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*"A veteran is someone who, at one Point in his life, wrote a blank check Made payable to 'The United States of America 'for an amount of 'up to and including My life.'"*

*That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it."*

-Author Anonymous

## November Meeting

Austin Republican Women  
invites you to join us at our  
**Tribute To Veteran's Luncheon**



**Date:** November 5, 2009

**Time:** 11:30am–1:00pm

**Location:** Westwood Country Club

**Cost:** : \$20 at door (cash preferred) or by PayPal and \$22  
by credit card (online at <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org>)

**RSVP:** [meetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org](mailto:meetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org)  
or call Deborah Biley 569-6146

ARW will honor veterans from WWII through Iraq & Afghanistan including a group of the Wounded Warriors.

*If you have a veteran you would like to bring,  
please send in the his/her name.*

Be sure to check out the patriotic Christmas ornaments that are for sale at the jewelry table.

You will be touched by the patriotic music performed by Joseph David.

## President's Letter

October 30 is the last day for early voting for the Texas Constitutional Amendments with Nov 3 the final election date. There are some important issues at stake, and I want to encourage everyone to vote. It is especially important because there has been a great deal of misinformation going around especially regarding propositions 2 & 3. I have sent out several e-mails from different reliable sources with recommendations for these amendments. Each of these sources have strongly agreed on voting yes for 2, 3, 5 & 11.. If anyone needs them resent, please let me know. Take the time to read each proposition. One should always be well informed on issues and then vote...if only our members in Congress had the opportunity and time to do the same.

Thank you all for your hard work in contacting US Senators regarding the Baucus "OBAMACARE" Bill. Our work isn't over. Let's keep it up. Susan Dinges Burak has an article in our Legislative section along with key Senators to contact. In addition, we must not forget that Cap and Tax/Trade is still out there. While you are contacting Legislators about Health Care, please let them know that you are also opposed to this new tax scheme that will hurt all of us as well. I have sent the contact information for the Blue Dog Democrats as well as the Senators. Please let me know if you need this resent.

The Democratic National Party has targeted all of Texas and Congressman McCaul in particular. Note this quote from Congressman McCaul's Minutes: "As many of you know, I have decided to forgo the normal process of filing for reelection, which is to pay a fee. The Texas Election Code alternatively allows candidates to collect a certain number of signatures from registered voters in their district in order to show viability for their campaign. I have chosen to collect signatures, in order to illustrate to the national Democrats, who are targeting my race, the overwhelming support my conservative principles and policies have in CD 10"

We will have copies of the McCaul petitions at the luncheon for CD 10 residents to sign. They are also available at the Travis County Republican Party office in the Compass Bank Building on 10711 Burnet Road Ste 315. Although you do not have to live in CD 10 to help with the campaign, you do need to live in CD 10 to sign the petition. This could also be a great neighborhood project. Get a petition page, have a CD 10 neighborhood group meeting and provide them with a page to get signed by other neighbors. There will be packets available at the luncheon with petitions and a flyer outlining Congressman McCaul's voting record ...which will give you a good idea of why the Democrats want him defeated as well as his record of ZERO earmarks. This will provide you with "talking points" if you need them. We need to help all our Republican candidates get elected in 2010, and this is a start.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon on November 5th which will honor our veterans and active duty military personnel. I hope you have invited a veteran or active duty military person to attend.

## Important Dates to Remember

November 3 – VOTE!!! Constitutional Amendments

November 5 – ARW Luncheon

November 6 – Tea Parties in Austin!!!!

November 26 – Thanksgiving

December 5 – Caring for America/Troop Packing Party



# Caring for America

Our next Caring for America Troop Packing Party will be on **December 5, 2009** in time to get the packages to our hard working soldiers. These particular packages will go to soldiers in Afghanistan and they are in great need of items. The items requested for them are listed below.

The party will be held at **Carol Lyle's house located at 2477 Waymaker Way, Austin, TX at 78746**. We will start **9:30am** and will finish when all the boxes are filled and sealed.

## Items:

The usual snacks foods: nuts, jerky etc that fit in a pocket to take on patrol

Swiss Miss hot chocolate mix - add water type only

Chocolate candy bars and nicer chocolate candy

Canned fruit - with spoon

Microwave meals with spoon/fork & a MW safe bowl if needed

Special snack Christmas candies and foods

BBQ grill scrapers for use as mud/snow scrapers for boots

16 OZ stainless steel thermoses (no larger, this size fit in pockets) Cheap works as well as expensive

Hand/feet warmers

Fleece throws

Fleece PJ bottoms (they often have to jump out of bed in a night attack these days)

Fleece sleeping booties

Games

Paperback books

DVDs/CDs

Lots of AA & AAA batteries

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**These items must be at least 50% wool** - or very heavy cotton, fitted, cushy sole sox. Synthetic melts into skin in flash fire

Over the calf sox in black or the neutrals of tan gray or green in med or heavy weight with cushy soles - infantrymen walk a lot.

Snug stocking caps to fit under helmet

Scarf

Ski mask type hat of minimum 70% wool

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Christmas decorations for their tree

2010 calendars of all sizes - freebies are fine

Current magazines - motorcycle, cars, hunting, computers, National Geographic etc

Everyday note cards to send home

## Hygiene:

Body Wash - not too fragrant

Bar soap, each bar with a zip lock bag to store & keep grit out

Deodorant

Disposable razors/Shave gel

Antibiotic ointment

Foot Powder

Cough Drops

Thera Flu

Lip balm

Lotion for dry skin from the cold, wind & snow

If you have any questions or would like to donate funds because you will not be able to make it, please contact Terri Flow ([tlflow0811@yahoo.com](mailto:tlflow0811@yahoo.com)) or Suzy Morrison ([jsjm1813@msn.com](mailto:jsjm1813@msn.com)).

## **TEA PARTY EXPRESS ARRIVES IN AUSTIN....Wooooo....Hoooooo!**

The Tea Party Express II is now launched: Countdown to Judgment Day with a giant rally in San Diego. It was incredible!! The crowd was huge - numbering in the thousands! The sun was shining on this naval town with our rally on the water and the U.S.S. Midway serving as the backdrop. Sorry Keith Olbermann and any critics of the Tea Party Express - but "We The People" came together in San Diego today and our voice was heard! Let's show them what Austin can do. It will be a lot of fun. Bring all of your friends and neighbors. We can tell you that the speeches are great and the music is wonderful. The enthusiasm of the people is terrific. Don't miss this one. It is a feel good experience!

Austin State Capitol Bldg.  
November 6, 2009  
5:00 p.m.

<http://www.teapartyexpress.org/tour-schedule-2/austin-tx/>

## **Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients**

Segments of interviews with Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients, WW II and after--two videos running back-to-back (just wait after the first one finishes), each about ten minutes long, and worth every minute. Moving and inspirational--it doesn't get much better than this:

<http://www.greatamericans.com/videos/bb4e88dbab/congressional-medal-of-honor-recipients-part-1-from-fantaskey>

## **Healthcare Reform Update**

The Baucus Bill was approved by the Senate finance committee last week. One sole Republican senator supported the bill, Olympia Snowe from Maine. Though the bill does not contain a formal public option it does contain co-ops which in my opinion will lead to an ultimate public option and Government run healthcare.

Pelosi and Reid are now working late into the evenings to push their socialist agenda on the conservative democrats. Arms are being twisted.

We must "untwist" their arms. Below are the numbers that we need to continue to call. Please take the time to call these senators as many times as you can. Leave a message. Even if you cannot not get through just tying up the phone lines is helpful. Tell them that you are happy with the healthcare system in this country which does not need to be revamped. Tell them you demand health INSURANCE reform and tort reform.

This past week the Senate announced that it will consider S.1776 which would repeal and not replace the sustainable growth rate mechanism under Medicare. As you may know the SGR was created in 1997 to keep costs under control. It has not worked. Every year since 2004 it has required an act of Congress to prevent Medicare reimbursement cuts for physicians. This will happen again this year. If not, physicians will see a 21% cut at the end of the year. Physicians cannot practice medicine with such a dramatic cut in reimbursement.

Unfortunately the American Medical Association which represents only 17% of the doctors in this country are in support of this bill to fix the SGR problem. The bill is futile. It repeals but does not replace the SGR. This bill would freeze physician Medicare reimbursement rates with a 0% increase over the next decade. This bill would add over a quarter trillion dollars to the deficit with no offset. This bill does not include any medical liability reform.

As a physician I believe we deserve better than a one-sided repeal of the SGR. It needs to be placed with something sustainable and it must include tort reform. The national debt is already at 11.8 trillion dollars or over 38,000 per American.

Deficit spending steals from our children and grandchildren. We should instead be eliminating the \$300 billion of waste, fraud and abuse each year in the Federal Government.

Washington is clueless. They should not be involved in the business of medicine. Please call the numbers below to encourage these crucial players to leave our healthcare system in the hands of the physician and patient.

Susan Dinges,MD.

## Websites

**Check out our website for up to the date information:** [www.austinrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org)

**Travis County Republican Party:** [www.Traviscountygop.org](http://www.Traviscountygop.org)

**Travis Republican Advisory Committee PAC:** [www.gopTRACPAC.org](http://www.gopTRACPAC.org)

**Texas Federation of Republican Women:** [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org)

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