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## Lunch Meeting & Discussion

**When:** Wed, 5 September 2012

**Time:** Open: 1100; Lunch: 1115;  
Meeting: 1200 - 1300

**Place:** NW Florida Regional  
Airport Conference Room

**Program:** U.S. Senator Bill Nelson

### Airport Lunch

Please:

- Make a reservation
- Wear a name tag
- Bring proper change.  
\$8.00 for all attendees

Reservation deadline is Friday at noon prior to the meeting. Call Ken Wright at 582-6442 or send an email to: bvanhoesen@cox.net if you are attending.

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## Come Hear The "Senatorial Scoop" by Bill Nelson

By Ken Wright

If you have any strong thoughts on what direction we need to be heading, I highly recommend you have September 5, 2012 on your calendar. Senator Bill Nelson is heading our way to share a light lunch, his thoughts and ideas, and to respond to what is on your mind. Senator Bill Nelson is a true son of Florida; his family came to Florida in 1829; his grandparents homesteaded in the early 20th century on land that today is the Kennedy Space Center. Most of us have a



U.S. Senator Bill Nelson

clear memory of the day America was shocked by the catastrophic destruction of the space shuttle Challenger. Even so, the dangers of space exploration

were known to our senator, as he spent six days orbiting the Earth aboard the space shuttle Columbia - just ten days before Challenger's ill-fated launch in 1986. In his book, *Mission*, he recalls being just seconds into his flight, climbing straight up and hearing the shuttle pilot's voice over the com-system: "We have a malfunction. We have a helium leak."

It was one of many crises that would be resolved on a flight that gave him a unique perspective on Earth's environment and an appreciation of the importance of our nation's exploration into the unknown. He is recognized as a congressional expert on NASA. But

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**Don't forget we're having lunch at the airport rather than breakfast at the Bayview Club!**

## President's Corner

**"SEMPER PARATUS"**

**A HERO AND A FRIEND  
HAS LEFT US, BUT NOT  
FORGOTTEN**

We have lost a Hero and I have lost a Mentor and a Friend. Brigadier General Frank Glunn, USA, Retired, passed away in July and he will be surely missed by our organization and the many others he was part of. Frank Glunn was a great example of someone who cared for our organization and what it stood for. He was someone who took pride in giving young people the opportunity to pursue a military career. He was someone I could call friend and mentor. Frank and I had the opportunity to work in our real estate worlds together and he brought wisdom and insights to a very complex career, which was truly appreciative. Frank was not only a Hero to me, he was a hero to many others in the area. He gave us a smile and a witty humor, we all enjoyed. He gave of his time to many worthwhile causes and could be observed time and time again stepping up to the plate and volunteering when needed. I hope we all can learn from Frank on how to make a difference in someone's life. He did mine. Frank, I salute you. Thanks for making a positive difference in our lives.

### SERVING OUR CHAPTER

The 2013 slate of Officers and Directors is being worked on and we have a few openings for you to serve. I have served this organization in both a Vice President and President capacity and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have enjoyed. I am happy with the direction we have taken this organization and see many new opportunities for the NWFMOA on the horizon. We are making a difference in the lives our service men and women, past, present, and future and our organization could not do this without you. With this said,

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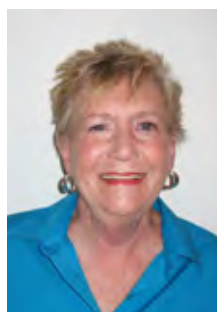


**Ken Wright**

## Membership By Gayle Norgaard

**Recruit! Recruit!**

Now that summer vacations are over we are asking our membership to focus on recruiting new members. Pick up extra Defenders at the Breakfast Meeting and pass them around. One of our goals is awareness. Tell people about NWFMOA and invite them to upcoming events.



**Gayle Norgaard**

When you recruit a new member let them know to contact Bill Mann to order a chapter name tag. Bill is at the Breakfast Meeting or call 850-862-7895. As you know our ID cards have been updated without a Social Security Number. Retiree's are seen by appointment only to obtain a new ID. Pass and ID-PH#-882-3442

### TOURs

Climate Control Building Eglin AFB, October 24th, 2012.  
10:00AM Tour will be approximately 1 hour, Limited to 20 people per tour.

7th Army Special Forces Tour. TBA

F-35 Air Education and Training Fighter Wing Tour.

Space Available Basis

Sign On by contacting Gayle Norgaard at 850-259-1155

Email: [gayleret@cox.net](mailto:gayleret@cox.net)

## When Pigs Fly.....

Who would have thought a couple of Septuagenarians would get married?

Morris (Mustang Mo) Blumenthal, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) of Shalimar and Angela Cardosi of Dallas, TX exchanged heartfelt wedding vows on 25 August 2012 in Destin. The happy Septuagenarian couple will be residing part time of the year in Dallas and part time in Shalimar with a honeymoon trip to Italy in Spring 2013.

A Fairy-tale story. They have known each other since parochial school days in Memphis, TN.

## PUBLIC RECORD

**NEW MEMBER:** Mrs Ocie Baird, AUX.

## Important Phone Numbers to have available:

### Casualty Assistance

Eglin AFB Casualty Assistance- 850-882-4028  
Hurlburt AB Casualty Assistance- 850-884-5280  
Army Casualty Assistance-334-255-9124  
Navy/Marines Casualty Assistance-850-452-5996  
Civil Service-850-882-2720

### National Cemetery:

Arlington National Cemetery-703-695-3250/3255  
Barrancas National Cemetery-850-453-4846/4108

### Misc. Numbers:

Social Security-800-772-1213  
VA Regional Office-800-827-1000  
American Red Cross-850-882-5848  
Tricare-850-883-8246  
Eglin Legal Office-850-882-4611 ext. 101  
AF Times Obituaries Fax Number-703-750-8601

## CLIP OUT AND SAVE

### ADDITIONAL Information

Casualty Assistance has developed a program that can store your Advanced Directives, Will, DD Form 214 and other pertinent information. Casualty Assistance can provide you with a check list to use prior to your appointment.

The Legal Office is able to assist you with a Will or updating a current Will and Advanced Directives. Call the Legal office for an appointment.

Having everything in place is important for your loved one and family.

(Compiled by Gayle Norgaard)



## Presidential “Pop-in”



FL Council President Jim Conner, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) and his wife Dottie stopped briefly in the Panhandle to have lunch with Scott Berry and a chat with Ken Wright.

## Come Hear The “Senatorial Scoop” by Bill Nelson (cont.)

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mostly he’s an unrelenting advocate for all Floridians, and a moderate voice in an increasingly partisan world of national politics. Bill Nelson is a fifth-generation Floridian, who has served the people of his home state for more than three decades, first as state legislator, then as congressman, then a state Cabinet officer, and now as Florida’s senior United States senator. During his time in the Senate, he’s stopped oil companies from drilling off our coast and has been a tireless champion to save the Everglades.

Almost single-handedly, he stopped the government from confiscating lower-cost prescription drugs from consumers who had purchased them from Canadian pharmacies. More recently, he’s been a leader in the fight to protect children from the hazards of unsafe imported toys.

Bill Nelson is someone who thinks public service is a noble calling - and, that’s why he’s devoted his life to serving his community, his state and his country. Attend the breakfast and judge for yourselves.



## Designed for Trust and Love

By Sarah A. Shirley, Chaplain,  
Major, FLANG



**Chaplain Shirley**

In my line of work there is much discussion about human nature. Some schools of thought assert human beings are by nature sinful or bad and only through divine intervention can we be good. Others claim we are created to compete and win, and that "Social Darwinism," economic and social survival of the best competitors, is natural law. Still others believe "Original Blessing," a humanity created in the image of a good God and we are by nature loving and creative.

I am a member of the last group which has laid me open to much ridicule. Only a ridiculously naïve and foolish person would persist in pressing the goodness of humanity...history as well as present events clearly disprove Original Blessing and demonstrate Original Sin. Oftentimes I have despaired of my own beliefs in the face of atrocities committed one against another be they of the heart, the body, society, the pocketbook, or the political process.

Enter Paul Zak and his "Moral Molecule" to save hopefulness for humankind. Zak, a professor of economics, management, and psychology, has demonstrated through a series of experiments involving measuring oxytocin levels in blood before and after a variety of events we are indeed designed to thrive on trust, love, compassion, generosity, and other such marvelous traits. Being a scientist and less naïve than this lowly priest, his research also acknowledges when the chemicals that induce such positive behaviors are not surging, human beings are capable of and perpetrate unspeakable acts of selfishness and cruelty.

Zak's research leads to a shocking conclusion: human beings are built to practice the Golden Rule and not to hurt or one-up other humans. This, dear reader, is in my view, very good news. An individual's capacity for consistently trusting, sharing, and loving, however, can be permanently

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**Scott Berry**

## They Were Larger Than Life While Among Us...

and their chapter legacies still are even though they're gone.

We lost Jim McCarthy and Frank Glunn during July. Before I joined the chapter, Jim had already left his mark by serving

in numerous positions and as chapter president from 2005-2007. As the new secretary, I was fumbling to fill the huge shoes left by my predecessor, Chuck Arpke. Jim was serving as the immediate past president. After one board meeting where I thought I'd overstepped the boundaries as the brand new guy, I asked Jim, whose comments during the meetings suggested a lot of wisdom, for his reaction to my outbursts. He slapped me on the shoulder, looked at me with those bright blue eyes (which I suspect could melt ice as easily as show compassion), and said "You're doing just fine. Keep shaking things up" or words to that effect. It gladdened me I'd passed muster with a person who I respected and would increasingly due so over the years. Whether at the breakfast or at the bar, he always made a point to offer a warm handshake, equally warm smile, and would carve out a place for me to sit. Many others saw his handiwork as the Nominating Committee chairman where he contacted and sometimes coerced members to volunteer for leadership roles. He played a vital role in finding those needles in the haystack who emerged as our JROTC scholarship winners.

As with Jim, I saw Frank Glunn as one of the driving forces when I came on board. He'd served as our president from 1999-2001 but by the time I met him he was in afterburner for the Scholarship Fund having served as its president for almost ten years. Anyone who spent more than a nanosecond around Frank quickly realized the Scholarship Fund was his "baby" and there are JROTC cadets in the past, present, and future who have or will benefit from Frank's tireless efforts. I remember him as a constant fixture at NWFMOA functions in various forms of colorful attire as the Fund's promoter for contributions. He was relentless and gently nudged when he was told "no." And when things went wrong, the worst thing I ever

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# TAPS – In Memoriam

## NAME

## Died

BG Franklin J. Glunn, USA (Ret) July 28, 2012

Frank was a board member when the Scholarship Fund was incorporated in 1997. He began service as the Fund's president in 2001 and has served in that position ever since. He was our chapter president from 1999-2001.

Ann S. Davis, spouse of  
Col Joseph Davis, Jr., USAF (Ret) August 7, 2012

On behalf of NWFMoa, we express our sympathy to the families of those who have passed to their eternal rest. We wish comfort for all those who grieve.

## MEMORIALIZATION

The following individuals made contributions to the NWFMoa Scholarship Fund in memory of BG Frank Glunn, USA (Ret):

R. Wayne Adelsperger  
William & Joan Danzeisen  
Mrs. Jack Lawrence  
David A. Parisot  
William & Dottie Ryan  
Joseph Schomisch  
Michael J Schomisch  
Marlane S. Sharple  
Marie L. Wagner

## Time Management

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

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impaired by early childhood abuse or by persistent social stress such as low social status or economic insecurity. Our moral, emotional, and spiritual natures can be altered by injury just as our physical bodies can be.

How can we invite ourselves and one another to step back from the precipice of greed and lust for power and onto the solid only ever so slightly (and very gently) rolling hills of compassion, love, and trust? Ethicist and retired Navy chaplain George Elliott has some suggestions for us to chew on (and maybe even practice!). While Chaplain Clifford put these forth as suggestions to prevent hate crimes, they have merit for moving us ever so slightly into dignity, respect, and cooperation. His suggestions are: first, consistently and emphatically, in words and actions, express the dignity of all people regardless of religion, creed, race, gender, sexual orientation, or other such differences. Hate can only flourish in the absence of love and respect for the dignity and worth of all people. Second, refuse to countenance prejudicial words or actions, even when you are accused of being too picky or a "brown noser" or something equally flattering. Finally, intentionally develop a diverse set of friends, acquaintances, and colleagues, and be in enough situations with them that your oxytocin can freely surge.

Above all else, start believing God can redeem anyone, anytime, even in the tiniest mustard seed that lies in a pit of terror. It is not required to believe in the depravity of the human condition. Go ahead and hope and plan and work for the good. You might as well since there's a good chance you'll still be alive in the morning and will have to get up and be a useful member of society. If you engage in events and conversations that generate theological questions, study your Scripture with a group of peers and supervisors. You were born to love and trust and empathize. Start today!



***Got a Chapter question?  
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***We'll get an answer for you.***

## Happy Birthday!



## Sixty-five and Going Strong!

### President's Corner (cont.)

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are you ready to serve? Do you have suggestions to make our organization better? Are you ready to make a positive difference for the men and women, who have served and are serving? If you answer yes to any of these questions, give me a call. As Uncle Sam would say, "We Want YOU!!!".

#### PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS. PROGRAMS

Keep your calendars open for the first Wednesday of every month. As this time, we will have some great speakers on the horizon. Senator Nelson is planning to speak to our organization on September 5, Dr. Ty Handy, President of Northwest Florida State University is on his heels in October, we have a couple of guest speakers on the ropes for the November meeting, and we end the year with one of our favorites, the OPUS Choir in December.

#### OFFICERS CALL

The next NWFMOA Officer's Call is planned for September 6, 2012 from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. at the Prop's Brewery & Grill, 225 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE, B-19, Paradise Plaza, Fort Walton Beach, FL. This establishment is owned by Air Force Pilots from Hurlburt AFB and they are excited to serve our organization. Information on Prop's Brewery and Grill can be found by visiting <http://www.propsbrewery.com>.

## It's the Law!

By Eileen Arpke, Bylaws Committee Chair

The NWFMOA bylaws have been under revision for 18 months. As far as possible they reflect all necessary aspects of governmental management of the our organization. At each printing for member input the committee has taken under consideration all suggestions for improvement and consistency with actual current actions and descriptions of MOAA. The bylaws have been made available on the Web site for all members to see and copies have been available at monthly meetings for those who don't "do" computers. The committee has now met all requirements for bylaw adoption and will be presenting them to the membership for a general membership vote at an upcoming meeting. Please call me at 678-3446 if you have any questions.

### Editor's Etchings (cont.)

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heard him say was "Aw, shucks" in a slightly elevated tone of voice. Others may dispute this, but I'll stick with my story. Actually, the only dispute I had with Frank was how he was capable of nicely fitting into his service dress uniform after so many years. In my case, I'd look like someone crammed 20 pounds of rocks into a five pound bag!

While I will miss the physical presence of these two NWFMOA titans, their legacies will continue on--larger than life--as testimonies to their contributions while among us.

Respectfully,

Berry "OUT"

### Say What?????

Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.



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## Idiot-Syncrasies

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

## DONATION FORM

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**\*\*The spouse of a deceased life member automatically becomes an auxiliary life member.**

**Membership Application/Renewal**

**New Members joining in 2012**  
receive membership through December  
31st of next year for **\$25.00.**

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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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