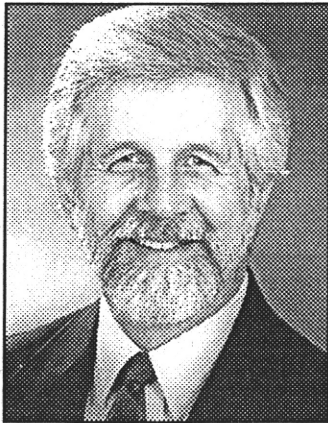




## LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

# PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS



### Rick Tompkins

**Age:** 55

**Residence:** Phoenix, Arizona

**Background:**

- Air Force retiree & Vietnam veteran
- Executive Director, Arizona Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) since 1989; national FIJA spokesman since 1990
- State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Arizona, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994
- Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, 1994. Campaign manager for Gary Fallon for Arizona House (1992); campaign manager for John Buttrick for Governor (1994)
- Former radio talk show host on KXAM, Scottsdale, Arizona

**Campaign Goals:**

“. . .To bring a new approach to campaigning, creating new Libertarians with the hands-on methods he has developed in Arizona, while inspiring current activists and bringing former activists back to the cause. [Also], . . .to help set the standard of integrity against which all others will be measured, to live up to our claim to be the party of integrity.”

**Campaign Issues:**

“1) All taxation is slavery. 2) End prohibition (again). 3) Separate school and state. 4) Promote jury nullification. (Tell juries the truth). 5) Restore the right of self defense; end victim disarmament. 6) End the welfare state: Community voluntarism; get government off the backs of the poor.”

“Liberty is indivisible. Individual liberty is not a collection of separate rights among which you can pick and choose. When you condone the use of the state to violate the rights of one person, then all rights are violated. Set a precedent that something is more important than liberty, and all that remains is ‘might makes right.’

“Rick Tompkins believes that what is needed more than anything else, is more Libertarians. We need more people who respect the rights of their fellow human beings. We will not have a free society as long as most people harbor the belief that they can (and should) use the state to get something for nothing, control their neighbor’s behavior, or ‘do good’ at the expense of others.

“Politics without principle will continue to fail. It will fail to bring about the liberty we seek, for it persuades no one to become libertarian. Have we become a nation of cowards, afraid to stand up for our rights, afraid to take responsibility for the protection of ourselves, our loved ones and our fellow human beings? Are we a nation of thieves, content to enslave each other with involuntary taxes? Are we content to sit passively and watch agents of the state destroy people’s lives? Then what is needed is a ‘12-step program’ to cure the cause of statism. What is needed is Libertarianism.”

**Primary Results:**

**New Hampshire:** *Did Not Enter.* **North Dakota:** *Did Not Enter.* **South Dakota:** *Did Not Enter.* **Massachusetts:** *Second, 12%.* **Illinois:** *Did Not Enter.* **California:** *Second, 21%.* **Nebraska:** *Did Not Enter.*

*Background, campaign issues, and campaign goals taken from: “Rick Tompkins ’96 / Libertarian for President” campaign brochure (1996), and “Rick Tompkins / Principles Before Politics” leaflet (1996).*