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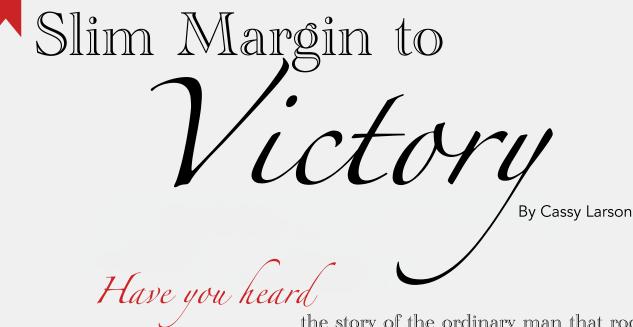
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During the second Continental Congress, Delegate Caesar Rodney was attending to affairs at his Delaware home when he received a message that the two attending Delaware delegates were split in their votes. George Read was against separating from Britain, and Thomas McKean in favor. Thomas Jefferson's essays on independence had fostered Rodney's courage to stand for freedom. He put his life on the line to swiftly gallop through a midnight storm (despite asthma) to Philadelphia where, on July 2, 1776, he cast a critical, deciding vote in favor of separating from Great Britain.

Rodney was a committed supporter of the cause of independence. He kept up an active correspondence with George Washington, held numerous public offices, became a Delaware Militia Brigadier General, even personally paid for troop supplies. Yet his patriotic ride never attained the renown of Paul Revere's.

Are we engaging our passions to keep our freedoms?

Rodney lacked notoriety and not many portraits of him exist: a cancer-causing facial deformity caused him to conceal his face with a scarf or handkerchief. Yet he did not cower to his impairments but persevered, placing the colony firmly on the side of independence. He was so exhausted they had to carry him into what is now known as Independence Hall. But his dedication moved the other representatives to change their vote. By the time they were done delegating, his passion created a landslide for the Declaration of Independence.

He was not arrogant in his abilities but held himself duty-bound to his faith. He did not require fame or compensation; his aim was to fulfill God's design. He acted on an urgency that changed the world's path to freedom. What our country would be today if he had stayed home?

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By Cassy Larson

Two years into the pandemic have led business owners to unite in moral standing, as our forefathers have instructed for prosperity and empowerment.

Freedom Business Fellowship

Businesses abiding within the mandates through executive powers have endured hardships and even had to close their doors. In Oregon, we have faced an unethical governor ordering mandates of tyranny without procuring all the facts. For questioning her authority business owners have been fined, shut down, and even targeted through her agencies. We felt alone and had dismal hope of recovery.

History has shown that tyranny was first. "Totalitarianism" came into existence after the rise of science and technology of the 20th century. "Science" comes from a Latin word meaning "to know." "Technology" comes from a Greek word meaning "to make." Today we are seeking "to make" or "remake" nature. Human nature combined with this ideology constructs an attempt to control the totality of all things. To preserve businesses action through constitutional protection is essential. FBF is not a political organization, but a diverse gathering of business owners who feel the responsibility to protect their livelihood. The pandemic has been an eye-opening event for our blasé behavior towards government control. We have forgotten legislators create laws and governors enact them.

FBF Mission Statemen

A fellowship of businesses and community leaders networking together to encourage, equip, and empower each other and their communities.



The framers of the United States Constitution understood that, for our government to function properly, it was necessary for our new republic to have *moral* candidates fulfilling the responsibilities of the governing bodies. In 1775 Samuel Adams sent a letter to James Warren expressing this idea: "For no people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused, and Virtue is preserved. I joined FBF because it gave my business a peace of mind through the networking of businesses. I will prosper through being educated on important issues affecting our businesses and being active in our community and country. Encouragement and hope will be echoed throughout the community as the businesses stand for change for all people and the security of our freedoms.

Vision:

Freedom Business Fellowship exists to unite business owners and community leaders, bringing prosperity and change to our communities for generations to come.

On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant, and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the Aid of foreign Invaders." FBF agrees that morality is vital throughout Oregon, and education is crucial for prosperity.

Business memberships will prosper through monthly meetings, connecting with a diversity of business owners, and being involved with proactive steps. The issues in government are reflected through vetting of the candidates, learning of laws, rendering of petitions, and education for the community. Membership promotion and benefits of FBF Businesses will be through the magazine, business spotlights, testimonials, social media, and community outreach. FBF also represents positive activities for issues of preparedness, security, and everyday life for our community and businesses. Future events on other important issues are in the making.

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"Fake News" Again? By Cassy Larson

Headlines in the news media distort the truth, and thereby lead to confusion and an obstinate refusal even to see the truth. The distortion thus becomes a lie and constructs a wall of doubt, a barrier to a realistic Society's worldview. inner need for protection succumbs to fear, isolationism, or "falling on a rusty sword"—an even unvielding devotion to one's own conceptions. An in-depth exploration of the origin of "fake news" would reveal its basic foundations: manipulation, seduction. deception, and so on.

Tools to reveal truth are historical research, fact-checking, watching full videos/ statements, and acting with integrity. Finding the facts.

Unfortunately, this is not the end of the Ryrie, the author of the NIV, story. commenting on Genesis 3:1, notes that the beauty of the serpent was used by Satan to be "crafty" and "clever." This distorted the truth and manipulated man to sin against God. " 'You will not surely die,' the serpent said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil' " (Gen. 3:4–5). Disinformation and emotionally based lies are clearly seen in Satan's reply. "The question was crafted to suggest that God was not good and fair because He restricted the eating of the fruit of one of the trees." Satan's plan was to distract from truth and to instead flaunt arrogance, manipulation, and blaming others. "Fake news" is even prophesied. Paul tells Timothy that "evil men and imposters will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:12 14)

Manipulation of truth has been in existence since the beginning of man. In the garden of Eden, the Bible tells the story of Satan's deception. God instructs Adam, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Gen. 2:16-17, NIV).

In the most destructive events in history, "fake news" was present. Jane Kirtley, author of "Getting to the Truth: Fake News, Libel Laws, and 'Enemies of the American People,' " reports that in the 1930s the Nazis called it "Lügenpresse," or "lying media." In presentday news, Americans are learning that POTUS 45 impeachment facts were purposely suppressed to fit an agenda — there was no Russian collusion.

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History exposes the failure of secular truth as mere emotionally based opinion. Even the best intentions are manipulated into a sinful nature or agenda. As *People of the Lie* — *The Hope for Healing Human Evil* author Morgan Peck says, the "most basic" sin is "laziness"; the next is "pride — because all sins are reparable except the sin of believing one is without sin." Evil people judge others

as evil and "blame others" for their faults. Sin's depth reaches into the foundational processes to distort truth. Peck explains that evil takes hold of entities such as politics

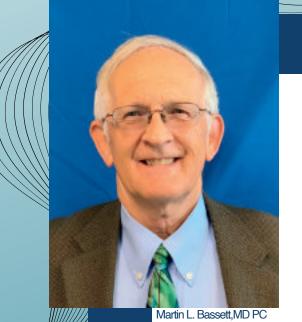
"truth is not something " that we possess; it is a goal to toward which we, hopefully, strive." has been twisted into li

Recently, the courts are swaying to emotionally based rulings. Kirtley approaches "the question of whether courts are the best entities to determine the official version of 'the truth.' " There is a part of society that feels governmental legislation works to seek the truth. But, in the past, governing bodies have displayed by their self-interest that they have departed from the truth. We must ask

> ourselves if there may be a better plan to seek truth.

> > Political truth

has been twisted into lies; hate speech is seen all over the world as intolerance and anger. Society suffers the consequences in social dilemmas, political turmoil, and differences between generations. The longterm effects can be detrimental to republicanism.



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Proper steps can transform the media to reporting the truth, but society must accept the challenge. Research on society's moral reasoning [inspired by godly attributes] and verifiable research tools suggests they are essential to derive truth in the media. The origin and understanding of "fake news" are the foundation to finding truth. Then, society's change from an emotionally based perception to attributes of purity, integrity, and love inspires the duty to seek out truth.

Doctrine, author Millard Erickson examines sin as "inescapable." All of humanity's "determination, Without God's guidance, with a secular narrative, society falters extended and accounted in

willpower, and reformation" cannot change their lives without God's "salvation." The infusion of God's attributes molds Christians to implement integrity and honesty in all their decision-making Erickson explains God's processes. basic attributes of purity, integrity, and love allow humanity to be able to trust God

and lay an unwavering foundation. Without God's guidance, society falters as it is their sinful nature that directs their choices. "God's people are to be thoroughly honest in the presentation of the gospel message as well. While some might rationalize that the significance of the end justifies use of means of misrepresentation, Paul makes clear that 'we renounced secret and shameful ways; we don't use deception, nor do we distort the word of God.' "

The media is unforgivingly intolerant of

social manifestations. The anger between generations is rooted in the difference of opinions via the transformation of education, social values, and upbringing. Socialism is taught in the present schooling system as loving and is acceptable to the younger generation, while the older generation lived through the cruelty of socialism in Cuba and Nazi and

communist ethnic cleansing. The attribute of God's love can give the generations compassion for each other, opening communication for productive dialog and quashing the secular view that would ignore the sinful nature and perceiving man-centered beauty, eventually implement evil. God's grace and mercy demonstrates qualities of real love, real giving, a rigid guideline to truth.

The duty to find veracity in the media involves using verifiable research tools. Integrity of the news stems from authenticity, of the sources, of the reporters and editors and journalists, of the characteristic tenor of the news reported. The strength in journalism is derived from ethics

professional standards. and permits our expectations of our h the through candidates must be of Today's technology society research to legitimacy of a medium through a mission statement that may reflect bias. Also, researching the

history of medium's owner can reveal social agendas. The amount of "fake news" that has been corrected in the past or was even unreported substantiates the deceit of the medium.

Julie Posetti and others, authors of Journalism, Fake News, and Disinformation, Handbook for Journalism Education and Journalism, explain, "The media should be careful that external post-publication corrections do not become a substitute for internal processes of quality control. Journalists have to do better and 'get it right' in the first place or forfeit the possibility of a society to have believable media." Objectivity and transparency in the media are ethical practices to delineate the facts and provide society a process to make an informed decision. Posetti points out, "Fairness, independence, contextually, transparency, accuracy, confidential sources protection of and perspicacity in reporting build trust, credibility and confidence." Accuracy includes the complete account of the story, verifying numbers, dates, and the contents of whole speeches or statements. History echoes that "leaving" or "adding" a part of the truth can be

detrimental. When a medium is found to be dishonest, the best response is to never read it again.

Now we may know what it means to put on the armor of God and what it means that the veil is lifted from one's eyes. To understand God's perspective versus a secular point of view illuminates the difference between veracity the foundational or emotionally based analysis. As we "go to the polls" our expectations of our candidates must be of veracity with no manipulation or secrecy. candidates must be of veracity with no manipulation or secrecy. We should not waver for the "greater good" to

> unethical practices. We should never excuse their dishonesty but should call them out. Have vou implemented foundational

tools to discern truth from fake news? Have you made the decision not to waver? If we allow immoral practices, we will lose our constitutional freedoms.

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What say you?



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ANTIFA CANDIDATE FOR PORTLAND MAYOR ATTACKS APPEALS COURT HOPEFUL VANCE DAY BY CITING A 2016 WASHINGTON POST FAKE NEWS STORY

As Campaign Attracts National Media Attention, Voters Learn More About Media Smears of Day and the Radical Judicial Philosophy of his Opponent

REDMOND, OREGON - During this past weekend, the self-described "Antifa" candidate for Portland Mayor in 2020, Sarah Iannarone, launched a vicious and defamatory personal attack on Oregon Court of Appeals candidate Vance Day. Famous for her infatuation with Mao Zedong, Che Guevara, Fidel Castro, and Vladimir Lenin, as well as for promoting the goals of the woke, violent, Marxist-anarchist group, Antifa, Iannarone baselessly accused Day of being "openly neo-Nazi" by citing a false and discredited 2016 Washington Post story that claimed then Marion Co Circuit Court Judge Day was "Honoring Hitler" and "hates gays." Iannarone further claimed that the peaceful, non-political Christian men's faith organization known as the Promise Keepers, for which Day served as President, was affiliated with the Proud Boys, a completely unrelated political activist group on the right accused of violent demonstrations. She later partially walked back the "neo-Nazi" claim while stating that Day is a "bigoted right-winger."

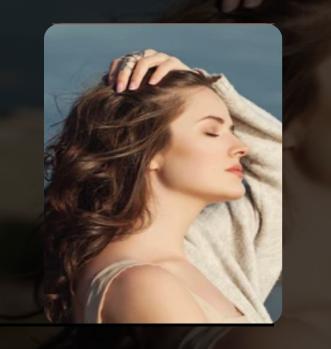
> "It's disappointing that Judge Ortega must rely on people promoting slanderous accusations and discredited fake news stories to disparage opponents," stated Team Vance Day Communication Director Kevin Hoar. "Yet, it is somehow no surprise to hear such enthusiastic support for Vance's opponent from the Antifa candidate for Mayor of a city that has descended into lawlessness and violence while tolerating radical activist groups who riot in the city's streets promoting a form of unequal justice and repackaged fascism. This is the system of justice we have gotten in Oregon by letting out-oftouch elites and insiders choose our judges for us unopposed. Vance Day is running to restore equal justice under the rule of law."

Iannarone made these claims to persuade her 19 thousand plus followers to support Day's 19-year incumbent opponent. A recent national media article revealed that Day's opponent, Judge Darleen Ortega, is a fervent promoter of radical legal theories by teaching them to law students at the University of Oregon's Law School's Portland Campus and has written and spoken frequently on the subject.

> "Regular folks are waking up to the damage this new system of 'unequal' justice bought and paid for by woke insiders who believe it is their justice system and that it's unaccountable to the people," said Team Vance Day



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Communication Director Kevin Hoar. "This race for Oregon's second-highest court is a opportunity for voters to say they've had enough and demand an end to the weaponization of our justice system as a political tool for punishing one group of citizens while rewarding another."

Vance Day, Candidate for Position 3, Oregon Court of Appeals, added:

"Having visited 34 of Oregon's 36 counties, voters have expressed a palpable frustration with the lawlessness in our streets, the assaults on personal freedom by political elites, and the labeling citizens as oppressors and victims based on skin color or ethnicity. People want and rightly deserve true equality for themselves and their children under our Oregon and U.S. Constitutions and the Rule of Law. To get it back, Oregonians must reclaim their court system at the ballot box on May 17th."

ABOUT VANCE DAY FOR JUDGE

Vance Day is a candidate for Position 3 on the Oregon Court of Appeals, a statewide, nonpartisan position. The election will be held May 17, 2022.

Day is a sixth-generation descendant of Oregon Trail pioneers, born and raised in the Willamette Valley. He graduated magna cum laude from Warner Pacific University and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Willamette University College of Law in 1991. An accomplished trial lawyer, he has tried over 300 bench and jury trials. In addition, Vance served the State of Oregon for nearly four years as the Chairman of the Oregon Republican Party.

In 2011 Day was appointed to serve as a Circuit Court Judge and was elected to a full six-year term in Nov. 2012. In 2012, Judge Day started a veteran's treatment court in Salem, Oregon, to target the root causes of veterans' criminal behavior, such as homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse, by bringing together the prosecutor, the defense attorney, the judge, other



veterans, treatment providers, mentors, and support teams to work together to help veterans make a fresh start. While Day was running the program, there was a zero-recidivism rate.

Upon completion of his term as a circuit court judge, Vance Day was recruited by the board of the Christian men's ministry Promise Keepers to help rebuild the organization, eventually serving as president of the organization. Under his leadership, the organization was revitalized and now ministers to hundreds of thousands of men globally.

Most recently, Day travels the length and breadth of Oregon on behalf of the James Madison Center for Free Speech, meeting with various organizations, churches, and community groups to discuss our constitutional liberties and how we can responsibly respond to government overreach.

For more information, visit TeamVanceDay.org To invite Vance Day to speak, contact Events@TeamVanceDay.org To get involved in Vance Day's campaign, email: IAmIn@TeamVanceDay.org



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The 4-Team League features the return of the **Portland Mavericks**, a notorious and iconic team from the 1970's. In addition to the Portland Mavericks, the League is highlighted with the return of the **Salem Senators** a historic and legendary team that originally began play in 1940. The **Volcanoes** and **Campesinos de Salem-Keizer**, also became founding members of the new League. "We had an unique opportunity to bring baseball back the way it used to be," said Volcanoes CEO Mickey Walker, "Kind of like the old glory barnstorming days of baseball – except rather than traveling around the country, all the games will be played at Volcanoes Stadium. Many fans remember the Portland Mavericks with great fondness – this League will have that type of popularity. We have open tryouts and select the best players from across the country. This also provides a place for local athletes to aspire to play someday." said Walker. Over its 25 year history, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes have had 115 of their players make it to the Big Leagues including 13 players that have played in the World Series.

Games are usually played every Thursday (6:35pm), Friday (1:05pm* and 6:35pm), Saturday (1:05pm and 6:35pm) and Sunday (1:05pm* and 6:35pm) for 16 consecutive weeks concluding Sunday, August 28th, with playoffs to follow. "We have brought back afternoon baseball," added Walker. "In addition to every Saturday afternoon, we are adding a business person day game on selected Friday's* and a Sunday afternoon family matinee on selected Sunday's*, this will allow even more fans to enjoy the fun." The full schedule can be seen at mavsleague.com.

"Businesses also have the opportunity to sponsor a team and/or sponsor an individual player(s). Fans have the real chance to get to know the players as they are very accessible, sign autographs and have become a part of the community," noted Walker. "We know the impact Covid-19 had on small businesses and we have designed some very affordable packages to help small business recovery. Sports Marketing works and the exposure to thousands of local fans, who are loyal to their teams and its sponsors, cannot be denied. For more information on how to promote your business at Volcanoes Stadium please e-mail mavericksleague2021@gmail.com or 503.390.2225.

Volcanoes Stadium and The River Church will always be linked through its combined efforts with the very successful ReAwaken America Tour that was held in early April at the Stadium.

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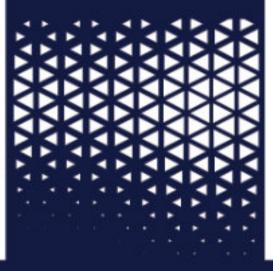
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Some fun fast facts are:

- KSLM has the history of being the first radio station in the Capitol of Oregon, which pre-dated television! It was THE news source during WWII.
- AM 1220 launched in 1971 as a Christian music station with some talk shows such as James Dobson, Charles Stanley and Larry Burkett.
- The format changed from Christian music and talk to Conservative News Talk Radio in 2016.
- KSLM has the top 6 out 7 top rated conservative talk shows in the nation.
- FM 104.3 was added the following year in 2017.
- KSLM is the ONLY AM/FM combo located in Salem!
- KSLM was voted #1 in the Willamette Valley in 2021 within the new category "Radio Station"
- The ownership and management of KSLM changed hands in 2021.
- Since 2016, KSLM is the ONLY radio station in Salem and Oregon that broadcasts live from every rally at the State Capitol, whether it is a Freedom Rally, a Trucker Convoy or a Right to Life, or Prayer Vigil, that they are invited to.

The new ownership and management consist of four sisters: Jacqueline Smith, General Manager and Administrator. Katie Wilson, Office Manager and Traffic Director. Cynthia Ramirez, Director of Sales. Amanda Smith, Senior Account Executive and On-Air Personality weekday mornings 9-11 am.

Other fun facts are:

- Engineer and Program Director Phil Swearingin has served AM 1220 since 1990.
- Production Director Dan Sheet has served AM 1220 since 1971.
- Former House Representative Jeff Kropf is live weekday mornings 6-7 am, hosting Political Coffee.

- Live Radio Personality Terry Sol has served the listeners of Salem and the Mid-Willamette Valley for almost 50. He hosts the Terry Sol Show, a human-interest program on the weekends and is live with Amanda Smith weekday mornings 9-11 am.
- KSLM is live weekdays between 6am-6pm with Jeff Kropf, Sean Hannity, Mark Levin, Brian Kilmead, and Dan Bongino.
- Weekday evenings and early morning feature Mike Gallagher, Ben Shapiro, Dave Ramsey, Eric Metaxas, Alex Jones and more.
- Weekends are packed full of programs with topics such as guns, laws, gardening, automotive, finance, retirement, real estate, health and more.

The new owners are excited and motivated to bring the best programming and feature the best local businesses to their listeners. Besides adding the FM station, they have brought the latest technology to the old, tried, and true local radio broadcast with their phone app for on-the-go listeners who can tune in 24/7 from anywhere in the world.

KSLM.news, is their easy to navigate website with millions of visitors, featuring local news and weather and more national and world news, a marketplace and online streaming. Latest innovation includes the addition of several local podcasts on many different topics, as well as creating a space for local Spanish conservative voices.

These ladies are professional and serious about covering all that is current and relevant to our community in terms of politics, business, faith, social justice, and family. They don't miss a beat and are at more events in the community than all other media combined.

They are brilliant and beautiful, bringing a new air of sophistication to Salem and the Mid-Willamette Valley. They are fun, innovative, and delightful to work with, whether you are a local business, a non-profit, a current or hopeful politician, or a listener.

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What is a PMA? PMA's are Private Membership Associations. One of the oldest business entities in the history of the United States. They have a long history of protection by the Constitution. The right of association is synonymous with the right to assemble (1st Amendment). They have withstood numerous court challenges up to and including to the Supreme Court. Courts have upheld the rights of private associations with their own membership.

No state can regulate or impair the rights between the contract of you (the business) and your members. Private Membership Associations need to have at least 2 members in their associations. As a PMA, you have an unlimited contract between you and your members. PMA domain is like that of your own home. The government cannot come into your home and dictate what is done in your living room.

The limit of PMA's is when there is a clear and present danger of evil. The test is: If your association creates a serious harm or death of its members.

Case law for private membership associations goes back to1803. In 1906, Hale vs Hinkle states that: *no person owes a duty to the state or neighbor to disclose private business*. In the 1950's and 1960's there was multiple litigation against the NAACP which is a PMA. In 2017 Hobby Lobby, won in a Supreme Court case. The DNC is a PMA, as is the RNC, and the Clinton Foundation. PMA's can't be sued. Some common examples of PMA's are in dry counties, such as in Texas and Tenn. There they are called "drinking clubs" as well as cigar clubs in other areas. Dairies that sell raw or unpasteurized dairy products are PMA's. Some non-western medical clinics are PHA's.

According to the Law there are two types of domains or jurisdictions: Public and Private. A business generally operates in one of these two domains. Most businesses are active in the public domain. This is the realm that state and county government have jurisdiction. LLC's and corporations are in the public domain, a condition of the State. If you ask for a license

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you are asking for permission. The State has authority because you have given it to the State by asking

for a license. Compliance is public law, public domain.

Any business or entity can be a PMA. Existing businesses can restructure to a PMA. If starting a PMA, you must have a business plan. Do your research for the business. Must have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) for banking purposes. An EIN is like social security for businesses through the IRS. Paperwork is to be filed with the State. The mindset of a PMA is not what we are taught. PMA's are private.

There are other specialties for PMA's that have the same protections. PEA's or Private Education Associations, PHA's or Private Healthcare Associations. As well as 508a1c instead of the 501c3 for non-profits can work in conjunction with a PMA.

This is all legal and protected by our courts and the Constitution.

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The Volcanoes Are Getting Push Back

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The Volcanoes are getting push back for allowing the ReAwaken America Tour to be held at the Volcanoes Stadium.

They have lost many season ticket holders, marketing partners, host families and staff. If you believe in freedom of speech you need to step up and support them. We need to make sure they have their best year ever.

They need:

1) Employees to work at the Stadium when our season begins May 12th.

2) Host families to house the out-of-town players.

3) Marketing partnerships – for promotion at Volcanoes Stadium.

Please reach out directly to Lisa Walker at lisa@mavsleague.com or call 503-851-3111. And send them referrals!

It is shameful that people are trying to cancel them because they wouldn't be intimidated into denying others their right to free speech.

-Author Angela Plowhead for Congress

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I have never written a column before today. I have written plenty of paper, contracts, training manuals and thesis but never a column. As I sat down to write this, I had many thoughts. Those of you who know me, know this to be true. I am usually working on several things at the same time. Reading books, working on projects etc. Then it occurred that if I were to speak to you. You should know something of me. How I came to be writing a column in this Freedom Business Fellowship magazine.

My path to this point has been interesting to say the least. I was born and raised in Michigan. Joined the Army at 17 and spent the next nearly 30 years rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring in 2012. While in the Army I attended the Naval Postgraduate School and earned a Master of Science in Modeling, Virtual Environment and Simulations. I have been to 17 countries and 49 states. Sorry North Dakota. I adopted the PNW while I was station at Fort Lewis. This is my home. This is where I will make me stand.

We have all experienced much in the last two years. In January of 2020 I bought my first N95 mask, not knowing what was going to happen. When I saw the data from the Diamond Princess cruise ship, I relaxed. The retransmissibility (R) value of the disease was 1.7 on the ship and so with the knowledge and experience I had from training folks in Pandemic response at US Army North. I was not overly concerned. The long-term R value turned out to be 1.3 for the Alpha variant. As opposed to the forecasted R value of 3-7.

I recognized the crisis and knew I had to get prepared. We sold our house and bought another with more land and began to prepare. The "two weeks to flatten the curve" turned into two plus years. I won't rehash the lockdowns, masking and "vaccine" or the Great Reset. We know how that turned out. Very poorly. Who does not know a friend, child, parent, brother, sister who died from lack of early treatment, or denial of medical care or suicide? We have chosen leaders very poorly. We paid the price, some of us paid with our lives.

We see what is coming now. Pandemic leads to Famine leads to War leads to Pandemic. In May of 2020, I told folks that the food riots will be epic.



They laughed. This is a slow burn crisis. It took two years to get here it will take years to get out. The world is about to be rewritten. Everything you think about the future is going to change. Everything. Fortunately, God has provided us with the intelligence and means to not only survive this crisis but to thrive. Community is the answer.

Community means more that just living in a town or having a circle of friends. Community means support for one another. How large is your family? How close in distance and how close in communication? One reason we are in this position is the fragmentation of the family and society. We are all isolated. Changing this is the first step. We must change habits, and the way we think. We are naturally social so throw a party for your neighbors. The people you live next to and the people you form a community with, will be the people that help you and that you will help get through the next few years. There are no politicians, or other leaders that are going save us. We will walk the path God has laid for us.

-Joel Pawloski

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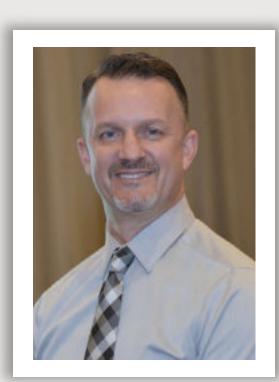
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