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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday, 2 March 2023
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200, Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: Commissioner Mel Ponder, Okaloosa County, District 5

MAKE A RESERVATION

- Reservations are Required
- Wear a name tag
- Bring proper change: \$16 each

Reservation deadline is Friday at noon prior to meeting. Go online at <http://nwfmoa.org> and select the link where it says "Click here to make reservations", or email Fred Westfall at nwfreservations@gmail.com, or call 850-609-8075 if you are attending

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What's Happening in Okaloosa County?

Our March meeting will feature Mel Ponder, Okaloosa County Commissioner of District 5. He will provide timely updates on matters he and his fellow Commissioners are addressing and answer your questions.

He was the Mayor of Destin from 2014 to 2016, and member of the Florida House of Representatives from 2016 to 2020. During his tenure in the State House of Representatives, Commissioner Ponder served as the Chair of the Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee, Vice Chair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and as a Deputy Majority House Whip. He was instrumental in the passage of laws concerning military education and licensure, veterans alternative treatment options, veterans treatment court, VisitFlorida/tourism, child welfare, mental healthcare, and religious freedom. Commissioner Ponder is the owner of *Business Empowered*, a workplace ministry and is Government Affairs Director with the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors. In addition to his political and business work – he is heavily involved in non-profits and outreach to the community. He helped institute the Destin Week of Blessings which is an annual event that unites pastors and churches in the Destin area. Mel is also on the statewide Board for CareerSource Florida, the Florida Association of Counties, and the Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council. Locally he serves on the Transportation Planning Organization, and Ex-Officio Board Member for the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.



Please join us for our **April 6th** Membership Meeting.

Click this link <http://nwfmoa.org/reservations.html> for reservations or call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075.

Please make reservations by **April 1st**.

From the President's Pen

By Fran Hendricks



Camaraderie is an important component of our Chapter and has been since our establishment nearly 65 years ago. It is one of the four components of our mission tetrad and a major reason to be a member. This past month on March 9th, we had the pleasure to be part of history at the Air Force Armament Museum as Okaloosa County celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the repatriation of the Vietnam POWs. Those honored included Brigadier General George “Bud” Day, (a former NWFMOA Member); Colonel Richard Dutton, USAF Retired; Colonel Keith Hall, USAF Retired; Col Howard Hill, USAF Retired (former NWFMOA Vice President); Colonel Ed Hubbard, USAF Retired; Col Ron Webb, USAF Retired; Lieutenant Colonel Dave Gray, USAF Retired; and Mr. Ken Frazer, former USAF Captain. This event served as our quarterly Officer Call.

Numerous NWFMOA members served in key roles for the evening. Chuck Merkel served as the evening’s historian and moderator, giving all in attendance a description of the Vietnam War period, the atrocities endured by our POWs, and the courage, sacrifice and tenacity of those being honored. Chaplain Tom Azar gave the invocation. Fred Westfall was in attendance, just as he was 50 years ago on the tarmac of Clark Air Base, Philippines when the POWs made their first stop after leaving Hanoi, Vietnam. Fred was a Captain then, assigned to 13th Air Force. Honorary NWFMOA Member, Jerry Williams, CEO Eglin Federal Credit Union was a sponsor for this historic event. NWFMOA Board Member Bob Allen and Past President Elvira Chiccarelli serve as volunteers at the museum and were there helping. New NWFMOA Member, Col Kim Wintner (Air Force Armament Museum Foundation Treasure) was there, as were many, many other chapter members. It was a great turnout for NWFMOA. And I had the great honor to give welcoming comments while wearing my Vice President of the Air Force Armament Museum Foundation hat.

NWFMOA extends kudos to Ted Corcoran, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce (it was his idea to conduct this event); Tom Rice, Magnolia Grill (Food); Voices of NW Florida; Props Craft Brewery (Beer); Forever Warriors, Powered by First Step Automotive; Docies Dock (Wine); Connect with Flowers; Voices of Northwest Florida State College; and the Eglin AFB Honor Guard. We are fortunate to live in a community that is so supportive of those presently serving and its Veterans.

Camaraderie sets us apart and was on full display at this event. In addition to those participating in the program, our members showed up in large numbers to honor the POWs and to engage the community. In the future when I am talking with a perspective NWFMOA member about joining our Chapter, I will add the happenings of this evening to my arsenal of reasons I share. I respectfully request you do the same.

H2S (Here to Serve),

Fran Hendricks, Brig Gen, USAF Retired

President, NWFMOA

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Welcome Aboard

This month we will continue the *Defender* tradition of welcoming new members and ask them to answer some basic questions to introduce them to our NWFMOA members.



This month we have two new members. First is Colonel Kim Wintner, USAF Retired. It is great to have him as a new member. His responses to our questions are below:

1. What did you do in the Air Force? *Services/MWR career field. Six times a commander at squadron, group and wing levels. Last three assignments: AETC Director of Services/MWR, Randolph AFB, TX; Commander, Mission Support Group, Hurlburt Field, FL; Vice Commander, Air Base Wing, Eglin AFB, FL. Made an Honorary Chief Master Sergeant.*
2. What was your retirement Date? *October 2000.*
3. What was your favorite assignment? *Hurlburt Field. The Special Operations troops were the best. Team oriented.*
4. What funny story would you like to share? *I'm a brand new 2nd Lt at Grand Forks, North Dakota. I get a call at my BOQ from a Lt Col/commander of the Air Defense Command Squadron at 5 am. He tells me to come out to the ADC Alert Facility. We have a dining facility there. Alert dining facilities are the best. Great food and personal attention from the cooks. I jump up, dress, put on parka and gloves, unplug my Pontiac Tempest, start the car, wait 5 minutes for it to warm up and head out. I meet the Lt Col at the door. He was impressive in his orange flight suit. I stepped in and saw my cook behind the serving line, working away. He looked sharp in his starched white blouse with his two stripes, name tag and SAC patch, all in the right places. It's 1970 and the Draft is still on. Young, men join the Air Force to avoid the Army and the war. Some figure out they can shorten their 4-year commitment by "messing up" just enough to be declared 'incompatible,' and get a General Discharge. The Air Force first washed people out of the tougher career fields, assigning them to Supply, Security Police or Services.*

So, I turn to the Lt Col with the "why am I here" look on my young face. He walks me to the end of the serving line. I quickly see that my cook is not wearing any pants. Combat boots, but no pants. He walked to work in his parka without any pants, in 10-degree weather. A month later, he got his General Discharge. Welcome to Services 2nd Lt Wintner.

5. Anything else you would like to share? *still bleed Air Force Blue. I've stayed connected to the local bases through several boards and committees. Currently, I'm Chairman, Destin MAC; Board of Director (BOD), Emerald Coast MAC; Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiatives (DSI) Committee; BOD, Air Force Armament Museum; BOD, Destin Chamber of Commerce; BOD, Mid-Bay Bridge Authority; Honorary Commander, 7th Special Forces Group; Okaloosa County Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board.*

Formerly: BOD AF Enlisted Village; Chairman, Okaloosa County Economic Development Council; BOD Grace Rides Equestrian Therapy for physically and mentally challenged children and PTSD veterans.

Our second new member is last month's guest speaker, LTC Mel Claxton, US Army Retired. His responses to our questions are below:



1. What did you do in the Army? *Field Artillery Officer, majority of the time but also did Recruiting Duty in Houston Tx for two years, and Pa National Guard, 28 Infantry Division Artillery Advisor for two years.*
2. What was your retirement date? *September 1992.*
3. What was your favorite assignment? *Favorite assignments were my two NATO assignments in Italy, (Verona (NATO Land HQ South) and Vicenza (U.S. Artillery Group Custodial Unit). Also meet and married my wife Annalisa while assigned in Verona, Italy.*
4. What funny story you would like to share. *While with the NATO Command in Verona, I would go out and inspect Italian Alpini Artillery units for their NATO Operational Readiness Test (ORT). During one of those tests, I was walking along the gun line and all of a sudden behind me I heard someone cussing up a storm in a heavy NYC accent. I turned around and only saw Italian soldiers. So I hollered, who had made those remarks. An Italian soldier stepped forward and said he did, in a strong NYC accent. I asked him how he got in the Italian army. Said he immigrated to the States when he was about 5 years old, with his Italian parents and grew up in NYC. After he was 18, he returned to Italy to visit his Italian grandmother and while there was discovered by the local Italian police. He then was drafted into the Italian Army. Seems the Italians do a good job of keeping track of all those born in Italy. Once someone turns 18, they have to (somewhat what we had to do) register for the draft. So when it was discovered he had not done that, he was given a choice, some time in jail or get drafted for one year. He elected for the Army.*

April Means Tax Time

The IRS loves April and your tax money.

Do you need some help or advice in preparing your 2022 taxes? If so, MOAA has some resources to help.

Click [HERE](#) to read how servicemembers and retirees can get FREE tax help.

Or use this link: <https://rb.gy/tzivs0>

Member Spotlight

LtCol Paul Singleton, USAF (Retired)



Always ready to recruit

Paul Singleton grew up in North Carolina and his dad was the Chief of Police. Paul once got in trouble and his dad put him in jail...he was 7 years old. From that event and the accompanying time in the slammer, he learned a valuable lesson. Always tell the truth.

While in high school Paul worked at the local paper mill. After high school he enrolled at East Carolina University where he met Anne George from Richmond, VA and they were married in 1955. Paul enlisted in the Air Force as an Aviation Cadet during his junior year of college. Days prior to commissioning, each Aviation Cadet had to affirm they were not married. Since Paul was married, he was immediately dismissed from the Aviation Cadet Program.

After his dismissal, Paul returned to East Carolina University and enrolled in their Air Force ROTC program. He graduated from East Carolina in 1958 as a distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. His career would span 30 years. During his time on active duty, he served on numerous special operations missions as well as a tour in Vietnam and Grenada. His military decorations include: the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Air Medal with two Silver and one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Recognizing the importance of a college degree and having personally faced the hurdles of funding such an endeavor, Paul established the Paul Singleton Military Academic Success Fund at East Carolina University which supports not only Veterans, but also Reservists and dependents of Disabled Veterans who do not receive federal funding for textbooks. To date, this is one of the largest gifts to student Veterans at East Carolina University.

Lt Col Paul Singleton, USAF Retired, was inducted into the East Carolina Distinguished Military Service Society on November 18, 2022.

Paul is a long-tenured member of the NWFMOA and has served in numerous Chapter leadership positions to include 1st Vice President twice

Our Gift To You



Is your birthday this month? If so, you eat for FREE. Starting this month, members will get a free lunch meal if it is your birth month. You must sign up for the meeting meal and the offer is only good during your birth month. Take advantage of the member benefit during your birth month.

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Test Your Knowledge

It's a Coast Guard quiz this
← time.

This month we are continuing our **quiz feature** in the Defender. This month there will be a short quiz about the **US Coast Guard**. The first person who gets all 10 questions correct will receive a free meal at the next NWFMOA lunch. You can submit more than one entry so keep at it. If no one gets the correct answers on the first try, we will accept any entry with the correct answers...but you must get all the answers correct.

Last month the winner of the Marine Corps quiz was Les Mathesen. Congratulations Les!

Click the link below to get to the quiz. The winner will be announced in next month's Defender.

<https://forms.gle/z5v3ebDrGM2zhH9k9>

CALL TO ACTION

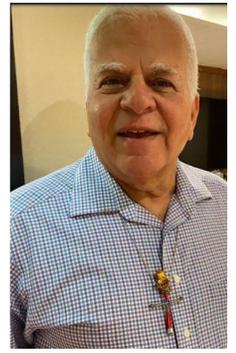
Major Richard Star Act

Your assistance is needed. Last year, the efforts of MOAA and their partners in The Military Coalition came close to having Congress enact the Major Richard Star Act. That legislation is solely focused on supporting 50,000 combat-injured Veterans whose retirement pay is reduced by the amount they receive for disabilities due to combat. This is wrong and needs to be righted. Undeterred and fully committed to seeing the Star Act passed, MOAA and The Military Coalition are again engaging Congress and could use your help. They simply ask each of us to contact our elected officials and state our support. They have made it very easy for us to make that contact. Just use this link provided by MOAA: contacting your senators and representative TODAY. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and it will send a letter directly from you to Senator Rubio, Senator Scott, and Representative Gaetz. I have sent my letters of support and respectfully request you do the same. The Major Richard Star Act is a necessary step towards concurrent receipt for all.

To view the conversation about this, click [HERE](#). To send a letter to your representatives, click [HERE](#).

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar



What would you rather do than go to a professional football, baseball or golf event? We all enjoy watching with family and friends at home, but nothing replaces sitting and cheering your favorite team right before your eyes.

My family enjoys watching the Olympics. When we go to the Adirondacks, we visit their training center in the mountains. We learned that these men and women, since their youth, made a decision to commit everything to attain their personal and team goals.

Their parents woke them at o-dark 30. They drove all year to a gym or field where they worked out with other young people under the training of a former Olympiad. They were determined and disciplined. They were assisted by a team of coaches, doctors, therapists, dietitians to be the best of the best in their respective field.

There is an excellent parallel between physical and spiritual training. The former sets the paradigm for the latter. We need superior pastors, teachers and elders who can guide the next generation along the way. No one woke up as a “little Christ”. It takes decades of discipline, attending corporate worship, intense Bible study, mentoring, stewardship and fellowship training, mission trips, choir practices and outreach.

When did we begin? Our fruit is the result of seeds planted by our home, school, church and military when we were young. These four institutions are the four legged foundation upon which we sit and stand, our chairs on for stability, peace and happiness, inter-personally and intra-personally.

Our parents woke us up early for prayer and devotions. We worshipped as a family of seven. Our summers were filled with Vacation Bible School, retreats and revivals. We were determined to learn more and grow closer to God and show love to our neighbor.

Moreover, when you talk with active duty special forces troops, you can observe that training is not an end in itself; war-ready deployment is the goal.

Saint Paul reiterates this in his letter to Timothy; “spiritual discipline is good for both this life and in the life to come”.

We are spiritual people. Everything we do for oneself, family, parenting, business, or involvement in community, requires right choices rooted in spiritual disciplines that fuel right action.

Maybe you go to a good church, help usher, volunteer at the food bank and read your daily devotions. We do it not for our glory but God's. Others will see His Image and wisdom in us.

So if we share the good news with words or with good action, our next generation will possess a moral and spiritual compass. Too often, they are lost and live according to the world's false nebulous teachings, “If it makes you happy do it, or anything goes.” They are on a sinking ship.

My wife and I enjoy visiting churches. We can't help wonder why there is a prevalent spiritual anemia facing our churches, seminaries, homes and schools. The Bible has been neutered.

My colleagues believe it's time to get back in the gym. A healthy nation requires disciplined and dedicated parents, teachers, pastors and military leaders who will stand on their respective "chairs" and lead, guide and support our next generation.

So where is your favorite seat- the home sofa or out on the field? Our family and friends need our assistance. Otherwise another generation will be walking down another dark road, both here and in the world to come.

I gave the following prayer at the Air Force Armament Museum on March 9, 2023, at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Okaloosa County Vietnam War POWs returning home.

Almighty God we pause on this hallowed anniversary to remember the 591 POW's, their wives & children who faithfully served and sacrificed for freedom sake.

They put their trust in you Lord, and their peers, & their unique bond became consecrated. Records validate that their daily prayers were tear-drenched as they meekly morse-coded each other with words of Scripture & songs of hope.

They soon realized that their Heavenly Father had children of faith who were POW's- your patriarch Joseph spent 13 years imprisoned in Egypt, St Paul was incarcerated & beaten for 6 years under Caesar & your son Jesus was humiliated & tortured by Pilate.

Lord in your mercy you added these courageous POWs seated before us as living human testimonies of faith & hope, because their resistance & confidence was in you.

May future generations learn from their physical, moral & spiritual determination to serve DOD and God & may this gathering lead today's youth to raise their hand and take our solemn oath to defend our border & protect the innocent from arrogant dictators around the world.

We ask for continued grace and provision to assist the many disabled and homeless veterans, and to strengthen today's guardians of freedom, projecting justice liberty, and peace around the globe.

In God's Holy Name we pray Amen

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Defender is a monthly publication of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association. The purpose of this publication is to communicate with, inform, and educate chapter members. The national MOAA, this local chapter, and this publication are totally nonpartisan.

OUR MISSION

The mission of NWFMOA is to benefit the members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.

PUBLIC RECORD

In Memoriam

David B. Kirby, Col, USAF, 2/7/2023

New Member

Penny Kirby, Surviving Spouse

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.

Legislative Liaison

by Dave Parisot

“Target on TRICARE For Life”



Mission Advocacy is one of the primary missions of MOAA. If you are receiving MOAA's weekly Newsletters, you are aware that our TRICARE For Life (TFL) health insurance benefit is a target by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to cut the federal deficit by either (or both) increasing the TFL Enrollment Fee, or by introducing “TFL Cost-Sharing”. or minimum out-of-pocket costs in TFL, e.g., requiring deductibles and co-payments for medical services.

Currently, our TFL Enrollment Fee is the amount you pay for Medicare Part B insurance. This amount can vary among individuals based on annual gross income. A CBO proposal would require Medicare-eligible beneficiaries (includes a large percentage of our Chapter membership) who choose to enroll in TFL to pay an annual enrollment fee of \$575 for individual coverage or \$1,150 for family coverage.

TFL Cost-Sharing would introduce minimum out-of-pocket requirements in TFL, including an \$850 deductible annually. This means TFL would not cover any of the first \$850 of a beneficiary's Medicare cost-sharing. After this (It gets worse!), TFL would cover only 50% of the next \$7,650 in Medicare cost-sharing. This means TFL beneficiaries could face up to \$4,675 in Medicare cost-sharing a year (This is \$4,675 does not include the \$575 proposed TFL Enrollment Fee above.) This TFL Cost-Sharing proposal by OMB has further implications and costs for those receiving care from a military treatment facility (MTF).

The above information is just a brief description to ‘pique your interest’ and was paraphrased from the March 2023 issue of MOAA’s Military Officer magazine, on pages 10 – 11. **I strongly urge all of you to read this article.** Then contact your Representative and Senators in Congress by sending letters on this topic through the MOAA/Legislative Action Center. Fred Westfall has made it very easy for us to do this by merely going to the nwfmoa.org website and scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the flashing “**TAKE ACTION**” button. This will take you to MOAA’s Legislative Action Center, and scroll down to “Tell Congress You Oppose TRICARE for Life Fees”, then click on “WRITE”. While you are there, write to Congress on the many other issues MOAA has there. Very, very simple to do.

I see this OMB proposal as a method to get Medicare-eligible military retirees to forego using our TFL benefits, which we have earned through our military service, and seek other forms of supplemental insurance to Medicare. I suspect that B/Gen George ‘Bud’ Day, USAF, Ret., would be rolling in his grave if he were aware of these proposals!

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Community Outreach

By: Dave Parisot



Military Family Appreciation Day on April 15th; Hurlburt Field Open House on April 14th & 15th

On Saturday, April 15, 2023, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fort Walton Beach will host Military Family Appreciation Day at The Landing park in Fort Walton Beach. The event will run from 11:00AM to 5:00PM with community services booths, stage entertainment, and free food. Our NWFMOA Chapter will have a booth at this event.

This is the first Military Family Appreciation Day since April 2019 due to COVID-19 and other factors. Please join us at The Landing on April 15th to show your appreciation to the military families in our area.

Please see the flyer below for more information.

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY

11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

At The Landing - 139 Brooks Street, Fort Walton Beach

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Hurlburt Field to Host Open House on April 14 & 15: The information below on this event is from the Hurlburt Field website:

WELCOME TO HURLBURT FIELD

For the first time in years, Hurlburt Field is opening its gates to the residents and visitors of the Emerald Coast! Come visit our U.S. Air Force Air Commandos at the FREE Hurlburt Field Open House April 14-15.

The base event will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A real ID is required to gain access to the base. Our gates will begin welcoming visitors at 8:45 a.m. and will no longer be open to the public starting at 1:15 p.m., so please plan your visit with us accordingly! We look forward to seeing you there!

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with our Air Commandos, experience thrilling demonstrations and tour our latest generation of special forces aircraft, which is essential to accomplishing the nation's global defense mission. The Airmen at Hurlburt Field are looking forward to providing attendees several behind the scenes showcases of how the Air Force is preparing for the conflicts of the future and how the heart of Air Force Special Operations presides in the Emerald Coast. The Future of Air Force Special Operations Command Starts NOW!





Annual Scholarship & Awards Luncheon on May 4th; Previous Scholarship Winners to Be Commissioned.

Our monthly luncheon on May 4th will be our Annual Scholarship & Awards event. This year we received ten scholarship applications from JROTC cadets from six local high schools, the most ever. This is the first time we have received more applications than we have available scholarships, which is eight.

Since March 1st, your Scholarship Fund board members have been reviewing, evaluating, and scoring the ten scholarship applications in multiple areas of academic records and test scores, education, honors and awards, community service, work experience, financial need, recommendations by the applicant's JROTC Instructor, and an essay of "Why I should receive this scholarship". This is just Part A of the selection process.

Part B consists of individual interviews with each JROTC cadet applicant by the Scholarship board members. Factors to be scored during the interviews include military bearing & appearance, enthusiasm & attitude, knowledge of current events, and potential for a commission and military leadership. These interviews will take place on March 27th.

After the interviews, each cadet's scores from Part A and Part B will be combined to determine not only which of the eight gets selected for a scholarship, but also, the highest scoring cadet will be awarded the "Lt Col James and Mrs Una Heavener Memorial Scholarship" of \$4,500. The remaining seven scholarships are for \$3,000 each. The scholarships will be presented at our May 4th luncheon, where we will also recognize the 2023 awardees of the MOAA Medal from each of the seven JROTC units we support, and, award certificates of recognition to students from any of the high schools in Okaloosa and Walton counties, plus Navarre High School, who receive an appointment to any of our U.S. military academies.

Five Previous NWFMOA Scholarship Winners to be Commissioned: This coming May, I am most pleased to inform you that five of our previous scholarship winners will be commissioned in the military service of their choice, three in the US Air Force, and one each in the US Army and US Navy. All are being commissioned via ROTC. At the bottom of this article you will see that our motto for the Scholarship Fund is "[HELPING TO BUILD FUTURE MILITARY OFFICERS AND LEADERS.](#)" I know we have scholarship winners prior to this being commissioned, but, sadly, I was not tracking them like I now do.

The five ROTC Cadets to receive their commissions in May, 2023, are as follows:

Cadet **Cole Briggs** (Baker School JROTC in 2016), to be 2Lt in USAF at Notre Dame University; Cadet **Yolanda Stallworth** (Niceville HS JROTC in 2019), to be 2Lt in USAF at University of South Florida; Cadet **James Webb** (Crestview JROTC in 2019), to be 2LT in USA at University of West Florida; Cadet **Sarah Brown** (Navarre HS JROTC in 2019), to be an Ensign (Nurse) in the USN at Vanderbilt University; and, Cadet **Blayne Johnson**, (ROTC at UWF in 2022); to be 2Lt in USAF at University of West Florida.

Three of our scholarship awardees in 2020 are scheduled to enter their senior year of ROTC if the fall of this year and should receive their commissions in May of 2024 (one via AFROTC and two via Army ROTC).

The 'bottom line' is that our scholarships are having positive impacts. I thank those individuals and businesses that have donated to our Scholarship Fund in the past, and I highly encourage future donations to keep this program growing.

The **50/50 raffle** for the Scholarship Fund at our March meeting was won by Al Bills. Ticket sales were \$151 with \$75 to the Scholarship Fund and \$76 to Al. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets.

Recent SF Donors: Reddoch Williams, Kevin Kirby, Rod Gerdes, and Les Matheson are our most recent donors to the Century Club. With his latest donation, we welcome Les to the **Gold Century Club** by attaining a cumulative donation of \$500.

Below is the complete list of our **Endowed Scholarships**, our **Gold Century Club** members (\$500 cumulative minimum donation) and our **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 scholarships. [Note: (D) means deceased and (R) means Renewal of membership.]

Endowed Scholarships: **Lt Col Jim and Mrs Una Heavener Memorial Scholarship** (D) (via their estate effective 2018); **Dave Parisot** in memory of his wife, Chong Cha (Kim) Parisot) (effective 2017); **Dr (Lt Col, USAF, Ret.) Howard and Mrs. Irene Fisher Scholarship** (effective 2022); and, **Dr. (Lt. Col., USAF, Ret,) Fred and Mrs. Jan Westfall Scholarship** (effective 2023).

Gold Century Club: **Bill Ryan** (Feb 2016); **Ruth Cullen, (D)** (Oct 2016); **Dave Parisot** (Feb 2017); **Janet Taylor** (Mar 2017); **Chris Beam** (Mar 2017); **Bob Garcia (D)** (July 2017); **Rod Gerdes** (Nov 2017); **Larry Bush** (Nov 2017); **Dr. Howard & Irene Fisher** (Nov 2017); **Eileen Arpke** (Feb 2018); **Fred & Jan Westfall** (Apr 2018); **Clyde Locke (D)** (Apr 2018); WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veteran **Sam Lombardo (D)** (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 (D)** (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); **Douglas Hardin (D)** (Sept 2021); **Patrick Boab** (Dec. 2021); **Bob Allen** (Feb 2022); **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** (Mar 2022); **Joy Houck** (Mar 2022); **George Colton** (May 2022); **Bob Secrest** (May 2022); **Brig. Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks** (Oct 2022); **Les Matheson** (Feb 2023). [Note: 38 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): Mar. 2022: **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** (In memory of Col. Bob Garcia); **Dan Cobb** (In memory of Col. Gordon Thomas); **Joy Houck (R)** (In memory of Maj. Stanley Houck); Apr 2022: **Brig. Gen. Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks (R)**; May 2022: **George Colton (R)**; **Bob Secrest (R)**; **Mark Lombardo** (In memory of LTC Sam Lombardo); **Larry Bush (R)**; June 2022: **Dr. Howard and Mrs Irene Fisher (R)**; **Anonymous** (In honor of Dr Howard

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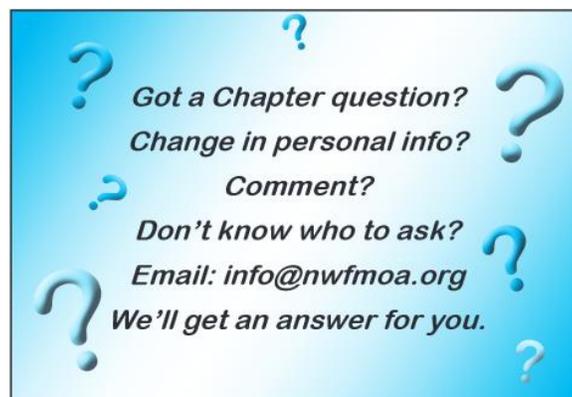
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