



***The Hemet San Jacinto Chapter of the
California Congress of Republicans
Invites you and your friends to join us
To Hear***



***Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust
Give an update on law enforcement in Hemet***

***Monday, June 28, 2021
The Elks
1305 West Florida Avenue***

***Social at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30
\$20 Member
\$22 Non-member
\$5 Program only***

***PLEASE RSVP
By Thursday, June 24, 2021
Sharon Durbin: 951-765-7634
smdurbin@verizon.net***

Dinner Reservations are a must!





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HEMET POLIC CHIEF EDDIE PUST TO KEYNOTE JUNE MEETING



The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans will welcome Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust as its keynote speaker. In May the HSJCR had a comprehensive update on law enforcement on the County level; this month the group will hear what is happening on the local level. This promises to be an informative, interesting meeting.

Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust is well qualified to lead the Hemet Police Department as his career has covered all aspects of local police work. He began his career with the City of Hemet Police Department in 1996 and in 1999 he was assigned to a multi-agency Major Narcotic Task Force, where he worked with allied agencies in the local, state and federal level.

In 2003 he was instrumental in the development of the Crime Suppression Unit and in 2006 was promoted to corporal and assigned to a patrol division as a field supervisor and as a watch commander. In 2014 Eddie Pust was promoted to Lieutenant and had the opportunity to command different bureaus of the department such as the Patrol Operations Bureau, the Public Safety Dispatch Center and the Investigations Bureau. In 2018 Eddie was promoted to the rank of Captain and oversaw Operations including the Patrol Division, Investigations Bureau, Field Training Program, Special Operations Unit (SWAT) and Gang Task Force. He was a SWAT member for 13 years and commander for 3 years.

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***HSJCR MEMBERS, BRING FRIENDS TO MEET AND
HEAR HEMET'S POLICE CHIEF, EDDIE PUST***



SUMMARY OF MAY MEETING

The General Membership meeting was called to order on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. by President Tom Wilson.

Riverside Sheriff Chad Bianco was the keynote speaker. Sheriff Bianco gave an excellent review of the current status of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and apprised the HSJCR membership of issues facing the Department.

There were approximately 60 in attendance with dinners topping 58.

Thanks to the members who brought opportunity prizes.

If you have not received your Membership Directory, you can get it from Robin at the June meeting. If you would like it mailed, call Charlene at 951-296-7138.

Meeting Information

The Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans General Membership Meeting is Monday, June 28, 2021, at **The Elks at 1305 West Florida, Hemet.** Social time is 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$20 per member, **\$22 for non members, \$5 for program only.**


To reserve, contact Sharon at smdurbin@verizon.net or 765-7634 by June 24, 2021.

**DUE TO LIMITED SEATING,
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST.**

If you reserve and are unable to attend, cancel with **Sharon**; otherwise, you will be assessed the amount of the dinner.

If you plan to attend, whether for dinner or to hear the speaker, please reserve and give the names of those attending. This information expedites check-in!

NOTICE

Keep HSJCR member Crystal Ruiz in your thoughts and prayers as she has been under-the-weather. 

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HSJCR MEMBERSHIP

Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans thanks those of you who heard the call for membership dues last month. The **HJCR** now has a total of 60 members.

For additional renewals and new members, checks can be sent to the Post Office Box in San Jacinto. The form is on page 3. Remember: dues are only \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

Welcome aboard to those who joined since the last newsletter:

+Beverly Barrier +Theresa Howell
+Jan Fifield +Jack Lintz

+New Members



HEMET SAN JACINTO VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

The HSJVRWCF met on May 20 with Linda Krupa representing the City of Hemet as speaker. The next meeting is June 16 at the Elks Club, 1305 West Florida, Hemet. Representatives from My City Youth will give the group information on the project.

Check-in is at 11 a.m. **President Robin Lowe** will call the meeting to order at 11:30.

Please reserve with **Donna Landino** at 926-7445 or ddino68@roadrunner.com.

Beauty Parlor: A place where women curl up and dye.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Republican Party of Riverside County met on May 20 via zoom.

The Vice Chairman of the **Central/Southwest Caucus**, which includes Hemet and San Jacinto, reported on the success of the Caucus fundraiser on May 16 in Temecula.

Nathan Fatal, Leadership Institute Grassroots Program Coordinator, gave insight on winning elections. He noted that organization is the key to winning and gave information on how to do it.

Information on how each individual can volunteer will be forthcoming in the near future.

The June Meeting is June 17 at a location to be announced. If you are interested in attending, contact any of the **RPRC** members/alternates from the Valley for information: **Robin Lowe, Sharon Durbin, Tom Wilson, Joe Scarafone, Charlene Stover, Vinay Rao, Dale Dieleman.**

If you are not a member and plan to attend, the meetings are generally open and interested Republicans are welcome.

STATUS OF HR 1/S 1

With the defection of Senators Joe Manchin, D/WV and Kyrstin Sinema, D/AZ, it is highly unlikely that S 1, The Peoples Act, will pass the Senate. However, under extreme pressure from their Democrat colleagues, they could always fold. Both are pro-filibuster. The fight is still on to save our elections.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

Hello to all and a Happy June:

The Summer is upon us and the most exciting time is approaching....June 15 with the Governor's promise of a return to normal—hopefully!

Our program this month is Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust. This is a great time to attend in force and show our support of law enforcement. I look forward to seeing everyone on June 28.

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Chief Pust served as a board member of Hemet Police Officer's Association for 8 years and a board member of the Hemet Police Management Association for 6 years. He served on the Inland Crackdown Allied (INCA), a multi-agency major narcotics task force, for 5 years and returned to assist and start the Hemet Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU). Chief Pust supervised the regional Central Post-release Accountability Compliance Team (P.A.C.T.).

Eddie Pust received his Supervisory and Management certificate through California Peace Officer Standards and Training. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University Fullerton and a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge. Eddie Pust is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy session #276, a professional course of study for U.S. and International Law Enforcement Executives.

SHARON MIX

Graveside services were held for Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans' member Sharon Mix at the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery on Friday, June 4, 2021. Sharon, we miss you.

Condolences go to Sharon's brother and family.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met on the first Monday of June. Present were **President Tom Wilson, VP Membership Robin Lowe, Secretary Sharon Durbin, Treasurer Charlene Stover, Larry Cutting, Dale Dieleman, Dick English, Bill Frayer, Norm Kyriss, and Joe Palmer.**

- ⇒ Treasurer's Report was given along with the dinner financial breakdown.
- ⇒ Tickets will be collected at the June dinner/no ticket, no food.
- ⇒ Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust is being contacted as speaker for June.
- ⇒ Programs for July, August, and September were discussed.
- ⇒ Suggestion was made to have a fund raiser at the Hemet Theater in July. President Tom will research the feasibility of the Hemet Theater further.
- ⇒ Discussion was held on being dark in August.
- ⇒ Role of Precinct Captains was discussed.
- ⇒ Discussion was held on the upcoming School Choice initiative. (See Page 3)
- ⇒ Stimulating discussion of various topics was held in open discussion.

**BULLETIN!!!**

Phone calls are important!!! So many bad bills are coming out of Washington and Sacramento, that we each need to do our part to have our voices heard.

A phone call counts! Call your legislators even though you think you know how they will vote! Our Republicans in Sacramento need our support. Show it by a phone call. Riverside County representatives' numbers are in the Membership Directory.

**HEMET-SAN JACINTO CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS
2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

I AM A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN (SIGNATURE) _____

DUES: \$20 PER PERSON/\$35 PER COUPLE **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans**
AMOUNT ENCLOSED

PLEASE CHECK COMMITTEE SELECTION: **WAYS AND MEANS** **PUBLICITY** **PHONE TREE**
SPECIAL EVENTS **MEMBERSHIP** **BY-LAWS**
DINNER /HOUSE **VOTER REGISTRATION**

SEND MEMBERSHIP TO: **ROBIN LOWE**
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Please e-mail my newsletter.

Please send my newsletter via U.S. Postal Service.

JEFFRIES JOURNAL

First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

County Budget Better Than Expected—For Now: This past year was brutal for many families, businesses, and non-profits. When we passed our last budget in June 2020, we were prepared for the worst.

Fortunately, a combination of higher than expected property and sales tax revenues (particularly in the online shopping category) and millions of dollars in CARES Act funding from the federal government has left us with a much better than expected outlook for the end of the year. We also are now receiving additional one-time state and federal dollars for a variety of other programs, from housing to public health to infrastructure.

Our job as stewards of tax dollars will be to make sure this money is used as effectively as possible, and that we do not create costly ongoing programs that we will not be able to sustain. While this sudden influx of money has lots of people dreaming big dreams, it would be irresponsible to pretend this money will keep coming. I've submitted lists of specific one-time infrastructure projects to utilize this funding, and I hope we can improve people's lives with it.

This will be discussed further at the budget workshop on June 14th.

New Fireworks Ordinance: Last month I wrote about the new fireworks ordinance and increased enforcement that I had brought forward to the Board of Supervisors. Those dramatically increased fines, and funding for extra Sheriff deputies and Code Enforcement officers in the unincorporated communities did go forward, and a public information campaign will be launched shortly to warn of the dangers of illegal fireworks. If someone is recklessly endangering your neighborhood with illegal fireworks, please call **800-950-2444** to report it.

CHUCK'S CHRONICLES

Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington

Fireworks are Illegal in Riverside County

- The Fourth of July is just around the corner – a perfect time to remind residents and visitors that fireworks are illegal in unincorporated Riverside County and in most Riverside County cities.

- All fireworks are banned, including “safe and sane” fireworks, in an effort to reduce the risk of wildfires and severe injuries.

- Violators are subject to fines up to \$5,000.

Illegal fireworks can be reported to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department nonemergency line at 800-950-2444.

Residents of Hemet can call the Hemet Police Department nonemergency line at 951-765-2400.



SCHOOL CHOICE IN CALIFORNIA

Currently, petitions are being circulated to place a School Choice Initiative on the November, 2022 ballot. The following is from the California School Choice Foundation website. The website also lists multiple reasons for School Choice.

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What will passing School Choice legislation in California do?

- **Create** an Education Savings Account for each school age child in every district across the state, upon the request of that child's parents.
 - **Fund** the Education Savings Account with the amount the state designates each year per pupil for K-12 public education, currently about \$12,000 at no additional cost to taxpayers.
 - **Empower** parents to use the funds in the Education Savings Account to enroll, pay tuition and/or other eligible education expenses for each child in any eligible school of their choice.
 - **Allow** any unused funds in the Education Savings Account at the end of the school year to be rolled over tax-free for future school years, and upon graduation from high school, allow any savings in the child's account to be used for college and/or vocational education expenses.
 - **Restrict** the State from imposing any condition on the eligibility of any private school, college, or university to receive funds other than current accreditation and safety standards applicable to all private schools operating in California.
- California School Choice Foundation is a California Nonprofit Corporation. Application for certification of tax-exempt status under IRS 501(c)(4) pending. Contributions are not currently tax-deductible.**

DATES TO CALENDAR

- June 16: **Hemet Jacinto Valley Republican Women's Club Federated** meeting at 11 a.m. at The Elks, 1305 West Florida Avenue with **My City Group** presentation.
- June 17: **Republican Party of Riverside County** General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. Call a member for details. (see page 2)
- June 28: **Hemet San Jacinto Congress of Republicans** meeting at The Elks 1305 West Florida with **Hemet Police Chief Eddie Pust** as guest speaker.
- July 12: **HSJCR** Board of Directors Meeting.

POLICE STATISTICS

The following is an excerpt from Newsmax, June 2021 issue, page 22 "Stop Screaming for Police Reform and Look at Facts". Bernard Kerik.

....Cops target crime; they don't target people.....

Last year, according to a Washington Post database of fatal police shootings:

- ♦ Police fatally shot 1,021 people
- ♦ 983 were male
- ♦ 38 were female
- ♦ 457 were white
- ♦ 243 were Black
- ♦ 170 were Hispanic
- ♦ 151 were classified as other.

Of the 1,021 people shot, 55 were unarmed, 24 being white, 18 Black, 8 Hispanic, and 5 classified as other races.

In both categories of suspects—armed and unarmed—there were far more whites shot and killed than Blacks. That trend was the same for the previous 3 years....

Bottom line: You can argue about a lot of things, but you can't argue with facts....

HISTORY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY— 1800'S

The first official Republican meeting took place on July 6th, 1854 in Jackson, Michigan. The name "Republican" was chosen because it alluded to equality and reminded individuals of Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party.

In 1856, the Republicans became a national party when John C. Fremont was nominated for President under the slogan: "Free soil, free labor, free speech, free men, Fremont." Four years later, Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican to win the White House.

During the Civil War, against the advice of his cabinet, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves. The Republicans of their day worked to pass the Thirteenth Amendment, which outlawed slavery, the Fourteenth, which guaranteed equal protection under the laws, and the Fifteenth, which helped secure voting rights for African-Americans.

A few years ago, the District of Columbia celebrated "Emancipation Day" - commemorating the Republican Party's abolition of slavery in the nation's capital on April 16, 1862. That's right, the Republican Party freed the slaves in DC, despite fierce opposition from the Democrats. Of course, no one in the present DC Government dares mention that fact, since the true heritage of the Grand Old Party is what Republicans should know and Democrats should fear.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"No...weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

President Ronald Reagan

"[Our] time is now. If we carry the day and turn the tide, we can hope that as long as men speak of freedom and those who have protected it, they will remember us, and they will say, 'here were the brave and here their place of honor.'"

President Ronald Reagan

"That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and, hence, is just encouragement to industry and enterprise."

President Abraham Lincoln

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never shall be."

President Thomas Jefferson

TRIVIA

Oxymorons:

Government Organization—Temporary Tax Increase—
Resident Alien—Exact Estimate—Plastic Glasses

"Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?"

"How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?"

"There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men." Billy Graham

"My mom said the only reason men are alive is for lawn care and vehicle maintenance." Tim Allen

"I only like two kinds of men, domestic and imported."
Mae West

Did you know that the voice of Mickey Mouse and the voice of Minnie Mouse got married in real life?

When I get to work, the first thing I do is hide because they say a good worker is hard to find.



FLAG DAY

The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine committee of the Second

Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read: "*Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation.*"

The resolution gave no indication how the stars should be arranged; consequently, some arranged the stars in rows, and some in a circle. Ultimately, the design featured 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes—one for each state. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

The first celebration of the U.S. Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. However, it is believed that the first annual recognition of the flag's birthday dates back to 1885 when school teacher, B.J. Cigrand, first organized a group of Wisconsin school children to observe June 14, the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes, as the Flag's Birthday. Cigrand, now known as 'Father of Flag Day,' continued to publicly advocate the observance of June 14 as the flag's birthday.

Within a few years as many as 36 state and local governments began adopting the annual observance. For over 30 years Flag Day remained a state and local celebration.

In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until August 3, 1949 when President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.