



# ALGOP Today

## Hot in Cleveland!



It's been a long seven plus years with Barack Obama in the White House. America is worn out from his liberal policies, invasive executive orders and his belief that America has a lot of apologizing to do to the world. The Republican Party has been through a grueling process as we have inched toward the Republican National Convention, July 18 - 21. We started out with 17 of the strongest candidates we have seen in our lifetime.

We are now down to one...Donald J. Trump. The Republicans across our nation have spoken-

not a handful of people, a backroom group, a made up "establishment", or the media. We are watching a phenomenon—record breaking primaries in every state, including Alabama. We saw a



ALGOP Chairman Terry Lathan welcomes Donald Trump to Birmingham in January 2016. Chairman Lathan met with every presidential candidate or their representatives that visited in Alabama during the ALGOP primary process.

massive number of over 860,000 Republicans in the Alabama primary on March 1, 2016. In contrast, the Democrats voted around 395,000 in their primary.

**Wow...860,000 plus Republican voters in Alabama a few months ago.**

The Alabama Republican Party is stronger than ever.

Our people are good conservatives who reject the liberal politics of the Democrats. As a reminder, local and state Alabama Democrat candidates pledge their allegiance to the DNC platform. Their platform, blessed by Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, is clearly rejected by citizens across our state.

All eyes will be on Cleveland in July as we nominate Donald Trump as our presidential candidate to battle with Hillary Clinton. Is there any question that a Clinton win would be an extended Obama term? Is there any question what type of Supreme Court justices she would choose?

Our country is hanging by a thread—a sluggish economy, liberal courts and Democrats trying to impose their will on us and grow the government. We can stop this if America puts the brakes on the hard left turn we have taken under the Obama/Clinton regime. We've had enough and we are going to take our nation back. Mr. Trump will take our fight to the Democrats!



U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions welcomes Donald Trump for President in Mobile, August 2015. Over 31,000 Gulf Coast people attended at Ladd Peebles Stadium.

In Cleveland, the Alabama GOP delegation will be led by U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions. We are honored to have Senator Sessions speak for us and lead us at our convention.

As they say in Cleveland, **ROCK ON!**

*Terry Lathan*

**Terry Lathan  
Chairman, ALGOP**



### ALGOP Delegation Facts

- 36 Trump delegates
- 13 Cruz delegates
- 1 Rubio delegate

**CLEVELAND FUN FACTS:**

**Fact 1**

Cleveland was founded by General Moses Cleaveland. As the story goes, the name was reduced to "Cleveland" when the local newspaper discovered the name was one character too long for its masthead.

**Fact 2**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was founded in Cleveland in 1983. To date, 701 people have been inducted.

**Fact 3**

Joe Schuster and Jerry Siegel created the famous comic hero Superman in Cleveland, where they were born.



**College Republican Federation of Alabama**



A message from Nathaniel White, CRFA Chairman

*This is an exciting election year for the Republican Party, and the College Republican Federation of Alabama*

*is preparing to be an active participant in getting Republicans elected across Alabama. Through campaign seminars, an aggressive recruitment and data collection strategy, fundraising efforts, and leadership schools, the CRFA will be preparing the next generation of Republican leaders to stand on principle and lead Alabama. This will be a busy year, and we look forward to working with everyone to make it a very successful one for the Republican Party.*

**Where There's A Will, There's A Way**

ALGOP Member and Probate Judge of Lauderdale County, Judge Will Motlow, is working with a team of Florence attorneys to donate services for free last wills and testaments for local law enforcement officers.

"We recognize what the officers do is difficult and dangerous," said Judge Motlow.

This is a small but honorable way to show the officers and their families how much they are appreciated and recognized for their service to the community and our state.



Lauderdale County Probate Judge Will Motlow

**RNC Announces Platform.gop**

Do you want to help decide what will be on the 2016 GOP Platform?

Visit <https://www.platform.gop/> and let your voice be heard!



The Alabama Republican Party salutes Judge Motlow and his team for giving back to those brave and courageous law enforcement officials.





**Alabama U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions named by *Newsmax* magazine as the *Hardest Working Senator on Capitol Hill***



At this point, Senator Sessions is no stranger to today's news cycle. Known for his strong work ethic, *Newsmax* has named him as the "Hardest Working Senator on Capitol Hill."

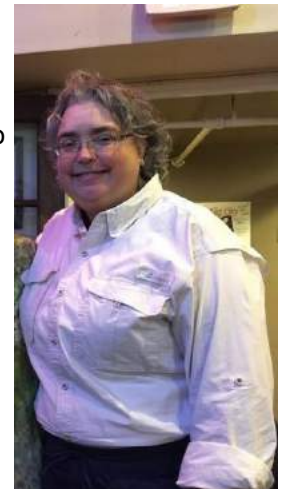
**Congressman Gary Palmer receives the 2015 Award for Conservative Excellence**



Congressman Gary Palmer received the 2015 Award for Conservative Excellence from The American Conservative Union. This award is to recognize lawmakers who consistently voted for the ideals found in the U.S. Constitution (limited and transparent government, individual rights, and personal responsibility). Congress Palmer scored a perfect 100 for his conservative voting record in the U.S. House.

**Head of the Class**

Congratulations to ALGOP member and Tallapoosa GOP County Chairman Denise Bates. Denise was recently appointed to the Tallapoosa County School Board.



**Bradley Byrne named 'Hero of Main Street' by National Retail Federation**

Alabama Congressman Bradley Byrne was named as a "Hero of Main Street" by the National Retail Federation for his consistent support of legislation focusing on international trade, workforce policies, tax reform and health care policies that work for both employees and their



**Alabama U.S. Senator Richard Shelby Named one of the Country's Most Popular Senators**

Alabama United States Senator Richard Shelby is one of the country's most popular Senators according to studies done by InsideGov and Morning Consult. A survey of 62,000 registered voters conducted by these political sites ranked the top 25 most popular senators in the United States. Senator Shelby had a 59% approval rating placing him at the 20th spot in the Senate.



**Solid Gold**

The PBS documentary, *Jeremiah*, recently won four Southeast Emmy awards. The film tells the story of Alabama's beloved former U.S. Senator Jeremiah Denton. Senator Denton was held in captivity as a Vietnam POW prisoner for over seven years. The premiere of the documentary was attended by friends and family at the USS Battleship in Mobile on November 8th, 2015. Pictured above: Senator Denton's daughter, Mary Denton Lewis and husband John Hutto at the Emmy presentation, June 2016.



# ALGOP on the Move



Above: AL State Representative Ed Henry (Hartselle) receives the CRFA Legislator of the Year award from outgoing CRFA Chairman Cole Lawson at their convention in Montgomery. (below).

A group of College Republicans sponsored by the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee participated in the Joy to Life 5k Walk.



Former AL House Pro Tempore (Now Speaker of the House) Victor Gaston - Mobile (pictured center) is presented the 2016 Israel Leadership Award by the Honorable Mr. Milik Bar, Deputy Speaker of the Israeli Knesset and Mr. Eeki Elnor, the Executive Director of the Israel Leadership Institute.

Chairman Lathan addresses the members of the Republican National Committee at the Regional States Breakfast, April 2016 in Hollywood, Florida at the Spring RNC meeting.



U.S. Senator Richard Shelby proudly welcomes his granddaughter, Anna, in Washington, DC. Anna represented Alabama in the annual Cherry Blossom Princess Program.

# ALGOP on the Move



Coffee County Republican Women  
Special Olympics Track and Field, Enterprise



Coffee County Republican Women  
Boll Weevil 100 Race and Ride, Enterprise



Hale County Chairman  
Capt. Vaughn Poe



Pike County Republican Women, Troy



Middle Alabama Republican Club  
Vestavia Hills



Power of Service Reception  
Birmingham



AlabamaTV Bilingual television interview  
Hoover



Jubilee for Jabo 50 Years of Service  
Jefferson County GOP Executive Committee  
Birmingham



Above: 5th Congressional District ALGOP  
meeting, Madison County



Right: Franklin County GOP lunch,  
Russellville



Greater Birmingham Teenage Republican  
scholarship presentation, Shelby County

# ALGOP on the Move

The ALGOP met in Trussville on Saturday, May 21 to elect alternate delegates to the RNC. The Alabama delegation is now in place (below) and ready to go to Cleveland to cast their votes as decided by the ALGOP primary voters on March 1.



Left: ALGOP Comms Director Katie Lansford and Finance Director Zach Bowman get ready for the meeting.



Covington County Republican Executive Committee Members present a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to Opp High School. Pictured with the Opp High School Ambassadors and Principal Ron Snell are: Executive Committee members, retired District Judge Trippy McGuire, Circuit Judge Ben Bowden, County Commission Chairman-Elect Greg White. Also, their executive committee awards a yearly scholarship to two college bound high school seniors.



Left: May 21 ALGOP alternate delegate meeting, Trussville



Colbert County GOP, Muscle Shoals



Left: Chairman Lathan chats with "13 Hours" Benghazi hero John "Tig" Tiegen at the Spring RNC meeting, Hollywood, FL. John was wearing a Reagan jersey!



Below: Presenting Mark "Oz" Geist of "13 Hours" a quilt of valor to thank him for his service to our nation and for his visit with the ALGOP in Mobile, February 2016.

# ALGOP on the Move



Green County GOP, Eutaw



PSC Commissioner Chip Beeker and Teresa Beeker, Greene County



Coffee County GOP Meeting with Rep. Barry Moore and Chairman Jason Bruce



Eastern Shore Republican Women, Fairhope



Azalea City Republican Women, Mobile



Parliamentary Procedure Training, Montgomery County GOP



Great political pin collection by Jan White, wife of SEC member Greg White, Covington County



Pickens County GOP, Carrollton

## In Memory of our Republican friends



**Mrs. Joy Ann Perry**, 79, of Adamsville, passed away on April 16, 2016. She was a lifelong activist in the conservative movement and a member of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. “JoAnn” was a member of the Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee. She was active in the Party until her passing.



**Perry Hooper, Sr.** passed away on April 24, 2016. Judge Hooper served as a Montgomery county probate and circuit judge when he challenged incumbent Democrat E.C. “Sonny” Hornsby for chief justice in 1994. It took 11 months before the contested struggle was resolved. Judge Hooper went on to be the first Republican elected Alabama Chief Justice since 1872. Within 10 years of his election, the Alabama Supreme Court changed from all Democrat to all Republican. Justice Hooper was considered a patriarch of the Alabama Republican Party. He also served as the ALGOP National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee.



**Dean Taylor**, 35, passed away on May 19, 2016. Dean was a member of the Jefferson County School Board. He was a businessman from Gardendale. Dean joined the U.S. Air Force in May 2001. He was assigned to management roles as a munitions specialist in Florida and Nevada, and spent a year stationed at Pusan Air Base in South Korea. He was active in the Young Republican Federation of Alabama. Dean was often seen enjoying lunch at schools with the children that he represented on the school board.



**Frances Wideman**, 88, Jefferson County passed away on June 1, 2016. She was a delegate to six Republican National Conventions and a member of the Republican National Platform Committee (1976). Frances worked in all Republican presidential, senatorial and 6th District congressional races for the past 40 years. She was the charter president of the Republican Women's Club of the South. Frances was active in the Alabama Federation of Republican Women. She was a member of the Jefferson County GOP Committee, a charter member of the mid-Alabama Republican Club and an Alabama Republican Executive Committee member.



**Douglas “Doug” Moore** passed away on June 4, 2016. Doug was a longtime member of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee, the Alabama Republican Council and the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. Over the last 30 years, Doug was a leader in GOP minority outreach, served on numerous GOP committees and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention several times. Doug volunteered in countless Republican campaigns.



# ★ ★ ★ Rising Republican Stars ★ ★ ★



## District 1 - Joyce Reed

Joyce is a member of the Azalea City Republican Women's Club in Mobile. She is the current treasurer. Joyce is the South Alabama Quilts of Valor representative. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war by gifting them with homemade quilts. Very often there is a ceremony to "drape" a veteran in a quilt that Joyce has made. She donates her time and materials for this honorable project.

## District 2 - Nick Moore

Nick Moore was raised in Enterprise, Alabama and graduated from Enterprise High School. He is also a graduate of Enterprise State Community College and Harvard, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 2012 with majors in history and government. Throughout his college years, Nick interned and paged for many Republican legislators from Alabama, including Senator Richard Shelby. Nick managed several local Republican campaigns in Coffee County during the 2014 cycle and founded the Coffee County Young Republicans in 2015. Nick was selected a 2015-2016 Capitol Hill Fellow. Nick currently serves as the education, healthcare, and labor staffer in Representative Martha Roby's (R-AL) Washington, D.C. office.



## District 3 - Judge J. Kirk Day

Kirk Day is the Probate Judge and Chairman of the County Commission in Cherokee County, AL. He is a 1989 graduate of Cherokee County High School and a 1993 graduate of the United States Military Academy. After graduating from West Point, Kirk served for nine years as an infantry officer with overseas assignments in the Republic of Korea and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Kirk continues to be active in West Point Admissions where he serves as the Congressional District Coordinator for Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. Additionally, Kirk serves on Congressman Mike Rogers' Veterans Advisory Council.

## District 4 - Joe Acker

Joe Acker is a current resident of Fayette County, AL. Married to Dr. Linda W. Acker, he has four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He attended Samford University where he received his bachelor's degree. Joe has been active in the Republican Party since the 1970's. He has been a member of the Fayette County Executive Committee since 2000 and serves as the group's current chairman. He has been a member of the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee since 2005. Joe currently serves on the Fayette County Commission.



## District 5 - Spence Townsend

Spence Townsend is a resident of Toney, AL. He is married to his wife of 14 years, Jessica Townsend. They have three children. Currently, Spence is a professional bail bondsman in Huntsville, AL. Prior to his work in the criminal justice field, he was a customer service manager for several large companies. Spence is currently a board member of the Madison County Republican Men's Club and serves on the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. He is a member of Heritage Action for America and is a Heritage Foundation member.

## District 6 - Sallie Bryant

Sallie Bryant is currently the Chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party, a position she first ran for in January 2015. Before this, Sallie served as the Secretary of the Alabama Republican Party for 14 years. She is a former President of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women. She has been on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Republican Women for 16 years. Sallie has served on the boards of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Leading Edge, the American Cancer Society and is the founder of the Caring For Alabama Foundation. She and her husband, Jim, have two sons and five grandchildren.



## District 7 - Dan England

Dan England is the first Republican elected official in Marengo County since the Civil War reconstruction period. He now resides as the chairman of the Marengo County Commission. Dan has worked as a professional land surveyor in Alabama and Mississippi for over 35 years. He is a retired Major of 28 years in the USAR. Dan is married to his wife Ellen, of 30 years. They have two daughters. Dan has served 3 ½ years as District 2 Commissioner for Marengo County. He is the Republican nominee for this upcoming November election.



## Alabama Republican Party Notes of Interest

### Chief of Staff

Harold Sachs

### Director of Finance

Zach Bowman

### Director of Communications

Katie Lansford

### Political Director

Reed Phillips

### Events Director

Ashlee Phillips

### Business and Data Administrator

Rudy Scott

### Did you know:

- The ALGOP is one of the largest state committees in the nation with over 450 members. The 22 member steering committee meets quarterly to manage the organization between the two annual meetings.
- Alabama is one of the few states that elect their presidential delegates to the national convention on a ballot. Most state parties choose the delegates, have a caucus or allow the presidential nominee to choose their delegates.
- With one of the largest state parties in the nation, the ALGOP is run with a small staff of only five full-time people. The chairman is a nonpaid volunteer.
- There have been two female chairmen of the ALGOP, both former teachers and mothers. Currently, Chairman Lathan is the only state GOP female chairman from the Deep South. There are eight female state chairs in the RNC.
- The ALGOP headquarters, located in Birmingham, is debt free thanks to the generous support of several donors under the guidance of former ALGOP Chairman, Bill Armistead.
- At this time, the ALGOP is running \$50,000 less in staffing needs than the last two years.
- All information for the ALGOP is found at [www.algop.org](http://www.algop.org). This includes our 2016 statewide and delegate candidates, press releases and contacts.
- To ensure harmony and transparency for our members, we now send out minutes of all steering committee meetings, invite ALGOP members to those meetings and send out quarterly financial reports.

### 2016 Steering Committee

Terry Lathan	State Chairman
Troy Towns	Senior Vice Chairman
Lynn Robinson	Secretary
David Wheeler	Treasurer
Vicki Drummond	National Committeewoman
Paul Reynolds	National Committeeman
Phil Webb	Finance Chair
Bert Jordan	Legal Counsel
Dr. Gaylon McCollough	Vice Chair District 1 & 2
Patricia Wilson	Vice Chair District 3, 6 & 7
Rep. Ed Henry	Vice Chair District 4 & 5
Les Barnett	District 1 Chairman
Sue Neuwien	District 2 Chairman
Joseph Fuller	District 3 Chairman
Bonnie Sachs	District 4 Chairman
Elbert Peters	District 5 Chairman
Chris Brown	District 6 Chairman
Pierce Boyd	District 7 Chairman
Frances Taylor	AL Federation of GOP Women President
Phillip Brown	Alabama Minority GOP
Nathanial White	AL College Republican Chairman
Jackie Curtiss	AL Young Republican Chairman

All Alabama county parties and GOP auxiliary groups are asked to find a service project and lend a helping hand to those in your community this summer. Send your photos and write-ups to [Katie@algop.org](mailto:Katie@algop.org) so we can share them on our website and social media.



**What:**

A summer project for all Republican county parties to choose a simple service project in their community.

**Where:**

All 67 counties.

**When:**

Anytime in the summer of 2016

**Examples:**

- ★ Bring 2-3 canned goods to your county party meeting to take to the local food bank
- ★ Bring a box of diapers to your county meeting for the local Sav-A-Life closet or other baby needs
- ★ Bring cat or dog food to your county meeting for the local animal shelter or find out their needs
- ★ Ask a local organization if they need a room painted, yard work done, etc. for example a Boys and Girls Club, a school, (maybe a 9 am-1 pm project on a Saturday.)
- ★ Visit an assisted living home and take them American flag pins
- ★ Find a vet to help
- ★ Have a cookout at a fire station or take a police precinct a basket of goodies
- ★ Ask your church for suggestions or needs



Note: Please take photos and email to [katie@algop.org](mailto:katie@algop.org). We would like to share your projects on ALGOP's social media and at our Summer Dinner on August 27.

# ALGOP Summer Dinner and Gala

**ALGOP Executive Committee meeting schedule:**

**1:00 pm**

(open to the public)

**ALGOP Convention Gala:**

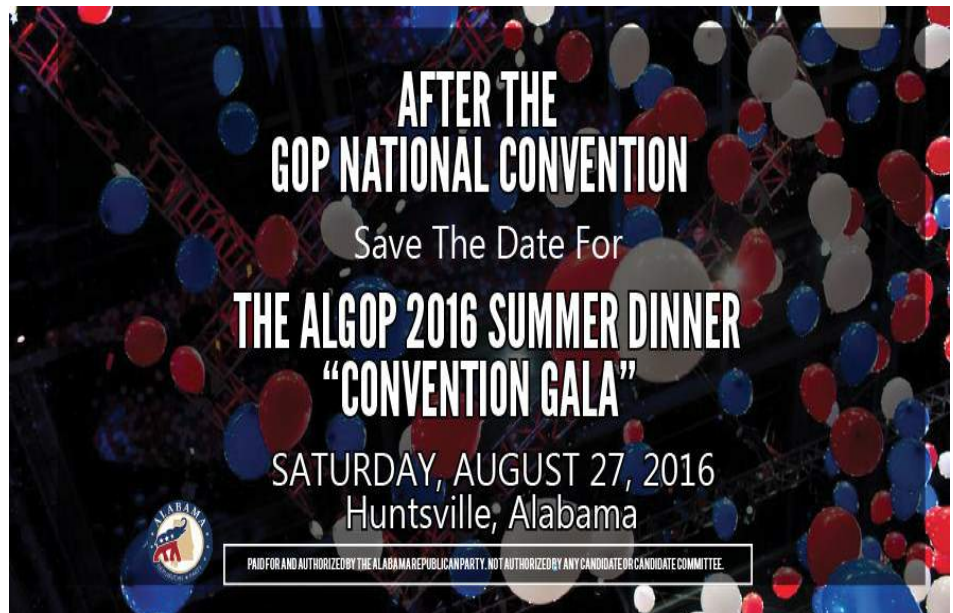
**6:00 pm**

(Black-tie optional)

**Tickets, information and sponsorships are available at:**

<http://algop.org/events/summer-dinner-convention-gala/>

or contact Zach at 205.212.5900



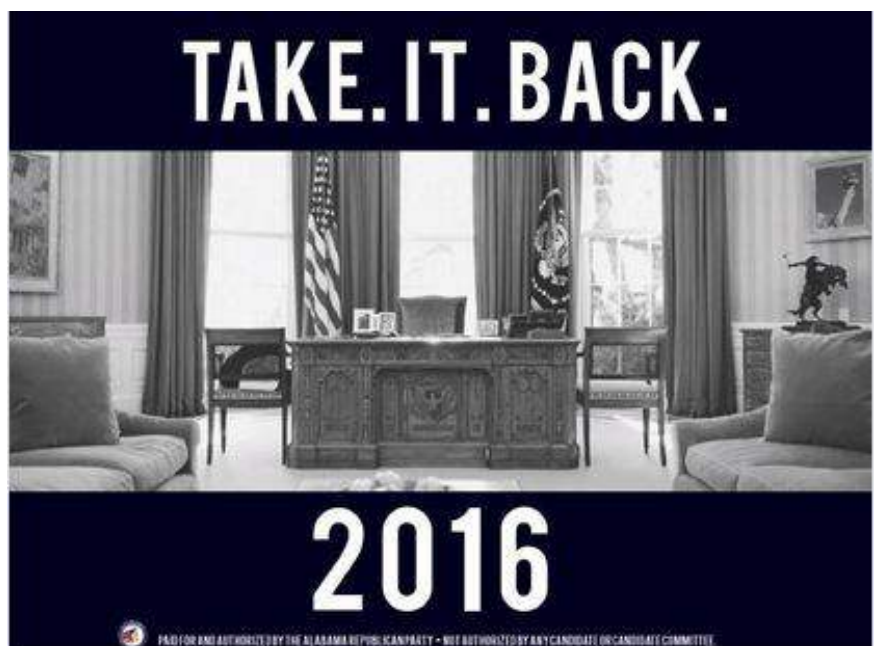
The Alabama Republican Party will meet in Huntsville, Alabama at the Von Braun Civic Center on Saturday, August 27, 2016. For the first time in over a decade, the ALGOP will step into Madison County to meet with our fellow north Alabama GOP friends. All are welcome to join us as we countdown to our November 8 general election.

It's time and we are ready to Take. It. Back.

The ALGOP is sending Alabamians into battleground states to ensure our victory in the 2016 election this November. Will you help propel us to victory?

**Contribute at:**

<http://algop.org/take-it-back-2016/>



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