



From the Chairman

Dear CCREC members and friends,

Let me begin by congratulating CCREC member and Colbert County Board of Registrar John Lackey for being appointed by State Auditor Andrew Sorrell to the Voter Registration Advisory Board. This nine member board is made up of three appointments by the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the State Auditor to oversee the statewide voter registration list. John will be a valuable asset to this board and brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the table. Congratulations John on this honor!

The 2023 regular legislative session is coming into the home stretch. As of this past week the legislature has completed 23 legislative days leaving only 7 more to go. Several interesting bills are still coming through committees and/or making their way through the House and Senate. Of course, the General Fund and ETF budgets are still being critiqued and waiting to make their way through the process.

Reagan and I were able to make a quick trip to Montgomery a couple of weeks ago to visit with some friends and our legislators. We watched some of the ongoing session work in the State House and dropped by the Capitol and visited with Auditor Sorrell. We closed the day with a stop at Chris' Hot Dogs. It was a busy, but beautiful day in Montgomery to spend with my daughter. Let me encourage you to drop by and see your elected representatives in Montgomery when you have the opportunity. They are always happy to see someone from home.

Our next CCREC meeting will be Monday, May 22nd at 6:30pm at Donna & Friends. Colbert County District Attorney Hal Hughston III will be our guest speaker.

Sincerely,

Waylon

May Agenda

We will welcome Colbert County District Attorney Hal Hughston III this month as our guest speaker at our meeting on Monday, March 22nd @ 6:30pm, at Donna and Friends restaurant.

Colbert County District Attorney Hal Hughston III is the speaker for the May CCREC Meeting

We are proud to welcome Hal Hughston to speak to the CCREC about his time so far in office and about his future plans. Hal is the first Republican district attorney in Colbert County in the modern era and ran without opposition in the general election after DA Bryce Graham decided to retire. He was chosen as the Republican nominee after receiving 53.4% of primary votes over former chief assistant DA Angela Hulsey.

Future Events

Following is the most current calendar of events for the Committee.

Keep these dates in mind when planning your individual and campaign calendars.

Colbert County Committee Events Calendar	
Date	Event
May 22, 2023	CCREC regular meeting
June 26, 2023	CCREC regular meeting
July 24, 2023	CCREC regular meeting



August 28, 2023	CCREC regular meeting
September 17, 2023	Constitution Day (actual CCREC dinner date may differ depending on planning considerations)
September 25, 2023	CCREC regular meeting
October 23, 2023	CCREC regular meeting Note: 2024 is a presidential election year so the primary will be in March 2024 and candidate qualification will likely be in October 2023.
November 27, 2023	CCREC regular meeting

CCREC Special Events for 2023

Dates and information for special events will be announced here as they become available.

Memorial Day Thoughts from Chairman Huguley

We all have stories and memories from Memorial Day. I know with busy schedules and day to day tasks it is easy to sometimes forget to reflect on the true meaning of a holiday. I wanted to take a moment and put a few of my thoughts down when I reflect on Memorial Day.

The American Civil War ended during the Spring of 1865. It is estimated that around 620,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died between 1861-1865. By the late 1860's many towns and cities had begun honoring the fallen soldiers, which became known as Decoration Day, and as time passed evolved into being called Memorial Day. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act that would officially designate the last Monday of May, beginning in 1971, as Memorial Day. As a nation we observe Memorial Day as a way to honor our military

heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our country and freedoms.

Probably like many of you, I have had the privilege to visit Arlington National Cemetery, and in my opinion, it is one of the most sacred pieces of ground in America. It is difficult for me to describe the feeling of standing at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier while the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (the "Old Guard") stands watch 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year. Or standing on the hill at Arlington House overlooking some of the over 400,000 veterans buried there. Arlington brings so many emotions and thoughts to mind such as pride, patriotism, heroism, duty, sacrifice, service, etc. Each gravesite has an individual story to tell that has contributed in building and protecting our great country. On Memorial Day, in a particular part of the cemetery, the "Old Guard" will place 228,000 small American flags by the headstones of the fallen.

As we approach Monday, May 29th, 2023, I encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by so many that allow us to enjoy the freedoms and prosperity that we have. Freedom is absolutely not free. I'll close with the following quote by President Ronald Reagan from a speech he made at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day in 1982

"Yet, we must try to honor them—not for their sakes alone, but for our own. And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to final sacrifice."

Waylon