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## Lunch Meeting & Discussion

**When:** Thur, 8 October 2015

**Time:** Social 1130; Lunch Noon  
Program following lunch

**Place:** Ft. Walton Beach Yacht Club  
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB

**Program:** General Chuck Horner,  
USAF (Ret)

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## Chuck Horner to Speak at October Lunch Meeting

By Tom Godbold

Retired General Chuck Horner joins us at our October MOAA luncheon meeting at the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club. Kicking off our change of time and venue, Gen Horner will give his unique insights into the current world situation, with particular emphasis on hot spots in the Mid-East. He will be discussing the United States' potential roles as we look forward to military challenges we may face both there, and around the world. Gen Horner brings a wealth of experience in discussing these topics, having been the "Air Boss" during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

During his career with the U.S. Air Force, Gen Horner was a commander of Two Wings, Two Air Divisions, the Air Defense Weapons Center at Tyndall AFB, 9th Air Force, and the U.S. Space Command. He currently lectures at military and national professional education institutions across the country, including the National Defense University, West Point, and the Air Force Academy. He received his

Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1958 and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary in 1972, as well as graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College. He is a Command Pilot with over 5300 hours in a variety of fighter aircraft. Today, he and his wife Mary Jo make their home in Shalimar.

Gen Horner's account of the Desert Storm conflict was captured in "Every Man A

Tiger, a book co-authored with novelist Tom Clancy. This work has been recently revised and updated as part of a series on the Gulf War.

Gen Horner is well known in the Fort Walton Beach area, and is much in demand for speaking engagements. We are privileged to have him as our featured speaker this month. Call or email to reserve your seat on Oct 8 for a superb buffet lunch at the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club, and join us as we welcome Gen Chuck Horner to our monthly MOAA meeting. You won't want to miss it.



Chuck & Mary Jo Horner

# From the President's Pen

By Scott Berry

Greetings!

Summer is almost behind us and I've looking forward to cooler days and much cooler nights. Never said that when we lived in North Dakota or Montana or Utah or Ohio or.....

The board is still looking at alternative meeting places. Next month will be our first lunch at the Yacht Club and I'd like to try a couple of other venues then get some more member feedback. The other ones in the running are the Moose Lodge on Green Acres and Two Trees at the FWB golf course. Our treasurer, George Colton, has done a great preliminary review of each location. Thank you George! Lunch prices are about the same and then each site has its own advantages and disadvantages. Bill Van Hoesen and I have also been on a site survey of the Moose Lodge. The bottom line is keep an eye on the Defender as location will probably be very fluid over the next several months.

One wild card is Superior Residences, the new independent living facility in Niceville. The marketing director contacted me and invited me over for a tour and discussion of what they can offer. Wow! What a great place! The board is having a lunch board meeting there next month (they don't know that yet) to give everyone better insight. We'll see.

And we're closing in on the Military Ball. Dick Prater is chairing the facility/dining/dance portion this year with Dave Parisot working the raffle side. The reservation form is somewhere else in this newsletter and also posted on our website. (Look in the left hand column). You'll also be getting it via email. Regardless of how you receive it, print



Scott Berry

it out and mail it soonest. We maxed out our capacity last year and fortunately didn't have to turn anyone away. I don't expect the same will happen this year as Dave and his committee are already hitting the streets and soliciting raffle prizes. As everyone seemed to be pleased with the location and meal we haven't changed much from last year. And, no, we haven't even changed the price! A paltry \$45/person will buy you an evening of fun, food, and prizes. All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund so your raffle ticket purchases, even if you don't win, go to a very good cause.

Elections are also around the corner. The last input I had from our Nominating Committee Chair Jeff Watson was we have volunteers for all positions except President and 2nd Vice President. Any takers out there? I don't plan on running again for president so the field is wide open and I'm sure there are qualified candidates out there. Contact Jeff and put your name in the hat. You can reach him at 543-9224 or [afjefffl@gmail.com](mailto:afjefffl@gmail.com). It's important to note you won't be out on your own. There's plenty of corporate memory to tap and everyone is here to help you succeed in any board position.

Happy birthday United States Air Force! More to follow on that.

Berry "OUT"

## PUBLIC RECORD

IN MEMORIAM:

Barbara Hamilton, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret), 9/13/2015  
Former NWFMOA President 1987-1988

B. D. Strickland, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret), 3/10/2014

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## Be a Part of “Home of the Braves”

The FWB Woman's Club is sponsoring a 5K run on Veterans Day, November 11th. The run starts at Uptown Station and will continue on the Bud and Dorie Day Patriots' Trail. Proceeds will help fund a mural in a Choctaw HS hallway called “Home of the Braves.”

They're requesting volunteers to help with the race. If interested, contact Libby McSheehy at 862-3263 or [triwayne3@yahoo.com](mailto:triwayne3@yahoo.com).

## Getting Out the Word on NWFMOA

Our Chapter had an information booth at the WWII Veterans' Recognition Day on August 22nd at the Armament Museum. Our thanks to Dave Parisot, Dick Prater and Scott Berry for manning the booth on that hot and humid day. One of our WWII veterans, Lt Col Sam Lombardo, was one of the featured speakers at the event. Sam described some of his experiences at the Battle of the Bulge.

On October 31st, NWFMOA will have an information booth in downtown Crestview on Main Street for their Fall Festival. We also plan to have an entry in Veterans' Day parades on November 11th in Crestview and Mary Esther.



Veterans Day Recognition at the Armament Museum

## Surviving Spouse Corner

### Surviving Spouse Liaisons Wanted

By Gail Joyce, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

In April 2015, the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) changed its name to the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC).

SSAC members like the name change a lot because we think it reflects who we are. Many people do not know what an “auxiliary” is, but everyone knows the meaning of “surviving spouse.” Based on early feedback, MOAA members like the name change as well. SSAC members provide information about important issues facing surviving spouses and let you know what is happening at the national level. In turn, we ask our surviving spouse liaisons to let us know what is happening at the council and chapter levels.

We communicate with our surviving spouse liaisons in all 50 states by sending emails and making personal telephone calls. MOAA has over 400 chapters and 34 councils. However, a little less than half of those affiliates have a surviving spouse liaison. During the SSAC teleconference in July, we decided to increase the number of council and chapter surviving spouse liaisons in each state. Our goal is to increase the number of surviving spouse liaisons by 20 percent by April 2016.

We need your help to accomplish this goal. First, check with your chapter and council leaders and make sure you have a surviving spouse liaison. Then, make sure the surviving spouse liaison's name and contact information were submitted to MOAA. Some chapters have a liaison, but the information never was given to MOAA. If your chapter or council does not have a liaison, we encourage

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# Surviving Spouse Corner (cont.)

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you to appoint one as soon as possible and give MOAA that person's name and contact information.

We realize some chapters may not have many or any surviving spouses as members. If that's the case, a chapter member or a chapter member's spouse could fill the position temporarily until a surviving spouse is found and recruited into the chapter. Increasing the number of surviving spouse liaisons will provide better representation at the chapter and council levels and increase legislative influence and support for issues that affect surviving spouses and their families.

Please contact your council president and chapter president and make sure they've added the name of your chapter's surviving spouse liaison to the roster of officers. To update your officer roster online, visit the Council and Chapter Management section of MOAA's website and link to the MOAA Council/Chapter Officer Form, which will require you to sign in using your password. If you have problems logging in, call MOAA's Member Service Center at (800) 234-MOAA (6622). Personnel in the Council and Chapters Affairs Department also can add the name of your surviving spouse liaison to your council or chapter roster. Please email [chapters@moaa.org](mailto:chapters@moaa.org) and include the name of your council or chapter and the name of your surviving spouse liaison and his or her contact information, including an email address.

**67<sup>TH</sup> Birthday**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 1947**



## HAVE A BALL

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

**WHEN:** 3 December 2015

**WHERE:** Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club

**DRESS:** Mess Dress, Gown or cocktail dress, formal or business suit.

**SOCIAL HOUR:** 1800; Pay-as-you-go bars will be open.

**DINNER:** 1900; **DANCING:** 2000 until 2200 with "Retroactive."

Dinner will include:

**First Course:** House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette

**Choice of Entrée:**

(1) 8 oz Beef Filet

(2) Chicken Cordon Bleu with Hollandaise Sauce

**Sides:** Green Beans Almondine and Twice Baked Potatoes

**Dessert:** French Silk Pie

Dinners served with rolls, butter, iced tea, and coffee

**Ticket Purchaser's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ times \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with check enclosed.

(Price includes Meal & Gratuity)

**Spouse/Guest's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOICE OF ENTRÉE** \_\_\_\_\_

When paying with cash, please provide full mailing address.

When ordering by mail 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.

Ticket Order Form must be **RECEIVED** by **November 25, 2015**.

Table reservations may be made for groups of eight by contacting

**Scott Berry at (850) 582-0839 or email: [swberry@cox.net](mailto:swberry@cox.net).**

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

*All proceeds from raffle ticket sales go to providing scholarships for  
JROTC cadets.*

**Raffle tickets & Silent Auction are CASH or CHECKS only, please.**

## DFAS Email Scam Alert

Email scams are targeting military service members, retirees, and their families by posing as the Defense and Finance Accounting Service (DFAS).

The most recent scam looks like a "SmartDoc" email with the subject line "myPay IMPORTANT SECURITY UPDATE," and appears to come from a DFAS-SmartDocs email address. The links provided in the emails direct the user to a malicious website that requests personal information.

Several attentive MOAA members provided an example of an email they recently received:

Dear Account Holder,

It has come to our attention that your myPay account information needs to be updated as part of our continued commitment to protect your account and to reduce the instance of fraud on our website. If you could please take 3 minutes out of your online experience and update your personal records you will not run into any future problems with the online service.

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DFAS provided the following statement regarding this scam:

"Valid SmartDocs messages from DFAS are always sent in plain text, do not include attachments and do not ask you to send any information in response. Your email program may automatically convert a valid SmartDocs message into HTML and convert some text into clickable links. We recommend that you do NOT click on any links within any email message. To access a site referenced in an email,

## Dump Expired and Unused Drugs

By Scott Berry

Do you have a drawer filled or countertop covered with medications you no longer use? Although the pharmacies at Eglin and Hurlburt have periodic publicized drives to discard these drugs, the Eglin Satellite Pharmacy has a drop box you can use any time. They can't accept syringes but will gladly accept medications in their original containers. I thought I had to wait for the occasional return campaign but found this not to be the case. It's safe, convenient, and free. It's also a smart thing to do.



Jeff Watson, Colonel (Ret.), USAF

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# NWFMOA Scholarship Fund

By Dave Parisot, Chairman

Our biggest annual fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund will soon be upon us. I'm talking about our annual Military Ball to be held on Thursday evening, December 3rd at the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Club. This is the same great location as last year where we experienced most excellent food and service. Some of the details are still being worked out, but we will be having various raffles of donated items along with special raffles of a "Barrel of Booze" and a "Wagon of Wine". I'm asking our NWFMOA Chapter members to help out with these raffles by donating a bottle of booze or a bottle of wine (or one of each!) and bringing them to our October and/or November luncheon meetings.

Another way to help the Scholarship Fund is to get a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant or other merchant to be a part of the merchandise raffles at the Ball. We can also use golf rounds and lodging gift certificates as well as new merchandise. All donations are tax deductible and I will provide receipts to the businesses and individuals who make any type of donation. I have prepared a donation request letter to assist anyone with donation requests which I can provide to you if you will contact me at [dparisot@cox.net](mailto:dparisot@cox.net) or by phone at (850) 613-6545. All donations need to be received by November 30th. So far this year we have received about \$4,500 in donations to the Scholarship Fund. Since we award \$9,000 total in scholarships to our local JROTC high school senior cadets, we still need \$4,500 to break even for the year. Remember, many hands make for light work.

Dave Parisot's ticket won the 50/50 raffle at the September breakfast meeting and he donated it to the Scholarship Fund.

As of this writing, we have thirteen members who have made contributions in 2015 to the B/Gen Frank Glunn Century Club. Our latest contributor is Tom Churan. Thanks Tom. Here's the complete list of Century Club members for 2015:

## **2015 B/Gen Frank Glunn Century Club Donors:**

(\$100 minimum donation)

**March 2015: Winfred Boyer; Mel Bryant; Dan Brown; Dave Parisot; Fred Westfall. April 2015: John Feldman; Eileen Arpke; Olive Clyde Locke; Larry Bush.**

**May 2015: Samuel Lombardo. July 2015: Beryl Brenner.**

**August 2015: Dr. Howard Fisher; Tom Churan.**

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# Military Ethics Called Into Question

Bribery, gambling, misuse of government funds, sexual misconduct: not the things you think about when it comes to military officers.

After a series of embarrassing scandals over the past few years, Congress tasked DoD with reviewing how it addresses professional development and ethical behavior. Unfortunately, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), DoD has failed to implement several necessary changes.

The biggest impediment to change is that the department did not develop metrics to measure the effectiveness of the program. Without adequate metrics, GAO says DoD has no idea if its efforts are working, much less warranted.

According to the report, "Without identifying information sources and developing intermediate goals and performance metrics that are clear, quantifiable, and objective ... decision makers in DoD and Congress will not have full visibility into the department's progress on professionalism-related issues."

Other issues identified in the report include a failure of the Navy and Marine Corps to conduct 360 evaluations on all general and flag officers and for the Army and Air Force to require command climate assessments in performance reviews.

The questions remain: Are today's military officers less ethical? Has the longest period of sustained conflict eroded military leaders' ability to distinguish right from wrong? "Without reliable data," said Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret), MOAA's Director of Government Relations, "there may literally be no way to tell."

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**2015 Business Gold Donors** (\$500 minimum donation):

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open your browser and type the link (URL) directly into the browser.

Don't get fooled. If you receive a SmartDocs message that contains a link, don't click on it. If a URL is listed in the message type it in manually within your browser. Delete unexpected or unsolicited messages that contain attachments or that request you to send information back."

Online scams and cyber-attacks are increasing daily. MOAA members should be on alert for emails like this. Links that ask users to go to a website and submit personal information should always be taken as suspect. When asked to follow a link, follow the advice provided by DFAS, and enter the URL manually into the browser for verification. While it may seem cumbersome to constantly be on guard about these issues, taking a few basic steps can protect yourself and your family from scam artists.

You can read the DFAS online protection guidelines at the following link:

<http://www.dfas.mil/pressroom/onlineprotection.html>.



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