



*It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."* –Samuel Adams

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## Republican primary voters lack enthusiasm

Yesterday, Republican primary voters lacked enthusiasm or conviction for the candidates they could choose from. They clearly understand that the most important election since 1860 is coming and that the establishment GOP leaders and media have prevailed. So the issues were not the main concern, character not a priority, but who can beat Obama? There was confusion as to who to pick between the three "big government types" and the misunderstood Ron Paul. From our point of view it looks like "the Change" will continue regardless of who wins in November. I say this because the only candidate who would bring constitutional governance appears to have little support as he carries baggage in his foreign affairs policy. The picture on the right shows Peter Guinta, reporter for the St Augustine Record, interviewing typical Republican voters.



An interest presence at the St Augustine Beach polls was Rachael Bennett. Ms. Bennett is giving Ken Bryan a primary challenge in the 5<sup>th</sup> district. She said, "I plan to bring the perspective of someone who has had to deal with the new reality of the current economy to the County Commissioner's Board." An invitation was extended to Ms. Bennett to speak to members of the SATP. Rachael Bennett is pictured on the left speaking to a petitions signer.

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*"There are two ways to conquer and enslave a country. One is by the sword. The other is by debt."*

*John Adams*

*Hmm...Do you think it might fit in the current situation?*

## Hello Republicans have you heard about the NDAA?

When the Town Criers first approached Congressman Mica's office on January 7, 2012, Patrick Kelly was not aware of the indefinite detention issue for Americans.

Exploring the question with several SJC REC board members, also failed to find any understanding of issues of sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (NDAA).

The national media black out of this issue extends to our local print media and TV coverage. Though alerted, the local media did not cover the NDAA protest on February 3, 2012.

A GOP controlled Tea Party, the St Johns County Tea Party Inc (SJCTPI), though invited, and refused to join in. The SJCTPI Board's decision has caused some members to return to the SATP. Others are forwarding this publication



**GOP.... Where are you?**

**February 3, 2012**

## The SATP joins Putnam County Tea Party in their protest of NDAA

The Putnam County Tea Party organized this event at Congressman Mica's in St Augustine, Fl. The SATP was honored to stand with these patriots in their protest of the indefinite detention provision of the NDAA of 2012. Never in this author's adult lifetime has there been such an assault on the Bill of Rights as the by this Congress. Every member of Congress who voted for this along with the president has violated their oath of



office. Apparently taking an oath isn't important any more. The SATP had visited Mica's office on 1-7-12 protesting this same issue. This morning, Mr. Patrick Kelly from Mica's

office called the SATP Chairman, David Heimbold, asking about the scheduled event as he had read about it in the recently released issue of this publication. He seemed surprised that Tea Parties were returning. It should be noted that there had been no response to the first visit. The Tenth Amendment Center has been calling for demonstrations at Congressmen's offices across the country. We can only wonder if the main stream media will cover it. They didn't cover us.



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# The Putnam County people really know how to do signs!



Their great signs and our flags created a team effort which was well received by the traffic on US 1.



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All in all it was a terrific experience getting to know these patriots from Putnam County. Both Tea Parties expressed a mutual desire to work closely as our Republic fights for its existence. Our thanks to Janet Smith, Stan Owens, Rick Haven and their troop of patriots for a successful showing at Mica's office. Clearly, Tea Parties around the Country are struggling to retain the respect they earned after the tremendous 2010 Congressional victory. How soon Congress forgets! But today, they learned we haven't! And, we'll be back!

**February 4, 2012.**

## First time with the Town Criers....



Stan Walker SATP member



Rick Haven PCTP member

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Pictured above are two patriots who have gotten involved with the Town Criers for the first time. Look at those outfits.... Wow. While you're at it, look at the rest of period attire in this publication. That work is the result of one person and with a budget of almost zero. Yvonne Heikkinen has created the gowns for the ladies and the pants, shirts and vests for the men with what appears to be a wave of a wand. But, we all know it's not magic, it takes a lot of effort, talent and creativity, which Yvonne has freely given. Without her contribution the Town Criers would be a sorry sight. Look at us attending to our duties.



Yvonne Heikkinen



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We have come a long way since the idea to do Town Crier was born nine months ago. Our effort started with a purple Victorian dress, a SATP Tee shirt, the Tea Party sign, and one flag. At that point we didn't even have our name. The Marxists' made fun of us for our lack of historic perspective. It wasn't a poor historic understanding; it was using the only assets we had at the time. They no longer make fun of us because we're winning so now they hate us. The occupier's reaction to us last weekend only shows our success. Town Crier would not have happen without the SATP activists. God bless them and their work.

**February 6, 2012**

## **REC of St Johns County Board Meets**

The Board of Directors of the Republican Executive Committee (REC) met, Monday February 6th. According to Becky Reichenberg, State Committee Woman, the issues between Eric West, Recording Secretary, and Randy Covington, State Committeeman, and the Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) were discussed. Mrs. Reichenberg reported that West and Covington agreed to meet with the officers of the SATP. The entire REC board had been made aware of the behavior of the two errant REC board members. [UP DATE 2-20-12] West and Covington refuse to live up to pledge to meet with the SATP Officers. The SATP had hoped some resolution could have been achieved.

**February 9, 2012**

## **SATP greets REC members at its monthly meeting**



Pictured Left to Right Edward Fleming, Yvonne Heikkinen, and David Heimbold Photo by TCC Staff 2-9-2012

## **The Tea Party relationship to the REC has become confusing.....**

The Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) greeted Republican Executive Committee (REC) members as they arrived for their monthly membership meeting on February 9, 2012. The exchange between members of the REC and the members of the SATP were conducted with a mutual respect for each other. Most REC members were interested in the written information which the SATP had prepared. Many productive conversations ensued. The Tea Party's relation to the REC has become confusing to some REC members. Back in November, at the monthly REC meeting, County Commissioner Ron Sanchez spoke about problems arising from two REC Board members. They were creating Tea Party issues within the REC. Mr. Sanchez stated that the REC was not a place for Tea Parties. Sanchez was referring to the SATP and the newly formed St Johns County Tea Party, Inc., a corporation controlled by those two REC board members. Later, at the January meeting, the Commissioner addressed the REC members stating that he had no problems with the Tea Parties; rather it was with the two errant REC Board members. During this same period of time, the SATP officers were working to arrange a meeting with Chairman Mason and Vice Chairman Mulhall to address the same issue. The result of that effort

was a meeting on January 23, 2012. At that time, details as to Mr. West and Mr. Covington's activities were provided. The SATP had hoped that the REC Chairman and Vice Chairman could persuade West and Covington to enter into negotiations prior to the February REC meeting. Since no progress resulted, the information was provided to the entire Board on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Eric West agreed to meet with the SATP at the Board meeting, according to Becky Reichenberg, a Board member. The SATP expressed its thanks to the Board members who worked on trying to bring resolution.

The SATP had hoped to keep this mess from reappearing in the Press. However, according to David Heimbold, Chairman of the SATP, "We have heard nothing from West, Covington, Mason or Mulhall. This has been going on for five months. With regret, the letters detailing the underhanded transactions have now been distributed to the entire REC membership of St John County." Heimbold added, "Now the whole REC has the details regarding the removal of Mr. West as Chairman of the SATP and his attempt to destroy our Tea Party." The SATP is the original grass-roots Tea Party. The St Johns County Tea Party, Inc. is the new REC identity which is controlled by their Board of Directors. According to public records, the REC State Committeeman, Randy Covington and Recording Secretary, Eric West, are in total control.

This leaves three factions within the REC. There are REC members with no connection to the Tea Parties. This group is by far the largest group. It is this group who was most interested in the written material that the SATP distributed on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The second faction is the REC members who are also members of the corporate St Johns Tea Party. The third group, the smallest of the three, is the REC/ SATP members.

David Heimbold, who was outside handing out the material along with two other volunteers said, "The encounter with REC members was very pleasant except for St Johns County Tea Party Group whose contempt and anger was plain to see." Heimbold reported that, "the response to mass mailings appeared to be a success, as only two people asked to be removed. I did receive a critical response, though, from a person who has acted as a spokesperson for West and Covington in the past. This person referred to our written material as garbage and rubbish. The spokesman also implied that we act like Occupiers. I wonder if this person has ever been near enough to an Occupier to know how they behave; SATP members have. Clearly, 'occupation' does not describe SATP behavior at the REC meeting." Continuing, Heimbold said, "I almost forgot, the spokesperson claims that our position are lies, not facts, and proposed a libel suit if the SATP continues to assert its position in print. Our position is based on very solid evidence. I am sorry that St Johns County Tea Party folks cannot put their anger behind them and resolve this so that we can work together to defeat Obama". Speaking to the issues, Heimbold continued, "Our group is active in registering Republicans for the upcoming election and many of our members will be there to man the telephones as they did in the 2010 election. I agree with Kim Kendall's plea, at the November REC meeting, for a united REC. SATP support for the REC will be difficult to maintain if the two arrogant Board members continue to divide."

**"Always stand on principle....even if you stand alone."**

*John Adams*

February 11, 2012

# We Surround Them



**Big Gov Guy**



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## We the People are fools

The man in the center picture is an individual who thinks all good comes from the government.

He assumes that the Tea Party people are just plain fools. Poorly educated folk who are ruining the Country.

Our Marxist friend becomes upset if you point out he is in the minority. He watched us for a while. I think he hated to see our success with the public.

It's easy to play these guys. Just suggest that we are going to undo 100 years of progressive law.



**"Any people that would give up liberty for a little temporary safety deserves neither liberty nor safety."**  
*Benjamin Franklin*



February 18, 2012

# THEY LOVE OUR TEA PARTY



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**They see the future in the Tea Party. The Presidential select is no longer the topic of conversation. It's almost as though they don't care as long as Obama goes. What a poor way to run an election!**

*"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent they conquered."*

*Thomas Jefferson*

Wake Up America

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# ERIC WEST RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ST JOHNS COUNTY TEA PARTY INC.

Eric West resigned as the Chairman as the newly formed St Johns County Tea Party Inc (SJCTPI). Mr. West formed the Corporate Tea Party identity after he was removed as Chairman of the SATP on August 30, 2011. According to public records Mr. West is still a Director of the St Johns County Tea Party Inc. The records show that he and Randy Covington make up a majority on the Board. The two have been closely allied in both Tea Party and Republican politics. Randy Covington is the State Committeeman and Eric West is the Recording Secretary for the Republican Executive Committee of St Johns County. West disclosed that he resigned, "so that I can devote more time to my family and my career. I am taking a long sabbatical from politics to concentrate on family and capitalism." We understand that Mr. West is still the Recording Secretary of the REC. We wonder if there is a resignation of that office in the making as well. We wish Mr. West well and thank for him for his devotion to our Country.

February 25, 2012

## TOWN CRIERS MEET CARRIE JOHNSON



Each weekend is special and this week was no exception. The Town Criers met Carrie Johnson, a long time and well known St. Augustine resident. Also, Janet Smith from the Putnam County Tea Party



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(PCTP) joined the Criers for the first time. Janet is pictured above in conversation with Miss Carrie Johnson. It was clear that the charismatic Miss Carrie knows about Liberty and Freedom. Pictured to the left with US Constitution in hand, Miss Carrie engages Rick Haven in dialogue stating that, "Freedom don't come cheap". We say Amen to that. The Saint Augustine Tea Party has extended a standing invitation to Miss Carrie to join us at the Village Inn and address our group.

## They hide among us



## It's about the Youth



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The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.

*Patrick Henry*

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined, nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants. They serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides from an unarmed man, may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.

*Thomas Paine*



**I WANT  
YOUR  
LIBERTY**

## **NDAA Sections 1021 and 1022**

The language in the NDAA of 2012 regarding indefinite detention, permits the detention of any America citizen that the government determines is a threat to national security. The law now permits the President to hold you without charges or trial indefinitely. The law suspends habeas corpus. This provision is much like the enabling acts of 1933 Germany. If you trust the government and the politicians in Washington, there is no need to worry. Republican Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham supported this unconstitutional provision along with a majority of other Republicans and the Democrats. The media continues to focus on three 'establishment' presidential candidates. A majority of Americans feel there is little choice.

Congressman Mica has fails to respond to our office visits. It appears that arrogance is still normal operating procedure. The Republic is in great danger.

**There is a revolution going on. Come join the counter- revolution. Stand up for individual Liberty.**

**Come join us! We are a small Committee with many tasks to do to preserve Liberty. ....Lance Thate**

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