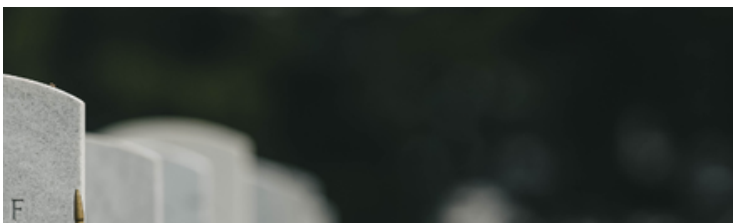




MISSION STATEMENT

Tucson Republican Women support and promote the principles of the Republican Party through programming which educates, through newsletters that inform the membership on legislative issues, through supporting women running for elective office, and through campaigning for Republican candidates.

**The Redline
Memorial Day
May 27, 2024**





"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." Declaration of Independence

"It is rather for us, the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain..." President Abraham Lincoln

"Our first obligation to them and ourselves is plain enough. The United States and freedom for which it stands, the freedom of which they died must endure and prosper. ... As we honor their memory today, let us pledge that their lives, their sacrifices, their valor, shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this nation. And let us also pledge to do our utmost to carry out what must have been their wish, that no other generation of young men will ever have to share their experiences and repeat their sacrifice. ... Here, in this place where the West held together, let us make a vow to our dead. Let us show them by our actions that we understand what they died for." Excerpts from speeches of President Ronald Reagan

Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor our fallen military members. How do we do this? As President Lincoln said, "take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion".

How do we do that? In the sage words of Captain Miller in *Saving Private Ryan*, "Earn this!"

How do you earn it? Any professional athlete will tell you they became great because they continued to go back to the basics. We must know our fundamentals. In the words of Founding Father George Mason, "No free government, nor the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

Those fundamental principles are our founding documents and how they came to be. Our Founding Fathers put together ingenious documents. Our very first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, John Jay, said it best. He said, "Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country, and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them."

Remember our fallen; honor their sacrifice by studying our founding documents. Read and study our Constitution. Teach it to others so we all begin to know our rights. Then let's together defend and assert them.

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