NEW YEAR, NEW AMERICA
We did it! 2017 started out with a strong message from Americans. With President Trump winning 84% of all counties in our nation, the voters were heard. The ALGOP was engaged, active and focused on winning in Alabama and helping elect Donald Trump. This issue will share our hard work during the election cycle.

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Alabama gives Donald Trump 1.3 million thumbs up

On November 8, 2016, Alabama broke records—again. With 2.1 million voters crushing into precincts, Donald Trump had a record breaking 1.3 million Alabama votes cast in his favor.

In fact, Alabama ranked 4th highest in voter percentages for the Trump/Pence team. Winston County had the highest voting percentage at 89% for then Mr. Trump while Shelby County had the highest voter turnout at 71% of all registered voters. Alabama’s 4th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Robert Aderholt, was ranked number one in the nation with the highest percentage of the Trump/Pence vote.

In October 2016, Chairman Lathan met with then Mr. Trump in Florida. He sent Alabama a message: “I’m so proud of Alabama.” President Trump has great respect and appreciation for the role our state played in this historic election.

Our state party and volunteers were not content to stay in our state boundaries. We organized and deployed 100 volunteers to Florida and Ohio for a week while also protecting and growing our races in Alabama. (See “No Boundaries” story.)

We are Alabama proud to have helped America!
Alabama’s Jeff Sessions becomes Attorney General

From eagle scout, to conservative activist, to state attorney general, to United States Senator, Alabama’s own Jeff Sessions now sits as the chief law enforcement officer in our nation.

We are used to seeing then United States Senator Sessions at football games, restaurants, strolling the streets of our small towns and meeting with Alabamians. His rise to our nation’s Attorney General position means two things - we will miss him representing our state in the halls of Congress, and we are full of great pride as we share him with our country.

Ask anyone who knows General Sessions what they think about him. The words are repeated over and over - honorable, caring patriot and focused on those who serve in law enforcement.

General Sessions started as an active College Republican and has always been a consistent strong supporter of the Republican Party’s conservative principles. Along with President Trump’s vision for making America great again, we know that General Sessions is simply the best.

“I am humbled to have been asked by President-elect Trump to serve as Attorney General of the United States.”—Jeff Sessions

“Thank you Alabama!”—
Jeff Sessions,
Republican National Convention,
Cleveland, OH July 2016

GOVERNOR BENTLEY APPOINTS FORMER ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE TO THE U.S. SENATE

As Senator Jeff Sessions moved up to America’s Attorney General position, his position was filled by now U.S. Senator Luther Strange. Appointed by Governor Robert Bentley, Senator Strange now represents Alabama in Congress.
Contact Senator Strange at: 202.224.4124
59% of all elected partisan officials in Alabama are Republicans. On November 8, 2016 the ALGOP won 70% of the races on the ballot.

**RNC’s Road to Victory**

**UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS**

**GOVERNORS:** **66% GOP**
From 31 to 33 net gain of 2 with NC to be decided

**LT. GOVERNORS:** **62% GOP**
Held 31 of 45 Lt. Gov. seats

**ATTORNEYS GENERAL:** **58% GOP**
Most GOP in US History with 28 currently (will be 29 when Gov. Sununu appoints an AG in NH)

**SECRETARIES OF STATE:** **60% GOP**
From 26 to 30 with 4 gains, one possible additional.

**LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS:** **70% GOP**
Remained at 69 of 99. GOP was able to maintain control of the same number of legislative bodies while flipping three. (KY House, IA state Senate, MN state Senate)

Since 2008: the Democrats have lost over 1,000 seats
It was a pretty safe guess to assume that Alabama would vote for Donald Trump for President. After all, in the March 2016 GOP primary there was a record setting 860,000 votes cast. Mr. Trump pulled 36 delegate votes to Senator Cruz’s 13 and Senator Rubio’s 1.

The Alabama Republican Party did not sit on the sidelines. We were determined to help win this election and help our fellow ‘battleground’ states.

Over 100 volunteers dedicated a week of their time to knock on doors, make phone calls and make a difference in winning the White House.

Led by Joan Reynolds (FL MASF Captain) and Marty Connors (OH MASF Captain), our ALGOP volunteers had an amazing voter contact of 20,000 voters! These volunteers were on a mission-stop Hillary Clinton and elect Donald Trump. They worked around the clock in Cincinnati and in five cities in Florida. Living out of hotels, depending upon others for transportation and snatching food breaks when they could, we owe this dedicated group of patriots a mighty THANK YOU for the role they played in Making America Great Again!

Thank you to Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Connors for their willingness to help our nation-and to the dedicated Alabama Republicans who made history!
They came by planes, trains and automobiles. Alabama Republicans poured into Washington to participate in the historic inauguration of President Donald Trump and Vice President Michael Pence.

Members of Alabama’s 5th Congressional District took a candlelight tour of the Capitol with Representative Mo Brooks.
ALGOP Party People in DC

ALGOP members
Oline and Randy Price,
Lee County

Judy Carns, wife of
AL Rep. Jim Carns

Renee Cronier (Montgomery),
Jeana Boggs (Deatsville) and
ALGOP member Suzelle Josey

Former Ben Carson national finance
chairman, Dean Parker, and family,
Baldwin County

Heather Moore, Sheriff Clarke and
AL Rep. Barry Moore

Jonathan Barbee and wife,
ALGOP member Joanne

ALGOP Comms Director
Katie Lansford and family

AL Senator Cam Ward
and wife Lindsey
Band-Aid

When the Presidential Inaugural Committee invited Talladega College’s Marching Band to represent our state in the Inaugural Parade, the president, Dr. Billy Hawkins, faced a firestorm from many African Americans who believed his college should not participate. Putting his students first to make history, not read about it, Dr. Hawkins went forward and made sure his students made the trip. Needing $75,000 to travel, after a segment on “The O’Reilly Factor, the school received over $850,000 from around the nation. ALGOP Chairman Lathan, a former teacher, met with Dr. Hawkins to thank him for his courage and honoring his students.

Chairman Lathan met with Dr. Hawkins at Talladega College.

Dr. Hawkins met with Senator Shelby in D.C.

President Trump and Vice-President Pence spotted the band.

Talladega College Marching Band

The Alabama Republican Party welcomed the President of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Society at their 2017 Winter Dinner in Hoover on Friday, February 24.

Sergeant Major (Ret.) Gavin McIlvenna, from Oregon, was warmly welcomed at a sold out dinner of GOP activists, elected officials and party members. Gavin shared the process of becoming a Tomb Guard and the honor of guarding the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. Gavin also shared the details of a tomb guard’s life and duties. Gavin presented a tomb guard rifle inspection for the focused audience. (bottom right)

The group had a visit with two bald eagles from the Southeastern Raptor Center. The American Village provided a drum and flag presentation while "Patrick Henry" read George Washington’s prayer.

For more information on the Tomb Guard Society, go to www.tombguard.org

More information on the movie "The Unknowns” can be seen at: https://youtu.be/1JCYQ7v08vM

A sold out crowd gathered at the ALGOP Winter Dinner to hear former Tomb Guard Sgt. Major (Ret.) McIlvenna
ALGOP State Executive Committee Elects Leadership for 2017 - 2019

The Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee re-elected Chairman Terry Lathan at their 2017 Winter Meeting on Saturday, February 25 in Birmingham. Chairman Lathan was elected without opposition as was the rest of the leadership team, a reflection of the Party’s unity and harmony.

Chairman Terry Lathan made the following statement regarding her re-election:

“I am deeply humbled to have earned my team’s trust for another term as Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party. Our focus will be to protect our successes and add to them. Clearly, conservative values and principles resonate with Alabama voters. Our very strong and vibrant team will continue to champion our platform.”

The Alabama Republican Party is one of the largest GOP bodies in the nation. With nearly 430 members, the ALGOP has been named one of the ‘reddest’ states by Newsweek and USA Today.

The Alabama Republican Party
2017-2019 Steering Committee:

Terry Lathan, Chairman
Sam Givhan, Senior Vice Chairman
David Wheeler, Treasurer
Elaine Ridenour, Secretary
Phil Webb, Finance Chairman
Bert Jordan, Legal Counsel
Vicki Drummond, National Committeewoman
Paul Reynolds, National Committeeman
Bill Harris, Vice Chair, Districts 1,2
Pat Wilson, Vice Chair, Districts 3,6,7
Andrew Sorrell, Vice Chair, Districts 4,5
Les Barnett, District 1 Chair
Sue Neuwien, District 2 Chair
Joseph Fuller, District 3 Chair
David Hall, District 4 Chair
Elbert Peters, District 5 Chair
Chris Brown, District 6 Chair
Pierce Boyd, District 7 Chair
Frances Taylor, President, Alabama Federation of Republican Women
Phillip Brown, Chairman, Alabama Minority GOP
Jackie Curtiss, Chairman, Young Republican Federation of Alabama
Nathanial White, Chairman, College Republican Federation of Alabama

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Tweets from the Alabama GOP Team

EPA's rule redefining WOTUS was a prime example of Obama-era overreach. This is great news for the American people. 3/3/17

Great speech! I'm ready to work with @POTUS to rebuild our #military and repeal #obamacare 3/1/17

Good news! The House just passed my bill to stop #OSHA's unlawful power grab by a vote of 231-101… 3/1/17

I was so glad to see Carryn Owens, widow of Navy SEAL William “Ryan” Owens, honored during last night’s address. 3/1/17

Pleased the House passed the DoD Approps Act for FY17. Our Constitutional duty is to provide for our nat’l defense, and this bill does that. 3/8/17

President Trump gave a great speech tonight. But it is now up to Congress to pass the mandate voters sent in November. 2/28/17

I have the utmost respect for Judge Gorsuch’s commitment to the rule of law & applaud @POTUS’s nomination. #SCOTUS 1/31/17

I look forward to working w/@ POTUS & Congress to translate the message of optimism into sound policies beneficial to all Americans. 3/1/17

Great talk w/ @POTUS & Cabinet. Pres.Trump affirming states & Governor’s know what’s best for our people not the Federal Gov’t. Great message. 2/27/17

Very proud of my friend US Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He is dedicated to the rule of law and proven he is very capable to serve. 2/9/17

This is great news. (NV Sen Heller just endorsed DeVos, shoring up her confirmation bid for Education Secretary.) 2/1/17

The taskforce will look at big ideas like biennial budgeting, unearmarking, greater performance reviews and tax credits. #alpolitics 9/6/16
I had the most distinct honor to attend President Trump's Joint Congressional session of Congress on Tuesday, February 28. I was the guest of U.S. Representative Martha Roby. President Trump delivered a focused and powerful message to America. It was surreal to have been a part of this historic moment.

Just when I thought there was no way to feel something more powerful then his message to our nation, I experienced another moving moment the next day…on a bus.

I love history, so every city I travel to I jump on one of the “Hop On, Hop Off” bus tours. I will take them over and over again in the same city because I always learn something new.

As folks got on and off, I found myself in the open top of the bus to be the lone passenger. The tour guide was one of the best. He came back to sit with me and personally pointed things out as we drove around.

I complimented him on his deep knowledge and guide skills that he shared with such passion. I asked him where he was from.

Emmett was from the Philippines. He came to America, earned his citizenship and became a tour guide.

His love of the opportunities America gave him and his family was so powerful he wanted to spend his time sharing facts about America with people from around the world as a guide.

Emmett became a trainer for the company’s other guides due to his appreciation and his focus on sharing American history in our nation’s capitol.

I told him that no matter how many times I took a bus tour, I was still in awe of the founding fathers, their sacrifices and the gift of freedom they left us.

With a small tear in his eye, Emmett said, “I tell every tour guide I teach, never ever take your job, this nation and our country’s history for granted. Remember in every presentation how this nation is blessed beyond words.” Emmett and I shared a teary eyed moment together- just as I had a few sitting in the gallery listening to President Trump.

From the podium in Congress to the top of a bus - may we never forget the greatness of our nation or take it for granted.
2016 ALGOP Winter Dinner

The 2017 Alabama Republican Party Winter Dinner was held in Birmingham on February 24, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Mr. Quentin Riggins, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall and eagle trainer Andrew Hopkins with “Valor” from the Southeastern Raptor Center

Talladega College President Dr. Billy Hawkins thanks the ALGOP for their support.

Joyce Reed presents a Quilt of Valor to former Tomb Guard Gavin McIlvenna while U.S. Senator Luther Strange, U.S. Representative Martha Roby and U.S. Congressman Gary Palmer look on.

Senator Jabo Waggoner (L) received a replica of the AL State Capitol from the ALGOP to honor his 50 years of public service. Senator Greg Reed, Roark Phillips, artist of the wooden capitol carving and Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon presented the gift.

ALGOP member and Army Master Sergeant Donna Johnson sang the National Anthem.

Crowd favorite Malia Thibado sang a beautiful rendition of “My Country, ’Tis of Thee”.

The American Village First Pennsylvania Reenactment Group performed the presentation of colors at the Winter Dinner.
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Southeastern Raptor Center
Roark Phillips, artist, Cuttin Through of Fayetteville, TN
Tom Walker, American Village Citizen Trust
AL Rep. Bill Poole was named one of the nation’s ‘Top 24 Rising Political Stars’ as a member of the most recent class of the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships.

ALGOP Events Director Ashlee Phillips was recently elected as the Greater Birmingham Young Republicans State Committeewoman. Sean Grehalva was elected as the GBYR’S Committeeman.

Greg Cook, ALGOP member and Balch and Bingham lawyer, was one of two attorneys recently recognized in the state of Alabama/one of 300 nationally as a 2017 BTI Client Service All-Star.

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Congratulations to AL House Majority Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter and Vice Chair Connie Rowe on being elected to their positions by the House Republican Caucus.

U.S. Senator Richard Senator Shelby received the United States Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Award.

U.S. Congressman Bradley Byrne received the United States Navy’s Distinguished Public Service Award.

Alabama RNC National Committeeman Paul Reynolds, National Committeeewoman Vicki Drummond and Chairman Lathan at the 2017 Winter RNC Meeting, Washington D.C.

AL College of Electors officially cast their votes for President Donald Trump in Montgomery on Dec. 19, 2017.


Alabama Federation of Republican Women, Legislative Days, February 2017
Congressman Robert Aderholt and daughter, Mary Elliott talk with President Trump after his Joint Address to Congress.

AL Rep. Jim Carns was presented the “Lawmaker of the Year” award by Joe Fuller from the Alabama Insurance Agents.

U.S. Representative Martha Roby was named a Department of Defense Distinguished Civil Servant.

AL Secretary of State John Merrill congratulates former Supreme Court Justice Jean Brown on her retirement from the Secretary of State’s office in February.

ALGOP members Tammi Taylor and K. Carl Smith were guest speakers at Minor High School’s Black History Month program.

Chairman Lathan with University of Alabama Honors College students. Great button worn by Gerald Fraas: "Roll Trump Roll"

ALGOP member Wayne Reynolds at the Vietnam Wall finds his friend’s name at President Trump’s Inauguration

AL Senators Glover, Melson and Whatley, along with AL Representatives Harbsion, Wadsworth, Whorton and Wingo were named as the top seven lawmakers by the American Conservative Union in 2016
In Loving Memory of.......

Bill Lawley - ALGOP member and husband of ALGOP member Jo Lawley, Tuscaloosa County

Fran Whitaker - ALGOP member, Montgomery County

Mary Katherine Smith - Infant child of William Smith, ALGOP member, Lauderdale County

Weater Caten - wife of Wille Caten, ALGOP member, Washington County

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