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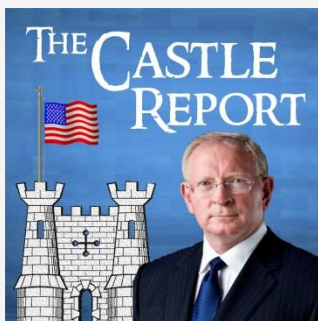
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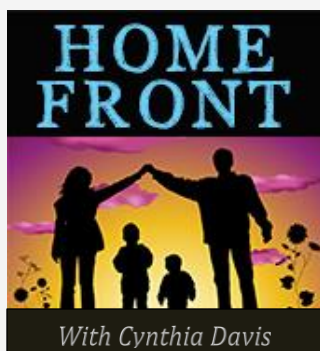
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## Message from the Chairman: Ballot Access

The presidential election years are traditionally the years in which third parties make a big push for ballot access. But ballot access is then normally lost in many states following the election because third parties frequently do not garner enough votes for statewide candidates to maintain ballot access. Ballot access is a two-step process: signatures to get listed on the voting machine, and candidates to secure enough votes to qualify the party for the next election.

We are doing everything possible to change that this year. It is critical that we gain ballot access in as many states as possible and then run candidates that will maintain ballot access through 2016. That way we can focus on building the party and running candidates for office in 2016 rather than expending our energy on starting ballot access drives all over again. To accomplish this is going to require help of every member of the party. At present we have ballot access in many states such as ID, SD, WI, and WY, but the party must run candidates this year to maintain ballot status for the party for the year 2016. Please contact your state leaders immediately and offer your help to either help in signature campaigns or in finding candidates to run for office that will meet ballot access requirements.

The Constitution Party is working to get ballot access in several states simultaneously. In New Mexico over 4,300 signatures have been gathered thus far — the goal is at least 5,500 to ensure the requirement of 3,009 valid signatures will be met. In Alaska, a state where the Constitution Party has never been organized, we have gathered 1,400 signatures for J. R. Meyer, the gubernatorial candidate. J.R. must turn in 2,975 valid signatures to be on the November ballot. Garnering three percent of the vote will maintain ballot access for 2016. The challenge there is that neither outside funding nor out of state petitioners are allowed to help gather signatures. That makes it critical for our readers who have friends and family in Alaska to contact them and encourage them to not only donate funds for getting signatures but also to help with securing them.

Sincerely,

*Frank Fluckiger*

Frank Fluckiger  
National Chairman

## What they're saying about 2016 ...

"Lower requirement for political party recognition," *Tulsa World* editorial, April 7, 2014:

"Political thinking is changing. The next generation of voters is not nearly as loyal to the traditional two-party system as their grandparents were. Independent voters are the fastest growing segment of the state voting pool. Many young voters want boutique parties molded to their specific political thinking rather than big-tent parties based on broad principles and old loyalties. We support lowering the standard for party recognition [so] new modes of political thought could engage new voters and force the two big parties to make sure they are addressing issues of importance to all Oklahomans."

"2016: Republicans losing before the fight," *The Washington Times*, March 30, 2014

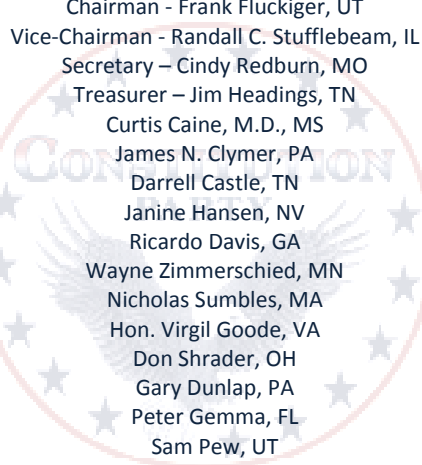
"When Mitt Romney won in 2012, conservative voters stayed home. 2016 will be a completely different story."

"Among conservatives there is already talk of a third party. The problem third parties have had in the past is either they had no traction or they nominated unelectable candidates. 2016 could change that."

"A quarter of Republicans say they may vote for Clinton in 2016," CNN politics, March 4, 2014

"According to The Pew Research Center/*USA Today* poll, 8% of Republicans said there is a 'good chance' and 17% said there was 'some chance' they would vote for her in 2016."

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## *The Howard Phillips Legacy Society:*

### THE CONSTITUTION PARTY VICTORY FUND

Constitution Party founder, the late Howard Phillips, once said, "We do not pledge our allegiance to a democracy — in which our rights to life, liberty, or property could be abridged or abolished — but to a republic, as guaranteed to each state in Article IV of the U.S. Constitution."

That is part of Howard Phillips' legacy: an understanding of and loyalty to the Constitution. In his way of thinking, the logical extension of that knowledge and dedication was political action. The establishment elites who owned and operated the major parties would not be the right vehicle for political action.

So now we have the Constitution Party — faithful to Howard's dream — with patriots helping at every turn, volunteering time and making sacrificial financial investments.

To honor Howard's vision, and to encourage constitutionalists to donate monthly or quarterly, the *Howard Phillips Legacy Society* has just been formed. Some party supporters have been giving regularly for a long time, others have just joined. To all members we say "thank you," but sometimes that just isn't enough. Generous investors, starting as low as \$12 a month, receive premiums as a symbol of our appreciation for joining the Howard Phillips Legacy Society.

All members receive the "insider's" newsletter, THE VICTORY REPORT and are recognized at the National Committee meetings of the Constitution Party.

Donors of \$20 per month receive the newsletter, recognition at the National Committee meetings, and a free copy of "The 5000 Year Leap: A Miracle That Changed the World" by W. Cleon Skousen (a \$19.95 value). *The New York Times* calls Skousen "the constitutional guru of the Tea Party movement."

Another premium for donors of \$30 a month (they receive all the premiums noted above as well), is a *one gram 999.9 pure silver ingot* especially created for the Constitution Party.

There are [other gifts available](#) for different levels of participation, and you are encouraged to see what kind of membership best suits your commitment to the Constitution Party.

Your [membership](#) in The Howard Phillips Legacy Society not only offers special premiums and is vital as we continue to grow our party. A [pledge](#) of \$30, \$20, or just \$12 to the Constitution Party Victory Fund honors the foresight and courage Howard Phillips showed when he founded our party.



**Fogelman Executive Conference Center and Hotel**  
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*Join with the National Committee and the Executive Committee  
 as we gather to take care of party business, participate in training  
 sessions, listen to great speakers, and bask in the warmth of fellowship  
 with like-minded Constitutionists from across the nation!*

#### FRIDAY EVENTS

**National Executive Committee Meeting**  
 (Observers Welcome)

#### Party Building Training Sessions

- Organizational Structure of a State Party – Constitution and By-laws, Officer and Candidate Vetting.
- Conducting a First Meeting – Turning on the Constitution Party Charm
- Simple and Effective Communication Systems
- The State Legislature Connection
- How to Create a Local Speaker's Bureau
- Newsletters and More...
- Ballot Access and Signature Gathering
- Campaign Management

#### SATURDAY SPEAKERS

- ★ **Zack Poskevich:** Welcome to Tennessee  
 (Constitution Party of Tennessee State Chairman)
- ★ **Randy Stufflebeam:** Borderlands - Report on Illegal Immigration Documentary
- ★ **Don Shrader:** CP State Party Training Manual
- ★ **Peter Gemma:** Candidates and Campaigns
- ★ **Curtis Strong:** Key Statewide Candidate (Wyoming)
- ★ **Richard Fry:** The Dangers of a Constitutional Convention
- ★ **Owen Shuler:** A Businessman's View of the Constitution Party
- ★ **Jim Clymer:** Howard Phillips Legacy Society
- ★ **Darrell Castle:** Incorporating Issues in the Campaign
- ★ **Cynthia Davis:** Social Values for Dummies
- ★ **Jennifer Young:** Common Core and What Wyoming Has Done About it

*Meeting Registration is \$190: [Register now on the website!](http://www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events)  
 (registration includes four meals and a BBQ at the home of Darrell and Joan Castle)*

[www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events](http://www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events)

*If you cannot attend, please consider making a one-time [donation](#),  
 or consider becoming a member of the [Howard Phillips Legacy Society](#).*

## Why We Say No To War

by Peter B. Gemma

National Executive Committee member

The Constitution Party platform states that, “We are unalterably opposed to entangling alliances – via treaties, or any other form of commitment – which compromise our national sovereignty, or commit us to intervention in foreign wars.” Our party bases that stance on the philosophy of the Founders, but there is a modern book that brings their arguments up to date.

Question: what do Pat Buchanan, Helen Keller, John Quincy Adams, George McGovern, and Daniel Webster have in common? All were anti-war advocates. Their opinions and more are among some 70 speeches, essays, letters, poetry, and even song lyrics in *We Who Dared to Say No to War* (Murray Polner and Thomas E. Woods, Jr., Basic Books, 2007, PB; 352 pages; \$16.95).

This is not a collection of arguments by isolationists and “peace now” activists. Between the two covers is an assortment of positions in support of diplomacy versus confrontation and non-alignment over interventionism. Issues discussed include opposition to the 1846 invasion of Mexico by Henry Clay and Abraham Lincoln (before he ordered the invasion of the South) – and to the “Cold War” (among others, Senators Henry Wallace on the left and Robert Taft on the right). The “War on Terror” chapter contains commentary by former Reagan Administration official Paul Craig Roberts, a letter of resignation from career diplomat John Kiesling addressed to Secretary of State Colin Powell, and an article by Professor Camillo Bica, founder of the liberal Veterans Self-Help Initiative.

Many submissions, whether they were written five or 105 years ago, reflect current news headlines. Representative Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) cast her first vote against war in 1917. She also opposed America’s entry into World War II – the only member of Congress to do so. Left-wing Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) cast the lone vote opposing the invasion of Iraq – four days after the 9-11 attack – with a prophetic speech to her colleagues: “We must be careful not to embark on an open-ended war [with] neither an exit strategy nor a focused target.” Lee’s entire statement, as well as an article by Rankin in which she reflects on her own anti-war votes, are reprinted in the book.

Some disparate entries can be read as a single statement. William Jennings Bryan’s speech to the 1900 Democratic National Convention opposing the Spanish American War (“The Paralyzing Influence of Imperialism”) states:

“There is no place in our system of government for the deposit of arbitrary and irresistible power.”

The thread of *cui bono* runs through the selections as well. Jeannette Rankin believed U.S. entry into World War I was propelled by the fears of American bankers: if the conflict ended in a stalemate, the money they lent to the allies would not be recovered (which indeed happened). The excerpt from an 1867 book by radical abolitionist Lysander Spooner blames the underlying cause of the Civil War on Northern bankers and industrialists. These special interests, he argues, were never opposed to slavery as long as the Southern plantation class accepted without question tariffs, loans for slaves, and other economic and political schemes. Only when the South resisted these policies did the Northern elite suddenly oppose slavery and promote war.

In addition to an extensive bibliography, *We Who Dared to Say No to War* also includes an interesting appendix of anti-war films and documentaries. These range from “All Quiet on the Western Front” to the Australian movie “Breaker Morant” (which takes place during the Boer War).

*We Who Dared to Say No to War* presents a diverse grouping of opinions from libertarians to liberals – all of whom are united in opposition to war but most for very different reasons. Such a comprehensive collection is good back up for this statement in the Constitution Party platform: “the United States has increasingly played the undesirable role of an international policeman. Through our involvements abroad our country is being changed from a republic to a world empire in which our freedoms are being sacrificed on an altar of international involvement.”

### ON BEING A CONSTITUTIONIST...

“It is natural for man to indulge in the illusions of hope.

We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of the siren till she transforms us into beasts.

Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty?

Are we disposed to be the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it.”

~Patrick Henry~



## CANDIDATES ACROSS THE NATION

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- CA** [David Christensen – US House, District 10](#)
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David Hay - State Representative A, District 30  
Robert Gorgoglione - State Representative B, District 30
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Randy Stufflebeam – Lieutenant Governor  
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Roger Baum – US House, District 4  
John Everhart – State Senate, District 16  
Jon Kamerath – State Senate, District 8  
Joel Lewis – State Senate, District 9  
Timothy Fasano – State Assembly 38  
Pat Little – State Assembly, District 17  
John Wagner – State Assembly, District 40  
Brad Lee Barhill – Clark County Assessor  
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Raye Jones – Clark County Treasurer  
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Michael Smith – Elko County Public Administrator  
Kay Dawn Jenkins – Elko County Treasurer  
John Roemer – Lyon County Commissioner District #5  
Don Cochran – Washoe County Recorder  
John Lampros – White Pine County Comm. District #1
- PA** Don John – US House, District 9  
Bob Pyle - Governor  
Bob Goodrich – Lieutenant Governor
- SD** Wayne Schmidt - Public Utilities Commissioner  
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[Shaun Crowell - Governor](#)  
Tim York – Tennessee State Senate, District 27  
Mike Warner – Tennessee State Senate, District 67  
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Gregg Woodcock – State Rep., District 112
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Please send any candidate information or state party news to: [communications@constitutionparty.com](mailto:communications@constitutionparty.com)

**Washington:** The Constitution Party of Washington has launched a new website – [www.cpowwa.org](http://www.cpowwa.org), and a new email address – [contactus@cpowwa.org](mailto:contactus@cpowwa.org).

**Nebraska:** The Constitution Party for Nebraska has a new email address: [constitutionpartyfornebraska@yahoo.com](mailto:constitutionpartyfornebraska@yahoo.com)

**Wisconsin:** The Constitution Party of Wisconsin will be holding its State Convention on April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Clarion Inn – Airport hotel in Milwaukee. For details contact the state chairman at [cpowchairman@yahoo.com](mailto:cpowchairman@yahoo.com).

**Louisiana:** On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Constitution Party of Louisiana held its meeting at Louisiana College. College students were invited to attend a question answer session following the meeting. Contact: [ronnieb@cpofla.com](mailto:ronnieb@cpofla.com).

**Indiana:** The Constitution Party of Indiana will hold its state convention on Saturday May 3, 10:00 AM at Golden Corral - 160 South Marlin Drive, Greenwood. Registration at door: Members \$10/non-members free.

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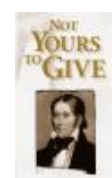
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