



# August Newsletter

*An in-depth look at the growing Republican movement in Cameron County.*

## CCRP Chairwoman's Corner



What an exciting month August has been for the Cameron County Republican Party! I am proud to announce that we have officially signed a lease for our first-ever Cameron County Republican Party Headquarters that will be open year-round! Without a doubt, this is a historical moment for the Republican Party here in Cameron County and we are thrilled to share this news with you!

As the media continues to talk about the political shift in the Rio Grande Valley, we are working hard to ensure consistent progress is made to help facilitate that shift. Our vision for the Cameron County Republican Party is one of an active, constantly evolving and growing party. We do not want to be the party that “only shows up during election season” but rather one that is engaging with our community daily! Afterall, we are here to serve you-the constituent.

Henry Ford once said, *“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”*. As we embark on this next chapter, we are going to need a little support. We will need to furnish our new location as well as staff it. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to donate gently used office items, we would be appreciative! Additionally, if you would like to be put on the schedule to help with office hours please reach out to me by replying to this e-mail. With your support, we will indeed flip Cameron County RED and together make history!

I would like to thank Ms. Anita Matta who helped us find our headquarters as well as Mrs. Lora Lara, CCRP’s Executive Director, who spent hours viewing dozens of potential locations. Without them, we wouldn’t have this exciting news! Our brand new headquarters is located off of Central Blvd in Brownsville. Our GRAND OPENING date will be announced soon! Stay tuned!

See you on the frontlines,



## August Recap

The Cameron County Republican Party held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 26th at 6:00PM at Mi Torito Restaurant in Brownsville.



*We had over 55 people in attendance! 4 candidates/campaign representatives running for a variety of positions spoke as well as 3 of Brownsville's City Commissioners.*



**LAGUNA MADRE VET FEST**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**  
At the Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center  
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Free admission for all veterans, active-duty military, spouses, widows and dependents.  
(Proof of military service required)

Meet community partners offering services and resources to veterans. If you offer services or products to veterans, contact us to register as an exhibitor.

*Free Food, Live Music, Raffle Prizes, Giveaways and More!*

LMVetFest@gmail.com  
956-433-0174

 Laguna Madre VetFest

Pre-register online and receive a special gift



The Cameron County Republican Party's Events and Community Engagement Committee had the honor of volunteering at the Laguna Madre Vet Fest on August 28th! This admission free event featured

a variety of resources available to veterans and their family members.



*The CCRP County Executive Committee voted to appoint Krystina Fonseca as the new Chair of the Events and Community Engagement Committee.*



*Thank you to Ms. Anita Matta, one of our committee members, who made a donation that will substantially help our local Young Republican Club with their convention expenses!*



*What a pleasure it was to have one of Cameron County's youngest entrepreneurs, Dallas (founder of Dallas Sells Pet Shells), join us for our monthly meeting!*

*The Cameron County Republican Party donated a few items to be raffled at the event!*



*Thank you to our volunteers: Precinct 5 Chair, Eddie Padron, Precinct 29 Chair, Krystina Fonseca (also the CCRP Events and Community Engagement Committee Chair), Precinct 50 Chair, Jeffrey Moen, and Precinct 67 Chair, Carolyn Dunkin for all their hard work! It was great to see Sabrina Badillo, President of the Cameron County Young Republicans, there as well!*

## **State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) Update**

A few updates from Jeneria Lewis, our SREC Senate District 27 Committeewoman:

- SREC meeting will be held September 5-6, 2025 at the Holiday Inn (Downtown Marina) in Corpus Christi, Texas
- October 11, 2025 the SREC will meet to vote on Rule 44 censures
- 2026 Texas GOP Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, June 8-13, 2026

*For more information you can reach SREC SD27 Committeewoman, Jeneria Lewis, by e-mail or phone.*

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[View Cameron County Precinct Map](#)

## Meet Your CCRP Precinct Chairs

Doak Dunkin was born in Harlingen, Texas to Dial and LaNell Dunkin- the eldest of four children. He and his siblings graduated from Harlingen High School. While growing up, his father had several business interests including nurseries where Doak worked and learned the importance of a strong work ethic.

After high school, Doak attended Texas A&M University. The choice to attend A&M was an easy one as his dad would only pay for him to attend one university-Texas A&M. After graduation Doak returned to Harlingen to work at Harlingen National Bank. While at the bank, his dad had him work at various departments to familiarize himself with running a bank. He later became Executive Vice President.

In 1980 Doak took over Dunkin & Associates Insurance Agency. The agency provided credit insurance to over 200 banks across the state of Texas.

Doak is the father of two children, Mariska and Doak C. and the grandfather to three grandchildren, Gavin, Bendyl, and Doak Allen. Doak is married to Nora Castaneda-Dunkin.

Doak has been active in his community for years. He has served as President for Harlingen Jaycees and currently serves as Treasurer for the North Cameron County Republican Club as well as the Precinct 44 Chair for the Cameron County Republican Party.

High on his list of hobbies are fishing, hunting, and traveling as well as history and music. Doak has hunted in South Africa, Argentina, Russia, Canada, Kyrgyzstan, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Mexico.

## September Calendar of Republican Events in Cameron County:

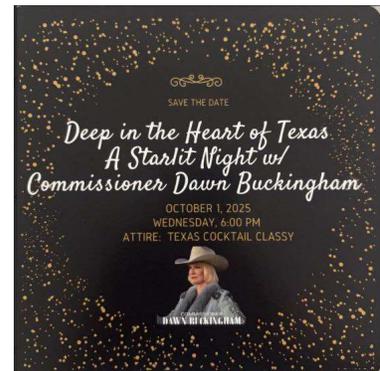
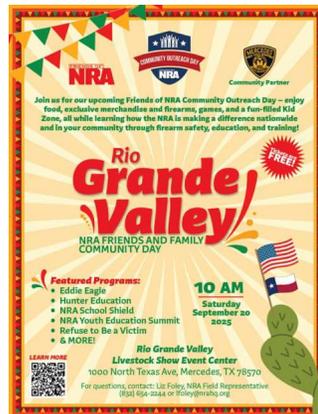
- **09/02/25** The Republican Women of Cameron County will meet at 6:30PM at Rooster's County Cafe in Harlingen



- **09/03/25** The Republican Club of Brownsville will meet at 12:00PM at the Brownsville Elks Lodge (#2876) located on Veterans Blvd
- **09/09/25** True Texas Project will meet from 6:30-8:00PM at Reyna's BBQ in Harlingen
- **09/13/25** The Cameron County Republican Party will have a Precinct Chair Filing Event from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Angelita's Casa de Cafe in Brownsville and from 2:00-4:00PM at Fairway Independent Mortgage in Harlingen
- **09/15/25** The North Cameron County Republican Club will meet at 6:00PM\* at the Harlingen Public Library \*note the time change
- **09/20/25** Leadership Institute will be hosting a Candidate Campaign Training from 8:30AM-4:30PM at Livingway Church in Harlingen (*Link to register: <https://www.litraining.org/event/70faee7f-6e3d-401a-bff1-fc935b403ea3/campaign-and-candidate-workshop>*)
- **09/20/25** The Cameron County Conservatives will meet at 1:00PM at Gigi's Wing Shack in San Benito
- **09/30/25** The Cameron County Republican Party will meet at 6:00PM at Revive Church in Harlingen

## Featured Flyers!

The following are "shareable" flyers for some of the upcoming events for the month of September/October. If you'd like to have your club or organization's flyer featured please e-mail Chairwoman Bell at: [bellforcameroncountygopchair@gmail.com](mailto:bellforcameroncountygopchair@gmail.com).



## DONATE NOW

From the 2020 Primary Election to the 2024 Primary Election Cameron County saw a 44% increase in Republican voter turnout. The enthusiasm that this past presidential cycle brought about is no doubt monumental for our county. With so much enthusiasm in what has long been deemed a Democratic stronghold in Texas, we (the local Republican Party) feel it is our mission to continue to help propel the movement forward. We are up against the "swamp" as President Trump would say. In 2023, George Soros donated \$100,000 to the

## Small Business of the Month

This month's small business feature is **MEGA MAGA Trump Store** located in Harlingen, Tx!



Owned and operated by James Judkins since August of 2024, the MEGA MAGA Trump Store has every Trump item you could possibly want to purchase!

They can be reached at (956) 368-5640.

Cameron County Democratic Party and they are hard at work trying to ensure that Cameron County remains blue. We are diligently fighting to counter their efforts and your donation will enable us to do exactly that. On behalf of the Cameron County Republican Party, we thank you for your support.

**Donate  
Now**

To view their website click the link below!

## **MEGA MAGA Trump Store**

*We are looking for small business owners in Cameron County that are aligned with our values. We would love to feature your small business in our monthly newsletter! If interested, please click the link below to complete the submission form.*

***Small Business Submission Form***



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