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*Please remember to bring a book on May 18 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Rutherford County Library as part of the Caring for America Committee*

**Please Join Us on May 18  
to hear our Guest Speaker  
Dean Wegner, CEO and Founder  
of  
Authentically American®**

***Stones River Country Club  
1830 NW Broad St, Murfreesboro***

**Tuesday, May 18, 5:45 PM  
RSVP by May 13**

Email: [Contactrwrwrc@yahoo.com](mailto:Contactrwrwrc@yahoo.com)

**\$21 Exact Cash**

**or Check Payable to RWRC collected at check-in**



# **Authentically American® Veteran Owned, American Made**



**WHERE IS YOURS MADE?™**

## **MEET CEO & FOUNDER, Dean Wegner**

After earning his undergraduate degree at West Point, Dean served as an officer, helicopter pilot and US Army Ranger. While in the Army, he earned his MBA in finance from California State University and launched his career with former big five firm KPMG Consulting as a project manager. For more than a decade, Dean was in the consumer-packaged goods industry at Procter & Gamble and Mars, Inc. in business development, sales, marketing and strategy. He was also a Division I ice hockey player, which fits his highly competitive nature and winning spirit.

Prior to starting Authentically American®, Dean served for five years as the president and CEO/owner of Omega Apparel, a leading supplier of dress uniforms for the US military. Under his leadership, Omega expanded into the commercial market and launched a professional services business. He executed a buyout with his former partner in 2017, which enabled him to focus exclusively on launching Authentically American® and building an iconic American brand. Dean is happily married to his bride Kelly of 23 years and they have four children, their youngest being adopted from Ethiopia in 2012. He enjoys being an active member of his church and serving as a board member for companies and nonprofit organizations.

## **THE NEW AMERICAN BRAND**

In 2017, Dean Wegner created Authentically American® to help bring manufacturing jobs back to America by selling premium, competitively priced, apparel that is ALL Made in USA, no exceptions. His expertise in the apparel industry, coupled with his passion for America, provided all the incentive he needed to create a brand that aims to set the universally accepted standard for premium American made merchandise, while delivering a significant impact on US job creation. We have found the common thread with our customers to be their support for USA made merchandise and American manufacturing. If you

are looking for your new favorite polo, the perfect tee to outfit your team, or branded merchandise reach out to us! By ordering from us you, your business, school, or non-profit organization will be wearing the new American brand reinforcing your patriotism, showing support for American industry, and honoring our Veterans and First Responders.

## CHARITABLE PARTNERS

We believe it is the American Way to be giving back and to support the community in which we live and work. We choose to honor our Veterans and First Responders by partnering with the Folded Flag Foundation and Reboot Recovery.



**Contact information**  
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**EMAIL:** [customerservice@authenticallyamerican.us](mailto:customerservice@authenticallyamerican.us)

<https://www.authenticallyamericanbrand.us/>



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **May 6. National Day of Prayer**

In this anniversary year when we are celebrating the 70th National Day of Prayer observance, seven decades of American Presidents, by law, calling for prayer for our nation.

### **May 22. Saturday 9AM, TFRW Meeting**

Brentwood Country Club, 5123 County Club Drive, Brentwood

Please R.S.V.P. no later than Friday, 14 May.

Email or text TFRW Vice Treasurer Lyna Medlock, [lynamed@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynamed@bellsouth.net)

901-268-6726; then mail your \$35 check to: Lyna Medlock, 7629 Foster Ridge, Germantown, TN 38138

### **May 29. 9AM Service opportunity**

#### **Stones River National Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placement Event**

Placement of American flags on more than 7,000 graves in Stones River National Cemetery. In light of current public health guidance, the park is offering several time slots throughout the day for small groups to place flags. **All volunteers must make a reservation** and must report on time for their appointment.

Contact: John McKay 615-907-9271

Click link for Reservation <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stones-river-national-cemetery-memorial-day-flag-placement-tickets-104081320030>

### **June 14. Flag Day**

Celebrate the American flag on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

### **June 15. Tuesday 5:45PM, RWRC Meeting**

Don Barnett, Vice Chair Williamson County Republican Party and presenter at Conservative Caucus will be our Guest Speaker on the topic of Immigration. Location: Stones River Country Club, 1830 NW Broad St, Murfreesboro



**April 20 Meeting  
Panel Discussion  
Meet & Greet with County Officeholders**



**Lisa Crowell**  
*County Clerk*

The county clerk is a constitutional officer who is elected for a four-year term. In addition to issuing license plate registrations, the county clerk issues business licenses, marriage licenses, county beer permits, notary public at large commissions and passports. The county clerk also handles conservatorships, guardianships and the probating of estates (wills). As clerk of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, the County Clerk also keeps official minutes and records of the activities of the commission and the Rutherford County Beer Board.

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**Lynne Davis**  
*State Executive Committeewoman - District #14*

The SEC serves as the TRP's state primary board and establishes to guide and direct County Republican Parties. One man and one woman are elected from each state senate district. The committeemen and committeewomen serve on the board and have a multitude of duties that keep them informed about all decisions made in the TRP. According to the Tennessee Republican Party, they are the liaison between the committee and their district. They attend and support Republican events, and are required to attend three annual meetings where they discuss the business of the TRP. They also assist in recruiting, advising, and supporting Republican candidates.

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**Heather Dawbarn**  
*Register of Deeds*

The Register of Deeds has legislated responsibilities for the recording of and long-term preservation of documentation filed by law to convey notice of legally-protected real property rights and interests that directly affect Rutherford County local citizens' public interests. While those basic duties are relatively standardized nationwide, the Rutherford County Register of Deeds Office holds a very rare unique distinction. Funding is fully derived from patron fees rather than public taxpayer revenues and any surplus funds are promptly repaid to the county at end of affected budgetary FY.

Rutherford County Register of Deeds Heather Dawbarn recommended that property owners register on [www.mylandalert.com](http://www.mylandalert.com), a free service that will alert if anything is recorded in the Register's Office under their name in an effort to protect the owner from "deed theft." Contact info: 615.898.7870 [hdawbarn@rutherfordcountyttn.gov](mailto:hdawbarn@rutherfordcountyttn.gov)



**Melissa Harrell**  
*Circuit Court Clerk*

The Rutherford County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Harrell is an elected official who serves for a term of four years and is responsible for all filings, processing and final disposition of cases, which include several phases of the Civil and Criminal law procedures in the Juvenile, General Sessions (Civil & Criminal), Circuit Civil and Circuit Criminal Courts. The Circuit Court Clerk employs Chief Deputies and several deputy clerks in each court in order to fulfill the requirement to attend court sessions and perform all clerical functions of each court.

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**Rob Mitchell**  
*Property Assessor*

The Rutherford County Assessor of Property is required to locate, classify and set an appraised value on all taxable property located in Rutherford County and any improvements on it for assessment purposes according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. The exception being for public utility and railroad properties whose value is determined by the Office of State Assessed Properties. We currently have over 111,000 individual real property and approximately 13,000 business personal property accounts.

The Assessor's office is also responsible for determining the value of Tangible Personal Property, i.e., equipment, vehicles, electronics, etc. of businesses. This value is determined by filing a tangible personal property schedule with our office each year. The office hears property owner appeals relative to the value the office has set on their real and personal property. If the appeal cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the property owner, appeals may be filed with the Rutherford County Board of Equalization Contact info: 615.898-7750 [assessor@rutherfordcountyttn.gov](mailto:assessor@rutherfordcountyttn.gov)





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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES?

# TEACH SOMEONE TO READ

BECOME AN ADULT LITERACY  
TUTOR WITH READ TO SUCCEED!

**WE APPRECIATE EVERY HELPING HAND WE CAN GET!**

READ TO SUCCEED'S ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ADULT ESL (ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE) CLASSES AND ABE (ADULT BASIC EDUCATION) ONE-ON-ONE TUTORS FOR ADULT LEARNERS!

- CLASSES MEET VIRTUALLY
- VOLUNTEERS MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT 2-4 HOURS / WEEK
- TEACHING EXPERIENCE, ESL EXPERIENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE OF A SECOND LANGUAGE ARE NOT REQUIRED
- RTS OFFERS A TWO-PART TRAINING COURSE THAT PROVIDES YOU WITH ALL THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO TEACH AN ONLINE ESL CLASS AND TUTOR ABE LEARNERS

**CONTACT [ALCOORDINATOR@READTOSUCCEED.ORG](mailto:ALCOORDINATOR@READTOSUCCEED.ORG) TO VOLUNTEER!**

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# Let's Celebrate!

## It's Convention Year!

TFRW President Barbara Trautman



Tennessee Federation of Republican Women

### *The Iris Messenger*

#### **Area Conventions**

- Called by the current Area Vice Presidents "for the purpose of electing an Area Vice President and to take up any other business the convention delegates seem appropriate.
- At least ninety (90) days prior to the State Biennial Convention. That means that your Area Convention will take place before the July 24 deadline.
- Each club's delegates and alternates are based on its membership totals with "one delegate for every 10 memberships paid to the State Federation within 30 days after the Call to the Area Convention.

#### **NFRW Biennial Convention** - September 26-29, 2021, Orlando, FL

This national convention is the time when thousands of Republican women from Federated Clubs all over the U.S. come together for several days of fellowship, education, inspiration, and business to celebrate their achievements. It's important for your club to complete all the award forms and then to submit them for recognition at this convention.

- **NFRW Club Achievement Award**
- **NFRW Caring for America Award**
- **NFRW Campaign Volunteer Award**
- **Club Delegates**
- **State Delegates**

#### **TFRW 33rd Biennial Convention** - October 22-23, 2021, Franklin, TN

- **Delegates at Large** - Statewide elected officers and the Area Vice Presidents of the TFRW
- **Club Delegates** - each club shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every ten (10) memberships paid to the State Federation no later than sixty (60) days before the Convention. **Delegates and alternates are to be elected by each club after due notice to the membership.** Delegates and alternates must have been members at least (60) days before their election.
- **Room reservations** - Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, \$129/night, Tennessee Federation Republican Women's block of rooms. Reservations 615-261-6100.

## How to Contact your Legislators

### State Senator and State Representative

<https://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/>

On the Webpage, use the "Find my Legislator" search form and Enter your Home address



### U.S. Senators

Marsha Blackburn, Senior Senator (R)

<https://www.blackburn.senate.gov>

Bill Hagerty, Junior Senator (R)

<https://www.hagerty.senate.gov>

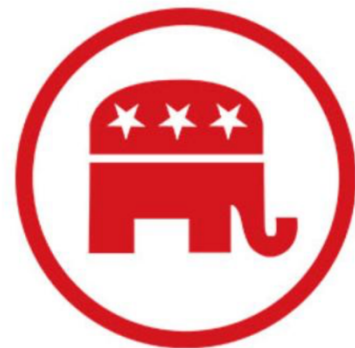
### U.S. House Representative

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

4th Congressional district

Scott DesJarlais (R)

<https://desjarlais.house.gov>



# ***Republican Women of Rutherford County***

## **2021 Application for Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Renewal or ( ) New Member

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues: \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Dues: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Men, Members of other Federated Women's Clubs, etc.)

Please make checks payable to: RWRC Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bring form and payment to meetings or mail to:  
RWRC  
PO Box 330782  
Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Please check all boxes for committees that interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program          | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian  | <input type="checkbox"/> ByLaws      | <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement Awards |