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Breakfast Discussion

When: Wed. 1 Dec., 2010
Time: Open: 0700; Bkst: 0715;
 Meeting: 0800-0900
Place: Eglin AFB Enlisted Club
 (Not O Club)
Program: NHS Opus One Choir

Enlisted Club Breakfast

Please:
 • Make a reservation
 • Wear a name tag
 • Bring proper change.
 \$7.00 for O'Club Members
 \$9.00 for Non-Members

Reservation deadline is Friday at noon prior to the meeting. Call Dan Cobbs at 685-9415 or send an email to: clavalle@bridgeway.org if you are attending.

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Bill of Rights - Sixth Amendment

Sixth Amendment – Trial by jury and rights of the accused; Confrontation Clause, speedy trial, public trial, right to counsel. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district where in the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

NICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL OPUS ONE CHOIR TO HELP BRING IN THE HOLIDAY CHEER “GO EAGLES”

by Ken Wright

Our recent tradition has been having Niceville High School Opus One Choir entertain us in December. This December is no different. As a graduate of Niceville High School, it gives me great pleasure to have this wonderful group help us start the holidays with some of the most beautiful music of the season. The Choir is lead by Director Michael Dye of Niceville High School. Michael Dye is in his 20th year as choral director at Niceville High School and his 34th year as a choral music educator. A native of Arkansas, he received the Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Henderson State University and the Master of Music Education from Arkansas State University. He conducts all six of the primary choruses at Niceville High School and is the director of the choral music program. Mr. Dye serves as the Vice-President of the Florida Vocal Association, having completed his two-year term as President in June. His is married to Wanda Thomas Dye. They have two sons, Dr. Matthew Norton and Timothy Norton, an Opus One alum and graduate with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Musical Theater from Florida State University. This award winning group has been featured around the country and is truly a pleasure to listen to and we have the privilege to have

them with us once again. This is also an opportunity for them to raise funds so they may entertain our community and bring joy to many faces. ***So please, bring a donation.*** It would be



Ken Wright

a shame for others not to be able to hear their wonderful voices.

Also, if you haven't already got your tickets for the Annual Northwest Florida Military Ball on December 16, 2010, do so now, with the enclosed Ticket Form. The 2010 Military Association's Annual Ball is sure to be a great success this year. Your participation in this great event helps benefit our young ROTC members attend college and make the military their career, as well as, the opportunity of being introduced to the new officers and directors of our great organization. If you have any questions, please contact either Bill Van Hoesen at (850) 581-9284 or Ken Wright at (850) 582-6442.

In closing, please accept my thanks to our organization for supporting the Petty Officer Lonnie Jones Memorial at Coast Guard Station Destin. With this organization's support and efforts, this tribute and recognition has become a reality.

President's Corner... by Bill Van Hoesen

It seems like it was just the other day when Leo Weeks came to me and suggested I volunteer my services as a NWFMOA director. Actually, it was more than three years ago. During that time I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a director, legislative liaison, and finally as your president. Serving as your president of NWFMOA has been one of the highlights of my life. I remember thinking it would be hard to say goodbye ... and I was right - it is.



Bill Van Hoesen

The major benefit I received over these years has been the opportunity to work with some of the finest individuals I have ever known. Gentlemen like Scott Berry, Frank Glunn, Bill Ryan, John Feldmann, Jim Summitt, Bob Garcia, and Jim McCarthy have always stood ready and willing to help and advise at a moment's notice. Many, many thanks.

And to all, please accept my most sincere appreciation for giving me the opportunity to serve.

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand - *Irish Blessing*

See You At The Ball!!!

2010 NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BALL, DECEMBER 16, 2010 (THURSDAY NIGHT) AT THE HURLBURT SOUND SIDE CLUB

Is December 16, 2010 open on your calendar? Hope the answer is yes. The 2010 Northwest Florida Military Association's Annual Ball is sure to be bigger than ever this year. We have come together with the Daedalians this year at our Annual Ball in support of the ROTC Scholarship Fund. If you haven't already, please fill out the enclosed ticket form and return with a check as soon as possible. It has all the details. Your participation in this great event helps benefit our young ROTC members attend college and make the military their career. As we have all heard before, UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!!!

Look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact either our President, Bill Van Hoesen, at (850) 581-9284 or Ken Wright at (850) 582-6442.



Dan Cobbs

MEMBERSHIP

by Dan Cobbs

NWFMOA PARTICIPATES IN ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION DAY

Thank you to those of you who participated in our recent NWFMOA Member Survey.

As you know the results were very favorable with 93.9% Highly Satisfied-Satisfied. 6.2% were Somewhat Dissatisfied. Rest assured the results of members' open ended comments were reviewed by the Board, such as how NWFMOA Board could improve their feedback to the membership on what the Board is doing to improve the success of our organization. We will be giving our feedback to you in the next two months.

Welcome New Members!

NWFMOA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Lt Col Alan Barys
Lt Col Morris Blumenthal
Maj Terrance Linn
Capt Lee McKee
CDR John Patten
Lt Col Austin Penton
Lt Col Franklin Robertson
Maj Larry Smith
Col Richard Solt

Enjoy the cooler weather that is just around the corner.

Respectfully,

For immediate response please reply to 2ndVP@nwfmoa.org

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Editor's Etchings . . . by Scott Berry

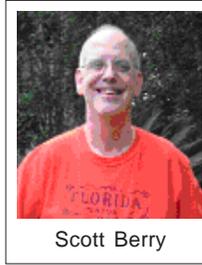
Greetings!

“Thank you for your service” is something very few Vietnam vets heard when they came home. But times have changed. In my discussions with people who don't have any military service, they frequently offer their thanks if it comes out that I'm a retiree. The fact that they say it at all is amazing, but the sincerity in their voices is absolutely astonishing. I've also heard the same from a business associate who only served for six years but flew F-4s in Vietnam. And HE'S thanking ME?

Yes, times have changed. And it's my observation that this is a fairly recent phenomenon that started after 9/11. Attendance at Veteran's Day events appears to be at an all time high.

By the time you read this, it'll probably be after December 1st which means that the DEFENDER is woefully LATE. My sincere apologies. I'm

working hard to get it into your hands in a much more timely manner. When last month's edition told people to “Fall Forward” instead of “Fall Back,” with only one exception I was surprised that all of you highlighted the error to our secretary, Jeff Thompson, rather than me. Unfortunately, neither last month's error nor this edition's tardiness was Jeff's fault in any way, shape, or form. However, I have no angst about you sending your hate mail to him and your accolades to me.



Scott Berry

As of publication time, as belated as it may be, a new AUXILIARY column was not available from MOAA.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. See you at the Military Ball.

Berry “OUT”

Seamless Retirement

Some folks transition seamlessly into a happy retirement and get right to the business of enjoying their new lives. But other people have a tougher time entering the retirement years. Some of these folks may wonder whether they are really cut out for retirement at all. Here is a trait happy retirees share.

Good health. Enjoying good health is the single most important factor impacting retiree happiness, according to a 2009 Watson Wyatt analysis. Retirees in poor health are nearly 50 percent less likely to report being happy, trumping all other factors including money and age.

A significant other. The same study found married or cohabiting couples are more likely than singles to be happy in retirement. The news gets even better for couples enjoying retirement together. Retirees whose partners are also retired report being happier than those with a working partner, according to research conducted earlier this year at the University of Greenwich.

A social network. The Greenwich study also found having friends was far more important to retirement bliss than having kids. Those who have strong social networks are 30 percent happier with their lives than those without a strong network of friends. Having kids or grandkids had no impact on a retiree's level of contentment.

They are not addicted to television. After you retire you will have lots of time to fill. If you want to be happy in retirement, don't fill that time with endless hours of television. Heavy TV viewers report lower satisfaction with their lives, according to a 2005 study published by the Institute for Empirical Research in Economics in Zurich. The same results were found again in 2008 by researchers at the University of Maryland. In that study, a direct negative correlation was found between the amount of TV watching and happiness levels: unhappy people watched more TV and happy people watched less.

Source: U.S. News and World Report, Sydney Lagier, 22 July 2010

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECOGNIZES PRIZE SPONSORS

By Frank Glunn

Hello, Everyone! I hope you're getting geared up for our Christmas Gala on the 16th of December! Our Scholarship Committee elves have been out scouring the countryside to bring you great prizes



Ciao Bella Pizza

for the scholarship raffle. We hope to offer them to you at the regular December meeting in case you're not attending the Gala but still wish to participate in the raffle.

We've also been busy presenting

Honor Roll certificate to last year's prize sponsors. We'll provide you with photos of those



Giuseppe's Wharf Restaurant

presentations in the coming months—some of them are shown here with Gayle Norgaard and me—with a reminder that these local merchants rely on you and your

neighbors for their livelihood.

Please think of them first when you're out shopping or dining,

as the case may be. -- And while you're there, please identify yourselves as members of NWFMOA, and let them know that you appreciate their support of our scholarship program. It's the least we could do to recognize their kind generosity!

We look forward to seeing you at the December meeting and at the Christmas Gala! Merry Christmas to you all!

Secretary's Pen

... by Jeff Thompson

The holidays are upon us and we'll all be getting ready for the Gala and other festivities. Best of the season to each of you!

Our Nov. meeting was at the Westwood center and we had almost 60 members present for a fine meal and a wonderful summary of upcoming military moves in the local area. We sang God Bless America and the Marine Hymn. The honor guard from Choctaw High presented the colors and we pledged our allegiance. Ken Wright introduced County Commissioner Wayne Harris who outlined some differences in the officer corps and the enlisted way of looking at things. He also spoke about the recent elections and congratulated our member Dave Parisot for his victory in his challenge for a seat on the county commission. Commissioner Harris also spoke about how our area supports the military and the events of the past few months that show the support: Eglin's 75th birthday; the Honor Flights; the Military Stand Down; the Korean War Veteran's dinner; USO at the airport and the Vietnam traveling wall.

He stated that 13,849 military retirees live here and 24,000 active duty and families also live here. We can expect 6064 or so 7th SF members and family. Additionally, 7,939 new folks are coming in with the 33FW and the F-35. I didn't know we were also getting 720 more county residents for the Osprey at Hurlburt but the more the merrier.

There is a tri-county commission for growth that has a report coming out soon. It will finalize the plans for housing, land use,



Jeff Thompson

ELECTION SLATE FOR 2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has put together the following slate of officers for the 2011 calendar year. These names will be voted on at the December meeting with the opportunity to add additional names.

President: Ken Wright

1st Vice President (Programs): Dan Cobbs

2nd Vice President (Membership): John Hall

Treasurer: Bill Ryan

Secretary: Jeff Thompson

Directors: Eileen Arpke, Howard Hill, Bob Garcia, Bob Padden, and Jim Summitt

transportation and spouse support. We are preparing for the next BRAC even though one is not scheduled, better prepared than sorry.

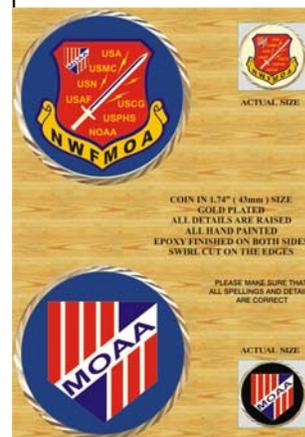
The military was not the only thing on the commissioner's talking points though; he also spoke about tourism in Crestview and grants for the area. Several billion dollars in BRAC impact funds help keep our taxes down to about the lowest in the state. There are 1155 new government jobs and 10,000 civilian jobs coming between now and 2015.

We have our Gala on 16 Dec at the Hurlburt Soundside Club. We are still looking to help the Elves find items for the raffles at the event. Any ideas let us know.

Other announcements of events; Neal Schneider invited everybody to the General meeting at the President's Winter meetings next 28-29 January at the Emerald Grande. The nominating committee is working on the slate, and some announcements are forthcoming. I am moving to Auburndale Florida next summer so we need to find someone to write the Secretary's article for the Defender. Also, Bill Van Hoesen thanked the volunteers and the two bike shops in town that helped put together the bikes for the Military Stand Down last month.

Again, if you would like to not receive the Defender snail-mail and get it via the web or e-mail please e-mail me at nwfmosecretary@cox.net.

Be The Second One On Your Block



To have a NWFMOA coin. It's **NOW** at a chapter near you. Has been long in the planning stage and will be here in plenty of time to make the perfect Christmas gift/stocking stuffer. It's priced at an outrageously low price of only 10 dollars. Proceeds from the sale go to your chapter's Scholarship Fund and you get a beautiful "challenge" coin to win beverages from your friends at holiday

functions while supporting a very worth-while cause. Is there anything wrong with that picture? Everybody wins, except your friend who has to buy the drinks!

If you choose not to carry this colorful symbol of your chapter with you, it will stand out with your collection of other challenge coins.

AVAILABLE NOW! Here are photos of what the coin looks like. You get a much better picture by viewing it via the on-line DEFENDER at www.nwfmoa.org.

Marine Corps Celebrates 235 years

November 10, 2010

“The Few, the Proud”: So says an old advertising slogan of the U.S. Marine Corps, and so it is. The Marines are the smallest branch of the U.S. armed forces, but their reputation outmatches their size. Today, the Marines celebrate their 235th anniversary, born before the country was in 1775.

The Marine Corps makes up less than 11 percent of the U.S. military but more than 23 percent of the Americans killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan, [the New York Daily News notes](#). Yet, they are fiercely one of the proudest groups with a strong alumni following and high-profile events such as the Marine Corps Marathon, now in its 35th year.

Around the world, Marines celebrate the day with a cake tradition. After the cake, a birthday message from John A. Lejeune, the 13th commandant of the marines, is read. Lejeune is known as the “Marine’s Marine,” and headed the Corps. from 1920 to 1929.

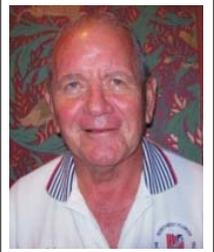
“So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as “Soldiers of the Sea” since the founding of the Corps.” the message reads.



The sun begins to rise behind the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, also called the Iwo Jima Memorial, on Nov. 10, 2010, in Arlington. (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

Bob's Computer Tips . . . by Bob Garcia

I believe that I have mentioned a suite (bundle) of applications that provide most of the functions of Microsoft Office. It was called Open Office and was available free and available by download. Open Office was an effort supported by “geeks” who feel that software should be open source and available to the public at no cost. Anyone who is capable can add functionality to the software. Sun Computers was a major sponsor of the non-profit consortium that developed and maintained Open Office.



Bob Garcia

Sun was recently bought by Oracle, and the takeover included the Java and Open Office software. Oracle was not interested in continuing to support a “free” Open Office, but not to worry, a new group, the Document Foundation, a non-profit has released a new replacement suite called Libre Office. It is free for downloading and use on your computer. There is a Macintosh version. I like the suite of software. It does most of the things you want to do: word processing, spread sheets, presentations, database among others. Try it if you are in the market for a new version of Office, or just want to play with something new.

One of the nice features in Libre Office is that it will save documents in PDF which I'm sure you recognize as a universal format for sharing documents. Nice feature, but remember that you can't edit a PDF document unless you have the full Adobe Acrobat or similar PDF editing program. Libre Office also saves in many other formats and can open a variety of formats. Try this link: <http://documentfoundation.org/>.

I've been experimenting with a backyard camera that captures video of the animals who pass in the dark. The camera is motion sensitive and records only when there is motion. The camera is very sensitive in the dark and does not require added illumination. The video is captured on a DVR (not the one from Cox) and can be played on your TV or computer through proper connections. There are many varieties available, including wireless, if you are interested. If you want to get even more high-tech, you can set up your system to access the videos over the Internet. Fun to watch the foxes and coyotes who roam Bluewater Bay.

That is about it for this month. Have a very Merry Christmas and the best of the New Year.

Semper Fi, Bob

Military Wisdom

'Never tell the Platoon Sergeant
you have nothing to do.'

~Unknown Marine Recruit~

Brain Study for OIF/OEF Veterans

Dr FitzGerald from the VA hospital in Gainesville is the Staff Physician-Neurology and an Assistant Professor of Neurology at UF. He is asking for our help. He is doing a study looking at Veterans of OPERATION Iraqi Freedom and OPERATION Enduring Freedom and their response to experiencing Blast.

Dr FitzGerald sent the following information:

“The study asks little of the veteran, approximately 3 hours of paper and pencil testing and a structured interview as well as 1 hour of time in our MRI scanner. After completing the study, we provide a CD with images of the participant’s brain and \$25 for their time. We also pay for travel using standard VA rates. There are no blood draws or medications in this study.

Veterans do not have to be located in the North Florida/South Georgia cachement to be in the study. We can easily accommodate vets from Tampa or Atlanta as well with a little extra preparation.”

Please put the word out to your contacts whether they are your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, or just acquaintances.

From the Florida Council of Chapters and the Gainesville Chapter.

- Participation time is roughly 4 hours.
- You will be sent images of your brain.
- Eligible participants will be compensated for their time.
- You must be right-handed and a native English speaker.
- If you have claustrophobia you cannot participate.
- If you have shrapnel you cannot participate.

Please call David B. FitzGerald, MD
(352) 376-1611 x 7677 if interested.

(Editor’s note: Our state MOAA president has had this request validated and asked we give this widest dissemination)

VA Disability Hoax

An e-mail making its rounds on the internet claims that new legislation will dramatically increase veterans’ disability compensation - in some cases by more than 100 percent.

But that claim about H.R. 4667, the Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Act of 2010 is a hoax. The bill does exist, and it was recently passed by Congress, but it only authorizes the same COLA increase for VA beneficiaries that will be paid to Social Security annuitants this year (which almost certainly will be zero). Unfortunately, a prankster created a fake version of the bill, put it out on the internet and it quickly turned viral. It just goes to reinforce the old adage: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. (Source: moaa.org)

Ticket Order Form for the NWFMOA Annual Military Ball To benefit the Scholarship Fund

- 16 December, 2010, at the Soundside Club
- Dress: Gowns or cocktail dress, formal or business suits.
- Social hour 1800. Pay as you go bar(s) will be open.
- Dinner 1900: London Broil with a Liter of Red & White Wine Provided per table.
- Dancing from 2000 until 2200 with the new Tall Cotton Band

Ticket Purchaser’s name: _____

If purchasing via mail: Address: _____

City: _____, FL Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____ times \$27.00 = \$ _____ check enclosed.
(Price includes Meal, Wine, & Gratuity)

If you are a member of any Air Force club anywhere, you are eligible for a rebate of \$2.00 per each ticket you purchase. To obtain this rebate, you must supply the last four numbers of your club card, the expiration date, and your spouse’s name. You are encouraged to contribute the rebate to the Scholarship Fund but you may have it refunded to you. If you are purchasing tickets for other military club members include their information so we can process their rebate. Rebates will be made after the club refunds the money to us. Do not withhold rebate money from the price of these tickets

Club card last four: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Spouse’s name: _____

Contribute refund to the scholarship fund: Yes _____ or No _____

You are encouraged to make a charitable contribution to the Scholarship Fund by supplying an additional check made payable to NWFMOA Scholarship Fund.

Seating location is on a first come basis except at reserved tables. Table reservations may be made for groups either by contacting Bill Van Hoesen at (850) 225-2957 or Ken Wright at (850) 582-6442. If you are to be seated at someone’s reserved table please coordinate with the reservation holder, but tell us their name here too:

When ordering by mail please include a stamped self-addressed envelope, a check payable to NWFMOA and this form to: NWFMOA, PO Box 310, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0310. Allow sufficient time to get your tickets returned by mail.

TRICARE promotes mail-order pharmacy option

As TRICARE officials explore ways to control costs while continuing to provide the best health care possible, they are encouraging beneficiaries, especially those taking long-term medications, to get their prescriptions delivered to their doorsteps. TRICARE’s almost 9.7 million beneficiaries filled 10.5 million prescriptions through home delivery in 2009. That is up from more than 9 million in 2007, but still represents only about 8 percent of the 130 million prescriptions. Last year, beneficiaries filled more than half of their prescriptions — 71.4 million — at retail pharmacies. This is the fastest-growing of the TRICARE delivery options. While retail pharmacies may be convenient and often the best choice for patients needing short-term medications, they are also the most expensive, all around. Beneficiaries pay the same co-payment for a 30-day supply of medication at the corner drugstore that they would pay for a 90-day supply delivered through TRICARE’s home-delivery. (For more information and to register, visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/tmop_order.cfm.)

MEMORIALIZATION

The following made a donation to our Scholarship Fund in memory of Gary Purcell:

Lt. Col. & Mrs. Fred Boyer

Are Your Dues Due?

By Bill Ryan

Annual membership dues are due by the end of December. To confirm your membership expiration date look at the mailing label on this copy of The Defender, if the top line includes *2010* your dues are due. If your membership information (address, phone, email, etc.) hasn't changed simply send a check, made out to NWFMOA, to NWFMOA, PO Box 310, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0310. Annual dues are \$20.00 for regular members or \$10.00 for auxiliary members. If your information is changed, or you are interested in discounts, please refer to the membership renewal form found in this issue. Prompt payment will save the club money by not requiring us to send out invoices.

Got a Chapter question?

Change in personal info?

Comment?

Don't know who to ask?

Email: info@nwfmoe.org

We'll get an answer for you.



DONATION FORM

Please accept this gift of \$ _____ to support the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund.

Donor Information (if not printed on check):

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Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

This gift is a memorial in honor of: _____

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 **The spouse of a deceased life member automatically becomes an auxiliary life member.

Membership Application/Renewal

New Members joining in 2010
 receive membership through
December 31, 2011 for \$20.00.

Membership Renewal
 1 yr - \$20.00, 2 yr - \$38.00, 3 yr - \$50.00

Life Membership Dues**

Age	Dues	Age	Dues
101+	Free	71-75	240.00
96-100	50.00	66-70	275.00
91 - 95	75.00	61-65	295.00
86 - 90	110.00	56-60	335.00
81 - 85	150.00	51-55	360.00
76 - 80	195.00	-50	395.00

Auxiliary Members

Pay one half of the above rates