

Breakfast Discussion

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Program: Col. Bruce McClintock,

96 ABW/CC

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To Aid Active and Retired Personnel of the Various Services from which our members are drawn, and their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner.

EGLIN AFB LANDLORD TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP ON THE HAPPENINGS OF THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT OF by Ken Wright DEFENSE INSTALLATION

Our membership gets the extreme pleasure of having Col. Bruce H. McClintock, Commander of the 96th Air



Base Wing, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin AFB, Fla as our next Guest Speaker. Not only will we be getting an update on the happenings of Eglin AFB, he will give us some insights

Col. Bruce H. McClintock

of the White House Leadership during the 9/11 attacks, when he was a White House Fellow.

As the Base Commander, he leads 5,400 men and women in providing all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Department of Defense's largest installation (724 sq miles). Under the wing are four distinct groups and twenty squadrons and divisions; the Air Force's largest Civil Engineer war fighting unit and Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight; the Air Force's largest supply function; the Air Force's fifth largest hospital, and the Air Force's largest transportation function in the continental United States. The 96th ABW also supports the Air Armament Center, five tenant wings, and 50 associate units to include the Joint EOD Training Center, U.S. Army Ranger Training (6th Ranger Training Battalion) and the 20th Space Control Squadron. As Eglin Installation

Commander. he interacts with local officials across a threecounty, nine city region with а military economic impact of \$1.54 billion annually. Colonel



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McClintock earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in astronautical engineering. In 1998, he earned a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida. In 1999, Colonel McClintock attended Air Command and Staff College where he was the top graduate. He has served as a space educator in the Space Warfare School and a deputy group commander prior to his selection and service to President George W. Bush as a White House Fellow from 2001-2002. Following squadron command, Colonel McClintock completed the senior course at NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. He is a command pilot with over 3,000 hours in 35 different aircraft. Some of the aircraft flown, included the A-10, F-15B/ D, F-16A/B/C/D, CF-18, F-111, B-1, C-141, OA-37, OH-58D, AT-38, T-37, and P-51. Colonel McClintock is a very distinguished officer and we look forward to hearing his accomplishments and give him our farewell as he departs PCS this summer. So put this date on your calendar and honor Colonel McClintock with your presence.

Officers & Directors

PRESIDENT

are attending.

Please:

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Reservation deadline is Friday at

noon prior to the meeting. Call Dan

Cobbs at 685-9415 or send an email to: dgosselin@bridgeway.org if you

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President's Corner... by Bill Van Hoesen

WE NEED HELP!! Yeah, I know.....there goes Van again trying to get volunteers, same-o, same-o. And you're right. I'll probably keep harping on this subject as long as you deem me fit to serve you.

But we do need assistance. I was reviewing the committees and committee chairs the other day and realized we are still short two standing committee chairs and we're going to need an additional chair in the not-too-distant future. They are the chairs for



Bill Van Hoesen

Awards and Legislative Liaison committees. Please review them and if you can spare a few short hours per month, give me a call.

It's a very sad reflection on us as an organization that with a membership close to 450, no one will volunteer for these two positions. Are we that old and feeble or just plain lazy? What about you youngsters out there, you 40 and 50 somethings?

At the Board meeting in March, it was voted upon as an association to provide sponsor-type assistance to members of the Seventh Special Forces Group and Air Force personnel associated with the F-35 training program who are PCSing into the area. This assistance will consist primarily of escorting the SM or his/her spouse around the area to acquaint them with various facilities and ensure they maximize the time they are here by showing them the neighborhoods in which they are interested without getting lost. We are going to need a chair to honcho that committee also. So c'mon let's get with the program, give me a call.

If you've had enough of my pestering to step up and volunteer, you have the power to make me stop, just VOLUNTEER! ('nuff said – till possibly next month.)

Public Record

IN MEMORIAM: Col. Charles H. Link, USAF, Ret, 02/21/10; Lt. Col. Victor Cheney, USAF, Ret, 03/16/10; Lt. Col. Norman Stanley, USAF, Ret, 02/26/10

NEW LIFE MEMBER: Maj. David Parisot, USAF (Ret)

Military Wisdom

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword, obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

~General Douglas MacArthur~

Chaplain's Column



. . .by Chaplain Sarah Shirley

Forgetting Springtime

ngtime Chaplain Shirley

Weather, health, and sports are generally considered "safe" conversational topics, unlike my unsafe favorites, religion and politics. From a spiritual point of view I've always found that a little odd. After all, the spiritual life is by design a life dedicated to transformation. Spiritual pursuits are intended to create personal and societal change and security (there's an oxymoron for you!). So it's surprising that two arenas that can and should transform people and societies for the better are off limits for polite conversation.

So what is it about weather, health, and sports? No matter how much we talk about sports and the weather we're not going to change them! The Cubs will always be the only baseball team that matters (you can see that I am a hopeful and patient person!), and the weather consistently beats us into submission or lifts our spirits with its grace.

Health, on the other hand, is a mixed bag. Heath concerns continue to be far and away the number one prayer topic. When we pray a lot for something, it suggests we feel pretty powerless and need a fair amount of help, even divine intervention. While research suggests we can impact our health status dramatically through diet, exercise, and other daily habits including spiritual practice, we still feel relatively shaky about our future when we experience illness or injury, and turn to one another and to God for help.

Perhaps we feel safer talking about things we know we can't do much to change, like sports and weather, and common challenges like aging, injuries and disease. When weather happens to us, it binds us together as we revel in fair weather or survive and recover from hurricanes, blizzards, and tornadoes as communities.

As a species, human beings don't care too much for change. But change we must lest we perish. When I was young I drove past the lake front campuses of Loyola University and Mundelein College on my way to and from work in downtown Chicago. On one particularly weary winter day, their sign board boasted the last line from Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind*:

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Shelley's hopeful ode can also remind us that where Spring and

Editor's Etchings

Greetings!

This will be a month of short bursts well, short for Scott Berry.

Please return your census form. It's as important as voting—perhaps more so—as your input will drive congressional districting and tax allocation. Don't lose heart if you're like me and a recent letter to the editor to the *Daily News* that you submitted you response but still got a reminder. Those are your inefficient tax dollars at work. Okaloosa County is at a 53% response rate—above the national average—perhaps because our beloved president has a leadership position with the local census office. That's why he didn't make the last breakfast!

Those of you who read my column regularly know that I'm a wannabe chef, student of local cooking classes, and avid watcher of food shows. The *Kitchenique* store in Destin sends me monthly emails and they're asking for volunteer kitchen assistants for their cooking classes. You're not paid but get gift certificates and participate in their cooking classes. I'm hooked and have signed up. Call them if interested and we'll chat while washing dishes but getting

Chaplain's continued from page 2

Summer blaze, Winter is likely to follow in short order.

When times are tough, it's easy to forget good times. Likewise, when times are good, it's easy for the tough ones to fade into the background. Since politics, religion, weather, sports, and health are doubtless going to continue to bring joy, heartache, conflict, controversy, and community, let's remember that Spring follows Winter and Summer follows Spring. Perhaps by taking a longer view, we can remember to celebrate a little more and take a little better care of one another. educated on our culinary skills and whetting our palettes with gourmet foods cooked by local chefs. I can smell those scallops sautéed in garlic as I write this!

Got a call from Patsy Batchelder the other day. God bless that dear lady! She remains committed—through action in standing up for the rights of surviving spouses. The reason she called me is that Mother MOAA sends out a monthly pamphlet to chapter officers. There is a column dedicated to auxiliary member issues and Patsy asked if I could publish that in The DEFENDER. There were a couple of obstacles I had to overcome, but I called Patsy back and I told her I would do that although there may be some constraints due to space. Her request is important as roughly 25 percent of our chapter claims auxiliary status and we should address issues in The DEFENDER that affect them. Thanks Patsy for again taking the initiative on behalf of surviving spouses. They need

an advocate and you've come through again in spades!

by Scott Berry



Scott Berry

DEFENDER had some serious quality problems with the hard copy edition. My apologies. I've worked with our printer and believe that we've found the source of the problem and it won't recur.

Finally, you'll read Ken Wright's front page article about Col McClintock as our speaker next month. Here's my "piling on." Pull out the stops and invite every man, woman, child, and stranger you know to attend. He will give us insights into the government reactions to 9/11 at the highest level that very few people will ever hear. In addition, he's been a staunch supporter of our chapter in general and chapter members in time of need. You won't be disappointed.

Berry "Out"

Statement from VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki on Health Care Reform Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON — As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, I accepted the solemn responsibility to uphold our sacred trust with our nation's veterans. Fears that veterans health care and TRICARE will be undermined by the health reform legislation are unfounded. I am confident that the legislation being voted on (March 21) will provide the protections afforded our nation's veterans and the health care they have earned through their service. The President and I stand firm in our commitment to those who serve and have served in our armed forces. We pledge to continue to provide the men and women in uniform and our veterans the high quality health care they have earned. President Obama has strongly supported veterans and their needs, specifically health care needs, on every major issue for these past 14 months - advance appropriations, new

GI Bill implementation, new Agent Orange presumptions for three additional diseases, new Gulf War Illness presumptions for nine additional diseases, and a 16% budget increase in 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, that is the largest in over 30 years, and which has been followed by a 2011 VA budget request that increases that record budget by an additional 7.6%. To give our veterans further assurance that health reform legislation will not affect their health care systems, the Chairmen of five House committees, including Veterans Affairs Chairman Bob Filner and Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton, have just issued a joint letter reaffirming that the health reform legislation as written would protect those receiving care through all TRICARE and Department of Veterans Affairs programs.

Secretary's Pen

... by Jeff Thompson

Many things discussed at our April meeting. If you missed any of it here is a quick recap: Part 2 of our 7th Special Forces bed down brief was given and many myths and rumors about the upcoming



Jeff Thompson

migration of several thousand Army families were dispelled or laid to rest.

- We are still organizing a visit to the 7 SF area and John Hall predicts that will take place once the construction is a little more complete.

- <u>IF anyone is interested</u> in helping sponsor an Army family please let me know. I am going to submit names to the Combat Readiness Support Center. I imagine they'll need folks to show the incoming families around and help them get situated. There is not a formal program but having a list of helpful volunteers can't be a bad thing for the Eglin Base support structure.

- Speaking of volunteers, there are volunteer opportunities for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall visit this June.

Interested? Call the Heritage Museum 678-2615

- Also, we received some funds from MOAA for recruiting and it will allow us to offer new members a membership deal. Tell your friends, new NWFMOA members can pay \$20 and they are paid up through Dec. 2011!

- In an effort to save money and cut down on snail mail, I am taking names of people who DO NOT want "The Defender" delivered to their house and would rather view it from our new on-line web site. Just e-mail me at <u>NWFMOASecretary@cox.net</u> or log onto <u>http://</u> <u>www.nwfmoa.org</u> and send me a message.

- We are floating the idea of having a NWFMOA challenge coin. Any comments about having one made? Send me your ideas.

Finally, a new addition to the Jeff's List, have you noticed there is a new Bagel shop in Shalimar? 42nd Street Bagels and Cafe (which is not on 42nd street by the way, it's on Eglin Parkway). Though they have been open since November I just discovered them last week. I like Lox and cream cheese and they have it, plus 10 types of bagels and good coffee. http://www.42ndstreetbagels.com/

AUXILIARY CORNER

Each year, April usually signals the beginning of warmer weather, but on Capitol Hill, April ushers in an ominous force — the One Powerful Voice® of MOAA's Storming the Hill team. On April 21, your Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee once again will join with council and chapter representatives, MOAA staff, and members of MOAA's board of directors to participate in the national association's annual lobbying blitz, which will cover issues crucial to military survivors and veterans and currently serving personnel.

Did you know MOAA's auxiliary members are a relatively recent addition to the association's storming team? Several years ago, an auxiliary member mailed a letter to the editor of the then-Retired Officer Magazine, now Military Officer that pointed out the unique dimension military surviving spouses would bring to the message conveyed on Capitol Hill. MOAA listened and since 2004, auxiliary members have been an integral part of the Storming the Hill delegations. This is a perfect example of the power just one voice can have in creating change.

With the power of many voices, MOAA commands significant respect on Capitol Hill, earned by the association's outstanding leadership — at national MOAA, in it's chapter system, and in a first-rate Government Relations Department, with a rock-solid reputation for integrity. For the third consecutive year, MOAA was recognized as the top military/veterans lobbying organization by The Hill, a newspaper that covers all happenings on Capitol Hill. MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., USN-Ret., was honored as the 2010 Association Executive of the Year by Association TRENDS. Since 2001, Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF-Ret., director of MOAA's Government Relations Department, has cochaired The Military Coalition, which is made up of 34 organizations that represent more than 5.5 million people.

Yet, with all of this great talent and tireless effort with Congress, MOAA needs your help in your hometown, congressional district, and state. Without leaving the comfort of your home, you can be a part of this year's Storming the Hill by contacting your legislators by phone, e-mail, mail, and fax and speak up about the issues that are important to you.

We all have an issue that is our personal "hot button." Become the catalyst for change on your hot-button issue, just like the auxiliary member who wrote to the editor. You never know when someone will listen and take action.

Carolyn Epling and Joanne Steen, members, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee, MOAA.

The Heritage Museum of Valparaiso will host the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall June 17-20, 2010 at the Okaloosa County Fairgrounds. This national traveling exhibit will feature a half-scale replica of the memorial in Washington, D.C. as well as an Information Center and Traveling Museum. For more information, visit www.veteranswallokaloosa.com.

Also, the following link lists our fallen comrades whose names are on the wall and information about them. Take a moment to view it.

http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm

Prescription Filling... more than throwing pills in a bottle by Maj. Krissa Crawford, USAF, BSC

At the Hurlburt Field Pharmacy, we fill nearly 400 new prescriptions every day. Every prescription, no matter how simple or complex, goes through the same basic steps to maximize your safety.

1. Every medication is electronically screened against other medications you take and any allergies you have (that we know about). Even if your doctor entered your prescription electronically, we look at it again.

2. Every dose and line of instruction is checked for appropriateness and accuracy. We make several phone calls to providers every day to clarify prescriptions.

3. With the assistance of a state-of-theart safety check system, we fill each prescription. Each label is scanned into the system. If we then scan the incorrect medication, the system alerts us to our error and will not allow us to continue until corrected. *If we try to hurry and bypass this important safety check, we increase our risk of making a mistake.*

4. Once filled, the prescription proceeds to a third person who reviews the label and the medication and compares them to the written prescription (if there is one). The computerized safety system is used again here, displaying on the screen a picture or description of the correct medication.

Some prescriptions do require a few more steps than others and may take longer to fill. Antibiotics that need to be reconstituted or controlled substances that require careful inventory tracking may take longer than other prescriptions.

MEMORIALIZATION

The following people made a donation to our Scholarship Fund in Memory of Jack Dale.

Frank W. & Margie H. Mann

Bob's Computer Tips ... by Bob Garcia

Let's review some basic maintenance procedures that may improve your computer's performance. Is your computer loading slowly when you turn it on? To solve this frustrating problem, let's understand what is going on at **boot up**. The bios of your computer has some special code called **firmware** that tells the computer where to find Windows. Windows is loaded into RAM and takes over the start up. Windows then follows a Startup menu of Windows processes and other processes



that then load into RAM. Window continues to check the components of your hardware and software during this period. Applications that are loaded into RAM take up valuable space and take time to be retrieved from your hard disk and put in RAM. These startup programs remain in

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RAM even though you may not use them during your entire session at the computer. Got the picture? These unused startup programs reside in RAM and use some of the processor's resources while doing nothing of value. These programs were probably assigned to the startup menu without your knowledge by the program's

installer. Software producers like to have their products in RAM for exposure and will very often place them in a start up queue.

You can remove those programs that you don't need resident in RAM at startup by typing in *msconfig* on your *start menu* in Win Vista and 7; and in the *run* entry on XP. (See the graphic.) Choose the *Startup* Tab and review the programs and process listed there. You can choose to remove those programs that you do not need at startup. CAUTION: Do not mess with any process that you do not recognize, especially any that sound like Windows processes. Choose *Apply* when you are done. After completing the procedure, you will have to *restart*. When you have restarted, you will get a message that allows you to undo your actions and asks if you want to be reminded in the future. Make your selection and go to work.

Remember that it is always a good idea to set a restore point before performing such maintenance. By doing so, you have a chance to undo you actions if there were a problem.

P.S. You might want to see how much RAM you have and add more if you are really slowing down.

Semper Fi,



MEMBERSHIP

by Dan Cobbs

What a good year was 2009-2010 for NWFMOA under the leadership of Bill Van Hoesen. 2010-2011 will be a challenging and exciting year for us.



The membership campaign theme for

2010 and 2011, "Fulfilling our Pledge"

is based on making operational our commitment to NWFMOA membership.

We will be welcoming new NWFMOA members in 2010 in future "Defender" newsletters.

When you successfully recruit new members to the NWFMOA, please forward to me your background information for the areas below. We like to "spotlight" in the Defender those current NWFMOA members who support the Association by recruiting one new or returning NWFMOA member. The following is the Background Summary:

- 1. Place of Birth City & State:
- 2. Graduated high school City & State / Name of School:
- 3. Graduated College City & State / Name of College or University:
- 4. Career Path
 - 1st Path –
 - 2nd Path –
 - 3rd Path –
- 5. Lessons Learned:
- 6. To-Do in the Future:
- 7. Proudest two Moments:
- 8. Personal Philosophy:
- 9. Interests:
- 10. Your Legacy:

Stay tuned . . . we are moving forward.

Personal Affairs by Gayle Norgaard

1. Do you have a Last Will and Testament or does it need to be updated? The Legal Office on Eglin AFB can assist you. To make an appointment call 882-4611. It should be



2. Casualty Affairs at both Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB is now able to create a file including

information for you and your spouse. Documents that will be needed are DD Form 214, Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificates, Disability letter, Divorce Decrees and Retirement Order. For further information and a appointment call the Casualty Office at Eglin (850-882-4028) or Hurlburt (850-884-5280). Remember it is always important to keep copies and inform your next of kin of the location.

DID YOU KNOW???

Recently, State Senator Don Gaetz asked area residents to share their views on twenty public policy questions now under consideration by the 2010 Florida Legislature.

Nearly three thousand people responded to the on-line survey which was open to anyone living in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton or Bay counties. The results of the survey follow.

A third of Northwest Floridians believe the benefits of oil and gas exploration in the state's close-in waters outweigh any risks. Slightly less than a third oppose, saying the risks outweigh the benefits. The plurality of respondents, 37 percent, would condition their support or opposition on whether military missions would be compromised by drilling.

Fifty-two percent support paying public school teachers more if their students achieve learning gains. But 75 percent oppose requiring all students take at least one on-line course in order to graduate.

Nine of ten Northwest Floridians support Senate Joint Resolution 2 which would maintain class size calculations using a school average instead of imposing inflexible caps on all classrooms as would be required in the 2010-2011 school year.

Ninety-eight percent support the bill to combine the purchasing power of school districts state-wide in negotiating for a better price and better terms for employee health insurance.

More than three-fourths believe their school districts should spend a smaller share of their budgets on administration and overhead. The same proportion think city and county governments are not operating efficiently enough. Ninety-six percent would require local governments to share "back office" services with each other in order to reduce overhead costs.

Two thirds want the legislature to cut spending on state services in order to balance the budget in a year when revenues are continuing to decline. Only three percent favor a tax increase to avoid spending cuts. Twenty-nine percent would support a combination of spending cuts and tax increases.

Ninety-two percent agree with the bill to limit taxing and spending by local government to no more than the annual increase in average family income.

Respondents, by an 84 percent majority, favor giving employers tax credits in exchange for creating jobs. However, 60 percent of participants oppose taxing items purchased over the internet in the same way sales taxes are collected in retail stores.

A bill has been introduced to repeal the increases in auto tag and driver license fees. That bill is supported by 86 percent of the surveyed Northwest Floridians.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents favor Florida calling for a federal constitutional convention limited to imposing a balanced budget on Congress. The same proportion agrees that Florida should amend its own constitution to protect state residents from federal penalties that would compel citizens to participate against their will in federal health care reform. Ninety-four per cent say the state legislature should call on Congress to honor the provisions of the 10th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that limits federal power.

Over 75 percent oppose a bill which would allow insurance companies to raise rates without getting approval from the state. Fifty-five percent believe the state has a role in providing homeowners insurance to property owners unable to obtain it through commercial carriers even if subsidies are required.

Near unanimity was reached for a bill to require the Public Service Commission to operate openly and independent of lobbying by utility companies and other vested interests.

Seventy one percent urge defeat of state-sanctioned domestic partnerships between persons of the same sex.

Finally, Northwest Floridians are sharply divided over whether to allow oil and gas exploration within ten miles of shore and narrowly favor legislation to pay high performing teachers more money. But they overwhelmingly support more spending cuts instead of tax and fee increases in order to balance the state's strained budget. Residents also strongly favor state action to defend individual liberties against what they believe is an increasingly overbearing federal government.

Members are encouraged to contact Sen. Gaetz with their comments, criticisms, opinions and suggestions. He can be reached at Senator Don Gaetz, PO Box 1234, Niceville, FL 32588, telephone 850-897-5747 or gaetz.don.web@flsenate.gov.



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Membership Application/Renewal

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