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Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans. It is time for the weekly review.

I had a great time this weekend in Ft. Lauderdale participating in the annual Dunn's Run (5 miles) for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County.

It was a picture-perfect South Florida morning with a nice breeze coming in off the ocean. For the third straight year, I completed the race in 44:04 - just over my 43 minute goal. I carried our beloved American flag as an inspiration for all. See picture [here](#).

I want to wish my Jewish brothers and sisters, here and abroad, "L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu" and pray you had a joyous Rosh Hashanah leading to Yom Kippur.

It has been a whirlwind week. I am pleased to say both the current Chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee and the Vice President have clearly stated, "that we [the Democrats] own the economy."

I am delighted they are finally admitting what I and the remaining 53% of us 'fair share-paying' Americans understand: we need to begin reducing the shovel-ready pile of fiscal mess which the liberals are building.

We have a growing debt of \$14.6 trilliion, which is not far off double the \$8.6 trillion in 2007 when the Democrats took over the House of Representatives and United States Senate.

Not only that, when I gaze upon Mount Debtmore, I find myself becoming rather queasy. It is troubling to me that even as we have built this seemingly insurmountable fiscal morass, there are those who truly believe yet another \$447 billion "mini-me" stimulus is the answer.

I am worried that we could possibly be the first generation of Americans to leave less to our children and grandchildren than previous generations.

My stomach turns realizing there are those who truly embrace a philosophy that says government creates jobs and wealth -- a failed premise.

Video Spotlight

Allen West Schools on Palestinian Statehood
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Rep. West talks Palestinian Statehood

Article of the Week

Written on August 8, 2011 at 11:28 am by [SAB](#)
Allen West, Darling of the Israeli Right

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By [PETER PATON](#)

In the current climate of deep mistrust and acrimony between the Benjamin Netanyahu-led Israeli coalition government and President Obama, a change of regime at the White House may well be the only way the diplomatic impasse may be broken in the future.

For the Israelis in particular, the prospect of a sympathetic Republican President in the Oval Office would completely change the dynamics on the ground and bring into sharp focus the harsh realities of the Middle East conundrum which seems to be escaping President Obama and his naive and misguided outreach to a dangerously unstable Muslim world. With that in mind, the Israeli government and the major American Jewish organizations could do worse than turning their attentions to the populist Tea Party pro-Israel Republican Congressman Allen West of Florida.



Small Business Spotlight

Now, my liberal friends are going to say it is all George W. Bush's fault...however, in eight years, President Bush's biggest annual deficit was \$500 billion in 2008.

In three years under President Barack Obama, we have had deficits of \$1.42 trillion, \$1.29 trillion, and an estimated \$1.5 trillion for 2011- which ended just a couple days ago.

Yes, big government-spending Republicans started us down this road as we offered tax cuts, but grew the federal government. But any reasonable person must confront the truth that a bad situation has been exacerbated to a level of epic proportions, and that makes me sick and should make most Americans sick as well.

Americans are not soft and we are not a "nation of cowards." Americans are a proud, hard-working, and resilient people who, through our entrepreneurial spirit and determination, have overcome countless obstacles. We are a nation of victors, not victims, and when we have leadership in America that seeks to empower us through encouragement, not enslave us through regulatory obedience, our greatest days lie ahead, not behind.

Next, I want to bid farewell to two traitors who got their proper punishment, Mr. al-Awlaki and Mr. Samir Khan. There are those, to include a couple of GOP Presidential candidates, who believe these dangerous men should have been brought back to the United States for due process. They did get due process- by way of an American Hellfire missile.

Let me be straightforward, any American who decides to become a non-state, non-uniform belligerent on this 21st Century Battlefield and incite insurrection and death upon Americans from a foreign land, deserves a one way ticket to Hell.

We must send a message to radical Islamic terrorists that an attempt to foment homegrown Jihad in America shall not be tolerated. If we need to change laws, then we in the United States Congress should go about doing so. However, I applaud President Barack Obama for placing these enemies on a "Kill or Capture" list and agreeing to the former rather than the latter.

My humble admonition to President Obama is simple, do as President Bill Clinton did- and pivot. Stop doubling down on the divisive rhetoric which threatens our union.

I will not compromise my pragmatic Constitutional conservative principles to anyone who embraces a belief that is anathema to securing our fiscal and national security.

In conclusion, this past week in South Florida we bid farewell to two stellar Floridians: former Governor Claude Kirk and former Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro. Both of these gentlemen, and I truly mean gentlemen, were very inspirational and encouraging to me in my transition to public service from a military uniform to a suit and tie. May God bring peace to their families.

We shall truly miss them and may God welcome them with open arms and keep the family members who shall carry on their legacy and memory with "fair winds and following seas."

Steadfast and Loyal,



The Hamilton Gallery

Owner: Janice Hamilton

Business: The Hamilton Gallery features original art, limited-edition fine prints, sculpture and glass by some of the world's leading artists. The gallery hosts monthly "Meet the Artist" cocktail receptions.

Length in business: 15 years

of employees: 6

Advertising/ getting the word out:

Numerous in-gallery events with artists, Facebook, website, support from the Las Olas Association, fundraisers with local non-profits, advertising in local publications and a full time Publicist.

Tips for surviving the recession:

"I truly believe good customer service is the key to any business trying to survive in today's business environment. Standing behind your product, delivering what you promise and communicating with clients and prospects on a one-to-one basis is very important. I believe in partnering with other businesses in the community and giving back to charity organizations is essential."

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Photo of the Week

Allen B West

Highlights of the Week

- **Tuesday, September 27th**, Addressed the Florida Bankers Association luncheon in West Palm Beach, met with our Small Business Advisory Committee to discuss critical issues impacting business growth (regulations and labor laws were the focus), conducted our monthly Broward County Town Hall meeting in Coconut Creek.

- **Wednesday, September 28th**, met with the CEO of Brandsmart USA to discuss leveling the playing field between traditional and internet retailers, provided a Washington update forum to the Seniors of St. Andrews South and Edgewater Pointe communities, addressed the Palm Beach State College- Boca Raton campus, Political Forum club, packed room of approx 200 were given a Washington update and understanding of our guiding principles, we also took some great questions. Visited the Boynton Beach High School Aerospace Academy -- this is a model for education in the 21st century- pictures [here](#), and conducted our monthly Palm Beach County Town Hall meeting in Boynton Beach at St. Mark's Catholic School.

- **Thursday, September 29th**, met with the Broward County Small Business Advisory Board, the focus again was on the regulatory environment and relationships with prime contractors and payments, visited with the St. Francis Mission for homeless veterans -- this is an epidemic problem in South Florida which we must rectify -- provided a Washington update and issues presentation to Everest University in Pompano Beach with students and faculty/staff in attendance, spoke to the College Republican Club of Palm Beach Atlantic University membership rally on Constitutional conservative principles, and took pictures [here](#) with.

- **Friday, September 30th**, at the request of a dear friend, Broward Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Wally Haywood, met and spoke with the Broward Sheriff's office of Cooper City and some of their City Commissioners --good question and answer session on local impacts of poor federal government fiscal policies, addressed the Broward Pastor's network meeting at the Redeeming Word Church in Ft Lauderdale, truly a blessing, and conducted an interview with Pastor Herrigan on Haitian radio. Great to get our message out, but I do have to work on my Creole.

- **Saturday, October 1st**, it was truly a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea morning and certainly enjoyable. We began the day with a shore dive out to their first reef system to view the "bio-rock" solar project. We then proceeded to do a reef cleanup just below the Commercial Blvd fishing pier, lots of fishing line to untangle off our pristine reef system. Then we came on shore and participated in the monthly beach cleanup- too many cigarette butts! See pictures [here](#). Lastly, I went over to make chocolate military service seal medallions for our Wounded Warriors with Scout Troop 512 at Jan's Chocolates in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea... certainly a place to visit if you have a sweet tooth. See article below.

- **Sunday, October 2nd**, as stated above... ran in my third straight Dunn's Run 5-mile race. There were eighteen runners in my age group and I was fortunate



Congressman West carries the American flag for the entire Dunn's Run 5 Mile, Fort Lauderdale Beach Saturday, October 1st

Service and Sacrifice



Staff Sergeant Errol Miranda

Hometown: Plant City, FL

Unit: 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company - (ANGLICO) West Palm Beach

Enlisted in Marine Corps:
5 December, 1995 Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC

Basic Marine Career facts:
Combat Deployments: 2x OIF
Operations: African Lion and Burmese Chase
Billet: SALT Chief/JFO/Jumper

MOS: Primary: 00629 Radio Chief
Secondary: 8023 Basic Parachutist

enough to finish middle of the pack. Hat tip to Mr. Dunn, Reagan Wireless and all of the other sponsors as we must support the Boys and Girls Clubs who offer a positive influence to our young people!

Congressman West Joins Scouts to Make Chocolates for Wounded Warriors



(LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA) ---- Congressman Allen West joined a group of Boy Scouts from Pack 512 and their Daisy counterparts Saturday, October 1st at *Jan's Homemade Candies* in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, to make chocolates bearing the insignias of the Armed Forces. The chocolates will be sent to recovering soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center along with hand-made get well cards.

Congressman West donned apron and gloves to carefully pour melted chocolate into the special Armed Forces molds. The chocolate medallions were then chilled and individually wrapped before being sent to the hospital at Bethesda where they will be distributed.

"We wish our wounded warriors a speedy recovery," Congressman West said. "Each and every one of us owes an immense debt of gratitude for their service, and these small expressions of caring mean so much for those who have given so much."

For all of the great pictures from this event, click [here](#).

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What do you enjoy the most about being a Marine?

"The Brotherhood that is shared by all Combat Marines, that we crossed the line when no one else would."

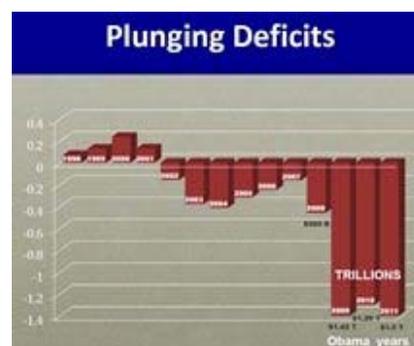
Greatest / most satisfying experience as a Marine:

"My first deployment to Iraq, knowing I will never have to say I should have been there."

Why did you join the Marines?

"It was something to do, until I learned that it is really a family."

In Case You Missed It...



September Town Hall Presentation, click [here](#)

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