

The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have a new web address, find us at www.voteokaloosa.gov.

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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Patriot Poll Workers,

I just re-read my letter from last year's Holiday Newsletter. Wow! Here we were worried about law changes, lawsuits and bi-lingual changes; and then we got hit with what 2020 became!



Supervisor Lux works from home while recovering from Covid-19 in October.

All three of our countywide elections each brought its own set of challenges, none of which was made any easier by the global pandemic (or the hurricanes)! Face shields, masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, protective screens, disposable secrecy sleeves, give-away voting pens . . . I think we saw it all! Not to mention everyone's personal struggle finding some of those things as well as toilet paper and paper towels!

THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING A NEARLY FLAWLESS ELECTION FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY AND FOR FLORIDA! I have never been more proud of all of you!

I want to thank each and every one of you who stayed with us to work those elections. The job you did in these extremely trying times was noticed and appreciated by both me and my staff and our voters. While I have heard of a few Patriot Poll Workers who developed COVID-19, I did not hear of any cases that were directly attributable to working the polls. I am grateful that the safety measures recommended by the CDC were able to keep you all (and our voters!) safe.

I also want to thank those employees from the County, the Clerk of Court, and the Sheriff who stepped in to fill some very vital gaps in both the August and November elections – including some who stepped up to serve as Clerks and Assistant Clerks. Your contribution was so very crucial to our success.

For those of you who were not able to work due to personal issues and health concerns know that you were missed! I hope that with a vaccine almost in hand that you will be able to re-join us soon!

Speaking of COVID, both me and my staff who were impacted (at the absolute WORST time!) have all made full recoveries. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers for us and for all of the election workers.

As we look ahead for 2021, the need for poll workers will be somewhat diminished. The City of Crestview voters approved a measure in November to move their elections to coincide with the General Elections in future so we will not be opening the Crestview precincts this year.



I want you all to continue to stay safe, and have a Merry Christmas (even if it must remain a socially distanced one) and a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to things getting back to normal so we can all get together once more!

Jaqueline's Journal



Hello Patriot Poll Workers! I hope everyone has enjoyed their much needed time off and had wonderful holiday. I cannot thank you all enough for 2020 being such a successful year. Everything went great, we had plenty of staffing and we did NOT make it to CNN!

With the 2021 election year rapidly approaching us, some of you will begin receiving training notifications via email and/or US Mail. **This only pertains to the cities of Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill and Shalimar.** Please be on the lookout for training class information.

There will be a few changes coming your way in 2022 such as a new poll worker manual and changes to equipment. If you have any questions please email me or give me a call at the office. A successful election can only happen with our Patriot Poll Workers!

- *Jaqueline*

2021 Election Training Classes (for Municipal Elections in Ft. Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, and Shalimar ONLY)

Day	Date	Time	Location	Who
March 9, 2021 - Municipal Election Classes (Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill and Shalimar)				
Tues.	Feb. 2	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administrative BLDG, Shalimar	Trainers ONLY
Wed.	Feb. 3	1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administrative BLDG, Shalimar	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Feb. 4	9:00 am	Okaloosa County Administrative BLDG, Shalimar	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Okaloosa County Administrative BLDG, Shalimar	Experienced Inspectors
Fri.	Feb. 5	10:00 am	Okaloosa County Administrative BLDG, Shalimar	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Feb. 9	1:00 pm	Supervisor of Elections Office, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks, Experienced Inspectors, Bailiffs

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

Return the card you receive in the mail before each election immediately to reserve your seat.

From the PR Desk -



What. A. YEAR! I signed off the Winter 2019 Newsletter with “I look forward to a great 2020,” and who knew what this year had in store for us. I want to say a huge thank you to all of our incredible Poll Workers for stepping up in the face of great uncertainty to make all three of our elections this year run smoothly.

For those of you who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Katie Fults and I am the Public Relations and Voter Education Coordinator in the Supervisor of Elections Office.

My job involves a variety of duties and one such task is moderating our Facebook page (@okaloosacountysupervisorofelections). During the elections this year, we had multiple comments and messages from voters on our Facebook praising our awesome Poll Workers. I wanted to share a few of the compliments (below) with you to show some of the appreciation of Okaloosa County’s voters.

I also manage voter outreach efforts, which usually involve Poll Worker volunteers. While Coronavirus impeded all of our usual outreach efforts for 2020, we hope to be able to get back out in the community in 2021. If you are interested in being added to my Volunteer Interest list, please contact me at kfults@myokaloosa.com. I hope you all have had a safe and happy holidays, and that we will see you soon.

Happy New Year and here’s to 2021!

Katie

Thank you to your poll workers for all of their dedication and hard work. We are lucky in Okaloosa County!

Awesome job and turnout! My kiddo was one of the first time voters and the poll workers treated her great!

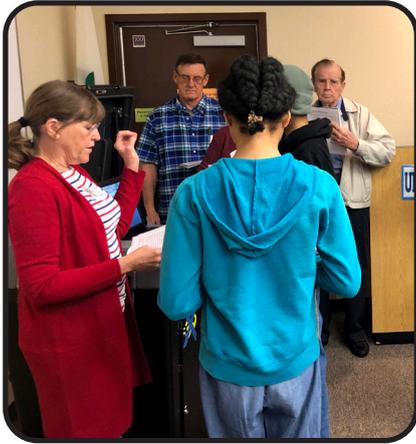
You and your team and all poll workers deserve a HUGE thank you for all you did in difficult circumstances. Your integrity, dedication, and hard work are noticed and appreciated!



Thank you to your workers for all you do. Under-paid and over-worked, but servicing our Democracy is worth it. Thanks again!



Poll Worker Training through 2020



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