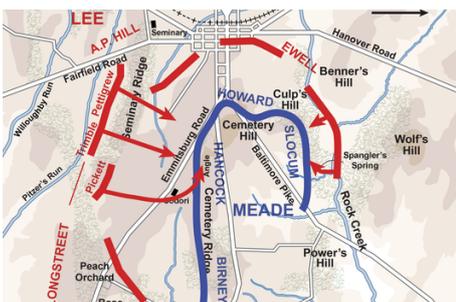
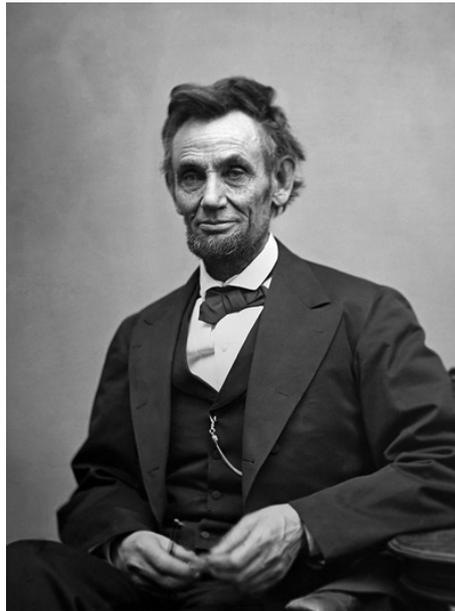


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“A house divided against itself, cannot stand.” – Abraham Lincoln, 1858



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EVEN MORE REASONS FOR UNITY

I hope everyone had a wonderful July 4th holiday. During this time we think back on how, in early July of 1776, we declared ourselves independent from a foreign power. We then went on to fight a war to win our proper place aside that of other nations.

This time of year also reminds me of the Battle of Gettysburg. It happened over a century and a half ago in south central Pennsylvania over the course of some hot early July days. There, the stage was set for the eventual reunification of our Nation after years of bitter bloodshed.

Here, the lesson is simple. If we value what we have in Henrico, if we value what we have in Virginia, we will resolve as a group to work together toward one common aim - winning in November. Nothing else matters. True service means putting the interests of our group, of the public, of Henrico, and of Virginia ahead of our own personal interests. I know we have this in us to do. Many have already done so. As your Chair, I am hopeful that all, and any of whom who are left unconvinced, will soon, upon reflection, realize these truths to be self-evident. After all, time is a-wastin' and much is at stake.

PRESERVING LIBERTY AND KEEPING THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

By Eddie Whitlock

It has been a year since we started looking at LIBERTY in our newsletter! Can you believe it?

Last month we began discussing the American system of government. I stated that I believe there must be a limited, responsible, strong-party system of government. Each of these terms all has meaning. Over the next few months we will discuss each term, exploring the strengths and weaknesses in the American system of government. This month we will begin a discussion of limited government and the strengths in our system.

THERE MUST BE LIMITED GOVERNMENT

Thanks to the Founding Fathers, our Republic was created based on the principle of limited government. A famous saying attributed to Thomas Jefferson (though some disagree it was Jefferson) is: "That government is best which governs least." Whether it was Jefferson or not, I agree with the sentiment – limited government at all levels is best, and, is essential to the preservation of Liberty. This sentiment aligns with my basic principle six: "The governing structure should be limited to the minimum size necessary to perform its required tasks."

Current Strengths in the American System of Government.

Strength One: We have a system with separation of powers as well as checks and balances. From the beginning, the Founding Fathers recognized the dangers of concentrating power. While it might be more efficient in conducting business, concentrated power provides an opportunity for an individual or a small group to exercise all power improperly (either intentionally or negligently). The exercise of concentrated power makes it easier for government to violate basic principle seven: "In making laws and policies and in enforcing the laws, a society may limit personal liberty only to the extent necessary to protect the legitimate interests of that society."

The American system (federal and state) has three branches of government (executive, legislative, and judicial) which are kept separate. Each branch is given certain powers so as to check and balance the other branches. This ensures that multiple (and sometimes competing) branches of government (executive and legislative) must reach agreement to take action. It also ensures that the rule of law cannot be subverted by one or two branches. For this system to work, each branch must perform its function and not

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encroach upon the functions of either of the other two branches. In both the federal and state systems (except for Nebraska, with a unicameral legislature), there is even a check between the two houses (bicameral legislature) within the legislative branch.

Strength Two: We have a system with defined terms of office. The Founding Fathers saw the dangers of a British Parliament with no defined terms of office. Parliament could be dissolved at any time by its own majority vote or by a decision by a sovereign. A lack of defined terms threatened legislative independence.

The Founding Fathers set forth defined terms for the executive and legislative branches to give them independence. At the same time they provided citizens with a definite date on which they could vote to replace branch members. State and local governments follow this system. Without defined terms, government officials may become powerful enough to violate basic principle seven.

The Founding Fathers took a different approach for certain members of the judicial branch. Provisions for lifetime appointments were made for some based on certain concerns. Without such appointments, judicial independence could be threatened by those in the other two branches who made the appointments.

Next month we will explore the weaknesses in the American system of government related to limited government.

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ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

By Bob Dutton

This is the most critical election in a long, long, time. The future of Virginia government, insofar as conservative principles are concerned, is in our hands - not just in Henrico County, but throughout the Commonwealth. If we're not careful, we could lose the General Assembly and the re-districting of Virginia. Make a concentrated effort to work for and help our Republican candidates win the General Election in November.

There are some formidable Democrat and Independent candidates for many offices. While you might not agree with every Republican viewpoint, here's the bottom line: The future of Henrico County and the Commonwealth of Virginia is at stake! Our future in Virginia is dependent on our work, our support, and winning this election. Henrico's Commonwealth Attorney, the Henrico Sherriff, the School Board, the Board of Supervisors, the House of Delegates, and state Senate offices - all are ours to win; or lose. Each office is dependent on your support and vote.

As Republicans, we must stick together. Make a concentrated effort to work for and help our Republican candidates win in November. Go to the Henrico County Republican Committee website and review our Republican Creed (<https://www.henricogop.com/about-us/virginia-republican-creed/>). Remember, every vote counts - either Republican or Democrat. To not vote is to vote for the Democrats!

As quoted in "The Mid-Day Digest," (The Patriot Post, June 24th, 2019, The Foundation), James Wilson (1790) wrote: "Without liberty, law loses its nature and its name, and becomes oppression. Without law, liberty also loses its nature and its name, and becomes licentiousness." Think about it.

If Republicans go down in defeat in November, we're in danger of losing our liberties. That's my view.

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UPCOMING HENRICO GOP EVENTS

July 13, 2019

Breakfast

Atlas 42, 4032 Cox Rd - Suite A

Glen Allen, VA 23060

8am-9am

Next Business Meeting

TBA

August 3, 2019

Breakfast

Atlas 42, 4032 Cox Rd - Suite A

Glen Allen, VA 23060

8am-9am



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July 9, 2019

Meeting

Henrico Board of Supervisors

7:00 p.m.

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No School Board Meeting

July 23, 2019

Meeting

Henrico Board of Supervisors

7:00 p.m.

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