart / Olsen's / Costco gift cards

United Animal Friends is in need of many supplies to keep our rescue functioning smoothly and our animals happy and healthy. Your tax-deductible donation would be greatly appreciated!

[Visit UAF website](#)



## **AzFRW Region I Director Pat Lorenzen**

### **Report on NFRW & AzFRW Conventions**

**NFRW Biennial Convention  
September 28 - October 1  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Election of NFRW 2024-25 Officers**

President: Julie Harris  
1st VP: Maratha Jenkins  
2nd VP: Karen Newton  
3rd VP: Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman

4thVP: Keri Abernathy  
Secretary: Heidi Parker Martin  
Treasurer: Cindy Casaus

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**AzFRW Biennial Convention:  
October 19-21, 2023 - Casino Del Sol, Tucson  
Election of AzFRW 2024-25 Officers**

President: Pat Lorenzen - GMRW  
1st VP/Programs: Debra Schinke - Chandler RW  
2nd VP/Membership: Carie Hughes - RWOP  
3rd VP/Ways & Means: Mary Baumbach- Ahwatukee  
Secretary: Jan Hermsmeyer - Arrowhead RW  
Treasurer: Joyce A. McClung - Tucson RW  
Region I Director - Liz Kennedy - PVRW

**2024 AzFRW meeting dates and locations:  
(Plan to attend!)**

Winter Meeting  
February 15-17, 2024  
Sheraton Wrigleyville West, Mesa, AZ

Respectfully submitted:  
Pat Lorenzen  
Region 1 Director  
2024-25 President Elect

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## **Volunteer Hour ONLINE Reporting**



## ***Help GMRW collect volunteer hours for Primary Members and Associate Members.***

Volunteer hours include:

Regular: all meetings, tours, luncheons, committees,  
conventions, etc.

Campaign: all political and campaigning meetings, forums,  
rallies, petitions, phone banks, voter registration, etc.

Precinct Hours: volunteer at YavGOP, attend precinct meetings  
door knock in your precinct, etc.

Remember to report your hours each month by clicking on the  
link located in the sign up reminder email sent monthly, going  
directly to our website [www.gmrw.org](http://www.gmrw.org)

or by emailing DJ Buehring at [gmrwcomms@protonmail.com](mailto:gmrwcomms@protonmail.com)



 **GMRW** 

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**2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Ways & Means:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Membership:**

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