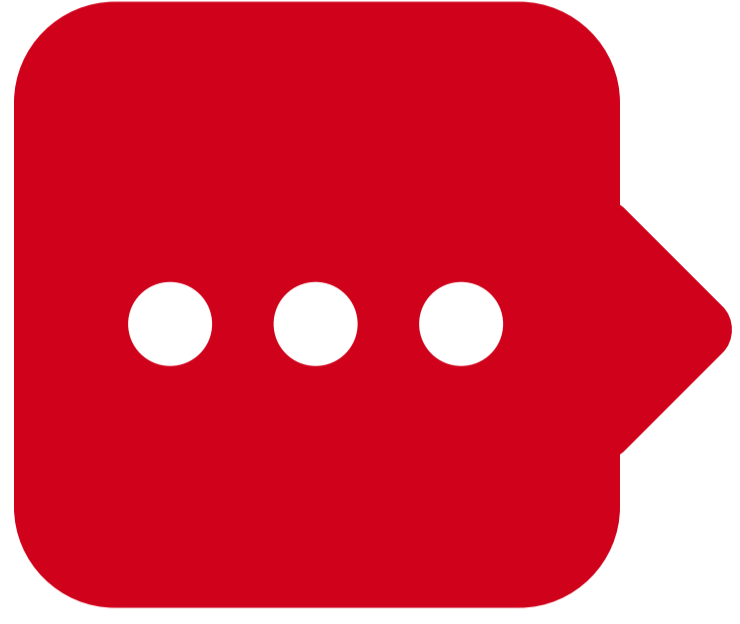


Precinct Chair Spotlight



John Wertz, Precinct 69



Why did you decide to become a Precinct Chair?

My parents co-founded the Republican Party in central Louisiana in the mid-to-late 1950s and I was always interested in becoming a Precinct Chair as a result. When our boys joined the military, it was time to get involved. I knew there was corruption in Montgomery County, I just wasn't aware of how bad it was. We set out recruiting like-minded Christian Conservatives and by 2017, we had won enough votes to change the bylaws in 2018. This transformed the Montgomery County Republican Party from a dictatorial organization run from the top down into a Republican, bottom-up organization with representative, grassroots leadership.



JOHN WERTZ
Precinct 69 Chair



What do you enjoy about being a Precinct Chair?

I enjoy meeting people of many different backgrounds, yet who are all pulling in the same direction. I was honored to be entrusted as their treasurer for two bienniums. I've also had the privilege of working alongside some wonderful people running two successful golf tournament fundraisers and chairing this biennium's Victory Committee, which had a massive Get-Out-the-Vote campaign resulting in the largest turnout of voters in a gubernatorial election in county history.



FAMILY

I'm originally from Alexandria, Louisiana. My dad was a Yankee B-17 pilot instructor (German POW during WWII), who met my southern belle mom on a blind date. I have two older brothers who served in the US Air Force. My wife, Rae Lynn, and I have been married for 36 years! We have two sons who also served, our oldest in the USAF and our youngest is an airborne combat veteran ('Stan), who's currently a captain in the US Army reserve and married to a beautiful young lady. They have a son and we enjoy visiting them in New Orleans.



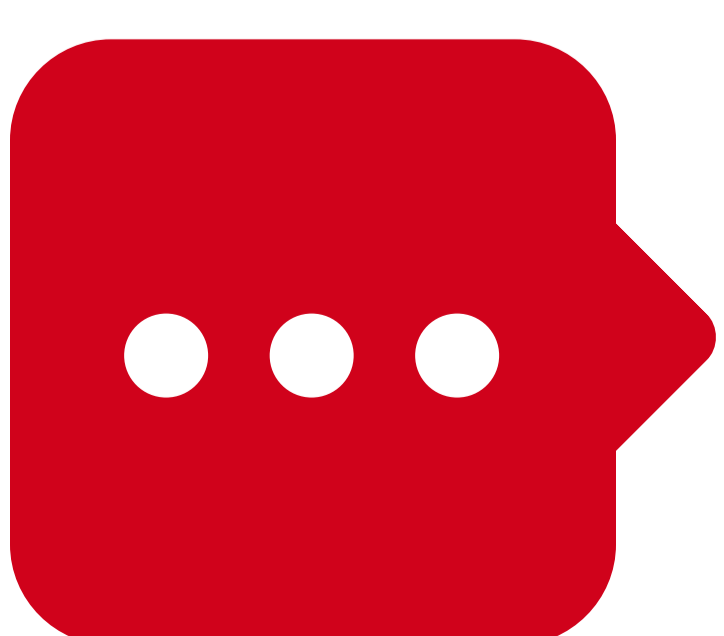
INTERESTS

We love to travel, especially to the beach and particularly the white sands and emerald waters of Pensacola. We also really enjoy traveling to Europe. Our most meaningful trips, though, were to Israel in 2019 and then The Footsteps of St. Paul (Greece, Turkey & Pompeii/Rome) this summer. I also enjoy history, particularly focusing on our four major wars and how our country responded to them. I grew up a competitive youth swimmer and high school tennis player, and still enjoy hitting the ball around with friends, when time permits.



What accomplishments are you most proud of?

That (hopefully) I've been a faithful servant to God, through actions and deeds as much as through words. And a good husband and father, while both boys have become productive citizens. I've always pushed myself to learn as much as possible about the world we live in and to make it a better place to live, for His glory.



How can people get involved?

Contact me at lsutigah@comcast.net. If you're not in Precinct 69, [click here](#) to find your Precinct Chair to ask questions about getting out the vote in your neighborhood, other election-related questions, or generally getting involved in your precinct. [Click here](#) for Republican Party volunteer opportunities.