

ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

Save the Dates

Coffee & Politics

September 4, 10 AM - 12 Noon **OCGOP** Headquarters

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

September 9, 7 PM OCGOP HQ w/Zoom option:

Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650

Passcode: 184078

Informed Conservatives Book Club

Sept 18, 10 AM – 12 Noon **Durham GOP Headquarters**

Voter Registration Drive September 28, 9 AM - 3 PM Chapel Hill & Hillsborough

Office Hours

M,W 10AM-4PM, F 10AM-5PM Sat 1-3PM Closed T, TH, Sun

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference! To volunteer visit https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, sign up at https://orange.nc.gop.

Questions? Email us at info@orangencgop.com

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Please join us for our regular Monthly Meeting to hear Sloan Rachmuth, President of the Education First Alliance, discuss the impact of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in our schools.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting WHEN: Thursday, September 9, 7 PM

WHERE: OCGOP Headquarters w/Virtual Option

See the Events page of our website to RSVP!

The NC Republican Sportsmen are once again sponsoring a **20 Gun Raffle** this year to benefit the Judicial Victory Fund.

To purchase tickets for the raffle and/or the accompanying banquet, contact Chairman John Gaither at 336-314-1610.

Raffle drawing will take place at the Sportsmen's Banquet on

Oct 9.



Chair's Corner

Was the sacrifice worth it?

There are people all over TV these days saving we suffered one of the worst days in our history on Thursday. August 26th, 2021 when a group calling itself ISIS-K detonated a bomb at the Kabul Airport, killing 170 people crowded around the Abbey Gate. Eleven US Marines, an Army SSqt, and a Navy Corpsman were also killed, two of whom were stationed at NC military bases. This misjudgment in leadership is too soon to fully pull apart. But my question to you today is, "Was the sacrifice in Afghanistan worth it?"

We have propped up different Afghan leaders over the last 20 years. It has been America's longest war. We have spent nearly \$2 trillion altogether of taxpayer money. A quick internet search can reveal the total lives lost and the suffering, including suicide, the war has left. Throughout the 1800's Great Britain, the USSR in the 1980's and the US in the 2000's have found Afghanistan a land tough to tame. Have we ignited the flame of freedom there?

So why are we there? Why not let it govern itself and go back to a forgotten land? Because the Taliban are there. To prevent another 9-11 style attack on our own homeland, we took the fight to them. I think of the tough talk in the Toby Keith song, "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue." They caught us by surprise. We were awakened to the terrorist attacks of the perpetrators of many smaller attacks. The United States had finally had enough. We took out our enemies. Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein. For the last 10 years we have been working on an exit strategy. Three presidents, many Pentagon generals and DC suits tried to get us out. At the moment, history says we failed in the strategy. We went and took the fight to them, and now they have a \$10 billion military base at Bagram and the best weapons we could provide. Today we pray for the loss of life; tomorrow we will hold hearings and point fingers.

But for the US soldier who fought over there, who gave all he or she could to their country, they are asking, "Was it worth it?" For all of the missteps in the administration of the war, our people have proven to be warriors. All who supported the effort are still heroes. They took the battle to the enemy, and we have had few encounters with them on our soil. They succeeded in protecting us, so we can sleep at night. We know the cost has been high. But they can hold their heads up in knowing they did their duty. For those who still suffer, the wounded, the families with a missing place at the table, and those who bear the

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burden, please pray for them. Remember the fallen, and pray for those who are still in harm's way. We also still remember those we lost twenty years ago on 9/11.

The cost of freedom is high, but the alternative is higher.

In the Cause of the Right,

- Rev. John B. Gaither, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

Impeach Biden by Vincent M. DiSandro, Sr.

Joe Biden has blood on his hands. As of this writing, 13 of our brave soldiers have been killed, and that number is likely to rise. All because of his stubbornness, refusal to listen to his military and intelligence resources about the dangers involved in a hasty, ill-planned evacuation from Afghanistan. Anyone who is not senile knows that you do not negotiate with terrorists, pull out your military, leave 80 billion dollars' worth of hi-tech military equipment behind and abandon Americans.

The Democrats and the media own this debacle. They knew Biden was not up to the job but they pushed him forward and the media covered for him and suppressed the Hunter Biden laptop story to get him elected. And while Afghanistan is going on, Nancy Pelosi is pushing ahead with their 5 trillion dollar spending package which will ensure the destruction of this country as we know it.

Even without Afghanistan Biden deserved to be impeached. He has done more to ruin this country in 8 months than even Obama did in 8 years. The border is wide open, inflation is raging, spending is out of control; every action he takes is designed to encourage people not to work and he has destroyed our energy independence.

Biden has refused to take questions about Afghanistan, turning his back and walking away from reporters. Perhaps they were not on the list of reporters that he has been "instructed" to take questions from.

When he met the caskets of the soldiers and marines who were killed he constantly checked his watch.

And he persists in bringing up his son Beau Biden who died of a brain tumor unrelated to any military service.

Bill McGurn in *The Wall Street Journal* had some advice for Biden. "You are not a gold star father, stop trying to play one on television."

So what happens if he is impeached? Kamala Harris? God help us.

School Update from the OCGOP Education Action Team

Help us fight the dictatorship of the corrupt Orange County School Board and administration! Sign the **Children's Health Defense pledge** and pass along to your fellow community members to help protest the illegal mask and vaccine mandates. You can find it in the September School Update under the News tab of our website.

There is also no end in sight for the repressive equity activism running rampant in our schools! You can read the Orange County Board of Education's Resolution toward Equity in Education on our website, too. Parents, we need you to help fight the incessant divisive activities this school Superintendent, Chief Equity Officer and School Board members are implementing at our cost! They have already spent \$500,000+ in the name of equity with no educational benefit to our kids and they are not stopping! Please email the board members at ocsboardmembers@orange.k12.nc.us and the superintendent at ocs.superintendent@orange.k12.nc.us and tell them to STOP the EQUITY ACTIVISM or step down from their positions!

Email us at CitizensOCS@gmail.com for more information or follow us on Twitter @CitizensOCS.

Sign the Election Audit Petition

A national grassroots movement is underway in all 50 states to conduct full forensic audits of the 2020 election. This movement arose in the aftermath of the Maricopa County audit playing out in Arizona. For more background and to sign the petition for an election audit in North Carolina, visit the News tab of our website or go to <u>nc-election.com</u>.

Save the Date for Some BBQ & Bluegrass Fun!

Save the date for OCGOP's **4th Annual BBQ & Bluegrass fundraiser** on Saturday, October 30th, from 12-3pm at the Exchange Club Park in Hillsborough.

Meet and hear our keynote speaker Ada Fisher, MD, MPH and NC Republican National Committeewoman from 2008-2020, as well as other candidates. OC School Board and NC 4th District House candidates will also be there.

Get your tickets online now at the Events page of our website or by contacting Waddy Davis at 919-259-8837 or Chair John Gaither at 336-314-1610.

Tickets: \$20/Adult, \$35/Couple, \$10/Student, <12 Free. Become a Patriot Sponsor (includes 4 tickets) for only \$200.

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