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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thur, 5 Nov 2020 Reservation Mandatory! Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200 Program to follow Place: Ft. Walton Yacht Club 180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB

Program: Maj Gen (Ret) Rich Comer 1975 Mayaguez Incident

Please:

- RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY
- Wear a name tagBring proper change:
- \$14.00 for everyone

Reservation deadline is Friday at noon prior to meeting. Go online at www.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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The Mayaguez Incident

By Nick Marotta

Welcome one and all to the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association November issue of the Defender. This month, once again, I will be introducing our guest speaker for the November General Membership meeting. We are having the November General Membership meeting with guest speaker, Major General Rich Comer, USAF, retired. By the way if the name sounds familiar, Rich is a member of our very own NWFMOA Chapter.

At our October 1, 2020 meeting, our guest speaker was Mr. Ted Corcoran, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. Ted gave us a great update on several topics including the effects of the pandemic on small businesses in the Fort Walton Beach area, the timeline and proposed route for the Brooks Bridge replacement starting in 2022, how the current half-cent sales tax is being used to support local law enforcement, and why we should support the half-cent sales tax for capital improvements for Okaloosa County schools.

Our next guest speaker, Rich Comer, will speak on his firsthand experience, about



Major General Rich Comer

the 1975 Mayaguez Incident.

The Mayaguez Incident took place between Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) and the United States from 12–15 May 1975, less than a month after the Khmer Rouge took control of the capital Phenom Penh ousting the US backed Khmer Republic. After the Khmer Rouge seized the US merchant vessel SS Mayaguez in a disputed maritime area the US mounted a hastily-prepared rescue operation. Member of the US Marine Corps recaptured the ship and attacked the island of Koh Tang where it was believed that

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From the President's Pen

By Nick Marotta

Welcome to the November, 2020 issue of the Defender. On October 1, 2020, the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association held its most recent monthly meeting at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. This was the second meeting since the COVID-19 hiatus. I can't tell you how delighted I was to preside over two meetings with people. We had



Nick Marotta

29 members, spouses and guests, not too bad with all that is happening. Let's consider September and October our 'soft re-opening'.

Florida is slowly opening, but let's do it safely. I will work with the Yacht Club manager to ensure the November meeting is held in a safe manner. I have member feedback from September and October and will ensure everything we can do to keep members safe will be done. Keep your face masks handy! Keep in mind, things can change because of COVID. We will keep members informed if there are any changes.

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OFFICERS' CALL. Once again we are having an O-call; hopefully you received the email. It will be October 29th at Cheers in Shalimar 5 pm (1700). Weather permitting we

PUBLIC RECORD

New Members:

Paula Sherman, LtCol, USAF (Ret)

In Memorium None will be outside in the reserved area. If not outside, we will meet, drink and dine inside. Get there early and save a few tables.

MILITARY BALL. Once again the NWFMOA will be hosting the annual Military Ball. The Ball will be held on December 10, 2020 at the Fort Walton Yacht Club, 1800-2200. Last year, we had a very successful Ball with 62 people. Time to do it again. HOWEVER, this year we have to be aware of the COVID threat, in addition to the suits, tuxedos and evening gowns, this can be a black face mask (color of mask optional) affair versus black tie affair. Last year the price was \$55 per person, same price this year. We do need 34 to attend to break even. Watch your email for more information.

If you have not heard by now, November 3, 2020 is Election Day. It is our duty and obligation to vote. We in Florida are fortunate we can vote in person on November 3, 2020, we can vote by mail (absentee), or we can vote early. In Florida, you must register to vote; hopefully you were registered by October 5, 2020. Early voting begins October 19th in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties and October 24th in Walton County. Early voting ends October 31, 2020. If you need more information on voting you can call your county Supervisor of Elections or go to <u>http://myflorida.</u> <u>com</u>. If you receive this copy of The Defender and you have not voted, time is limited, get out and VOTE!

We have a birthday to celebrate this month. On November 10, 2020, the United States Marine Corps will celebrate its 245th birthday. We will celebrate with the singing of The Marine Corps Hymn.

The NWFMOA Chapter Nominating Committee will announce the election slate for the 2021 officers and board of directors at the next meeting. I encourage you to consider being one of those nominees. There is one position open for the taking. I've been a board member and now chapter president almost since I first joined the chapter and found it very rewarding; however, I do not mind ceding the responsibility to another worthy chapter member.

As previously mentioned our next meeting is November 5, 2020 at the Yacht Club. Guest speaker is chapter member, Major General Rich Comer, retired. Rich, will speak on his firsthand experience of the 1975 Mayaguez Incident.

We are limiting attendance to 50 (Fifty) people. **Reservations are a must**. We cannot accommodate anyone at the door. Make your reservations early to ensure a seat. I will say again, PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY OCTOBER 31!

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The meal will NOT be a buffet but a boxed chicken lunch with mashed potatoes, vegetable, a biscuit and a brownie all served on a paper plate with disposable utensils. Seating will be 4 to a table. (Eight tables were available in October. If you come in a larger group or so prefer, seat and rearrange chairs) Drinks will be coffee, tea and water served by wait staff. If you want a meatless lunch, a salad is available, but please note on your reservation. There will still be social time beginning at 1130. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing during social time. We will have the check-in table outside of the dining area for your convenience.

Make your reservations and I look forward to seeing you.

Be Safe!! Nick Marotta

OFFICERS CALL

CHEERS IN SHALIMAR 5 PM OCTOBER 29



WEATHER PERMITTING, WE HAVE THE OUTSIDE RESERVED, COME ONE COME ALL, A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL

Marine Corp Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma To the shores of Tripoli; We fight our country's battles In the air, on land, and sea; First to fight for right and freedom And to keep our honor clean; We are proud to claim the title Of United States Marine. It's been a while since I've done an article in this area as many community activities have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID=19, e.g., the annual Military Family Appreciation Day, Billy Bowlegs, and others. However, we have had some recent activities occur with both the 2019 and 2020 MOAA Community Outreach Grants.

Our current 2020 MOAA grant of \$3,575 was originally intended to provide a free pancake breakfast for local veteran and active duty service members in conjunction with Armed Services Day this past May; however, this event became impossible due to COVID-19 restrictions on eating facilities. In September, after discussion by the NWFMOA board of directors, we contacted MOAA to 're-purpose' this year's grant and use the funds to provide \$25 gift cards from the Commissary to active duty airmen of ranks E-4 and below at Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. These funds will provide 143 commissary gift cards to our lowest paid local military people to purchase food items. Current plans are to distribute the gift cards on November 14th at the Eglin and Hurlburt commissaries.

In regard to the 2019 MOAA Community Outreach Grant of \$3,750 your Chapter was awarded in April 2019, the original purpose was purchase furniture for the new dormitory spaces at the One Hopeful Place (OHP) homeless shelter in Fort Walton Beach. That project was delayed due to funding; however, in October 2019 OHP received a grant from Impact 100 NWF to construct a kitchen to be used not only to feed the OHP residents but also as a culinary school and training center for job skills training. As the Impact 100 NWF grant would not cover all the costs, we contacted MOAA and received permission to repurpose our grant funds to purchase equipment for the kitchen project. On October 6th I attended the ribbon cutting for the new kitchen facilities. These facilities should serve the OHP clients very well.

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.

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar

"Thou shalt not covid thy neighbor's health" Azariah chapter 20, verse 20

2020 has been a roller coaster ride medically, economically, educationally, and politically (to name a few). As veterans we find meaningful remembrances that we celebrate with joyful depth. We give a 'hooah' on the 10th for the Marine's birthday, and we pause to reflect on the 11th for Veterans/Armistice Day. Though not a holiday, Election Day is our great opportunity to exercise our right to freely vote.

As millions of our compatriots eagerly look to Thanksgiving it will be difficult but we can find creative ways to meaningfully give thanks to our family and neighbors. I hold in high memory working with military chaplains who looked forward to gatherings with religious leaders and congregations in each other's respective places of worship to sing, pray, preach and fellowship across denominational lines. This year will not happen and we prefer to err on the side of safe scientific health guidance.

I also go to the Scriptures; Proverbs chapter 3 says:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and he will show you which path to take."

Speaking of 'paths' I remember the snowy days at Plattsburgh AFB when my kids and chapel groups cross country skied on the golf course. The Services Squadron cut trails for all to travel over and even provided hot chocolate or cider on those blistery days. One time after completing our first 9 hole's circumference my son Daniel choose to venture off on his own. Yes, within minutes he called out "dad I'm stuck!" When we make life choices outside of God's providential pathway, we pay a price. Fortunately we were able to follow his tracks and rescue him.

We humans are like that. My son's behavior became a parable. We all start off with home, church and school values but our life choices may lead us off the main highway. The Good News is God is our merciful heavenly Father and once He hears our contrite calls for help, will intervene and seek to restore us.

King David wrote many Psalms thanking God for rescuing him. Let me share one of my favorites that we read at our family and church Thanksgivings:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say this-- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High.

So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.

Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.

They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep.

For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves. They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away.

They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits' end.

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

EAFB Armament Museum Information By Elvira S. Chiccarelli

The Eglin AFB Museum building is still closed. However the Eglin guidelines of Stage One Recovery permit Museum Volunteers to start outside tours in October. COVID-19 policies will be followed to include the wearing of PPE masks etc. by Museum Volunteers and social distancing of 6 feet for groups of no more than 10 at a time.

The Museum needs more Volunteers to provide this valuable educational program to both young and old members of our community as well as tourists. Volunteers who are Tour Guides enhance the donations that keep the Museum vital.

We will provide volunteers with application/information packets as well as maps and factual information on the outdoor exhibits and Eglin history.

There are five new exhibit structures under construction on the Museum property so the need is great for volunteers for now for outside tours and for the future inside tours of the whole EAFB Museum complex.

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Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow; he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.

But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths. Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.

From our MOAA family to yours, please have a safe, happy, healthy and holy Thanks-giving.

Mayaguez Incident (cont.)

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the crew were being held as hostages. Encountering stronger than expected defenses on Koh Tang, three United States Air Force helicopters were destroyed during the initial assault and the Marines fought a desperate day-long battle with the Khmer Rouge before being evacuated. The Mayaguez's crew was released unharmed by the Khmer Rouge shortly after the attack on Koh Tang began. It was the last battle of the Vietnam War and the names of the Americans killed, including three Marines left behind on Koh Tang after the battle and subsequently executed by the Khmer Rouge, are the last names on the Vietnam Veterans' memorial.

General Comer, was raised in Gastonia, NC, and he received his commission upon graduating from the US Air Force Academy in 1973. He completed undergraduate helicopter training in 1974, and has served as a pilot, instructor pilot, flight examiner, operations officer and squadron commander. He served as Director of Plans and Policy for the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC, in 1993, and was Deputy Commanding General of the JSOC in 1999. General Comer has commanded the 16th Operations Group and 16th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Prior to his last assignment, he was Director, Policy and Planning, Headquarters US Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. He had two assignments at Ft Bragg and one at the Pentagon, also in the field of Special Operations. His first combat mission was as a rescue helicopter co-pilot in the Mayaguez Incident occurring in May of 1975.

General Comer is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours, and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

As a reminder, the next meeting is November 5, 2020 at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Please make your reservations early as seating is limited due to COVID-19 and best management practices. I look forward to seeing you all there for General Comer's captivating presentation.



Scholarship Fund

I hope this article finds everyone doing well and being safe during these pandemic times with COVID-19. My family was finally able to hold funeral/memorial services in Illinois in late September and early October for two of my veteran brothers-in-law who passed away earlier this year in February and May. The Illinois COVID criteria are much different than those in Florida.

We are rapidly approaching November and are in the process of acquiring items for the Scholarship Fund to be held at our 2020 Military Ball on December 10th. Items needed are gift certificates from local restaurants, vehicle service gift certificates from local dealers, golf certificates, etc., and, of course, donations of wine and spirits for our popular "Crates of Christmas Cheer". If you can provide any of these items please bring them to the November Chapter luncheon on Nov. 5th, or call/email me at (850) 613-6545 or dparisot@cox.net to make other arrangements. You may also bring any items to Officers Call on Thursday, Oct. 29th, at the Shalimar Cheers Pub.

Other current Scholarship Fund activities are primarily receiving the college enrollment letters from the colleges and ROTC units for our 2020 scholarship winners, upon which our Treasurer, George Colton, sends the scholarship checks to the college on behalf of the student.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund Century Club since my last article are Sam Lombardo (in memory of Jean Lombardo), George Colton, and our Chapter President Nick Marotta. Nick's current donation brings him into the Gold Century Club as the 23rd member. Congratulations, Nick, and thank you. The winner of the 50/50 drawing at our October luncheon was new chapter member Paula Sherman who graciously donated her winnings of \$47 back to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Paula, and also to those who purchased 50/50 tickets totaling \$93. Thanks also to Fred Westfall who did the 50/50 sales in my absence..

Please see the "BG Frank Glunn Century Club" donor list below to see who donated in the past twelve months. Of course, we are very much open to donations from those not currently in the Century Club. Will you be the next Century Club donor?

Here is the complete list of Gold Century Club members (\$500 cumulative minimum donation since 2015) and **BG** Frank Glunn Century Club members (\$100 minimum donation) for the most previous 12 months of 2019 and

2020 along with our **Business Donors**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember, all of these donations are used to fund our scholarships to JROTC cadets. [Note: (R) means Renewal of membership.] NOTE: COVID-19 has had significant impacts on the local businesses who contribute regularly to the Scholarship Fund, particularly the restaurants. If you are going to eat out or get carry-out, I encourage you to support the restaurants listed below.

Gold Century Club: Bill Ryan (Feb 2016); Ruth Cullen (Oct 2016); Dave Parisot (Feb 2017); Janet Taylor (Mar 2017); Chris Beam (Mar 2017); Bob Garcia (July 2017); Rod Gerdes (Nov 2017); Larry Bush (Nov 2017); Dr. Howard Fisher (Nov 2017); Eileen Arpke (Feb 2018); Fred Westfall (Apr 2018); Clyde Locke (Apr 2018); WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veteran Sam Lombardo (July 2018); Dennis Phillips (Aug 2018); Karl Eschmann (Oct 2018); Carol Baker (Jan 2019); Ann Adelsperger (Feb 2019); Don Litke (August 2019); Fred Boyer (August, 2019). Dr. Keith Kulow (Nov 2019); Al Bills (Nov. 2019); Kay Dent (Nov. 2019); and, Nick Marotta (Oct 2020). [Note: 23 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): October 2019: Bob Garcia (R); George Colton (R); Doug Hardin (R) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk), and Dick Solt; November 2019: Keith Kulow (R); Al Bills (R); Kay Dent (R) (In memory of Troy Dent, Larry Ketter, and Mark Berg); Larry Tashlik (R); Joe Stevens (R); Dennis Phillips (R); and, Kathy and Jake Bush (R); Karl Eschmann (R) (In memory of B/Gen Bud Day and Mrs. Kay Litke); Jim Tucker; Jean Dutton (R); Howard Fisher (R); Bob Gramm (R). December 2019: Doris Day (R) (In memory of B/Gen Bud Day); Pete Peterzen (R); Les Matheson (R); Christine Hallion (R); B/Gen Patrick Boab; **Dr. Roger Riggenbach** (R) (In memory of Jan Riggenbach); January 2020: Fred Westfall (R); Nick Marotta (R); Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Chong Parisot); Janet (Ryan) Taylor (R) (In honor of Maj. Bill Ryan); February 2020: Rod Gerdes (R); Ginny Mills. March 2020: Joy Houck (R) (In memory of Maj. Stanley Houck); April 2020: Larry Bush (R); .Carol Baker (R) (In memory of Col. David Baker); Mike Mitchell (In memory of Frank Harrison); June 2020: Dr. Keith Kulow (R); Dave Parisot (R) (In memory of Mike Mitchell); Michael Ramirez; August 2020: Janet (Ryan) Taylor (R) (In honor of Major Bill Ryan); Donald Litke (R) (In memory of Kay Litke); and Eileen Arpke (R). September 2020: Doug Hardin (R) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk); October 2020: WWII Vet Sam Lombardo (R) (In memory of Jean Lombardo); Nick Marotta (R); George Colton (R).

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2019/2020 Business Platinum Donor (\$750 minimum donation): October 2019: Shalimar Cheers Pub (\$1,000) (R).

2019/2020 Business Gold Donor (\$500 - \$749): December 2019: Eglin Federal Credit Union (R); Merrill Lynch (Chris Beam & Tess Bass, Senior Financial Advisors) (R); Silver Slipper Casino Hotel (Bay St. Louis, MS) (In-Kind).

2019/2020 Business Silver Donors (\$250 - \$499): November 2019: Indian Bayou Golf & Country Club (In-kind, R); December 2019: Rocky Bayou Golf Course (In-kind, R).

2019/2020 Business Bronze Donors (\$100 - \$249): <u>April</u> 2019: Eye MD of Niceville (R); <u>November 2019</u>: Gator Lakes Golf Course (In-kind, R); Mary's Kitchen (FWB & Destin) (In-kind, R); Buffalo's Reef Restaurant (FWB) (In-kind, R); Shalimar Cheers Pub (In-kind, R); Shalimar Pointe Golf Course (In-kind, R); <u>December 2019</u>: Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen (FWB) (In-kind, R); Tammy's Journeys (FWB) (In-kind, R); Painting With A Twist (FWB) (In-kind, R); Destin Party Boat Fishing (In-kind, R); Slick Mick's Deli & Grille (FWB/Niceville/VPS) (in-kind, R); Connect with Flowers (Shalimar) (In-kind, R); Lee Nissan (FWB) Iin-kind; R)

<u>Please support our local businesses that have contributed</u> to our scholarship program.

NWFMOA Scholarship Fund: "HELPING TO BUILD FUTURE MILITARY OFFICERS AND LEADERS."



HAVE A BALL

Ticket Order Form for the NWFMOA Annual Military Ball Benefiting the Scholarship Fund WHEN: 10 December 2020 WHERE: Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club DRESS: Mess Dress, formal or business suit; Gown or cocktail dress, evening wear. SOCIAL HOUR: 1800; Pay-as-you-go bars will be open. DINNER: 1900; DANCING: 2000 until 2200 with "TBD." Dinner will include: First Course: Spinach Mandarin and Pecan Salad

First Course: Spinach, Mandarin, and Pecan Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Choice of Entrée: (1) 8 oz Beef Filet (medium) (2) Lemon Chicken Sides: Twice baked potato and Broccoli with Sauce Dessert: New York cheesecake Dinners served with rolls, butter, iced tea, and coffee

Ticket Purchaser's name: ______ CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

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CHOICE OF ENTRÉE _

Number of tickets: _____ times **\$55.00** = **\$**____ with check enclosed. (Price includes Meal & Gratuity)

When ordering by mail make check payable to: NWFMOA. Send Check and this Order Form to: NWFMOA, PO Box 1213, Shalimar, FL 32579.

Ticket Order Form must be **RECEIVED** by

Thursday, December 3, 2020.

Table reservations may be made for groups of eight by contacting NickMarotta at (954) 415-7230 or email: <u>lfnick@msn.com</u>. List names of people at your table. If you are to be seated at someone's

reserved table please coordinate with the reservation holder

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**The spouse of a deceased life member is automatically an auxiliary life member

Membership Application/ Renewal

New Members joining this year receive membership through December 31 next year for \$25.00

Membership Renewal 1 yr--\$25.00, 2 yr--\$48.00, 3 yr--\$65.00

Life Membership Dues**				
Age	Dues	Age	Dues	
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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	

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