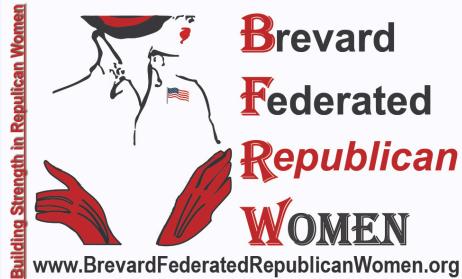


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## NEWSLETTER

Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

### President Address at Military Dinner

Good evening, on behalf of BFRW Members and their Board, I welcome you and thank you for making our 2025 Biennial Veterans & Military Appreciation Dinner a great success.

When I was a teenager, I watched a West Point documentary discussing how the brightest, bravest and most patriotic young men join the US Military. I remember thinking how handsome those young men were and how proud I would be if my child attended West Point!

A few years ago, after my husband and I moved to Indian River Colony Club in Brevard, we joined my mother-in-law, Carol, and

celebrating their grandson's, Curtis, appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. During dinner Gloria, whose sons were both career officers, said "the reality of Curtis' decision will really hit home when his parents receive all of his personal belongs in the mail in about a month ... that's when they will realize that he doesn't belong to us anymore, he belongs to the military."

My eyes teared up. My children are my life, and I realized that our military members are not just their parents' children, they are also the children of our country and since they are our family, we must take care of our service members and veterans.

Words cannot express the gratitude and respect I feel for our veterans. "Thank you for your service" seems so hollow. I ask all Federated Republican Women, all Republicans, to honor the sacrifice and dedication of our military members. They devoted their lives to preserving our freedom; in return we must devote our lives to assuring that we and our children are worthy of their sacrifice.

*Xiaoqi Wang*  
**President, BFRW**  
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## April Luncheon

### Be An Informed Voter!

BFRW April Luncheon will feature our Federation Sister, author, and advisor **Dr. Karen Hiltz, Ed.D.**

themselves with knowledge!

**Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Pavone**, Senior Army Instructor at Cocoa High School, will give us a brief introduction to the CHS JROCT program. Its mission is to motivate young people to be better citizens. Their female Color Guard performed “Missing Man” Ceremony at BFRW 2025 Veteran & Military Appreciation Dinner on March 8, 2025.



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*BFRW invites you to our*  
**April 2 Luncheon**

Guest Speaker **Dr. Karen Hiltz**

*The key to a bright future for our Nation is education,  
let's learn how to combat the progressive ideology.*

Dr. Karen Hiltz served in the US Navy, retired from Federal Procurement, and taught in undergraduate



and graduate business programs. As a former elected School Board member, she focused on policy, strategic planning, and contracts and agreements. She also served as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Community College Advisory Board member, and is a former FL House Candidate.

She's been a private school board member and serves and advises various non-profit organizations. She's authored numerous articles and two books: *The Case for Choice: Once Size Fits All – An Outdated Education Model for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and *The Apple Report: Diary of a Public School Board Member*. She holds a BS and MBA in Management, an Ed.D. in Leadership Studies, and currently resides in Florida.

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
Space Coast Convention Center**

*301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, Florida*

*Networking at 11:00 a.m. Program: 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 pm*

*The meeting fee of \$28 for 2025 members and \$35 for non-renewed members and guests  
Advance registration and payment shall be made by noon on Friday, January 31, 2025*

*The late registration fee is \$35. Call our 24-hour reservation line at 321-727-1212  
or register online at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org)*

*Lunch Menu includes* Salmon w/dill sauce, rice pilaf and a chef's choice vegetable Garden salad, rolls and dessert. Or a vegan/gluten-free and lighter fare option: Grilled vegetables w/rice atop a bed of Romain lettuce.

## **BFRW 2025 Legislative Focus - One**

BFRW Legislative Committee has proposed a 2025 Legislative Focus.

In 2024, Florida Constitutional Amendments 3 & 4 nearly created

club, in 2025 we too will focus on "bills that improve the function of government and protect our representative form of government."

**The first Bill we will focus on is House Bill HB1205: Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments.**

GENERAL BILL by Persons-Mulicka

Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments; Revises provisions relating to initiative petitions including handling petitions; sponsor & petition circulator registration; signature verification procedures; signature revocation; record retention; duties & responsibilities of supervisors, Division of Elections, & Department of State; & criminal penalties.

[Click Here to learn more about the Bill](#)

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**2025 Veterans & Military Appreciation Dinner**

**Thank you for your support!**



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### **Guest Speakers**

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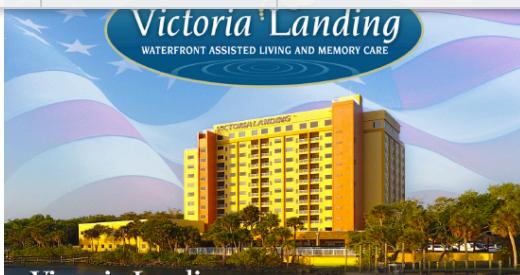


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Your unwavering dedication, unshakeable courage, and selfless service have earned our eternal respect and admiration. We honor your bravery, your perseverance, and your commitment to protecting the values that make America strong. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your unwavering commitment to our country.

**Congratulations Brevard Federated Republican Women on  
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## March Panel Discussion Recap

### *Panel Discussion Series - Women in the Law*

Another full house at BFRW's March Luncheon, with over 75 great women in attendance!

**McPhee\***, **Renee Torpy\***, **Timi Tucker\***, was very informative. They discussed legal issues ranging from governmental regulation, to wills, trusts and estates, to law enforcement while protecting civil rights, to grandparent rights.

BFRW has and will always work to advance women of all backgrounds in leadership positions by providing a forum in the political, governmental and civic arenas.

Florida State Senate candidates **Tim Thomas**, **Mark Lightner** and **Debbie MayField**'s representative Marisa Khan, and State House Candidate **Brian Hodgers**, discussed the issues and their campaigns in upcoming special elections. BFRW values all the Republicans who are willing to step and serve at the local, state and national levels.

**\*Robyn Hattaway**, is a business Attorney and a partner at the law firm of Lacey Lyons Rezanka in Brevard County.

**\*Anne J. McPhee** Practices in probate, tax, wills, trust and estates and is a partner at Studenberg Law.

**\*Renee Torpy** is an Assistant Public Defender in Brevard County, handling felony cases, including those involving drug offenses, sexual crimes, and other serious charges.

**\*Timi Tucker** practices family law and is a founding partner at Tucker/Mitnik.



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## Special Election



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Video: Meet Republican candidates for Florida House District 32 -  
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**REMEMBER - ALL MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS EXPIRED** after the 2024 Election Cycle. If you want to vote by mail, you **must** request your Mail Ballot now.

**2025 Senate District 19 and House District 32 Special Primary**

**Who May Vote:** All Brevard County registered voters residing within [State Senate District 19](#) and [State House District 32](#)

**Mass mail of Military/Overseas (UOCAVA) Mail Ballots:** Friday, February 14, 2025

**Mass mail of Domestic Mail Ballots:** Thursday, February 27, 2025

**Registration Books Close:** Monday, March 3, 2025

**Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot to be sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

**Early Voting:** Saturday, March 22 - Saturday, March 29, 2025

**Polls Are Open:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **2025 Senate District 19 and House District 32 Special General Election - June 10, 2025**

**Who May Vote:** All Brevard County registered voters residing within [State Senate District 19](#) and [State House District 32](#)

**Mass mail of Military/Overseas (UOCAVA) Mail Ballots:** Friday, April 25, 2025

**Mass mail of Domestic Mail Ballots:** Thursday, May 8, 2025

**Registration Books Close:** Monday, May 12, 2025

**Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot to be sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

**Early Voting:** Saturday, May 31 - Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Polls Are Open:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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## **BFRW 2025 Scholarship**

Thanks to Second Vice President Patricia Moore-Carroll BFRW added

one more scholarship, the "Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship," this year. In 2025, Brevard Federated Republican Women will offer **four scholarships** to female students aged 17 to 21 who are graduates of a Brevard County High School or Homeschool in Brevard County.

Both College and Trade School students who are Brevard County high school graduates may also apply if they have not yet reached 21 years of age.

The scholarship applications and requirements are may be found on our website at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org).

All applications should be submitted through the BFRW website, and all supporting documents should be mailed to: **P.O BOX 410143, Melbourne, Florida 32941**

Deadline: To be considered, a completed application and all supporting documentation must be received on or before **5:00 pm on Friday, April 18, 2025.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dr. Dixie Riepl, Scholarship Chair, at 281-740-3080 / 845-978-6134, or email her at: [driegl6871@gmail.com](mailto:driegl6871@gmail.com) & [bfrw.usa@gmail.com](mailto:bfrw.usa@gmail.com)

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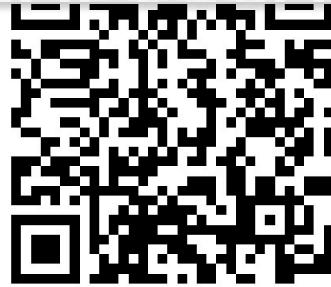
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