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Steven K. Bannon issues call for activism at Adams County Republican Committee's 36th Annual Eisenhower Dinner

Gettysburg -- Steven K. Bannon, the former chief White House strategist for President Donald Trump, delivered a fiery challenge to an enthusiastic crowd of 250 at the Eisenhower Conference Center Thursday – to join the fight against progressive doctrine.

“They hate Trump, they hate Ted Cruz, they hate me -- but they fear you,” Bannon said of liberal opponents. “The key now is for conservatives to take over at the municipal level and run for office, run for school board seats. They hate this populism, and they fear the results.”

Bannon brought his message of conservative grassroots activism to the 36th annual Eisenhower Dinner, sponsored by the Adams County Republican Committee (ACRC). The dinner also featured speaker Joseph Backholm, senior fellow for Biblical worldview and strategic engagement at the Family Research Council.

“We were honored to have Mr. Bannon as our keynote speaker. Here in Adams County we are taking his message of conservative activism very seriously,” said Charlotte Shaffer, ACRC chair. “Our number of Republican County Committee members grew from 54 to 158 this year, and with this revitalized membership we have already taken a more active role in local municipal and school board elections.”

In his current popular podcast, Bannon's War Room, Bannon has emphasized that a key to the successful advance of conservative Republican goals begins with the thousands of county committee organizations across the country. County committees are closest to local registered Republican voters and therefore should reflect the conservative and traditional interests of those voters, according to Bannon.

“You are the bedrock, the foundation of the governmental system. It's not up to Trump, to Tucker Carlson, to Sean Hannity -- it's up to you to turn the tide,” Bannon told the crowd Thursday.

Bannon is no stranger to Gettysburg. In 2013 for the battle's 150th anniversary, he led a crew for the Breitbart News Agency to film the reenactment of Pickett's charge.

“The battle of Gettysburg is about human action and human agency,” Bannon said, emphasizing how the action of one person can tip the scales of history. He cited the example of Lt. Alonzo Cushing, a 22-year-old Union artillery commander stationed at the critical point called The Angle on the third day of the battle. Severely wounded during the Confederate attack known as Pickett's charge, Cushing refused to leave his post and with his dying breath ordered the canister shot attack that helped blunt the Confederate charge on the Union's center. For that action, Cushing was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2010.

America is again facing a crisis, similar to the Civil War, Bannon said, and called on his listeners to practice their own acts of human agency and join the fight against liberal progressivism.

The fight won't be easy, Bannon warned. “It's going to be a long, tough fight. They want to destroy you, they want to cancel you, but we can't back down...because what would we say to those who fought here in Gettysburg on both sides, if they were to come back today? Would they think their sacrifice was worth it when they see the direction this country is taking?”

Bannon also addressed the topic of the controversial 2020 Presidential election, which he referred to as 3 November. He has backed President Donald Trump in his call to investigate the election, and commended state Sen. Col. Doug Mastriano for his efforts to conduct a forensic investigation into Pennsylvania's election results.

"How much easier it would have been, how much easier his life would be, if Doug said 'OK, we lost this one, better luck next time'? But he chose to stand and fight. That's human agency right there," Bannon said. "We simply cannot allow a Presidential election to be stolen. We have to get to the bottom of what happened on 3 November. We don't need new laws, or new talk. We need to recognize that all votes don't count – what counts are legitimate, chain of custody votes cast by legal American citizens."

Before the dinner began, Bannon invited Shaffer to co-host War Room episode 1,354, which was broadcast live from the Eisenhower event.

Following Bannon to the speaker's podium was Joseph Backholm, who was introduced by Michael Geer, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Family Institute. Before taking his position as senior fellow at the Family Research Council, Backholm served as a legislative attorney and spent then years as the president and general counsel for the Family Policy Institute of Washington State. During that time, he led three ballot initiatives on marriage and gender privacy.

In his speech at the dinner, Backholm addressed the importance of maintaining traditional values of church and family. "We have to stop outsourcing the education of our children to progressives who want to teach our kids to act like them, talk like them and think like them," he said. He urged parents to become involved with their local school board, emphasizing, "despite what politicians like (Virginia governor candidate) Terry McAuliffe tell you, you do have a say in their education."

State Sen. Col. Doug Mastriano also spoke at the dinner, recognizing veterans and first responders who were in attendance. The ACRC had a special table at the event to honor the 13 service men and women who lost their lives in the recent evacuation of Afghanistan. The table had 13 empty chairs and each place setting held a photo honoring one of the fallen service members.

Background on Bannon

Bannon joined the board of Breitbart News Network in 2011, and following the sudden death of its founder Andrew Breitbart, he took over as executive chairman in 2012.

In August 2016, Bannon was introduced as CEO of Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Steve sharpened Trump's populist message, helping to hammer home the danger of open borders and distrust of the opponent, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. His strategy was a success, as Trump surprised the mainstream media with a stunning Election Day victory in November 2016.

Named senior counselor to the new president, Bannon helped determine cabinet nominees and reportedly spearheaded many of Trump's initial executive orders, including the controversial halt of immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

In August 2017, Bannon left his role in President Trump's administration and returned to Breitbart for a short time, before leaving to forge his own online media presence. His podcast, Bannon's War Room, is currently one of the most popular podcasts on Apple's platform. He announced at the dinner Thursday that the War Room recently topped 100 million views.

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