



## Flower Mound Area Republican Club

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Richard Steenson (2018)

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Sarah Corbett, membership

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## PRIMARY CANDIDATE FORUM

January 14, 2020

Bridlewood Golf Club

5:15 – Social Hour and Optional Buffet

6:15 – Call to Order – Patrick Martin

Invocation

Pledge to the United States Flag

Pledge to the Texas Flag

### Group Recognitions (stand by group only, no introductions)

- FMARC officers and board members
- Republican Party officials and precinct chairmen

### Introductions

- Elected public officials
- Candidates (except those in program)

Announcement – FMARC Table for Lincoln Reagan Dinner

### Candidate Forums – Richard Steenson

Remarks by Mike Wallach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Court of Appeals, Place 6

Remarks by candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Court of Appeals, Place 7

Forum Guidelines

Candidate Forums – Jill Glover, Moderator

*Mellany Lamb - Timekeeper*

- Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
- State Representative, District 65
- U.S. Congress, District 26
- Judge, 431<sup>st</sup> District Court
- Constable, Precincts 3 and 4
- Denton County Sheriff

Adjournment

***Bios on the following pages have been edited from candidate submissions for brevity and focus on background.***

## **Second Court of Appeals, Place 7**

### **Elizabeth Beach**

Judge Elizabeth Beach was appointed to the Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 1 bench by Gov. Rick Perry in October 2013 and has been elected unopposed twice since. She has been an attorney for 38 years with both criminal and civil experience. She has been an adjunct professor of criminal justice at TCU for 26 years. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Beach was a felony prosecutor with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office and a chief felony prosecutor with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. She was lead prosecutor in the first case in Texas that used DNA evidence to convict a criminal in 1988. She has been a guest speaker on 20/20, Anderson Cooper Live, and Nancy Grace. Judge Beach received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

### **John P. Chupp**

Judge John P. Chupp was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as the District Judge of the 141<sup>st</sup> District Court in Tarrant County, Texas in May 2009, a seat which he currently holds. Over the past 10 years, Judge Chupp has presided over thousands of cases for the citizens of Tarrant County. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Chupp represented clients in a vast array of legal matters. He handled a heavy civil litigation docket and is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has also litigated felony and misdemeanor criminal cases, juvenile cases and all aspects of family law matters.

Judge Chupp is a graduate of the University of North Texas and St. Mary's University School of Law. He has been married to his wife, Ramey, for 18 years and has 2 daughters. They attend St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Arlington, Texas, where they were married.

### **Brian Walker**

*Note: Mr. Walker was previously committed to speak at a CEC meeting in another county.*

Brian has been a successful Military and Veteran's Law, Criminal Law, and Civil Law Attorney for over 15 years. Brian has authored right at 100 civil and criminal appeals and he has served as first chair attorney in over 70 civil and criminal jury trials. Brian has won countless awards in the legal profession. While Brian was still in his 30s, Brian was named by *Texas Lawyer* magazine as being among the top two private practice attorneys in Texas under the age of 40. Brian is the co-founder and former Chairman of the Tarrant County Bar Association's branch of the Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans (TLTV) pro bono project for military veterans. Brian was given the "Leadership Award" by the TLTV program in 2012 for his service as that group's leader and for his extensive pro bono contributions and service to military veterans.

Brian is a former state criminal prosecutor and he is a former Judge Advocate (JAG) in the United States Air Force Reserves. Brian ended his Reserve commitment with the USAF at the end of 2019. Brian served over nine years as a JAG and he served overseas on multiple occasions. In addition to serving as a JAG, Brian made Air Force history by becoming the first JAG in history to ever be selected to serve as a Drill Instructor at the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School. While serving in that capacity for almost half of 2014, Brian trained officer cadets in leadership, Air Force history and principles, drill and ceremonies, esprit de corps, and other aspects of being a United States Air Force Officer.

## **State Representative, District 65**

### **Nancy Cline**

Nancy and her family moved to Carrollton in 1998. Nancy grew up in Port Arthur, Texas in a family with several generations of Republicans in public office.

Nancy attended Texas A&M University where she received a BS in Civil Engineering and a MEng. Civil Engineering. She is a Professional Engineer and a Certified Floodplain Manager. Her previous work experience includes over twenty years working for municipalities and other governmental entities and 10 years in consulting engineering. She is currently a small business owner of NSC Engineering. Nancy has managed the planning, design, construction and maintenance of hundreds of millions of dollars in construction projects including many roadways, bridges, creek improvement projects and trail systems.

Nancy has been active in American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) since joining in 1983 as a student. Her service to the profession includes President of the Texas Section and most recently as Region 6 Director on the Global Board of ASCE from 2016- 2019 representing Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Mexico. Previous ASCE awards include the Service to People Award (2007) and the Award of Honor (2018) from the Texas Section and the ASCE Civil Engineer of the Year (2019) from the Dallas Branch.

Nancy and her husband Jim have been married for over thirty years, and have three children - all Texas A&M graduates. Nancy is a proud military mom and wife. Nancy has served on the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Board of Trustees since 2005 and in various offices, including President from 2012-2014 and 2018-2020. She has volunteered as a PTA officer, Band Booster Club officer, Girl Scout leader, in addition to other volunteer organizations. She is currently chair of the Administrative Council at Aldersgate UMC. She is also a member of the Denton County Aggie Moms Club and DAR. She is proud to have been recognized as a PTA Life Member at Black Middle School.

### **Kronda Thimesch**

Kronda Thimesch helped start a successful family business and knows first-hand that it is the private sector – not government - that generates jobs, growth and economic opportunity. She has spent a lifetime building a small business, Green Meadows Landscaping, that she launched with her husband Jeff in 1989 right out of their garage.

She is a Precinct Chair and Denton GOP Political Affairs Chair. She is the President and founding member of the Republican Women of Dallas, Collin and Denton Counties and is a member of the Flower Mound Area Republican Club. Kronda chaired the Denton County “Rally for Victory” in 2018 and was named Denton GOP Volunteer of the Year.

Kronda is currently in her second term as a Lewisville ISD Board Trustee. She volunteers in numerous charitable and civic organizations, including Rotary, Communities in Schools, Lewisville Education Foundation, and the Lewisville, Flower Mound, and Metrocrest Chambers of Commerce. She is currently serving on the Metrocrest Chamber Women’s Business Conference Committee and Planning Committee for both the Lewisville Chamber’s 55th Annual Awards Gala, and for Lewisville’s Women Leading Business Conference & Expo. She previously served as an Ex-Officio Member of the Metrocrest Chamber Board.

Krona serves on the board of the Castle Hills Education Foundation and has served as Chairman of the Castle Hills Grant Foundation from 2014-2017; she is serving in that role again for the 2019-2020 term. She is an Ambassador for Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County, as well as Senior Paws for Pets coordinator for Meals on Wheels Denton County. Krona has previously volunteered with Operation Kindness.

Krona graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Landscape Architecture, which is where she met her husband Jeff. Together, they raised four children: Justin, Kaytin and Jacob all graduated from Hebron High School and went on to Oklahoma State University, while Karissa is a senior at Hebron High School.

Krona and her family have been active members at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship in Carrollton for 23 years, during which Krona and the children have helped with the Sunday School and Life Group programs. Krona also assists each summer with the Fine Arts Day Camp, which draws children from all over the Dallas Metroplex to Bent Tree. Krona and her family have also participated in international mission trips to Russia and Pakistan.

## **United States Congress, District 26**

### **Jack Wyman**

Jack Wyman has devoted his life to serving others through involvement in nonprofit organizations, pastoral ministry, and public service. Jack believes public office is a public trust, a place of moral leadership and service—not a lifetime occupation.

In his first bid for office at age 23, Jack defeated an established 14-year incumbent lawmaker. He served two terms in the Maine legislature, and later served three years on the local school board in East Haddam, Connecticut. As leader of a statewide political action group in Maine for 10 years, Jack fought for pro-family and pro-life legislation, defended religious liberty, and worked for better economic opportunities for families.

For another decade, Jack held various leadership positions in the world's largest prison ministry—Prison Fellowship, founded by Charles Colson. As advancement director for Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Jack helped lead a capital campaign during a time of exciting growth. He went on to serve more than five years as an advancement director for a global ministry committed to identifying and equipping leaders in other nations as they help to improve the economic and social conditions of their own countries.

Jack and his wife, Beth, have been married 37 years and have lived in Highland Village for the past 17 years. They have three grown daughters and five grandchildren. Jack is an ordained minister who has served as senior pastor in four churches. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in political science from the University of Maine. For eight years, he was a popular and respected instructor in American government and Texas politics at North Central Texas College in Corinth.

**Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**

After nearly three decades practicing medicine in North Texas, I have served the constituents of the 26th District since 2003 in the United States House of Representatives. I currently serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee as the Republican Leader of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, and also sit on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. In addition, I am a member of the powerful House Rules Committee.

As of the 115th Congress, I am the most senior medical doctor serving in the House of Representatives. I have been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America's patients and veterans. I have voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act over 50 times, and have played an important role in bipartisan efforts to reform the Food and Drug Administration.

I have made repealing Medicare's Standard Growth Rate (SGR) formula a top priority. At the beginning of the 114th Congress, over ninety percent of both chambers of Congress supported the formula's repeal and it was signed into law. As one of the largest entitlement reforms in the past few decades, this landmark policy will ensure greater access and quality for seniors, more stable reimbursements for providers, and a more fiscally solvent Medicare system as a whole.

In 2005, I successfully amended the Highway Bill to include development credits, design-build, and environmental streamlining. During my time on Capitol Hill, I have worked to build, maintain, and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, air service, and transit in the North Texas region.

I have received several awards including the Guardian of Small Business award by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the Spirit of Enterprise award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and the Taxpayer Hero award from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste; among others. In 2013, I was named to Modern Healthcare's 50 Most Influential Physician Executives and Leaders.

I was raised in Denton, and attended The Selwyn School, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian. In addition, I graduated with both an undergraduate and a master's degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas.

I received my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also received a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center.

My wife, Laura, and I have been married for more than 46 years. We have three children and two grandsons.

**Michael Armstrong**

Michael Armstrong is a 45 year old conservative Republican. He has started and worked in several churches in north Texas over the past 20 years. Michael is running because he believes that the country is at a watershed moment...where if the current crop of Democrats ever get power back, our lives, and our children's lives here in North Texas will never be the same. Everything

conservatives believe and stand for is under attack, daily, by the media and the Left. It's time to have someone in Congress who will stand up and fight back...not by hurling insults...but by calling the Truth the Truth, and by calling out lies and liars. And just like in ministry, do it in a way that, hopefully, wins hearts and minds. The Left is always advancing...it's time we have representatives who will advance the Truth and lead out in conservative values. Michael has been married 18 years and has 3 children, ages 13, 12, and 11. Michael attended Texas A&M University, Class of '96.

### **Jason Mrochek**

Jason is the founder and Executive Director of the Patriot Coalition. He is an Eagle Scout and a veteran of the United States Army and graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering. After being honorably discharged from the Army, and in addition to continuing his service to our nation as a leader in the liberty movement since 2004, Jason has held positions as a Senior Consultant for a “Big 4” consulting firm, founder and president of a custom software development firm, and business analyst for a global medical device company.

During his time leading the Patriot Coalition and FIRE (Federal Immigration Reform and Enforcement) Coalition, Jason has been interviewed with numerous national and local news programs in television, radio, and print to include Neil Cavuto and John Kasich on Fox News, ABC World News Tonight, MSNBC, Lou Dobbs, KFI – Los Angeles, KOGO – San Diego, and more.

Under his leadership since 2004, these coalitions (now together under the name Patriot Coalition) have engaged everyday Americans in a number of projects aimed at bringing attention and solutions to critical problems facing our nation including:

- WeHireAliens.com—WeHireAliens.com offers the nation’s only publicly accessible database of illegal alien employers. The site listed thousands of employers from every state in the nation who were reported for hiring illegal aliens. Based on the information reported on human trafficking and organized criminal enterprises, the website was used as a resource by federal law enforcement agencies. Subsequently, several employers listed were raided by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- Operation BODY COUNT—When Congressman Steve King released his report proclaiming that 25 people are killed every day in America by illegal aliens, there was a media blackout. Operation BODY COUNT launched in three phases over seven months with the purpose of bringing public awareness to the human cost of the illegal alien invasion.
- Defeat of 2007 Amnesty—For two weeks prior to the final U.S. Senate amnesty vote, the FIRE Coalition had a team in the halls of Congress that met with 55 legislators and their staff. These volunteers turned at least 8 votes from ‘ayes’ to ‘noes’ securing the defeat of that bill.

In recent years, the Patriot Coalition under Jason’s leadership has continued to fight for liberty by testifying in state and federal legislative hearings, engaging counties nationwide to stand against unconstitutional enactments such as the National Defense Authorization Act, submitting bills that were introduced in several Congresses combatting the illegal alien invasion, and sponsoring voter integrity seminars.

Using his 15-years of experience at the helm of the Patriot Coalition analyzing legislation, Jason has already written 5 bills to be introduced when he is elected to Congress dealing with the repeal of Obamacare and MACRA, fighting the illegal alien invasion, ending unconstitutional federal departments, and repealing laws that infringe on our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.

Jason has been active in North Texas communities volunteering his time speaking to civic groups, block-walking for strong candidates, recruiting precinct chairs, and serving the homeless and first-responders through local charities.

Jason is a Christian and has been married 22 years to his wife, Rea. He is the father of 3 sons, ages 21, 18, and 15. All three boys were homeschooled by Jason and Rea. He currently lives with his wife and 2 youngest sons in Little Elm.

## **Judge, 431<sup>st</sup> District Court**

### **Cannon Cain**

I have been a member of the Texas legal community since 2002. I have served as a Judge Advocate for the Texas Army National Guard and the National Guard Bureau for eight years. My legal career has included experience as In-House patent counsel for a major USA manufacturing company, associate positions at major and small law firms, and work as a field Landman. I am an avid outdoorsman and the divorced father of a 10 year-old boy.

I was a "Plank Holder" for the National Guard Special Victims' Counsel Program. I drafted procedure and rules for multi-jurisdictional practicing SVCs. I served as an Instructor for the SVC Program module at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Virginia. I provided legal services for military members, qualified family members, and children clients associated with military sexual assault claims. I drafted multi-jurisdictional guidance on due process and privacy rights of survivors of sexual assault. I represented multiple clients at Courts Martial and administrative proceedings where the accused received prison sentences and other penalties. I provided assistance to state military department legal commands in implementing Department of Defense directives.

I served as the direct legal advisor to Command for all aspects of military operations including military justice, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement, and combat deployment preparation. I provided legal assistance to all eligible service members, dependents, and veterans. I provided services to military members that included wills and estate document drafting and interpretation, negotiated landlord-tenant disputes, drafted debt collection rebuttal letters. I conducted legal reviews on military and civilian law affecting military operations.

As an Oil and Gas Title attorney, I drafted original, division order, and limited acquisition title opinions on Texas oil and gas properties. Prior to my law firm position, I spent several years training to be an Independent Landman contractor. I researched title, prepared run sheets, and resolved title curative issues on site in counties throughout Texas.

I prosecuted utility and design applications for flashlights, solar lights, barbeque grills, automobile covers, GPS tracking modules, and improved camping gear for The Brinkmann Corporation. I conducted licensing and contract negotiations regarding the intellectual property held by The

Brinkmann Corporation. I reported directly to the President of the company and coordinated and oversaw the work of outside counsel.

Texas State Bar 2001

United States Patent and Trademark Office 2002

Texas Army National Guard Judge Advocate 2010-2018

### **George Mitcham**

Born in January of 1968, the second of seven children, George Mitcham grew up in East Texas where he attended high school at Ford High School in Quinlan, Texas. During high school he played football, basketball, and worked in a variety of jobs. During his senior year, George enlisted in the U.S. Army in the delayed entry program where he would leave for basic training after the summer following his high school graduation. Over that summer after graduation he worked as a nightshift police dispatcher where he fell in love with the inner workings of law enforcement.

He left for basic training in August of 1986 where he completed airborne school and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper in the infantry. During that 4 years he earned his expert infantryman's badge, was the Task force 2/505 trooper of the year in 1988, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 33 months.

After leaving the Army in 1993 he began working as a detention officer at the Hunt County Sheriff's Office while attending East Texas State University. He left college to be a police officer with Carrollton and later returned to school at the University of Texas at Dallas where he earned his Bachelor's degree. After 6 years in Carrollton he decided to attend Law School while he continued to work in Carrollton as a patrol officer for the first year of his Law School education.

After graduation from Law School he began to work for the Denton County District Attorney's Office in 2005. Over the next 9 years, George prosecuted cases ranging from felony and misdemeanor as well as cps cases while in the family law section. He has worked each stage of the justice system: arrest, book-in, through prosecution and defense, and sentencing. He is well-versed in every aspect from the beginning to the end of a criminal case. George currently runs his own business, working as a private attorney handling criminal, cps, and family law cases.

### **Derbha Jones**

Derbha Jones' story is a uniquely American story that could only happen in a place like Texas, where those looking for opportunity have always found an open door. Derbha was born in Monroe, Louisiana to hardworking, Christian parents. Although they had no formal education, her parents always provided for her needs so that Derbha could pursue an education and a better life for herself. After graduating from Northeast Louisiana University with a degree in Radiologic Technology, Derbha made her way to Texas in 1989 to become an x-ray technologist in Denton.

While working as an x-ray tech, Derbha's curiosity about the law and her desire to help others led her to enroll at the Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now the Texas A&M School of Law). She was admitted to practice law in Texas in 2002, and 17 years later, she has built a reputation in courtrooms across North Texas as a fierce advocate for the weakest and most vulnerable among us – abused and neglected children.

Derbha Jones is one of only 16 attorneys in all of Texas who are Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Family Law and Child Welfare Law. She is also a Child Welfare Law Specialist with the National Association of Counsel for Children, and a National Certified Guardian with the Center for Guardian Certification.

Derbha and Reggie have been married for 34 years. They have adopted a son and have also served as foster parents. They have three children – Ashley, Taylor, and Joshua, and one granddaughter, Kylie. Ashley is a graduate of the University of North Texas and the UNT School of Law. She is a successful attorney in her own right in Dallas. Taylor also graduated from the University of North Texas, and is on track to obtain her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in May 2020. Joshua is a student at Sanger High School, and Kylie just turned six.

### **Jim Johnson**

I was born and grew up in Fort Worth in a big family with six children. My dad worked as a butcher for a neighborhood grocery store by day and was a U.S. Postal mail sorter by night. My mom worked washing dishes at our local elementary school. We attended University Baptist Church. I'm an Eagle Scout and worked summers at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch before moving to a better paying job at Brandt Furniture Factory to earn money for college.

I graduated valedictorian of Everman High School and finished in the top 1% of my class at UT Austin with a triple-major in economics, accounting, and business in the University of Texas Business Honors Program. It was always my dream to be a jury trial lawyer, and 14 years ago I went to law school at Texas Wesleyan where I also graduated top 1%.

I began my career as a Certified Public Accountant for Ernst & Young. I next served as Chief Finance Officer of Associates International Holdings Corporation then was promoted to Chief Executive Officer of CitiFinancial Japan Inc., where I led a complex business with more than 900 offices and 7000 employees.

My law practice during the past 10+ years includes business, family, and criminal law cases. I've done jury trials in Denton, Tarrant, Dallas, and Williamson Counties. I've been admitted to practice one case in Clark County, Nevada, and have done cases in the federal courts of the Texas Northern and Texas Eastern federal districts. For the past ten years, I've served as an Adjunct Professor of Law teaching one class per semester at Texas A&M University Law School.

I am the Denton County Republican Party's First Vice Chair - Finance. My wife (Pam Johnson) and I are active members of eight local Republican Party clubs, and we served as Delegates to the Texas Republican Party State Conventions in 2018, 2016, and 2014.

The 431st District Court's docket is diverse with general jurisdiction over business, family, and criminal law cases, including serious felonies up to murder and death penalty cases. This court's docket needs to be managed by an attorney with excellent legal knowledge and proven experience in executive management.

## **Constable, Precinct 3**

### **Dan Rochelle**

As a teenager, Dan moved to Lewisville in the mid 1980's with his dad and has lived in Precinct 3 for the last 34 years. In 1990 while working full-time at Dallas ISD, he put himself through police academy at Dallas Baptist University. His career started in 1991, when Chief Steve McFadden hired him as a patrol officer at the Lewisville Police Department.

Early in his job at LPD, he moved into leadership roles, serving as a field training officer and instructor. As a sergeant in patrol, he worked in traffic and special operations. As a lieutenant, Dan served as a patrol watch commander and the jail, property and evidence manager, and he was over the warrant officers and court bailiffs and oversaw a 1.7-million-dollar budget.

In 2014, Chief Russ Kerbow promoted him to captain. In that role, he has overseen a \$1.7-7 million budget and has supervised numerous areas of the department including the jail, property and evidence, detective bureaus, narcotics, training division, warrant officers and court bailiffs, school resource officers and other special units such as SWAT, K-9 and street crimes. In his over 28 years with LPD, Dan has worked 22 years as a supervisor.

Dan has also been responsible in maintaining LPD's recognized status with the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices program. For the past eight years, he has assembled a team and prepared for the on-site audits. Dan has also served as an accessor for the program, travelling to other agencies throughout Texas and conducting audits.

Twice Dan has been awarded the lifesaving award from the city. He also received the Lewisville Fire Department's Exemplary Action Award for entering a structure fire to look for children thought to be inside, and he is a two-time recipient of the Supervisor of the Year award. In addition, he has nine perfect annual attendance awards.

Like many officers, Dan has worked part time jobs in the community. You may recognize him from the over two decades of working security at Fighting Farmer and Marauder football and basketball games. He's also worked for many years with the Medical Center Lewisville hospital. Currently, he coordinates 21 police officers, providing security for patients and staff. He also works with hospital management and serves on the Behavioral Emergency Response Team (BERT) committee.

Even with his busy schedule, Dan has served in various volunteer roles in the community, including on the US Postal Service Entrepreneur Committee, and as a member and Chairperson for Lewisville ISD's School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). Dan also helped create and launch the LPCAA Battle of the Badge softball fundraiser for the Children's Advocacy Center and coached the first couple of years. He even enjoyed using his culinary skills as a grill cook for Marcus High School's annual EHS carnival at Central Elementary.

Dan has one daughter, Gabby who has grown up here in Precinct 3 and attended schools in LISD as a Highland Village Viking, a Briarhill Bulldog and then as a Marcus Marauder, lettering in Choir. She's currently attending NCTC.

## **Jeri Rodriguez**

In the early 1990's Jeri Rodriguez became a Search and Rescue volunteer helping Police Departments locate missing persons. Jeri spent over 10 years as a volunteer and eventually became a Certified Canine Handler making two lifesaving finds with her first dog, Tori.

Jeri knew she had a servant's heart with a desire to make a difference and eventually felt God calling her into Law Enforcement. She put herself through the police academy at night while working full-time at a Denton County Constable's Office as an Administrative Assistant during the day. In February of 1999 she earned her Texas Peace Officer License through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Shortly thereafter, a position opened in the Constable's Office where she was working, and she was hired as a full-time civil deputy where she was eventually promoted to Sergeant.

Jeri eventually left that Constable's Office where she started her law enforcement career and started working for Denton County Constable, Precinct 3 as a Civil/Warrant Deputy. In 2011 she applied for the Chief Deputy position and was promoted.

Jeri has over 20 years of Law Enforcement Experience in a Constable's Office. She has a Master Peace Officer Certificate, Peace Officer Instructor Certificate, Firearms Instructor Certificate, Civil Process Proficiency Certificate and a Courtroom Security Specialist Certificate.

Jeri has been involved with the Republican Party for many years, volunteering her time at several Denton County events such as the Lincoln/Reagan Dinner, Lewisville Western Days, Highland Village Balloon Festival and Senator Nelson's Annual Birthday Event. She has been a Republican Precinct Chair since 2016 and has helped Republican candidates get elected by block walking and volunteering at fundraisers and campaign kickoffs. She was a Republican Party State Delegate in 2016 and 2018. President of the Pachyderm Club in 2018 and Secretary for the Lewisville Area Republican Club and Denton County Patriots Republican Club in 2019.

She is a member of Lewisville Area Republican Club, Flower Mound Area Republican Club, Denton County Patriots Republican Club and Texas Strong Republican Women.

Jeri has called Denton County home nearly her entire life. She and her husband, Steve, live in Lewisville and are active members of The Village Church. She has two grown children, Brandi Fallows and Christopher Jones and three grandchildren, Austin, Lucas and Sofi. Her son Christopher Jones currently serves as a Gunnery Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp.

## **Constable, Precinct 4**

### **Danny Fletcher**

Danny Fletcher has served the Denton county community as a law enforcement officer with honor and integrity for over twenty years. Danny has served at the Denton Police Department as an officer, investigator, federal task force officer, hostage negotiator, supervisor, and instructor. He has been deputized by the U.S. Marshals, FBI, and DEA. He is currently a Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Denton Police Department. Danny has supervised general investigations, Major Crimes Unit, and currently supervises the Special Operations Unit which includes Narcotics and Fugitive Apprehension. Danny also currently serves as the Commander of

the Hostage Negotiations Unit. Danny is considered an expert on case law and has been an instructor at the Denton Police Department, teaching a variety of topics including interview and interrogation, criminal investigations, search warrants, arrest, search, and seizure, and the Texas Health and Safety Code (Drug laws).

Danny is originally from Oklahoma. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from East Central University and graduated as Salutatorian from Tarrant County Junior College's 86<sup>th</sup> Basic Peace Officer Academy. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer Certification. Danny is a graduate of and was selected as the President of the 112<sup>th</sup> School of Police Supervision at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. Sgt Fletcher is also a former President of the Denton Police Officer's Association.

Danny has spent his entire law enforcement career building and establishing a reputation of competence, integrity, and sound decision making ability. Danny believes that the primary focus of a law enforcement officer should be on public service. This means focusing on enforcing the law while safeguarding the Constitutional rights of all citizens. Other strong principles that drive him are his faith and family. The public should demand the highest standard of integrity from its elected officials, even more so, an elected Law Enforcement official should never compromise the great trust that has been placed in him or her by the voters. Danny Fletcher will bring the core values of service above self, honor, and integrity to the office and will never compromise his values. He believes that PUBLIC TRUST is the most valuable commodity that a public servant can possess. Any action that destroys that trust should be avoided at all costs. Without integrity, a man has nothing.

### **Tim Burch**

Constable Burch has nearly 20 years with the Denton County Precinct 4 Constable's Office. He has served as the Elected Official for 8 years (2 terms) and prior to that, served as the Chief Deputy.

Constable Burch is a graduate of Trinity High School in Euless. He is a degreed professional having attended the University of Texas in Arlington and Tarrant County College. He is also a graduate of the Command Leadership College of Class 10 at Sam Houston State University. He currently holds a Masters Peace Officer license with a total of 20 years and 7 months of law enforcement experience having accumulated more than 3,354 hours of continued education within the law enforcement profession.

He is a recipient of the Texas Masonic Lodge Community Builder Award and a charter member of the Roanoke Lions Club. He is an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels, Roanoke Food Pantry, Friends of the Family, and numerous senior citizens organizations in Denton County. He is a recipient of numerous law enforcement accommodations. He is past president and tenured member of The North Texas Justice of Peace and Constable's Association.

He is active in Denton County Republican Club (including former Men's Club), Flower Mound Republican Club, and Denton County Young Republicans Club. He is a former member of the Argyle Victory Club.

He is also an active participant and supporter of the Patriot Guard which assist the families of fallen service members. He and his wife, Candace Simon Burch reside in Double Oak, Texas.

## **Denton County Sheriff**

### **Dugan Broomfield**

No response received before printing.

### **Tracy Murphree**

I was Born and raised in Yoakum County Texas, graduated from Plains High School 1984, and attended McMurry University majoring in History and Political Science. I graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in 1988. I Worked as a Highway Patrol Trooper in Morton and Denton 1988 to 1994. I Promoted to Sergeant in 1994 stationed in Pecos. As a Highway Patrol Sergeant, I was responsible for 5 counties and 12 Troopers. In 1996 I became a narcotics agent with the Texas DPS narcotics division stationed in Houston, conducting narcotics investigations including working undercover. In 1998 I was appointed a Texas Ranger and stationed in Denton. As a Ranger, I conducted major investigations including homicides, and public corruption. After the death of my wife, I retired from Texas DPS in 2011 with 23 years, 13 of those years as a Texas Ranger.

Twenty-four hours after retiring from DPS I was hired Denton County Sheriff Benny Parkey as the Captain of the Criminal Investigations Division. I supervised and was responsible for criminal investigations, narcotics investigations, and crime scene. In 2014 left the Sheriff's Office to work for Paladin, a company developing technology for Law Enforcement. In 2016 Elected Sheriff of Denton County. Began first term 01-01-2017.

As your Sheriff, I am very proud of the accomplishments of my team.

1. We have been good stewards of your tax dollars. Using seized funds and jail commissary funds to offset taxpayer's expenses.
2. Established an Internal Affairs Division to be transparent to the public and hold employees accountable to those they serve.
3. Created a sex offender registration investigator position. This investigator tracks, registers, and holds accountable Denton County Sex Offenders.
4. Created a community relations division which includes a citizens' police academy, Women's Empowerment program (teaching women self-defense and situational awareness for free), explorer program for kids interested in law enforcement.
5. Created two new investigators for crimes against children. These investigators are assigned to the Children's Advocacy Center and work only on crimes against children.
6. Achieved a pay raise for our Detention Officers
7. Conducted on-line solicitation sting operations, taking dozens of pedophiles and human traffickers off the street.
8. Seized \$67.5 million dollars' worth of drugs and seized 4.6 million dollars cash from drug dealers
9. Worked with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force investigating terrorist plots in North Texas.
10. Worked hand in hand with ICE to detect and report criminal illegal aliens. Accepted into ICE's 287 g program.
11. Created the Protective Detail Division, placing uniformed certified Deputies in County operated buildings to protect the public from possible active shooters.
12. Funded the Drug Court and CPS Drug Court with seized funds.
13. Given seized funds to Children's Advocacy Center and CASA to protect our children.

14. Increased security measures for the jail.
15. Increased training staff and implemented new defensive tactics training in the jail.
16. Passed all Jail Inspections.

I am a Conservative Republican committed to Conservative values. I stood firmly on my defense of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and submitted a resolution that passed unanimously in Commissioners Court making Denton County a "Bill of Rights Protected County".

I run the Sheriff's Office with Conservative management practices and safeguard taxpayer dollars. I am a strong advocate for secure borders and stand with the President and his policies on securing our southern border. I have requested and been approved to become a 287g jail program with ICE.

I am a proud single father of four Caden 25, Collin 16, Emma 15, and Conner 13. In my 32 years in Law Enforcement It has been my greatest honor to serve you as your Sheriff.

### **Brian "Wilkie" Wilkinson**

*Note: Mr. Wilkinson is unable to attend the forum due to a long-standing training commitment.*

Bryan "Wilkie" Wilkinson has spent the majority of his adult life serving our great nation and Denton County. He served in the United States Marine Corps where he participated in both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, conducting humanitarian and combat operations while serving in leadership roles. Prior to being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Wilkie served as an instructor at the elite U.S.M.C. Scout Sniper school. Wilkie's service in the Marine Corps gave him the foundation of true leadership and working with men and women on the ground. Shortly after completing his service to our country, Wilkie joined the Denton County Sheriff's Office where he served in a variety of assignments to include: detention officer, patrol deputy, instructor, Special Crimes Unit, narcotics, S.W.A.T. team leader/S.W.A.T. commander, fugitive deputy, Special Deputy United States Marshal, and supervisory & command positions just to name a few. Of interesting note, Wilkie is the only candidate for Denton County Sheriff in the last 20 years (or more) that has actually worked in the county jail. This experience has provided him unique and valuable insight into the largest operating section of the Sheriff's Office. After a long and distinguished career, he retired as a lieutenant from the Denton County Sheriff's Office in 2018.

Since his retirement from the Denton County Sheriff's Office, Wilkie has concentrated his efforts on training law enforcement officers and civilians all over the country in a variety of courses. He has even been a consultant for a company that develops 3D training environments for law enforcement. Wilkie has been married to his wife, Kady, for 16 years and both a father and grandfather. When he isn't working hard to train officers, he likes to spend time outdoors, trail running, camping, fishing, hiking with his family and watching his son play water polo.