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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thur, 7 April 2022
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200
Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: Kid Hanrahan

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Combat in the F-4 Phantom II: A Fightergator's Perspective

By Fred Westfall

Please join us for our April 7th NWFMOA meeting. Our speaker is Bob "Kid" Hanrahan, who will speak on flying combat in the F-4 Phantom II all-weather fighter during the Vietnam War. He is a lifetime member of MOAA, MOAA Cape Canaveral, AFA, VFW, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. His volunteer support to MOAACC and AFA has been in the areas of Transition & Career Assistance and Airmen Helping Airmen respectively. Kid and his wife, Linda, moved to the Milton area 15 months ago and he immediately engaged with AFA, PMOAA and The Daedalians.

Kid is a former Air Force Captain, rated Navigator-Bombardier and F-4 Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) who flew Fighter aircraft combat missions in the Southeast Asia. He will cover his training and experiences flying as a back-seater Weapon Systems Officer (WSO), addressing the role of the WSO, the importance of crew coordination, front seater/back seater "seniority" during the tour, Situational Awareness "du jour", the wide variety of mission types, weapons employed, the challenges of weapons effectiveness, the tactics used to compensate for low probability of kill, and "playing it

safe". He will also describe his post-RTU dissimilar air combat maneuvering training at the U.S. Air Force's Fighter Weapons School for Advanced Air Combat Maneuvering (Dog Fighting/dissimilar ACM), a program that made aircrews more prepared for the Air War in Southeast Asia.

Kid achieved over 100 missions during the Southeast Asia conflict in the back seat of the all-weather F-4 Phantom II and he's here to share with us his story, A Fightergator's Perspective, on what it was like to fly combat in the back seat of the F-4 Phantom II.



Bob "Kid" Hanrahan

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From the President's Pen

By Michael Griffith

First, an announcement:

Following the April general membership meeting of the NWFMOA, there will be a meeting of your board of directors, during which we expect to make a final decision on whether to continue mailing out paper copies of our monthly newsletter, the Defender, or switch to only digital copies to be emailed to each of you as well as being posted on the chapter website at www.nwfmoo.org.

As always, any member of the chapter is welcome to attend the board meeting, ask questions, and participate in the discussion before the board members vote on a decision.

Thanks to the responses you have already provided to previous requests for input the board has compiled the following list of pros and cons concerning the proposed change:

Pros

Save about \$4,500 per year for publishing & mailing, thus solving current negative cash flow

Saved costs could be used to reduce chapter dues, while charging extra to those individuals wanting paper copies of Defender

Not everyone who gets a paper Defender actually reads it.

No word count limits on articles

No need to columnize articles

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All photos in color

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Recipients can download and print Defender or selected articles as they wish

Those not receiving digital Defenders may be "adopted" by someone who does

A special mailing list for printed copies can be created for those unable to receive email copies

Cons

Not everyone gets email, or wants to

Not everyone comes to meetings

Couldn't cash flow problem be handled by a modest dues increase?

What about surviving spouses of deceased members?

How will the saved printing / mailing money be used?

What do most NWFMOA members get for their chapter dues, except for their paper copies of the Defender?

Printed Defenders can be passed around to additional readers

How would eliminating printed Defenders affect our current 5-Star rating from MOAA?

Printed Defenders serve as meeting and dues reminders

Printed Defenders help introduce and publicize guest speakers for upcoming meetings

Printed Defenders include sign-up forms for potential new members

How will the saved money be used?

NWF Daily News changed some issues to digital-only, and probably lost some subscribers

Printing a few paper Defenders for "outliers" may cost about as much as printing them for everyone

Paper copies are easier to read while "enthroned."

And now for something a little different

Most of the articles that appear in the Defender are about serious subjects. Recently, however, there has been so much really serious news going on that we all could use something a little more lighthearted than usual. With that in mind, here is...

The April Fool's Day News

Easter Bunny cheats death



The Easter Bunny narrowly escaped death on Saturday, when he survived being struck by a van as he tried to cross State Road 20 in Bluewater Bay, with his view partly obstructed by the large colorful egg he was carrying at the time.

"That bunny hippity-hopped out of nowhere, right in front of my van!" said the distraught driver. "I hit the brakes, but it was too late. He bounced up off the front of the van, and landed on the roof. I thought I had killed him."

Fortunately, the world's most famous rabbit was alright.

"It just knocked the wind out of me," said the bunny. "I wasn't badly hurt, although for a while, it left me feeling a little deflated."

PUBLIC RECORD

New Members

Daniel Pike, MAJ, USAF (RET)

Local Egg Gets Scrambled

Well-known local character Humpty Dumpty was killed in a tragic accident early yesterday morning, when he apparently lost his balance and toppled from the wall of the Kings Castle, where witnesses had seen him sitting only a few moments before.

"He had a great fall," said the Chief of the King's Men as he and all the other King's Men stretched yellow tape around the scene of the accident, and used their swords to scrape up Dumpty's scrambled remains. Although the egg's sudden death has been tentatively classified as an accident, the investigation continues, and officials have neither confirmed nor denied rumors that the Red Queen was seen with Dumpty shortly before the tragedy, carrying a croquet mallet and having a heated discussion with him about omelets.

"It was terrible," said another of the King's Men, who spoke privately with reporters and asked not to be identified. "Our horses brought us to the crash site as fast as they could, but when we arrived, we just couldn't put Dumpty together again. All we could do was watch helplessly, as his poor, lifeless body lay there, slowly frying on the sidewalk."

Friends and family members said they will remember Humpty Dumpty fondly.

"I'll always remember the times he spent with me, reciting poetry," said a young woman named Alice, who described their relationship as "just good friends."

"Most people think of Humpty as just another egg in short pants and a little bow tie," she said, "but I'll always remember his literary side. He really had a talent with words. He could make a word mean whatever he wanted it to – no more and no less."

"I'll really miss him," Alice added. "He was a good egg."

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Our **April 7th** lunch will start with a social gathering at 1130 with the meeting beginning at 1200 followed by lunch. To make reservations go to the [NWFMOA webpage](#) and select the [Online Reservations](#) link. You may also call me at 850-609-8075 or email me at nwfreservations@gmail.com.

Reservations are REQUIRED (no walk-ins please) and must be made by no later than April 2nd, 2022.

Fred Westfall
Secretary

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday this Easter many wonder what place does this historical event have in our modern age. Some consider worship obsolete and ancient. Others selectively choose what beliefs suit their comfortable lifestyle. A third cluster takes the life, passion, death and ascension of Jesus the Messiah as fact. There are our choices.

One principle every major religion posits is the battle between good and evil, light and dark. This contrast takes place on the world stage, but emanates from within the individual's thoughts and emotions.

Pastoral counselors know this undeniable truth from their daily sessions with individuals wrestling with personal, familial and social conflict.

We who served marched with our light into the darkness. We know good and evil are real, verses those who watch it on the TV or video screens.

Remembering and preparing with fellow commandos for the first time, not knowing if we would survive the hail of bullets and bombs, I clenched several Scriptures that jumped across my mind. Later I reemployed them in our commander's hot wash as he asked for prayer after each mission.

Those silvery words became gold in the heat of war—not hollow chaff recited from a mahogany pulpit surrounded by tiffany stain glass! No, it emanated from the pounding of many hearts looking into the valley of discord.

It seems that every generation hears and responds to the war drums, like those beating in Ukraine. Our hearts are wrenched watching the evening news. We want to do more but what?

An email from the President of the 1800 Ukrainian Evangelical Churches in his country ask us pastors in the West to pray—"It's our weapon against evil and only God can put a stop to the violence and suffering". Prayer builds solidarity with refugees and the defenders.

We once faced an enemy in a foreign land—what thoughts focused our actions and kept us going? Who did we rely on? For many we looked prayerfully to God, and to our left and right. We pledged to be our brothers keeper,

as well as preserve the future freedoms of our family members stateside.

Lent refocuses us on Jesus who faced death as did his disciples- what was their mindset? What kept them going? They prayed and sang the Psalm 91.

“God shall cover you with his feathers and under His wings you shall take refuge
you shall not be afraid of the terror by night, or the arrow that flies by day.

1000 may fall at your side and 10,000 at your right hand
but it shall not come near you
because you have made the Lord who is my refuge
even the most high your dwelling place for he shall give his angels charge over you
to keep you in all your ways in their hands they shall bow you up
lest you dash your foot against a stone
I will be with him in trouble I will deliver him and honor him with long life
I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Easter is a time of celebration and thanksgiving as we realized God exercised His almighty power to resurrect His Son and begin His church. Now is the critical time to pray boldly and sincerely.



SUPPORT MOAA

Do what you can to support our national organization. To learn what's going on and to find out what you can do go to: <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/> We all will benefit from your efforts.

Scholarship Fund

By Dave Parisot

In the March issue of The Defender I addressed one alternate method to donate to our Scholarship Fund other than writing a check. i.e., an **IRA Charitable Rollover/Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. This month I am providing some brief info on another donation method that can provide some significant income tax savings to you and/or your estate. This is by leaving a Bequest via listing the charity (e.g., the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund) as an account beneficiary or via your will or trust.

When an IRS code 501c(3) charity is listed as the beneficiary of a taxable account, e.g., a traditional IRA or other taxable retirement account, there is a double income tax savings. Firstly, your heirs or estate do not pay tax on these funds; nor does the receiving charity since they are income tax exempt. This is what deceased Chapter member Lt Col Jim Heavener did in 2016, and what I have done with my taxable IRA accounts (my beneficiaries are all 501c(3) charities). Some of the most common types of bequests include a fixed dollar amount, a specific property, a percentage of the estate, or an individual portion of an estate.

An example of a bequest wording your attorney may find useful: "I give and bequeath _____ (description of property) and/or the sum of \$_____ to NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc., a Florida non-profit charitable organization (FEIN 59-3434498) that is tax exempt under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code doing business at 56 11th St., Shalimar, FL 32579. These funds are to be used for the college education of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from the high schools supported by the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc."

Consult an attorney when making or revising a will or trust to ensure compliance with state law and to minimize applicable taxes.

We have a new member of the Gold Century Club with the recent donation by **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** in memory of her husband, Col. Bob Garcia, USMC, Ret. [Note: We will be honoring the memory of Bob by naming one of our 2022 scholarships in his memory.] We also have a new Century Club member, **Dan Cobb**, with his donation in memory of Col. Gordon Thomas. Thank you Bobbi and Dan your support of the Scholarship Fund. See below for the complete list of Gold Century Club members and the most recent 12-month period of the Century Club.

The 50/50 raffle at the March luncheon was won by **Dan Brown** who graciously donated his winnings of \$73 back to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Dan.

Here is the complete list of **Gold Century Club** members (\$500 cumulative minimum donation) and **BG Frank Glunn Century Club** members (\$100 minimum donation) for the most previous 12 months, along with our **Business Donors**. Your support is greatly appreciated. All of these donations are used to fund our JROTC scholarships. [Note: (R) means Renewal of membership.]

Gold Century Club: **Bill Ryan** (Feb 2016); **Ruth Cullen** (Oct 2016); **Dave Parisot** (Feb 2017); **Janet Taylor** (Mar 2017); **Chris Beam** (Mar 2017); **Bob Garcia** (July 2017); **Rod Gerdes** (Nov 2017); **Larry Bush** (Nov 2017); **Dr. Howard & Irene Fisher** (Nov 2017); **Eileen Arpke** (Feb 2018); **Fred Westfall** (Apr 2018); **Clyde Locke** (Apr 2018); WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veteran **Sam Lombardo** (July 2018); **Dennis Phillips** (Aug 2018); **Karl & Charlotte Eschmann** (Oct 2018); **Carol Baker** (Jan 2019); **Ann Adelsperger** (Feb 2019); **Don Litke** (Aug 2019); **Fred Boyer** (Aug 2019). **Dr. Keith Kulow** (Nov 2019); **Al Bills** (Nov. 2019); **Kay Dent** (Nov. 2019); **Dr. Roger Riggerbach** (Dec 2019); **Robert "Pete" Peterzen** (Dec 2019); **Nick Marotta** (Oct 2020); **Kathy & Jesse Bush** (Dec 2020); **Patt & Caroline Maney** (Dec 2020); **Kevin Kirby** (Apr 2021); **Scott & Janet Berry** (May 2021); **Patrick Boab** (Dec. 2021); **Bob Allen** (Feb 2022); **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** (Mar 2022). [Note: 32 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): Mar 2021: **Dave Davis** (R) (In memory of B/Gen Bud Day); **Fred Boyer** (R) (In honor of Marlene Bosak); **Joy Houck** (R) (In memory of Maj. Stanley Houck); Apr 2021: **Dr. Keith Kulow** (R); **Kevin Kirby**; May 2021: **Larry Bush** (R); **Patrick Boab** (R); **Al Bills** (R); **Scott & Janet Berry** (R); **Dick Solt** (R); June 2021: **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Sam Lombardo); Aug 2021: **Janet (Ryan) Taylor** (R) (In honor of Maj. Bill Ryan); **Donald Litke** (R) (In memory of Kay Litke); Anonymous (In memory of David Baker); **Chuck Merkel** (R); Sept 2021: **Paul & Kathy Gerth** (In memory of Larry and Ann Shingler); **Doug Hardin** (R) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk); **George Colton** (R) (In memory of Larry and Ann Shingler); and, **Kevin Kirk** (R). Oct 2021: **Janet (Ryan) Taylor** (R) (In honor of Major Bill Ryan); **Kevin Kirby** (R); **Howard & Irene Fisher** (R); **Craig Miller** (R); Nov 2021: **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of

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Dick Prater); **Bob Gramm (R); Joe Stevens (R); Jesse & Kathy Bush (R); B/G Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks; Dan Brown (R); Robert ‘Pete’ Peterzen (Jeff Watson (R); Dec. 2021: Kay Dent (R) (In memory of Troy Dent and Larry Ketter): Christine Hallion (R); Nick Marotta (R); Larry Tashlik (R); Dennis Phillips (R); Chris Beam (R); Patrick Boab (R); Larry Bush (R), and Janet (Ryan) Taylor (R) (In honor of Maj. Bill Ryan); Jan. 2022: Kevin Kirby (R); Dave Davis (In memory of B/G Bud Day); Fred Westfall (R); Feb 2022: Rod Gerdes (R); Bob Allen; Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Col. Bob Garcia.); Mar. 2022: Bobbi Hanson Garcia (In memory of Col. Bob Garcia; Dan Cobb (In memory of Col. Gordon Thomas).**

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Please support our local businesses that have contributed to our scholarship program.

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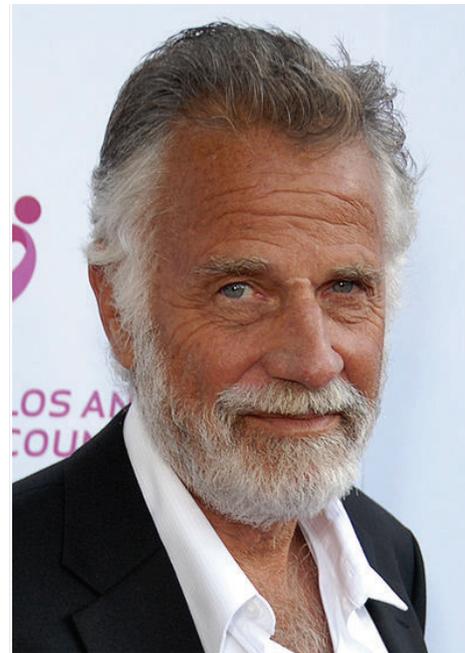
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The World’s Most Interesting Drunk Driver



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