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Pachyderm Press

Welcome to JCRW:

JCRW is super excited to have the Honorable Senator Brian Birdwell and the Honorable State Representative DeWayne Burns come speak to us today.



Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brian Birdwell is a native Texan, decorated military veteran and lifelong conservative Republican proudly representing Texas Senate District 22. Born in Fort Worth, Brian is a graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he earned a Master of Public Administration degree.

As the Distinguished Military Graduate of the Lamar Army ROTC program in 1984, Brian was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and served in numerous training deployments and two operational deployments. In 1990, he deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Exceptional Meritorious Achievement. In 1998, he deployed to

Central America as the Joint Operations Officer for Joint Task Force Aguila to execute humanitarian relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. In 2001, Brian was serving on the Department of the Army staff at the Pentagon as the military aide to the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

On September 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed just yards away from his second floor Pentagon office, Brian was critically wounded and severely burned. Of the burns that covered more than 60 percent of his body, nearly half were third degree in severity. Today, following 39 operations, months of hospitalization and numerous skin grafts, Brian has made a miraculous recovery. Despite physical limitations, he testifies not only to his physical healing, but the ultimate miracle of grace through Christ. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received that day. Upon retirement in July 2004, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Brian was first elected to the Texas State Senate in a June 2010 special election, and has since been re-elected by his constituents three times, averaging more than 85 percent of votes cast. In his four legislative sessions (2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017) Brian consistently received critical acclaim and top ratings from numerous pro-life, pro-business and conservative organizations, including National Federation of Independent Business, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Eagle Forum, Texas State Rifle Association/National Rifle Association, Young Conservatives of Texas, Texas Alliance for Life, Texas Right to Life, Americans for Prosperity, Concerned Women for America, Texas Heritage Alliance and Texas Conservative Coalition, among others.

Brian serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Nominations and is a member of the Senate Committees on Finance, State Affairs, and Criminal Justice. In addition to these duties, Brian serves as Chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission, a joint, bipartisan committee working to identify and eradicate inefficiency, waste and noncompliance within state government. He previously served as a member of this standing committee from 2012-2015. Since 2013, Brian has served as Chairman of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz's 22-member U.S. Service Academy Nominations Board.

The Birdwells have been married for more than 30 years and reside in Granbury. They have one son, Matt, a 2013 graduate of Texas Tech University, and a fabulous daughter-in-law, Ann Marie, who reside in Tarrant County with the Birdwell's first grandchild, Elijah.



President's Corner

Happy Fall Ya'll!

I am so glad to have you supporting JCRW. And, a special thank you to this month's speakers, Senator Brian Birdwell and Representative DeWayne Burns. Being part of JCRW means you have exclusive access to these important legislators. We are super proud of these men serving and representing us in District 22.

Having said that, we are so close to the end of our midterm elections but do not lose steam now! We need all the boots on the ground to make sure we KEEP TEXAS RED! Get out and vote and bring your friend. Let's all work together to keep our great state red.

Also, do not forget to bring a friend to JCRW and have them become members! The more membership we have, the more force we become in the Capitol. Remember that November is Membership Drive month. Let's gather at Lost Oak Winery on November 15th and sign up as many members as we can. We can also take time to celebrate our winnings of the elections!

In addition, we are raising funds for our all important Scholarship Fund. This is so important as we strive to keep the conservative ways amongst our youth. Please find it in your hearts to give to this initiative. These young folks need our support more than ever.

So final word, get out there and VOTE! Thanks so much for coming.

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DeWayne Burns was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2014 and was reelected this past March 2016. Raised in southwest Johnson County, he grew up on a small farm near the Bosque County line and the Brazos River. He attended public schools in Cleburne and graduated from Cleburne High School in 1990. After attending Texas A&M University, he transferred to Tarleton State University where he graduated in 1994.

Representative Burns began his career with a stint at the Texas Grain and Feed Association before being hired as a legislative analyst for State Representatives Arlene Wohlgemuth and Gary Walker during the 74th legislative session.

Later, he moved to the Texas Department of Agriculture under then-Commissioner Rick Perry where he was ultimately promoted to the position of Coordinator for Special Issues in the department's Intergovernmental Affairs Division.

Representative Burns also worked as an inspector for the Texas Department of Agriculture where he was responsible for weights and measures compliance, crop and seed certification, and enforcement of Texas' plant and pest quarantine laws, among other tasks over a 10-county region which included Bosque and Johnson counties.

Representative Burns is currently a property and business investment manager. DeWayne and his family are no strangers to hard work as they have a long history in farming, ranching and construction. The family ranch is still in operation to this day.

Previously, DeWayne served as Vice President of the Cleburne ISD Board of Trustees, as President of the Johnson County Farm Bureau, as a member of the Johnson County Economic Development Commission, and as a Fire Commissioner for the Johnson County Emergency Services District #1.

Representative Burns married his high school sweetheart, Jennifer, and they are the proud parents of two teenage sons and a daughter. The Burns Family are members of First Baptist Church of Cleburne.



Membership Drive!

Come join the Party! The Republican Party that is. Thursday, November 15th at Lost Oak Winery in Burleson from 6pm to 8pm JCRW is hosting a Membership Drive and gathering. Bring a friend or two or three! Remember, \$25 for our ladies, and \$15 for our men. More info to come!



Haunt or Help! Scholarship Fund Raising



It's that time of year to raise funds for our scholarships. Each year we give to two deserving conservative youth \$2,500 scholarships to help them in their journey to continue their conservative ways. Be on the look out for those asking if you want to Haunt or

Help by donating \$25, \$50, \$100 or more!

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Please join us for our upcoming programs we have scheduled so far this year:

- ◆ **Nov 6:** Voting Day!
- ◆ **Nov 15:** Membership Drive at Lost Oak Winery in Burleson, 6pm
- ◆ **Dec 25:** Merry Christmas