

REAGANITES of York County, SC



***SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER***

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**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY” PRESIDENT REAGAN**

The namesake of our group, Ronald Reagan, was born on February 6, 1911. So the Reaganites of York County are sending out this “Special Edition” newsletter. *(The regular February Reaganites newsletter will come out later this month.)*

## REAGAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Having worked in Washington, DC in the mid-80's with his administration on grass-roots efforts and having met the great man twice, I personally believe he was the greatest president in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But my personal prejudice aside, many others believe that too. For instance, [a Gallup poll](#) once rated President Reagan as the greatest president in United States history.

Here is what [one group](#) rated as his top ten accomplishments are follows:

- **Tax Cuts:** One of the most well-known Ronald Reagan major accomplishments was his tax cuts, which were designed to benefit the middle class.
- **Reaganomics:** Tax cuts were just one part of Ronald Reagan's overall economic approach known as Reaganomics, which decreased unemployment and inflation and, over time, revolutionized the country's economic structure.
- **Republican Revolution:** Ronald Reagan energized new generations of Republicans, who continued to lead and develop the party in coming decades.
- **Communication Style:** One of the accomplishments of Ronald Reagan that clearly influenced later leaders was his charismatic, yet casual, speaking style, which ushered in a new era for political communication.
- **America First:** Ronald Reagan spearheaded a campaign to re-focus the country's attention back on its own people, an idea that has again taken hold in recent years.
- **Military Might:** Funding and development of the armed forces are a cornerstone of the list of Ronald Reagan major accomplishments, specifically the creation of the Strategic Defense Initiative to combat nuclear pressure.
- **Cold War:** Ronald Reagan took a hard stance against communism and is credited with bringing about major turning points in the Cold War.
- **Technology:** The development of new technology, to be used for everything from the military to education, was a key part of Ronald Reagan's platform.
- **Unusual Path:** Ronald Reagan's unique journey from Hollywood actor to governor to president set a new precedent that world leaders do not need to come from insider circles in order to be successful.
- **Labor Unions:** A Ronald Reagan accomplishment that has gone on to shape policy was his approach to labor unions that were operating outside of the law. He took a hardline against air-traffic controllers who were unjustly striking, setting a precedent that has been pointed to for decades.

## REAGAN TRIVIA

- (1) What did Ronald Reagan say his favorite meal was?
- (2) Which of these statement did Ronald Reagan NOT make:
  - (a) "If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."
  - (b) "It's hard, when you're up to your armpits in alligators, to remember you came here to drain the swamp."
  - (c) "Send your 2022 Reaganites dues check to Nancy and my good friend, Michael Cox at 755 E. Rambo Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730."
  - (d) "Listen to your conscience. That is where the Holy Spirit speaks to you."
  - (e) "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."
- (3) Which college did Ronald Reagan attend?
- (4) What was Reagan's nickname as a youth?
- (5) How old was President Reagan when he began his second term as President of the United States?

## LEARN ABOUT PRESIDENT REAGAN

If you are ever near the Simi Valley area of California I urge you to visit the Reagan Presidential Library. But you don't have to travel all the way to the "Left Coast" to sample all that library has to offer. Check out its [website](#).

There are also numerous videos of the great speeches of the 40<sup>th</sup> President. One of them which always brings tears to my eyes is his "Boys of Pointe Du Hoc" which President Reagan gave near the beaches of Normandy on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. View it [HERE](#).

A few years ago Reaganite Lindsay Walker compiled a short list of videos of Ronald Reagan. Here is Lindsay's list. Just click on a title to see the video:

[The Best of Ronald Reagan](#) (10:47 minutes)

[A Compilation of Ronald Reagan Humor](#) (42:52 minutes)

[A Shining City Upon a Hill \(at end of farewell speech\)](#) (2:38 minutes)

[One Nation Under God](#) (3:00 minutes)

[Patriotic Speech excerpts](#) (8:51 minutes)

[Inspirational](#) (4:27 minutes)

[Peace Through Strength](#) (4:46 minutes)

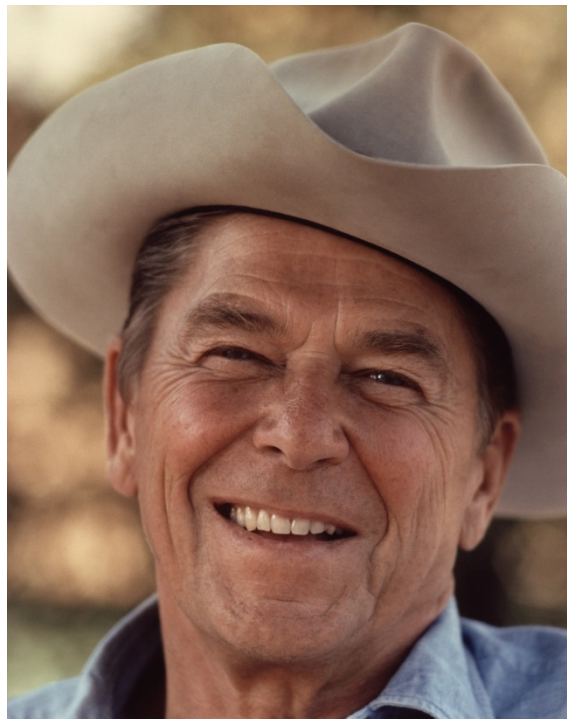
[A Soldiers Pledge](#) (3:32 minutes)

[A Time for Choosing \(1964\)](#) (12:28 minutes)

[Independence Day 1986](#) (22:52 minutes)

[We Must Fight](#) (3:35 minutes)

[What it means to be American](#) (3:06 minutes)



## REAGAN TRIVIA ANSWERS

- (1) Ronald Reagan said “hamburger with macaroni and cheese” was his favorite meal.
- (2) Ronald Reagan did NOT say “*Send your 2022 Reaganites dues check to Nancy and my good friend, Michael Cox at 755 E. Rambo Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730.*” But the “Gipper” certainly would have agreed with that sentiment and may have even laughed at my not-so-subtle reminder.
- (3) Ronald Reagan was graduated from Eureka College in 1932.
- (4) As a young child Ronald Reagan’s dad started calling him “[Dutch](#)” and the name stuck.
- (5) President Reagan was 73 – almost 74 – when he took his second “Oath of Office” on January 20, 1985.

## REAGAN AND PRAYER

Today, February 6<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday – the Lord’s Day. So, here’s a link to an article entitled: [Ronald Reagan’s Prayer Legacy](#). Let’s close by reading a prayer our 40<sup>th</sup> President gave which we should all take to heart:

**“To preserve our blessed land we must look to God... It is time to realize that we need God more than He needs us... We also have His promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country, that “If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”**

**Let us, young and old, join together, as did the First Continental Congress, in the first step, in humble heartfelt prayer. Let us do so for the love of God and His great goodness, in search of His guidance and the grace of repentance, in seeking His blessings, His peace, and the resting of His kind and holy hands on ourselves, our nation, our friends in the defense of freedom, and all mankind, now and always.**

**The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America... Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal. Today, we utter no prayer more fervently than the ancient prayer for peace on Earth.**

**If I had a prayer for you today, among those that have all been uttered, it is that one we’re so familiar with: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace....” And God bless you all.”**

**-Ronald Reagan**

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Trotta

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