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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thur, 5 Sept 2019
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200
 Program to follow
Place: Ft. Walton Bch. Yacht Club
 180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: Col Gaary Haase
 CC Munitions Directorate, AFRL

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Munitions, Eglin Style

By Nick Marotta

At our August meeting we were pleased to host Florida State District 4 Representative Mel Ponder. Representative Ponder, gave an extremely interesting and informative presentation on legislative initiatives affecting Okaloosa County as well as active duty and retired military members.

At our September 5, 2019 meeting, we are pleased to present Colonel Garry A. Haase, Commander and Director for the Munitions Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Eglin Air Force Base. Colonel Haase will present an overview of AFRL and some key technologies being worked on at Eglin, including hypersonic weapons, networked/collaborative/autonomous technologies, precision effects, and others. He will also highlight some of their research facilities with a short overview video with some explosions.

Colonel Garry A. Haase provides administrative and technical guidance to a staff of more than 735 military, civilian and contractors developing air-launched conventional munitions technology. The Munitions Directorate leads the discovery, development and integration

of affordable warfighting conventional air-launched weapon technologies for the U.S. Air Force. The activities of the Munitions Directorate include research on missile seekers, navigation and control, image processing, munitions integration, warheads, fusing, explosives and technology assessment methodology.



**Col Gaary Haase,
 Commander, Munitions
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Colonel Haase entered the Air Force in 1993 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri. More recently as a program manager, he served as Materiel Leader for Small Diameter Bomb I, Chief of V-22 Joint Development, and as acting Senior Materiel Leader/System

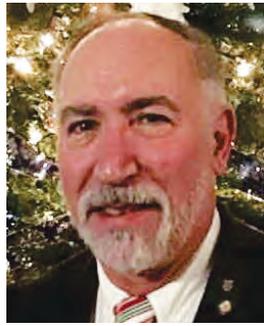
Program Manager of the CV-22. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Chief, Current Operations Division, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command. Colonel Haase holds Department of Defense Acquisition Corps Level III certifications in Program Management, Test and Evaluation as well as Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering.

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From the President's Pen

By Nick Marotta

Welcome to the September issue of the Defender. With the start of September we are wrapping up the summer of 2019. Hopefully vacations are over and were great, a little less heat and humidity, and a few less tourists only to ease traffic. I hope everyone will have a great autumn and most of all, be safe and healthy.



Nick Marotta

On September 18, the US Air Force will celebrate its 72nd birthday; so don't forget to bring your singing voices as we may end up singing the AF song.

As the chapter President, and on behalf of all the men and women of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association, I would like to congratulate one of our own, Retired U.S. Army Reserve Brigadier General T. Patterson Maney. The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) named General Patt Maney its Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year for 2019. BG Maney was presented the award Aug 3rd at DAV's 98th National Convention in Orlando.

MOAA established two levels of excellence awards. Each year, councils and chapters may request to be recognized for one of these two Levels of Excellence awards:

The very, very best councils or chapters receive a five-star award; and above-average councils or chapters receive a four-star award.

In April, 2019, I submitted a request that NWFMOA be considered for a Level of Excellence Award. Once again MOAA has bestowed for 2018 the five-star Level of Excellence Award to this outstanding chapter.

Congratulations to the men and women of the chapter for making this happen. Congratulations to our most recent past chapter President, Scott Berry, for his leadership in 2018 to merit this five-star rating.

In case you were wondering how the NWFMOA earned its 2018 five-star Level of Excellence, quite a few factors are evaluated. Our Junior ROTC Scholarship program, awarded to graduating high school seniors that will continue their education in a ROTC college program, is highly recognized. Other factors evaluated were community involvement. The chapter has participated in the most recent Veterans' Stand Down and Veterans' Court. The chapter maintains a presence at various local Military and Veterans functions as well as local Chambers of Commerce. MOAA also evaluated the Chapter for retention and development as well as recruitment. If you put it all together, Northwest Florida Military Officers Association is a five-star Level of Excellence Chapter.

With that in mind, MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families. We are part of that greater organization and doing our part. Past President Scott Berry's last Pen article talked of momentum. My first article continued with the theme keep the momentum moving forward. Let's do our part. Let's keep the NWFMOA a five-star chapter.

We need volunteers. We have an opening for second vice president and we have an open Board of Directors seat. The Board seat would be a great opportunity for a surviving spouse as well. Regardless, anyone who wants to serve, please let us know. Contact me or any other board member. Next year, 2020, is rapidly approaching. Think of this, you are already a part of this chapter, think of how much more you can do and accomplish as a member of the Board or an Officer. Please volunteer.

Don't forget, our next meeting September 5, FWB Yacht Club, noon. Be safe, be alert.

Nick Marotta

PUBLIC RECORD

In Memorium

- Lt Gen Kelly Burke, USAF, (RET), July 23, 2019
- RADM James Summitt, USN, (RET), July 21, 2019
- Una Heavener, July 31, 2019

New Members:

None

Comedy Corner

(In honor of the AF Birthday)

1. How do you know your date with the fighter pilot is half over?
2. How many Air Force pilots does it take to screw in a light bulb?
3. What's the difference between a pilot and a pig?

(answers on page 7)

Community Outreach

By Dave Parisot

Brig. Gen, USAR, Ret., Patt Maney Named DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year and Appointed to Council of Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame; Homeless Veterans Stand Down; Estate Planning Day at NWFSC

T. Patterson Maney Named DAV's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year: MOAA and NWFMOA Chapter member Patt Maney, Brig. Gen, USAR, Ret., and retired Okaloosa County Judge, was named the DAV's 2019 recipient of their award of Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year on August 3rd at DAV's annual convention in Orlando. Maney was chosen from among dozens of nominees from throughout the nation. According to Ashleigh Byrnes, the DAV's deputy national communications director, one thing that set Maney apart from the other nominees was the breadth of his work on behalf of veterans.

Brig. Gen. Maney was severely injured in Afghanistan in 2005 by an IED explosion that blew up a vehicle in which Maney was riding. All four people in the vehicle survived, but Maney was severely injured to include traumatic brain injuries and spent almost two years at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center recovering from severe head, neck, and back injuries. Although the Army determined that Maney could not return to duty, he did eventually return to the judicial bench as a County Judge in Okaloosa County from which he retired in 2018. Using his own experiences with recovering from his injuries, Judge Maney established a Veterans' Court in Okaloosa County which became the example in establishing the State of Florida's system of veterans courts in 2012 under the T. Patt Maney Veterans Treatment Intervention Act. Maney spearheaded development of the Okaloosa-Walton Homeless Veterans Stand Down in 2009 which continues today. He also worked with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to get a Veterans Center opened in Okaloosa County in 2011 to provide free services, including mental health care, to veterans.

Brig. Gen. Maney was inducted into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2018, and on July 31, 2019 he was appointed by Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis to the Council of the Hall of Fame which oversees and selects Hall of Fame members. Our most hearty congratulations to Patt Maney for these high honors, and our sincerest thanks for all he has done and continues to do for veterans and our local community.



Brig. Gen., USAR, Ret., and Okaloosa County Judge, Ret., T. Patterson Maney received the 2019 DAV Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year Award

2019 Homeless Veterans Stand Down: This year's Stand Down is scheduled for Friday, October 25th at the Striving For Perfections Ministries, 24 SW Bass Avenue, Fort Walton, FL. This year's event is for veterans only. I will be collecting monetary contributions at the October 3rd members' luncheon to be used to purchase toiletries and personal items for these veterans. I have a donor who wishes to remain anonymous who will match our monetary contribution (i.e., if we collect \$200 it will become \$400 with the matching contribution). More info on the Veterans Stand down will be in the October Defender.

Estate Planning Day at NWFSC: This event will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at NWFSC in Niceville in the Costa Leadership Institute, Bldg. 400. This educational and estate planning event will be conducted by the Estate Planning Council of the Emerald Coast. It will provide many panel discussions (with Q & A time) of information needed to properly plan your state. There is no cost to attend and there are no 'sales pitches' for specific companies or products. The various panels are comprised of local CPAs, certified financial planners, estate attorneys, trust specialists, and more. You may also discuss your specific questions with these local experts during the breaks between panels (and at no cost!). If you liked Mark Fisher's presentation at our July luncheon, you will love this event. I attended their Estate Planning Day last October, and as a result, I was able to make my estate virtually 'tax-proof' upon my death. I will be returning this year.

By Chaplain Tom Azar

Who said retirement would be relaxing? Can you remember a summer of greater violence? I sit shocked and disheartened before the TV, angry reading the paper and frustrated listening to leadership and commentators. We have all been in war overseas and experienced loss of life, but when we rob our US civilian teens and children of their future it defies the humanity test. What gives one person the right to take another innocents' life? A chaplain's focus is how to make sense of the ungodly and to offer guidance and healing.

Many states are experiencing domestic terrorism. I will leave the causes and solutions to my younger counselors and officers. We don't need <http://ancestry.com> to trace our heritage to a foreign nation. We are a land of immigrants. I remember growing up in Boston and NYC where enclaves of different nationalities lived, played, worked and celebrated side by side. Yes, there were individuals who ridiculed other nationalities. So I ask "What deep imbedded 'sin' looks at 'skin' and says, 'I'm ending your life?'"

This newsletter header states "Coexist". I believe we need to look in the mirror and take a good inventory of our deeper thoughts and feelings about others. Who knows, we may be the object of another's violence because of our uniqueness. Like a good marriage-love and respect are premium virtues that allow peace and unity to live together— accepting differences as positive enriching qualities. Our military family is a microcosm of our nation.

So take a few moments and slowly read Francis Bernadone's prayer. He was born in 1181 in Assisi, and lived a wild, wanton and rich life until ill health shook him up and he drastically changed his ways and dedicated his life to the God. He was a prayer warrior. I believe his message can guide each of us to change and live respectfully with others.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

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**HURRY, HURRY,
HURRY**

It is too late to be the first, but you CAN be second. I have already received the first payment of dues for 2020, but I would love to award someone 2nd place. It is always good to be ahead of the masses.

In The News

By Elvira S. Chiccarelli

Carolyn Ketchel and the Okaloosa county commissioners voted to use Tourist Development Council funds to honor women veterans by creating a gateway fountain and 8 to 10 statues on land adjacent to the Okaloosa Island Convention Center. According to Ms. Ketchel the land is currently identified as a rookery and will continue to be used as such with the memorial as a gateway into the seventeen acres.



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O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen."

May your Labor Day include loving your neighbor as a member in the family of God.

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F-35 Pilot Is Joining the Navy's Blue Angels

From Military.com (Revised)

By Gina Harkins

The Blue Angels team has its first F-35B pilot, but he won't be flying the Joint Strike Fighter jet in any upcoming air shows.

Marine MAJ Frank Zastoupil is one of eight officers recently selected to join the Blue Angels 2020 demonstration team. Zastoupil, who's currently assigned to the "Warlords" of the South Carolina-based Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501, will be one of the F/A-18 demonstration pilots, Navy officials announced Monday.

"This is the first [pilot] we've had that's been permanently attached to an F-35 squadron," Chief Petty Officer Chad Pritt, the Blue Angels' public affairs chief, told Military.com.

Navy LT Julius Bratton, a Hornet pilot with the "Gladiators" of Strike Fighter Squadron 106, was also selected to join the F/A-18 demonstration team.

The team will get two new C-130 "Fat Albert" pilots: Marine CAPTs William Huckeba and Rick Rose. The team is rounded out as Navy LT Brian Abe will be the Blue Angels' new maintenance officer, and Navy LTJG Chelsea Dietlin will be the team's new spokeswoman.

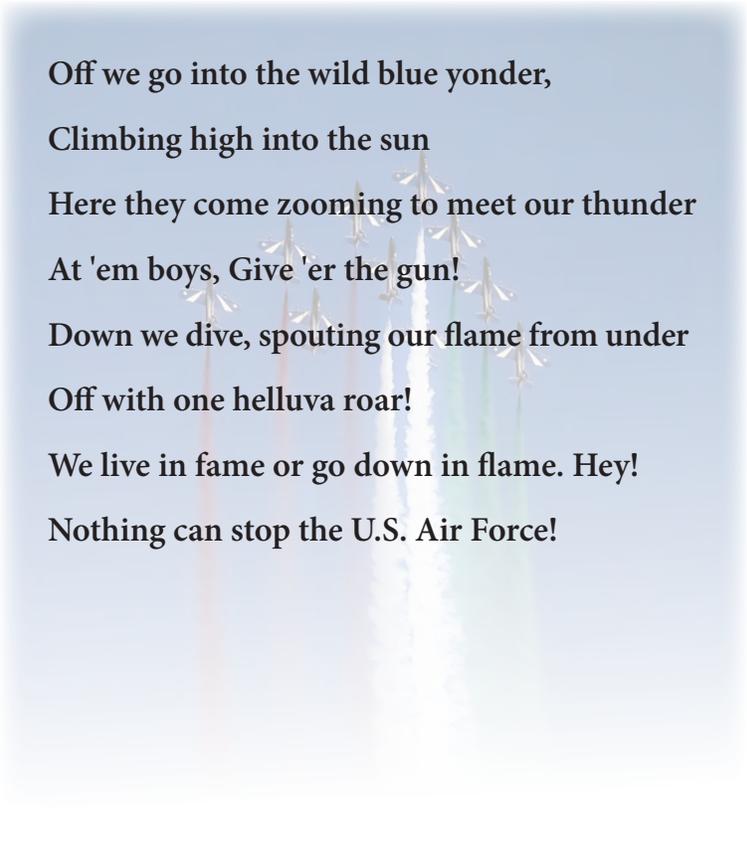
We had a phenomenal group of applicants this year," CAPT Eric Doyle, the Blue Angels' commanding officer and flight leader, said in a news release announcing the additions. "The 2020 Blue Angels are lucky to have these talented individuals join them to represent the Navy and Marine Corps in the team's 74th show season."

It won't be the first time Zastoupil also performed in air shows. Earlier this year, the pilot flew the F-35B in the 2019 Beaufort Air Show in South Carolina. In a Marine Corps video, Zastoupil said he'd never flown in a plane until he was a junior in high school, but he "just fell in love with being in the air."

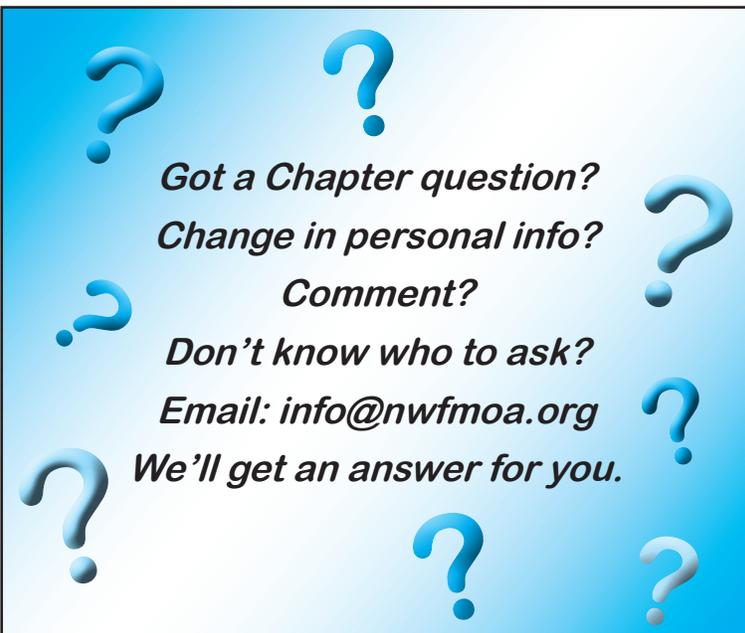
"Then what did I want to do? I wanted to fly jets for the Marine Corps," he said. "What's cooler than flying jets for the Marine Corps, right? You get to fly from ships, you get to come back and land. ... You get to fly the most technologically advanced aircraft in the world."

Zastoupil and the rest of the new Blue Angels members are set to kick off their training in mid-November.

Air Force Song



Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!



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Scholarship Fund

by Dave Parisot

Fund-raising to support our Scholarship Program is a constant undertaking by the Scholarship Committee. One of our programs is the **BG Frank Glunn Century Club** with a minimum contribution of \$100. We currently have 45 chapter members contributing to this program (see the Century Club members below). Over 90 percent of these have renewed their memberships annually, which we on your Scholarship Fund board really appreciate. Their contributions have resulted in \$8,000 in the past year toward scholarships. This will fund four of the seven scholarships we award each year to the JROTC cadets of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton County high schools. I would like to see the Century Club participation increase to at least 55 or more members by the end of 2019. That's just 10 new members. Will you be one who steps up? [A contribution form is in every issue of The Defender.]

With a heavy heart, please know **Una Heavener**, surviving Spouse of Lt Col **Jim Heavener**, passed away on July 31, 2019. Una was a guest of the Scholarship Fund for the past two years at the Christmas Ball and the Scholarship luncheons in May in recognition of the endowment left for scholarships by Jim. We will continue to award the \$4,000 Lt Col Jim Heavener Memorial Scholarship funded by this endowment.

The 50/50 drawing at the August luncheon was won by **Don Litke** who received winnings of \$82 but donated the money back, so the Scholarship Fund got \$164. Thanks, Don and to all who purchased raffle tickets. Since my last article, **Scott Berry** and **Janet Taylor** have renewed her Century Club membership. With his most recent donation, **Don Litke** is a new member of the Gold Century Club.

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 2018 along with our **Business Donors**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember, all of these donations are used to fund our scholarships to JROTC cadets.

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);

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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); and **Don Litke** (August 2019).

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months): August 2018: **Doris Day**; **Ruth Cullen** (Renewal) (In memory of Bill Cullen); **Dennis Phillips** (Renewal). September, 2018: **Christine Hallion**; **Joe Stevens**; WWII Vet **Bill Colgan** (Renewal); **George Colton**; October 2018: **Bob Garcia** (Renewal); **Karl Eschmann** (Renewal) (In memory of B/Gen Bud Day and Kay Litke); **Chris Beam** (Renewal); **Douglas Hardin** (Renewal) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk). November 2018: **Pete Peterzen** (Renewal); **Dr. Howard Fisher** (Renewal); **Bob Secrest**; December 2018: **Kathleen Bush**; **Jean Dutton** (Renewal); **Larry Bush** (Renewal); and **Dave Parisot** (Renewal) (In memory of Chong Parisot); **Kay Dent** (In memory of Troy Dent and Larry Ketter); January 2019: **Dick Prater** (Renewal); **Clyde Locke** (Renewal); **Charlie Brown** (Renewal); and **Dennis Phillips** (Renewal); **Wayne (Dave) Davis** (In honor of Doris Day); **Janet Taylor** (Renewal) (In honor of Maj Bill Ryan); **Carol Baker** (Renewal) (In memory of Col. David Baker). February 2019: **Dr. Roger Riegenbach** (Renewal) (In memory of Ashlyn Rhodes); **Ann Adelsperger** (In memory of Lt Col R. Wayne Adelsperger); **Fred Boyer** (Renewal); **Eileen Arpke** (Renewal); **Dann Mattiza** (Renewal); March 2019: **Nick Marotta** (Renewal); **Les Matheson** (Renewal); **Rod Gerdes** (Renewal); **Al Bills** (Renewal); **Bob Gramm** (Renewal) and **Ken Zepp**; April 2019: **Jake Bush**, and **Fred Westfall** (Renewal); May 2019: **Chuck Merkel** (in honor of Sam Lombardo); **George Hanks**; June 2019: **Joy Houck** (Renewal) (In memory of Major Stanley Houck); July 2019: **Larry Bush** (Renewal) and **Don Litke** (Renewal) (In memory of Kay Litke); August 2019: **Scott Berry** (Renewal) and **Janet Taylor** (Renewal).

2018 Business Platinum Donor (\$750 minimum donation): July 2018: **Shalimar Cheers Pub**.

2018/2019 Business Gold Donor (\$500 - \$749): December 2018: **Eglin Federal Credit Union** (Renewal); April 2019: **Merrill Lynch** (**Chris Beam**, Senior Financial Advisor) (Renewal).

2018/2019 Business Silver Donors (\$250 - \$499): November 2018: (Renewal); **Indian Bayou Golf & Country Club** (In-kind, Renewal); December 2018: **Rocky Bayou Golf Course** (In-kind, Renewal).

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April 2019: **Eye MD of Niceville** (Renewal)

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Please join us noon, September 5th, at the Fort Walton Yacht Club for an excellent presentation by Col Haase, and as always the fellowship of our NWFMOA chapter. Be sure to make your reservations early as we are expecting a full house. Reservations can be made online at [HTTP://NWFMOA.ORG](http://NWFMOA.ORG) or by email to Fred Westfall nwfreservation@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Comedy Corner Answers

1. He says, "but enough about me—want to hear about my plane?"
2. One...He just holds the bulb and the bulb and the world revolves around him.
3. The pig doesn't turn into a pilot when it's drunk.

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