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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday **May 1st**
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200, Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: **Annual Scholarship Fund Awards**

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Our May Lunch Meeting will be the Annual Scholarship Fund Awards



This year the NWFMOA is awarding scholarships worth over \$50,000. For 2025 we had 10 competitive applicants competing for the 8 NWFMOA scholarships. Seven cadets will receive a \$6,000 scholarship (\$3,000 a year over two years) and the highest ranked cadet will receive the "Lt. Col., USAF, Ret., James and Mrs. Una Heavener Memorial Scholarship" of \$9,000 (\$4,500 a year over two years). The winner will be announced at the May luncheon. In total, we will be giving out \$51,000 to these outstanding JROTC cadets. We will also be awarding one \$4,000 scholarship to a ROTC Cadet entering his junior year of college this fall. As we started doing last year, some of this year's scholarships will be named to honor the memory of deceased Chapter members.

In addition to the members attending, there will be many of the Cadet's family members also attending the ceremonies, so be sure to make your reservations well ahead of time. Please join us for our **May 1st** lunch which will start with a social gathering at 1130 with

the meeting beginning at 1200 followed by lunch. To make reservations click [HERE](#). You may also call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075.

Reservations are **REQUIRED** (no walk-ins please) and must be made by **no later than April 25th, 2025**.

From the President's Pen

By Fran Hendricks



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“We Got Next!”

Arguably from the beginning of time, each elder generation has had concerns about the younger generation as it comes of age. Aristotle wrote about it in the 4th Century BC. This has been a long-standing concern. I am certain if we think about our lives, we too can remember our commitment and readiness for what lied ahead for us was also questioned by some. And just like the generations before us, we persevered and proved our strength in adversity. Having met and spent time with members of the next generation who are pursuing their calling to be an officer in the military, I can emphatically claim, they will meet the challenges that await and will proudly add to the heritage of what it takes and means to be an officer in the United States military.

At the May NWFMOA luncheon you can see firsthand what I have seen. There you will see JROTC and ROTC Cadets from our area and have an opportunity to engage with them directly. Each of these young men and women have distinguished themselves academically in the classroom, through leadership opportunities within their ROTC units and high schools, and in voluntary service to their local communities. They are an impressive group.

Each has applied to colleges, been selected to attend, and be part of that school's ROTC program. Anticipated fields of study range from Engineering, Computer Science, and Cyber Security to Biochemistry, Nursing, Physics, Kinesiology, and Nursing. Many want to fly airplanes, while others want to build them. Having met with each of them after their scholarship board interview, I can attest to their readiness and desire to be part of the Nation's 1%--to lead the 1% who have committed themselves to the defense of our Nation.

Therefore, when someone expresses concern about the younger generation of our Nation, please assure them that, based on your observations, you are confident that our future is secure. As a group, they are ready. As a group, they proudly exclaim, “We Got Next!”

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President, NWFMOA

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This month the quiz is about some important military history. When you click on the link below, you will see a single question and a place to give your answer and name. If your answer is correct, you will be entered into the drawing at the monthly meeting (you have to be present to win your free meal at the next meeting). You may answer the question multiple times but only the correct answer will count for the drawing (so answering the question correctly 5 times will not give you more chances to win). We don't tell anyone that they got it right or wrong until we disclose the winner at the meeting. At the meeting, we state the answer and how many got it right. Then we pull the one winning entry from the hat.

Last month the winner was Mel Claxton but he was not in attendance.

Click the link below to get to the quiz. The winner will be announced at the next meeting. The person must be present to win.

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April Winner – cjbeam79

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Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar



Easter Reflections

My grandparents came to this country right before World War I. They began their journey at the US consulate and met with a staff member. To prepare for this major shift, they were given a booklet to read, paperwork to fill out and eventually several interviews. They did it the right way and arrived in Boston and opened a business. Their wise choice produced a family line of doctors, lawyers, university professors, departmental chairman, businessmen, to name a few.

When I was ready to go to college, I requested a catalog, read about the history of the school, the various departments and a myriad of subjects and well-respected academic professors. I was required to meet with a counselor to review my initial plan of study and major/minor subjects. I paid the required fees and bought lots of textbooks. We met regularly to re-evaluate my grades and course recommendations for the optimal approach.

When we wanted to buy a house, we went to the real estate office, and they gave us several booklets about their company, neighborhood schools, businesses and additional relevant demographics. We filled out paperwork, wrote lots of checks, met with lawyers, bankers, inspectors and neighborhood leadership. We followed the state's requirements.

When the Lord spoke to me about being a military chaplain, I was interviewed by 3 colonels. Yes, they wanted paperwork, to hear what my goals were and what vision and contributions I could contribute to the core and my country. One asked for my faith testimony.

Every base I served at, young man and woman who wanted to be married had to review the HC booklet if they desired a God-centered chapel wedding. It laid out the purpose of marriage; there was a 8 page questionnaire they were required to fill out.

After the initial interview, there was a pre-wedding course that they took for several months, and then it was up to the discretion of the chaplain whether they would officiate their union in the base chapel.

We were serious about marriage, and we knew the ramifications of those who were ill-prepared. (The majority of our counseling cases revealed the lack of preparation.) Eventually, they were taught God's purpose and given counseling tools that would hopefully provide for a successful and meaningful relationship for the spouses and their children. They had faith, knowledge and a mentor to guide their 'ships' before they left the harbor. Many believe the model of marriage as a horizontal reflection of our vertical relationship with God.

Now, if we make a paradigm shift from the worldly to the spiritual, and you want to have a long, extended, peaceful mind-frame, as we journey through this life into the next, it's important to learn about the author who created this vast universe. God formed us in our mother's womb, ordained our purpose, and offers us new life. The Bible provides guidance and examples for our daily living.

In order, to cross this final border into His 'Promised Land', one has to read the book, meet with local representatives-ministers and priests to learn about membership in the family of God.

We do it for all these earthly institutions that require a process, an interview, and a responsible commitment on our part.

However, many avoid this parallel approach. They don't take seriously their finitude, the afterlife or the Eternal Spirit.

Yes, there's a wall between earth and heaven, and God would love all of us to come live there. "He wants none to perish." It's as fluid as the above scenarios.

Maybe you live in a gated community; heaven is, definitely, a gated community!

What is true and legal for foreigners who want to become American citizens is true for those who want to be heavenly citizens. You cannot enter heaven illegally. St Luke's story of Lazarus and the Rich man clearly demonstrates who goes to heaven and who goes to hell.

Let's not play with fire. Remember we humans have a 100% mortality rate- that is no one gets out of this world alive. Remember our soul is eternal and lives on, some will retire in one of two locations. The choice is ours; not to choose, is making the 'worst' choice!

You just have to read the book and have an interview with his Son and have all your thoughts and motivations of the heart in the right place.

Officers Call

Thursday, May 29

At Doc's Oyster Bar 5-6:30 PM



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None 😊

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FWB Chamber to Honor Vietnam Veterans

by Dave Parisot

On April 28, 29, and 30, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce will be hosting multiple events to recognize and honor our Vietnam era veterans. On **April 28 and 29** from 5:00PM - 8:00PM at the Air Force armament Museum, programs titles **“Honoring Our Heroes – Stories of Service & Voices of Valor”** will be presented. Local Air Force and Army veterans will share their experiences on key Vietnam conflict operations, including: Air commando Operations; Prisoners of War Experiences; Son Tay Rescue Mission; Interdiction of the Ho Chi Minh Trail; Evacuation of Saigon and Phnom Penh; and, Recovery of SS Mayaguez. These events will also have book signings and panel discussions featuring Vietnam-themed books by local authors: William Walters (Ghostriders 1968 -1975); Richard Barlow Adams (Song Be); Col. Ed Hubbard (Escape From the Box); and additional authors to be announced. These events are complimentary and open to all. For more information, contact Rachelle Graves via email at: info@fwbchamber.org. Use subject line of “Honoring Our Heroes”.

The main event of this 3-day program will occur on Wednesday, **April 30th**, from 5:00PM – 9:00PM at the Fort Walton Beach Fairgrounds, 1319 Lewis Turner Blvd. This event, the **“Heroes Tribute Banquet – Honoring our Vietnam Veterans”** includes a buffet dinner. The program starts at 5:30PM. Please see the flyer on the next page for information on speakers and banquet costs. Tickets can be purchased through the FWB Chamber of Commerce at www.fwbchamber.org/events.



This April, join us as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War's conclusion with a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who served. Over three days, we will reflect on the war's impact, honor those who sacrificed, and share stories of courage and resilience.

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Scholarship Fund

by Dave Parisot



Defender Article, Scholarship Fund, for May, 2025, by Dave Parisot

On May 1st we will hold our annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Please read the lead article in this month's Defender for details and scholarship awardees.

With great sadness, in late March we lost a great friend of NWFMOA and the Scholarship Fund with the passing of **Angela Colton**, wife of our long-time Secretary-Treasurer of the Scholarship Fund, **Lt. Col. George Colton**. If I were to describe Angela with a single word, it would be that she was a 'Lady'. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to George and his family. May Angela rest in peace following her illness.

Tess McLaughlin Bass, ChFC, CPFA, CRPC, our Financial Advisor for the Scholarship Fund investments at Merrill Lynch, was recently recognized via the 2025 Forbes "America's Top Women Wealth Advisors" list. Tess commented: "I'd like you to think of me not only as your financial advisor, but as someone who is willing to work side-by-side with you to help you achieve your financial goals. With access to Merrill's extensive resources, I can help you build a highly personalized wealth management strategy and revisit it as the markets or your situation changes to help ensure it remains on track." Our sincerest congratulations to Tess Bass on receiving this award.



Tess Mc Laughlin Bass

Since my last article we have had some Chapter members make donations to the Century Club of the Scholarship Fund as follows: **Chris Beam, Dennis Phillips, Michael Barnes, and Dave Parisot** (In memory of Angela Colton).

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); Dr. (Lt. Col., USAF, Ret.) Fred and Mrs. Jan Westfall Scholarship (effective 2023); and, Col. (USAF, Ret.) Karl and Mrs. Charlotte Eschmann Scholarship (effective 2024); Lt.Col. (USAF, Ret.) Larry Bush in memory of Mrs. Joan Bush.

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 (D) (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 & Elizabeth Kulow (Nov 2019); Al Bills (Nov. 2019); Kay Dent (Nov. 2019); Dr. Roger Riegenbach (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 & Mosla 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); Dan Brown (April 2023); Tess Bass (August 2023); Bob Gramm (Dec 2023); Larry Tashlik (Dec 2023); Jean Dutton (D) (Oct 2024) and Jeff Watson (Oct 2024); Dick Solt (Mar 2025) [Note: 45 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): April 2024: Fred Westfall (R); Dennis Phillips (R); and Dr. Keith Kulow (R); May 2024: Bob Secrest (R); Al Bills (R); Bob Cluskey; and Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Phil Krajeck); George Colton (R); August 2024: Bob Cluskey (R); Scott & Janet Berry (R); Chuck Merkel (R); and Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Eileen Arpke); October 2024: Dave Parisot (In memory of Jean Dutton); Jeff Watson (R); November 2024: Kay Dent (R); Pete Peterzen (R); and Karl and Charlotte Eschmann (R); Fred and Jan Westfall (R); Bob Gramm (R); Howard Fisher (R); and Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Chong Parisot); January 2025: Dr. Keith and Elizabeth Kulow (R); Janet Taylor (R) (in honor of Bill Ryan).and, Dave Parisot (R)(in memory of Lydia O'Connor). February 2025: Rod Gerdes (R); Al Bills (R), and Dave Parisot (R) (in memory of Doris Day). March 2025: Dick Solt (R); Brig Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks (R); Chris Beam (R). April 2025: Dennis Phillips (R); Michael Barnes; and Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Angela Colton).

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Annual NWFMOA Scholarship & Awards Luncheon, May 1, 2025

Another year has passed and we have a new group of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets who are graduating from high school. Many of these cadets will soon be entering their colleges of choice, others have already enlisted in the military services, and some are seeking employment or have jobs lined up. Whatever the category, we congratulate all as they finish their high school years and advance to new challenges. Through our NWFMOA Scholarship Fund we try to help a few of those graduating cadets who will be attending college with their expenses of tuition, room & board, books, or other of the many costs of getting a college degree by awarding scholarships. These cadets will enter their college’s ROTC program in anticipation of becoming commissioned officers in a military service.

For 2025 we had 10 competitive applicants competing for the 8 NWFMOA scholarships. Seven cadets will receive a \$6,000 scholarship (\$3,000 a year over two years) and the highest ranked cadet will receive the “Lt. Col., USAF, Ret., James and Mrs. Una Heavener Memorial Scholarship” of \$9,000 (\$4,500 a year over two years). The winner will be announced at the May luncheon. In total, we will be giving out \$51,000 to these outstanding JROTC cadets. We will also be awarding one \$4,000 scholarship to a ROTC Cadet entering his junior year of college this fall. As we started doing last year, some of this year’s scholarships will be named to honor the memory of deceased Chapter members.

Our 2025 JROTC scholarship awardees attend six different high schools. From the Army JROTC at Baker School is Cadet Major Bella Gibson; from Choctawhatchee H.S. AFJROTC is Cadet First Sergeant Layth Atrakchi; from Crestview H.S. Army JROTC is Cadet Major Heidi Edwards; and, from Fort Walton Beach H.S. AFJROTC is Cadet Colonel Chriscelle Pardillo. We have three scholarship awardees from the Navy JROTC at Navarre H.S.: Cadet Master Chief Petty Officer Caleb McDevitt, Cadet Petty Officer 1 Madelyn Burdick, and, Cadet Lt. Commander Hope Apfellbach. We also had three applicants from the AFJROTC at Niceville H.S.: Cadet Lt. Colonel Penelope Ashby, Cadet Colonel Lincoln Dooley, and, Cadet Lt. Colonel Owen Clift.

This year’s ROTC Scholarship of \$4,000 will be awarded to ROTC Cadet 3rd Class Mark Alamazon at the University of West Florida AFROTC program. Mark is a 2023 graduate and JROTC scholarship awardee of Fort Walton Beach H.S.

In addition to our scholarship awards, we will recognize AFROTC Cadet Jeffrey Tavaréz of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University who will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF this month. Jeffrey received the Heavener Memorial Scholarship in 2021 while at Choctawhatchee H.S. and one of our ROTC scholarships last year at Embry Riddle. We will also recognize new Gold Club Donors (Jeff Watson and Dick Solt) to our Scholarship Fund, and present Certificates of Achievement to local high school graduates who have received an appointment to one of our nation’s Military Academies.

This year’s nine scholarship awards of \$55,000 will bring the number of scholarships awarded since 2015 to 71, totaling over \$210,000. Our scholarship Program is just one way of promoting one of the missions of NWFMOA: “Helping to build future military officers and leaders.”

Please join us for our May 1st Scholarship Luncheon. The luncheon will be a plated (no buffet line!) chef’s salad with chicken, ham, bacon crumbles and sliced hard-boiled eggs with choices of ranch or balsamic dressing on the tables, and brownies for dessert.

Click this link [HERE](#) or this link <http://nwfmoe.org/reservations.html> to make reservations or call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075. (NOTE: If you are a Gold Club Donor, contact Dave Parisot at nwfmoeasf@gmail.com or (850) 613-6545 for reservation.)

As we have done for the past four years, we will have envelopes on the tables for donations to NWFMOA’s community Outreach project to purchase Commissary gift cards to be distributed to enlisted families in ranks E-4 and below. This distribution will take place in November. Each donation of \$25 will help one enlisted family with commissary purchases. So, please bring extra cash or your checkbook to this luncheon to stuff the donation envelopes. Below is a photo of our 2024 JROTC Scholarship awardees.



Awardees of NWFMOA JROTC Scholarships for 2024: Cadet Akadian Campbell, \$3,000 (Baker School); Cadet Franchesca Howard, \$3,000 (Choctawhatchee H.S.); Cadet Reese Sayer, \$3,000 (Navarre H.S.); Cadet Griffin Woodley, \$3,000 (Niceville H.S.); Cadet Jade Bradley, \$3,000 (Fort Walton Beach H.S.); Cadet Angelina Romano, \$4,500 (Fort Walton Beach H.S.); Cadet Jacob Bollenbach, \$3,000 (Choctawhatchee H.S.); Cadet Alexander Bollenbach (Choctawhatchee H.S.); and Cadet Victoria Beckworth, \$3,000 (Baker School). Not pictured is Cadet Lauren Bage, \$3,000 (Choctawhatchee H.S.)

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Women Veterans' Day

June 12, 2025 / Gathering at 7:30 A.M. / Event at 8:00 A.M.



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Legislative Corner



For the Legislative Minute at our April monthly meeting, I highlighted MOAA National's upcoming Advocacy in Action (AIA) efforts on Capitol Hill which will take place on April 9, 2025. During AIA, MOAA representatives from across the nation will join forces with the national office and conduct office visits with Congressional Members in the House and Senate. They will each address the five following issues/areas.

- Improving unaccompanied housing
- Ending the wait for toxic exposed Veterans (I addressed this at last month's luncheon and it was the subject of my April Legislative Corner)
- Military Spouse Hiring Act
- Enhancing stability and accountability in the military health system
- Improving caregiving support for families of Veterans

I invite you to visit the NWFMOA Webpage and hit the Take Action button. That will take you to the MOAA's Active Legislative Campaigns. There you will find all the legislative actions MOAA is working, along with these specific actions. With a few clicks, a letter voicing your support will be sent to our two Senators and Representative. Thank you for taking the time to make this happen.

H2S,

Fran Hendricks, Brig Gen, USAF Retired
President, NWFMOA

Update on Tricare

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Surviving Spouse Corner

Chaplains Ray Alexander and Tom Azar have created a number of excellent resources for Surviving Spouses and it is on our website. Be sure to check it out by clicking on the link below. Or visit our [website](#) and click on the Member area.

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