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2008 Historic Year For Constitution Party

Message from the State Chairman Upcoming County and State Organizing Conventions

By state law, every odd numbered year organized political parties are to hold organizing conventions at the county and state level. This is the year for that to happen. **We ask that all counties hold their conventions during the months of March and April. The state Convention will then be held on Saturday May 16th.** Delegates to those conventions are the same delegates who were elected at precinct caucus meetings in 2008. We encourage each of you to make plans now to attend those conventions. Changes are being proposed for the State By-Laws and those changes will be discussed at the county conventions prior to being voted on at the state convention.

Yearly State Assessment to National Party Due

In order to fund the operation of the national party, **each state is annually assessed dues of \$1,000.00. It is our goal to have these dues paid to national by the end of February.** The party simply can not function without support from the various states. We again ask our readers to step forward and assist us in this endeavor. Dues have to come directly from our supporters and can not be paid by the state. Checks need to be made payable to the Constitution Party. *Continued on page 2*

Please mail contributions to:

Constitution Party
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This was indeed a historic year for the Constitution Party. Nationally, Chuck Baldwin received just under 200,000 votes and Pennsylvania still has Baldwin write-in votes to tally. **This was a 55,000 vote increase over the 2004 vote total for a gain of 37.8%.** That's especially impressive in light of the fact that the party was not on the ballot in 13 states including four very large states: California, Texas, Pennsylvania and New York. Of the 37 states where the party was on the ballot, the party hit all time high votes in 27 of those states. No other third party even came close to that record. For the first time ever the Constitution Party outpolled Nader in three states. In Texas and Indiana, both candidates were write-ins. The Constitution Party candidate outpolled the Libertarian candidate for the first time in seven states. Utah was the only state where Baldwin garnered more votes than either Nader or the Libertarian candidate. Both of these candidates had far greater name recognition than did Baldwin.

The two key factors that helped the CP tip the scales were 1) Ron Paul's endorsement of Chuck Baldwin and 2) the strong and dedicated grass roots support that was evident in the Baldwin campaign.

Nowhere was the grass root support for the Constitution Party Candidate more evident than in the Western States. One-third of the support for Baldwin came from the West and yet the West is much less heavily populated than other regions of the country. Below is a tally by state of donations sent to the Baldwin campaign from the west.

California	\$25,487.00
Utah	12,669.56
Washington	8,715.50
Arizona	7,191.50
Colorado	5,854.00
Nevada	4,505.00
Oregon	3,162.00
New Mexico	2,924.00
Idaho	1,308.00
Montana	718.00
Wyoming	392.00
Hawaii	280.00
Alaska	230.00
Grand Total	\$73,169.06

Local Candidates... *Impressive*

Jim Noorlander, in spite of very little funding, garnered 17,408 votes for 6.1% of the vote. Our State Auditor Candidate, Richard Proctor, received 3.74% of the votes (33,800), an all time high for a party candidate for any state wide race thereby maintaining ballot position for the party for 2010. There are too many other races to mention, but they are all listed on our state website. Please take some time and look up that information on www.cputah.org. It will be worth your time!!

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Once the goal is met, we will keep any other funds for the Utah Party which are also very much needed. At this point \$920.00 is left owing. Your support of these two projects will be most greatly appreciated.

.Nonpartisan elections to be held throughout the state for town or city council and for mayor.

This is the real beginning of grass roots politics. It is important that we seek out good men and women to run for and serve in these positions. This is where we realized our first victories at the polls and this is where we as citizens need to become involved.

Utah Most Likely to get Fourth Congressional District

There are bills pending before both houses of Congress to increase the number of seats in the House of Representatives from 435 to 437 allowing Washington DC to have a representative in Congress and the second seat would go to Utah. The US Constitution makes no provision for a seat in the U S Congress for any entity other than a state. Unfortunately, neither our Senators nor our Congressmen seem to be concerned that Washington DC is not a state. None of them have come out in opposition to the bill and some are actually sponsoring the bill. They see this chance to give Utah another seat as a trade-off for giving a seat to the District of Columbia. If the bill passes and it seems that it most surely will, then there will be a special election to elect a congressman in Utah. If that does happen, the party intends to run a candidate. Watch the web site for further updates .

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***Western States
Need to Qualify
for Ballot Position***

During presidential election years it is very difficult for third parties to maintain ballot position. The requirements vary by state, but are such that it is difficult for third parties to garner enough votes to maintain ballot position. In spite of this, the Constitution Party maintained ballot position in eight of the 13 Western States. Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Washington and Wyoming, however, did not have ballot position or lost it in 2008.

Each state determines when a party may begin gathering signatures on petitions to re-qualify for ballot position. **The plan is to begin the process in Wyoming on the 1st of April of this year.** A total of 4,988 valid signatures are required which means we will need to gather at least 8,500. Arizona also will begin shortly and the number of required signatures there exceeds 20,000. This is going to require a lot of time and money, but will be much less expensive to do in an off election year than if we wait until 2010.

Regular Monthly Donations

Please give serious consideration to donating on a monthly basis what you can until ballot position is secured. It is not easy now but it is not going to get easier.

How serious do things have to get before we get serious?

Checks should be made payable to the Constitution Party, side marked for ballot access and sent to The Constitution Party P O Box 1215 Bountiful, UT 84010. In this case please send checks since it is not lawful for the state party to make a check payable to the National Party. It is important that we do not break that law. If you know of family or friends in Wyoming or Arizona, please contact them and ask them to help us get signatures or at least be willing to sign a petition.

In spite of the fact that the party missed the deadline to qualify as a party and Baldwin had to run as an Independent there, Wyoming gave Baldwin the fifth highest percentage vote in the nation. This says something remarkable about Wyoming.

Peter Schiff Interview with Alex Jones on CP State Web Site

On December 22, 2008 Peter Shciff, a nationally known figure who has done exceptionally well for his clients and who **has warned repeatedly of the economic dangers our nation is facing**, was interviewed on the radio by Alex Jones. Wall Street Critics belittled his warnings, but are no longer saying much since **Peter's forecasts have been remarkably accurate.** The Interview is so well done, that the party leaders felt the three part series interview should be put on the web site which has been done. We strongly recommend each of our readers to take the time to watch the interview and then share it with your family, friends and associates. It is very sobering, but information that each person needs to hear. Peter describes the problems and approaching dangers facing our nation with great clarity. Please do not short change yourself by not taking the time to go the web site to watch it.

U.S. Army Troops To Serve As U.S. Policemen?

By Chuck Baldwin

October 1, 2008

According to the **Army Times** (dated Tuesday, September 30, 2008), "Beginning Oct. 1 for 12 months, the 1st BCT [Brigade Combat Team] will be under the day-to-day control of U.S. Army North, the Army service component of Northern Command, as an on-call federal response force for natural or manmade emergencies and disasters, including terrorist attacks."

The article continued by saying, "**But this new mission marks the first time an active unit has been given a dedicated assignment to NorthCom, a joint command established in 2002 to provide command and control for federal homeland defense efforts and coordinate defense support of civil authorities.**

"After 1st BCT finishes its dwell-time mission, expectations are that another, as yet unnamed, active-duty brigade will take over and that the mission will be a permanent one."

The Times column also reported that the Army brigade "**may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control . . .**" It seems that the Army's new domestic duties also include "**traffic control**" as well as subduing "**unruly or dangerous individuals.**" The brigade will be known for the next year as a Consequence Management Response Force, or CCMRF (pronounced "sea-smurf").

I am assuming that the planners and promoters of this newfound function for the Army brigade envision the Army assisting local first responders in dealing with natural emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and the like. Good intentions notwithstanding, to assign domestic police duties to the U.S. military is extremely disturbing. To understand my concern for this new "homeland Army brigade," it is important that we rehearse the principles of liberty as they relate to

standing armies.

One of America's most sacred principles has always been that the U.S. military was never to be used for domestic law enforcement. The fear of standing armies ran very deep in the hearts and minds of America's founders. The tyranny and misery inflicted upon the colonies by British troops weighed heavily upon those who drafted our Constitution and Bill of Rights. In their minds, the American people would never again be subjected to the heavy weight of army boots.

Furthermore, they insisted that America would have a civilian--not military--government. And after the fiasco of the abuse of federal troops in the South following the War Between the States, the doctrine of Posse Comitatus was enacted into law. The Wikipedia online encyclopedia says this about Posse Comitatus:

"The Act prohibits most members of the federal uniformed services . . . from exercising nominally state law enforcement police or peace officer powers that maintain 'law and order' on non-federal property. . . .

"The statute generally prohibits federal military personnel and units of the United States National Guard under federal authority from acting in a law enforcement capacity within the United States, except where expressly authorized by the Constitution or Congress. . . .

"The Posse Comitatus Act and the Insurrection Act substantially limit the powers of the federal government to use the military for law enforcement."

The Posse Comitatus Act was passed in 1878 and was universally accepted as being a very just--and extremely important--law of the land.

But in 2006, President George W. Bush pushed a

Republican-controlled Congress to pass the **John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, which included a section titled "Use of the Armed Forces in major public emergencies."** This section provided that "**The President may employ the armed forces to restore public order in any State of the United States the President determines. . . .**" In effect, this bill obliterated Posse Comitatus. When the Democrat-controlled Congress passed the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, however, the restrictions of Posse Comitatus were restored. **But when President Bush signed the Act into law, he attached a signing statement (Executive Order) indicating that the Executive Branch did not feel bound by the changes enacted by the repeal. Translated: President Bush wiped out Posse Comitatus by Executive Order.**

Now, just a few months after expunging Posse Comitatus, President Bush has authorized an Army brigade to be assigned the new role of dealing exclusively with domestic law enforcement and related duties. This evokes serious questions.

Who will give the order to send U.S. troops against American civilians, and under what circumstances? What will the rules of engagement be? How will "unruly" and "dangerous" be defined? How will soldiers be asked to deal with "crowd" or "traffic" control? And perhaps the biggest question is,

Once we begin to go down this road, where will it lead?

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Words to... ..the Wise

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no

good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation.. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931-2005
former Pastor Bellview Baptist Church, Memphis,
Tennessee

Upcoming Events

STATE CONVENTION SATURDAY May 16th

Our state convention will be held at the Salt Lake County Chambers Building 1910 S. State, 9:00AM to 3:30 PM. There is a \$5 registration for delegates.

We will be electing state officers and voting on By-Law and Platform changes..

We urge you to make every effort to attend the state convention whether you are a delegate or not. Bring a lunch so we can use the time to get to know each other. It will be an event you will long remember.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE **MEETINGS**

June 11-13, 2009
Newark, New Jersey

Fall Committee Meeting
Phoenix, Arizona

. Utah has been allotted 15 delegates to our national convention and we encourage others to go as well.

Steve Pratt Lecture

Friday, February 27th
Clearfield City Building
55 South State
Clearfield, Utah