

# OFFICIAL CALL

As Chairman of the Rockbridge Area Republican Committee, (RARC), and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Douglas N. Smith, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at

**Buena Vista War Memorial Building (American Legion), 1953 Magnolia Avenue, Buena Vista, VA 24416, Buena Vista, VA 24416, or alternate location starting at 10:00 AM EST on March 9, 2024, or alternate date following March 9, 2024.** Registration begins at **9:00 AM** for the following purposes:

- A. Unit (Rockbridge Area Republican Committee) Mass Meeting:
1. Elect a Unit Chairman,
  2. Elect new members.
- B. **6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention:** Elect up to **400 Delegates** (City of Buena Vista-65, City of Lexington-35, Rockbridge County – 300); and an equal number of Alternates to the District Convention of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, to be held on **May 11, 2024, at Rockingham County Fairgrounds**, 4808 S. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA, or its alternative location beginning at 10:00 AM for the purpose of:
1. Elect a Chairman for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia.
  2. Elect three (3) Regional Vice Chairman for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia,
  3. Elect three (3) representatives to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia,
  4. Nominate an elector to vote for the Republican candidate for President, and,
  5. The transaction of such other business that may properly come before the Sixth Congressional District Republican Committee.
- C. **Republican Party of Virginia State Convention:** Elect up to **80 Delegates** (City of Buena Vista-13, City of Lexington- 7, Rockbridge County-60), and an equal number of Alternates to the State Convention, to be held on **May 31-June 1, 2024, at the Hampton Coliseum**, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666 beginning May 31 at 2:30 PM and on June 1, 2024, beginning at 10:00 AM for the purpose of:
1. Elect a State Chairman
  2. Select two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 5, 2024
  2. Nominate a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman,
  3. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

## Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Rockbridge County, City of Buena Vista and City of Lexington under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia participate in this Mass Meeting, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

Mass Meeting participants must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

Participants are encouraged to make a voluntary donation \$15.00. **Checks made payable to Rockbridge Area Republican Committee.** In the event the Mass Meeting is cancelled, the donation is non-refundable.

#### Filing Requirements

Candidates for election or membership at this Mass Meeting shall file the Rockbridge Area Republican Committee Official Filing Form with Jan Lowry, RARC Secretary, to [rockbridgegop@gmail.com](mailto:rockbridgegop@gmail.com) or to P.O. Box 1101, Lexington, VA 24450, or by physical delivery to Huffman Insurance, 209 S. Main Street, Lexington, VA 24450. The Official Filing Form must be received by the deadline; postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline.

Candidates for election as Unit Chair must file the Rockbridge Area Republican Committee Official Filing Form by February 23, 2024, 5:00 PM EST: and shall include with the Official Filing Form a check or evidence of payment of a \$200.00.

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate to the 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican Convention must file the 6<sup>th</sup> District Rockbridge Area Republican Committee Official Filing Form by April 22, 2024, 5:00 PM EST.

Participants in the 6<sup>th</sup> District Convention must pay a registration fee of \$20.00, cash or check. **Checks made payable to Rockbridge Area Republican Committee.**

Candidates for election as delegate or alternate to the Virginia State Republican Convention must pay a registration fee of \$45.00, cash or check. **Checks made payable to Rockbridge Area Republican Committee.**

#### Military Members as Delegates

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia <https://virginia.gop/>.

Cancellation

If not more than one person to be elected shall file for Unit Chairman, then such properly filed person shall be declared elected, and no election will occur for that office. Should this election be cancelled, and the number of delegates who have filed to become delegates for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Convention do not exceed the maximum allowed for City of Buena Vista-65, City of Lexington-35, Rockbridge County – 300, then the Mass Meeting will be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia <https://virginia.gop/>, the 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican Committee <http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org/>, and announced on Rockbridge GOP Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=rockbridge%20area%20republican%20committee>.

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia [<https://virginia.gop/>], the website of the 6<sup>th</sup> District Republican Committee, <http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org/>, through RARC's MailChimp distribution list.

Paid for and authorized by the Rockbridge Area Republican Committee
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