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Happy New Year!

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Patriot Poll Workers,

First, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment to making the 2018 elections a great success! All of the hard work and training certainly showed! I would also like to recognize the members of my staff, who also put in a lot of extra time and effort to make everything go as smoothly as possible this year.




We had a particularly tumultuous year this year—Spanish-language requirements, record-setting turnout for the General election, followed by not one, not two, but THREE statewide recounts! Whew! Some days I marvel that we not only pulled it all off, but did it with the professionalism and pride that our voters have come to expect from our election team.

Some of you even put in some extra time and effort volunteering here in the office, helping Jacqueline put things together and get everything ready for training, not to mention helping with many other tasks around the office. Your extra effort and attention to detail is deeply appreciated and I thank you! I especially want to thank Jacque Blankenship for all of her hard work before, during and after the election; and those who answered our call for help with the recounts: Margaret Blakley, Jim Brinley, Henry Gross, and Susan Matuska.

We have the Municipal elections coming again this March, with an added surprise of a Destin Special Election added to the mix. Not all of you will be asked to work, so if you are not called, enjoy the break! Stay tuned, however, because we will be using this coming year to roll out our new online training platform. It will need a lot of testing and tweaking (and we'll be filming some new videos, too) so be on the lookout for a call from Jacqueline if we need your help for anything! 2020 is already looming large on the horizon, and I have no doubt that it will be an even bigger election year than 2016 ever was.



The holiday season is already upon us. I send all of you my sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy this time of year with your family and friends, and above all else, stay safe!



Jacqueline's Journal



Hello Patriot Poll Workers and Happy Holidays! I would like to personally thank you all for a successful year in 2018. We could not have done it without you!

The 2018 Election Seasons were a great success due to our Trainers, Supervisor of Elections staff and our wonderful Poll Workers. It takes commitment from everyone to have a successful election. With that in mind, it is very important to review the training schedule and mark your training date on your calendar along with the Election Day. Please try to schedule appointments and vacations around these important days so that we can have enough Poll Workers able to work during the election seasons.

I truly appreciate everyone's willingness to work where help was needed. It takes a lot of courage to step up, take on new responsibilities and/or move to a new precinct location.

Again, I cannot tell you enough how pleased I am to be work with such a great group of people and I will see you all on Election Day!

Happy New Year!

Jacqueline

Always Training!



2019 Election-Specific Training Classes

Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHO
March 12, 2019 Municipal Election Classes (Cinco Bayou, Crestview, Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, and Shalimar)				
Tues.	Feb. 12	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administrative Building, Shalimar	Trainers ONLY
Wed.	Feb. 13	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administrative Building, Shalimar	Clerks/Assistant Clerks/Bailiffs
Wed.	Feb. 13	1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administrative Building, Shalimar	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Feb. 19	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Extension Office, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks/Bailiffs
Tues.	Feb. 19	1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Extension Office, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors

Please note: This 2019 Training Classes schedule is strictly for your planning purposes. Reserve the training date of your choice on your calendar **now**.

From the PR Desk -

If we have not met, let me introduce myself. My name is Katie Fults and I am the Public Relations and Voter Education Coordinator, you may have seen me signing people in at classes or wrangling a projector for videos. I also work to coordinate all of our voter registration events throughout the year, which is where our wonderful poll workers come in. We attend various events and festivals all year long providing voter registration services. These events also double as poll worker recruitment to help grow our numbers. I love to have actual poll workers there to show the public what an awesome team they have working the elections.



If you are interested in volunteering for these events throughout the year, please contact me via phone or email so I can add you to my interest list.

I look forward to a great 2019 and hope to meet you if I haven't already!

Happy New Year!
Katie

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Bar-B-Que Beef Brisket & Sauce
by Ann Shambo Precinct 15

Brisket: 3-5 lb. beef brisket 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
2 T. Liquid Smoke 1 T. garlic salt or powder
2 tsp. onion salt 2 tsp. celery seed
1 ½ tsp. salt 2 tsp. ground black pepper

Trim brisket and place on aluminum foil – double wrapping helps keep the marinade contained during cooking. Mix marinade and rub over both sides of the brisket. Wrap brisket tightly in both pieces of foil. Place in shallow baking pan and refrigerate overnight. Next day, bake 250 degrees for 5 hours. Uncover and scrape the marinade off. Pour one or more cups of the BBQ sauce over the meat. Bake uncovered for one more hour. Allow to stand a few minutes before serving. Serve plain or on Kaiser Rolls.

Sauce: ½ c. ketchup or tomato puree ½ tsp. dry mustard
1 c. water drop of horseradish
2 T. brown sugar ½ tsp. each of onion flakes, garlic and celery salt
¼ tsp. Tabasco 1/8 tsp. chili powder
salt and pepper to taste

Mix ingredients together and simmer on low heat until thickened.

ENJOY!

If you are interested in volunteering for Voter Outreach events, please contact **Katie Fults** at kfults@myokaloosa.com or by calling the office.



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