



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Virginia Federation of Republican Women**  
**Ellen Nau, President**  
***“Building Unity One Star At A Time”***

**Immediate Release**

**~ 2017 Virginia Federation of Republican Women Annual Convention ~**  
**Republican Women From Across the Commonwealth Are United in Vision and Values**

**Roanoke, Virginia** - Republican Women from across the Commonwealth were in attendance for the 2017 Convention of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW). This year’s event was chaired by Dolores Switzer and Roxanne Christley and was held at the Hotel Roanoke, April 28-30. VFRW President Ellen Nau presided.

Among guests in attendance included: U.S. Congressmen Bob Goodlatte and Morgan Griffith; Ed Gillespie, Corey Stewart, Virginia Senator Frank Wagner, Del. Glenn Davis, Virginia Senator Bryce Reeves, Virginia Senator Jill Vogel, John Adams, Dena Espenscheid, John Vick, Chris Marston, RPV Chairman John Whitbeck., and special guest Daniel Cortez to lead the VFRW in the National Anthem.

Political workshops/breakout sessions were conducted to include a concealed carry class, “Can You Survive in 3 Seconds?”, presented by TAC Solutions.

Carley Fiorina spoke at the luncheon on Saturday as well as the Honorable Kay Coles James followed by the presentations to the three VFRW Political Scholarship winners by Melissa Beaudoin.

Keynote speakers at the gala dinner Saturday evening were the Honorable Bob Goodlatte, and Lieutenant Joe Kenda, an accomplished and well-known retired Colorado Springs Police Department investigator. Lieutenant Kenda has a television series on Investigation Discovery channel titled ”Homicide Hunter - Lt. Joe Kenda.”

Carrie Almond, President of the National Federation of Republican Women, spoke at the Sunday Breakfast.

**Ellen Nau, President, Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW)** emphasized that our Republican Women leaders maintain a strong voice in the Commonwealth. “The VFRW continues to grow in size and strength providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of



our government. We strive to inform the public through political education and activity and increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government ***Building Unity One Star At A Time***”

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*The Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) represents a diverse group of Patriotic Women that was chartered in 1953, and is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), which is one of the largest political volunteer organizations in the country. Similarly, the VFRW is the largest such organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia. With nearly 2,000 members and 62 active clubs, the VFRW exerts an influence on the local, state and federal policy and is a force within the Virginia Republican Party at all levels.*

*To learn more about the VFRW, please visit [www.VFRW.org](http://www.VFRW.org)*

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