



"There's a Place for you at our Table"



Marjorie Eastman

2017 National Independent Publisher Book Award Winner (IPPY)

**Guest Speaker
January 2, 2018**



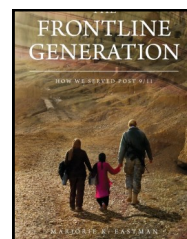
"You are the frontlines--no matter where or how you serve."

It began as a personal memoir for her son. Reflecting on her **ten years of post 9/11 military service**, Marjorie K. Eastman wanted to capture the lessons and inspiration she'd learned serving beside men and women who represent the very best of what it means to be American. And these service members represent just 1 percent of the American public. Eastman identifies this group as the Frontline Generation and notes it is an untapped reservoir of leaders--now back in our communities--who have been strengthened by the unique difficulties of post 9/11 service.

The compelling journey of Marjorie's time in uniform culminates in her final assignment, when she was responsible for the lives of over 100 troops--men and women--scattered throughout Eastern Afghanistan. Her first-person account of that time is a moving story from personal commitment to the conviction that service--no matter where or how--is the best path to success. She offers lessons on life, leadership, service, and the way for every person to find a role in them.

Marjorie's journal entries further reveal frustrations, inspiration, joy, heartbreak, laughter, purpose, resolve, and the remarkable ways service members came together to solve problems and break boundaries. She defines the legacy her Frontline Generation leaves on this country, and encourages readers to think about who they want to be, how they can make a difference, how they can make their lives count. Service is the key.

Marjorie's book abounds with wisdom, compassion, and humor. She will have copies available at the meeting and will be glad to sign for you.



She served ten years as a United States Army Intelligence Officer and Commander, which included two combat deployments, and nearly a decade with the world's largest defense contractor, Lockheed Martin Corporation, where she managed planning and implementation of new business and program growth activities. Eastman earned her M.B.A. from Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management and most recently served as a Fellow with The Mission Continues, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering veterans to serve their country in new ways.

Marjorie's educational background includes a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California. As an under-graduate, she was competitively selected as a White House Intern and also studied abroad at the University College London, School for Slavonic and East European Studies. Eastman earned her M.A. from the University of Denver/Josef Korbel School of International Studies in International Security, with a concentration in Human Rights. During her graduate studies, she was one of 56 students selected nationally for the FBI's Honors Internship Program. Marjorie resides in Pleasant View, Tennessee. You won't want to miss hearing this amazing story from this distinguished Veteran.



Luncheon Meetings

are every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the Clarksville Country Club. Cost is **\$19. Make check payable to MCRW** (separate checks for all other items.)

When you receive your reservation request email from **Joan Niles**, please respond as to whether you will attend or not, by clicking "Reply" with a yes or a no and include your name. You can make your reservation by email joanniles@gmail.com or phone **616-450-2800**.

Deadline for making reservations is Wednesday evening **before** the date of the meeting on Tuesday. Deadline for canceling reservations is Sunday evening. Remember that *"a reservation made is a reservation paid."* If you know someone who does not have email, let her know to contact Joan by phone.

2018 — 2019 Club Officers

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Please Pay your Dues for 2018. Just \$25 per year! Men may join as Associate Members for \$10 per year. Make all checks payable to MCRW and send to: **Opal Kennedy, 1151 Needmore Road, Clarksville, TN 37040.** You may also pay your dues at the Luncheon meeting.

In order to be one of the clubs with the highest membership in the TNFRW, we need everyone to pay their dues and recruit new members. We have **45 paid members and 5 paid associate members.**

May 1, 2018 County Primary Candidates File Petitions to Run for Offices

There are several offices at stake in the May 1, 2018 Montgomery County primary. Those positions to be filled include County Mayor, County Commission (all districts), Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk and Register of Deeds and many have already filed Petitions to run for those offices.

Some potential candidates are registering as Independents, formally declaring neither a Democratic or Republican affiliation, and those candidates would not appear on the ballot until the August 2018 county general election, assuming they qualify to run.

As Republicans, we need to note those candidates and work to get them elected. Remember, too, those who opposed a Primary. This

chart shows those petitions filed as of December 22, 2017. Qualifying Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 noon and Candidate withdrawal deadline is Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 noon.

*Indicates officially qualified for candidacy in the May 2018 Primary.

James J. W. Durrett	County Mayor	Republican
Alton W. Radford	County Mayor	Republican
Connie E. Gunnett*	Register of Deeds, Incumbent	Republican
Cornithia P. Elder	Trustee	Republican
Kimberly Wiggins*	Trustee	Independent
Cheryl Castle*	Circuit Court Clerk, Incumbent	Republican
Kellie A. Jackson*	County Clerk, Incumbent	Republican
John S. Fuson*	Sheriff	Republican
John M. Gannon*	County Commission District 1, Incumbent	Republican
Carl Craig Hollis	County Commission District 2	Republican
Charles D. Keene	County Commission District 2, Incumbent	Independent
Sean Morgan Rice*	County Commission District 3	Independent
Lindsey Fain	County Commission District 4	Democrat
Joseph P. Weyant	County Commission District 4, Incumbent	Republican
Richard Glenn Ray	County Commission District 4	Independent
Rashidah A. Leverett	County Commission District 5	Democrat
Robert W. Gibbs, Jr.	County Commission District 5, Incumbent	Independent
James Arnold Hodges	County Commission District 6, Incumbent	Independent
Brandon Butts*	County Commission District 7, Incumbent	Independent
Delmer L. Burchett*	County Commission District 7	Republican
Ronald Sokol*	County Commission District 8, Incumbent	Republican
Michael Belt	County Commission District 9	Independent
John M. Genis	County Commission District 9, Incumbent	Independent
Martha J. Brockman	County Commission District 10, Incumbent	Republican
Joe Creek*	County Commission District 11, Incumbent	Republican
James Huff	County Commission District 12	Democrat
Eric A. Ramsey	County Commission District 13	Republican
Audrey Tooley	County Commission District 13	Independent
Jimmy Lynn Brown	County Commission District 14	Republican
David Lee Harper*	County Commission District 15, Incumbent	Independent
Wallace Redd, Jr.*	County Commission District 16, Incumbent	Republican
David Daryl Hooper*	County Commission District 17	Republican
Christopher Rasnic	County Commission District 17	Democrat
Jasen Knight	County Commission District 18	Republican
Monroe Gildersleeve, Jr.	County Commission District 18, Incumbent	Independent
Rashad Coker	County Commission District 19	Republican
Garland Johnson*	County Commission District 19, Incumbent	Independent
Jerry W. Alibert	County Commission District 20, Incumbent	Independent
Larry A. Rocconi, Jr.	County Commission District 21, Incumbent	Independent

Former Luncheon Speaker Succumbs in Car Accident



At our August 2016 luncheon meeting, Deputy Commissioner, **Bill Giannini** was our guest speaker.

It is with deep regret that I inform you of his passing due to

a car accident on December 14, 2017. Born in Memphis only 49 years ago, he was a husband and the father of four children.

Bill was the founder of Gianni Foods and Little Italy Pizza in Memphis. He was very active in local politics and government. He formerly served as the chairman for the Republican Party of Shelby County, Shelby County Election Commissioner and as the Tennessee Deputy Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance.

He was currently founder and partner of Resolve Consulting Firm. He was also very active in his local church where he was in the worship band for Central North Church in Bartlett, Tennessee, and currently attended Hermitage Hills Baptist in Nashville where he was also very involved with music ministry.

He will be greatly missed by many.



A Message from Your President

Welcome to 2018!

Another year is here with all its promise and hope. We have some wonderful opportunities this year to be involved in our community and bring about change on a local, state, and national level. November will be here before we know it. I'm excited to continue our Red to the Roots work and look forward to choosing more Republicans on our ballot!

The second session of the 110th General Assembly is right around the

corner and with it will come lots of places for you to let your voice be heard. As we hear from our wonderful Republican elected officials, I'm excited for us to be involved in the good work they are doing in Nashville and Washington.

We'll hear from great speakers, learn wonderful things, and make cherished memories together this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am grateful for each of you and wish you a healthy and happy new year.




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The 110th General Assembly gavels back and into their second session on January 9th. Lots of changes in the air this year as legislative offices, committee rooms, and meeting spaces have moved to the newly renovated (and beautiful!) Cordell Hull building. We're all expecting a shorter legislative calendar this year, but look for conversations around criminal justice reform, continued education work, and Governor Haslam's last budget to take place early on.

Here's to a fun, active, and short legislative year!

Ashley Elizabeth Graham
 Legislative Committee Chair



There's nothing like a good bowl of hot nourishing soup on a cold and dreary January day!



From our Cookbook...

Broccoli Cream Soup

Mabel Hester

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3 cups broccoli florets

1 medium carrot, chopped

1 large onion, chopped

1/4 cup butter or margarine

2 (10-3/4 ounce) cans cream of chicken soup

1 tablespoon chicken bouillon

2 cups sweet milk

Sauté broccoli, carrot, and onion in butter until tender in a saucepan. Add soup, bouillon and milk. Simmer. If you like a smooth soup, puree the mixture in batches before simmering in a saucepan.

Our Club Objectives

- To promote and inform public through political education and activity.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- To facilitate cooperation among the National and State Federation.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.
- To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National and Tennessee Executive Committees and to work for the election of Republican Party nominees.
- To attain Diamond Award in 2018-2019.

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Today, as we meet, **Anna Elarde** is undergoing total knee replacement surgery. We wish her a safe surgery and speedy recovery and prayers are going up for her.



Congratulations to our President, **Brenda Lewis Graham**, on the birth of her first grandbaby, **Brooklynn Isabella Graham**, who was born on December 2.

Congratulations also to **Ashley Elizabeth Graham** on her engagement to Don Johnson. We are excited for them!

Some of our members have been ill or tending to family members who are ill and not been able to meet with us for a while and we wish to let them know we miss them. **Virginia Birdwell, Polly Nagy, Marilyn Batson** . . . Apologies if you were missed . . . Please let us know of your illness.

We pray every day for **Linda Martin**, who was hopeful that she could return to work. However, after a setback, she has been unable to return. We are praying for you, Linda.

If you know of a current or former member who has been or is ill, has suffered a loss or could just use a little cheer, please give **Elaine Tucker**, Corresponding Secretary, their names and addresses so she can send them a card.

Please share your good news with us, too.

Regular Monthly Club Meetings

MCRWC — 1st Tuesday — 11:30 am
February 6, 2018
Clarksville Country Club

RRRW—3rd Saturday — 9:30 am
January 19, 2018
The Looking Glass

Montgomery County GOP
4th Tuesday — 7:00 pm
January 22, 2018
GOP Headquarters

Meet the Gubernatorial Candidates

As we discussed in the last newsletter we are attempting to give you some information about a different candidate each month. We have already profiled Mae Beavers, Diane Black, Randy Boyd, and Beth Harwell for you. We continue here with those candidates as we preview each one in alphabetical order.

This does not indicate any type of endorsement for the particular candidate, but is simply for informational purposes so that you can make a better decision about your vote.



This month's candidate featured is Tennessee businessman, **Bill Lee**. The information provided here was taken from his website at <https://www.billlee.com>. You can go to that site to get more information.

As a seventh-generation Tennessean, Bill Lee's roots run deep in this state. Bill was born in Franklin where he still resides today with his wife Maria on his family's farm. He's the proud father of four adult children (Jessica, twin sons Jacob and Caleb, and Sarah Kate) and five grandchildren.

After attending Williamson County Schools, Bill went to Auburn University, where he studied Mechanical Engineering. When he graduated, he returned home to Franklin to join the family business his grandfather started in 1944. Through hard work, Bill learned what it takes to lead a company, doing what is necessary to help build a business and create jobs. He held several roles at Lee Company before becoming President of the company in 1992. Under Bill's leadership, the company grew into a comprehensive facilities solutions and home services company.

Life threw some of the most difficult challenges on Bill when his first wife Carol Ann tragically died in a horse-back riding accident in 2000. He learned how short life is, how every minute counts, and that only a few things in life truly matter. He took a step back from Lee Company to raise their children.

In Bill's absence, the company found itself in a very difficult financial position. Determined not to let his grandfather's company fail, he returned and made tough choices to turn around the business. It was one of the most painful seasons his company ever faced but resulted in a repositioning that put the company on a new course for success.

Now, Lee Company employs more than 1,200 individuals with annual revenues of \$215 million. The company has won numerous awards for work culture and business accomplishments, and Bill was named a "Most Admired CEO" in 2015 by the Nashville Business Journal. With his family's company thriving, Bill stepped back to serve as Chairman of Lee Company in 2016. In 2017, Lee Company was chosen by the Tennessean as the best large company to work for, as chosen by employees.

In addition to his responsibilities as Chairman of Lee Company, Bill is also active in Triple L Ranch, a fourth-generation family farm founded by his grandparents. Triple L Ranch operates a 1,000-acre, 400-head Hereford cattle operation, providing natural beef to farmers markets and farm to table restaurants throughout Middle Tennessee.

With a belief that education can be the gateway to greater opportunities, Bill has served as the 7th Congressional District's representative to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. He's also on the Board of Trustees at Belmont University.

Bill has a heart for serving others. Bill is the past president of Tennesseans for Economic Growth, past chairman of YMCA of Middle Tennessee, past president of the Associated Builders and Contractors, and has served on the board of several community organizations including Hope Clinic for Women, Men of Valor Prison Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletics, Operation Andrew and many others.

Bill is a man of faith, and he and Maria are active in Grace Chapel Church and in numerous faith-based ministries, which have taken him all over the world to serve people in need, including to Africa, Central America, Haiti, and Iraq.