

July 1, 2023



PENDER GOP NEWSLETTER

July Meeting

Thursday, July 20th
6:00 dinner
7:00 meeting
Olde Point Country
Club

August Meeting

Tuesday,
August 15th
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Burgaw Library 103
S Cowan St, Burgaw

Mark your calendar
for December, 16th
Christmas Dinner



Our June meeting offered another great opportunity to enjoy time with likeminded Republicans along with lots of inspiration and information.

We started with a moving ceremony by two of our Pender County Sheriff's Deputies who slowly folded the American flag while Al Hagerty, Air Force Veteran, shared the meaning of each fold in the flag. (see below)

Travis Horrell, with The Woodmen of the World Fraternal Benefit Society, gifted the Pender GOP with a full size NC Flag that we can use at our meetings. Board of Education member, Phil Cardeiro and former NC Representative Carolyn Justice, gave brief histories of the US and NC Flags.

Representative Carson Smith, updated us on legislation moving through the NC General Assembly and Pender County Commissioner Windy Hardee, gave a report on the recent sale of Pender Memorial Hospital.



The 13 folds of the American Flag

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.

The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the characters of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The thirteenth and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

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