

**NCFRW - UPDATE! Fall Meeting** 

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From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President

## **UPDATE!** Four Exciting Speakers!

Saturday evening:

**Congressman Dan Bishop** - candidate for NC Attorney General **Clare Lopez** - Terrorism expert on the Middle East; former CIA officer

Sunday Prayer Breakfast: Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, candidate for Governor

### Saturday Luncheon: NC Treasurer Dale Folwell, candidate for Governor

Our year-long celebration of 70 years of inspiring and developing leaders comes to a close with an exciting and rewarding Board meeting with great speakers and surprises in store.

The Middle East is a tinder box, and there are threats here in America, so we've added Clare Lopez, expert on terrorism to our list of speakers.

We'll report on changes to our Federation as a result of the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City in September, install our new officers for 2023 - 2025 and celebrate the awards and honors you've worked so hard for during the past two years.

You will leave the meeting more educated, more informed, definitely more inspired and eager for 2024!



Rep. Dan Bishop



Clare Lopez

Dan Bishop holds bachelor's and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After law school, Dan served business clients in the private sector for 29 years. During his private sector career, Dan served as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner from 2004-2008. He was next elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2014 and the North Carolina Senate in 2016, where he served until he ran for Congress. Dan represents North Carolina's 8th Congressional District.

Dan has announced that he is running for election in 2024 to become NC's Attorney General.



### Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson

Mark Robinson is a native of Greensboro N.C. and a proud Army veteran. Mark credits his mother's leadership for cultivating a foundation for his faith, and an understanding that with hard work he could achieve anything.

In his professional life, Mark has worked in various industries, including a long stint in furniture manufacturing. Unfortunately, like a lot of people in manufacturing during the implementation of NAFTA, he lost not one, but two manufacturing jobs. In addition to working in manufacturing and other Clare Lopez is the Founder and President of Lopez Liberty LLC, with a mission to alert Americans to national security threats, both international & from the Islamic Movement/Muslim Brotherhood & their Marxist/communist collaborators in this country. She serves as a senior advisory board member for the Near East Center for Strategic Engagement (NEC-SE) and was Vice President for Research & Analysis at the Center for Security Policy. She previously was with the London Center for Policy Research, member of Sen. Ted Cruz' 2016 presidential campaign national security advisory team, Executive Director of the Iran Policy Committee, and a career operations officer with the CIA.



#### Dale Folwell, NC Tresurer

Dale R. Folwell, CPA was sworn in for his first term as State Treasurer of North Carolina in January 2017. He was reelected in 2020 and is currently serving his second term.

Folwell was first elected to public office as a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. He brought his problem-solving skills to the North Carolina General Assembly in 2004, where he served four terms in the NC House including one term as Speaker Pro Tempore. In 2013, Folwell was named Assistant Secretary of Commerce and led a successful effort to pay off \$2.7 billion in

industries, he was blessed to start, run, and sell a successful small business with his wife. Mark became a household name in 2018 when he delivered an incredibly strong address to the Greensboro City Council defending the 2nd Amendment. This speech went viral and todate has been viewed over 200 million times online. Following this speech, Mark began traveling to spread a message of common-sense conservatism: Protecting the life of the unborn, defending the 2nd Amendment, giving control over children's education back to parents, standing up for law enforcement, addressing veterans' care, and enacting election reform. In July of 2019, he launched his historic campaign for Lt. Governor of North Carolina. In the primary election, Mark achieved a strong victory in a crowded field of eight impressive candidates, garnering just over 32 percent of the vote, allowing him to avoid a runoff, and send a strong message that North Carolina was ready for a Patriot, and the first black American to lead the state.

federal unemployment debt and build a \$1 billion surplus in just 30 months. Treasurer Folwell began his career as a blue collar worker and became a Certified Public Accountant and investment advisor after earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting from UNC-Greensboro.

As the keeper of the public purse, Treasurer Folwell is responsible for the more than \$122 billion state pension fund that provides retirement benefits for more than 950,000 teachers, law enforcement officers and other public workers. Under Folwell's leadership the pension plan was rated among the top five highestfunded in the country and won accolades for proactive management and funding discipline. In 2020, the state's coveted AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by every major rating agency, making North Carolina one of only 13 states in the country to hold that distinction.

# **Schedule of Events**

### Saturday evening's dinner speakers:

**Representative Dan Bishop** bringing us up-to-date on actions at the U.S. Capitol. **Clare Lopez**, former CIA officer, is a strategic policy and intelligence expert on the Middle East, homeland security, national defense, and counterterrorism issues.

We will honor clubs that earned awards at the national convention, and we will celebrate the final dinner of our 70th Anniversary Year!

On Sunday morning, we begin with a Prayer Breakfast, speaker Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, immediately followed by the President's meeting and Treasurer's Roundtable, and following those, the Board of Director's meeting.

The **Board of Directors** consists of all Club Presidents, all Special Committee Chairs, all Standing Committee Chairs, Special Appointees, the NCGOP National Committee Woman, the NCGOP Vice Chair, our five Regional VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Past President and incoming officers.

At **Sunday's lunch, NC State Treasurer Dale Folwell** will join us and speak. We will have a ceremony to install the new Executive Committee, our elected officers for the next two years.

### Sign up for Fall meeting and hotel! Nov. 4-5, 2023

### Don't miss this key meeting! Fall Meeting - Winston-Salem

November 4- 5, 2023 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting Location: Doubletree by Hilton, Winston-Salem University 5790 University Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 Tel: 336-767-9595

Program begins with dinner on Saturday evening, Prayer breakfast, meeting and lunch on Sunday.

Come early on Saturday to Winston-Salem and visit the historic Old Salem Museum and Gardens, a Moravian Village from 1766, and/or Reynolda House and American Museum of Art.

The hotel is located near US-52, within four miles of Wake Forest University and Historic Bethabara Park. Kaleideum North science center, and many shopping and dining options are five minutes away. Keep up your exercise in our 24-hour fitness center and relax in our outdoor pool next to the fire pit.

<u>NCFRW Direct Booking Link for Doubletree W-S</u> (If you missed the deadline, call the hotel. We will ask for an extension, but there are no guarantees.) There are many other hotels in the area.

Register for the Fall meeting by clicking the red button below.

Eventbrite Registration

Because of current economic conditions, meeting prices are very costly. We have kept the meal and meeting prices as low as possible to encourage attendance by as many as possible.

If you are able to make a donation, become a sponsor for this meeting, or become one of our Regents, your help will be greatly appreciated.

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