

## Valerie Ellis Bio

I retired after 25 years of teaching kindergarten in Manhattan Beach, CA. Teaching in the public California School System made it very difficult to voice my Republican values and support. I was happy to escape California in 2020 to the wonderful conservative City of Prescott.

I grew up with strong Republican parents who instilled conservative values in me. I also grew up with my Uncle Ronnie, also a strong Republican, who served in the Korean War. My uncle collected old political buttons, and I am fortunate to have them still. Because of my uncle, veterans have always held a special place in my heart. Unfortunately, he died of lung cancer at the young age of 43.

I joined RWOP in February of 2021. I am excited to be a part of such a great group of strong ladies and look forward to recognizing and honoring our veterans, especially in memory of my uncle.