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Breakfast Meeting & Discussion

When: Wed. 2 January 2013
Time: Open: 0700; Bkfst: 0715;
 Meeting: 0800-0900
Place: Eglin Bayview Club
Program: Installation of 2013 Board Members

Eglin Bayview Breakfast

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New Faces for the New Year

By Jeff Watson, President-elect

Join us for the installation of Officers! Lt Gen LeRoy J. Manor, Jr. will install the new slate of officers on January 2, 2013 at the Bayview Club, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Gen Manor will install Col Jeffrey W. Watson, USAF (Ret) as the next chapter president of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association. Also elected for 2013 are Lt Col Tom Godbold, USAF (Ret) and Col Scott Berry, USAF (Ret) as first vice president and secretary, respectively. As directors, we welcome Mrs Eileen Arpke, Col Eddie McAllister, USAF (Ret), Maj Bob Padden, USAF (Ret), Lt Col Paul Singleton, USAF (Ret), and Maj Bill Van Hoesen, USA (Ret). Scott, Eileen, Bob, and Bill served on last year's board in the same positions.

Regrettably, we had no volunteers for the treasurer or 2nd vice president positions. These positions are not

limited to rocket scientists--just some familiarity with working on a computer. The treasurer is especially important so our funds are properly collected and we have enough to pay our bills. The pay for these jobs isn't great but the service opportunities and personal satisfaction are more than adequate compensations. Please let me know if you have an interest in either of these positions. Chatting for a few minutes will give you a much clearer idea of duties involved.



Lt Gen LeRoy J. Manor, Jr., USAF (Ret)

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Are your dues due? Please use the form on the back page and mail it soon. On-time renewal saves your chapter \$\$.

President-elect's Corner

By Jeff Watson

Happy New Year! 2012 is now in the history books as we look forward to a great 2013. We planned to start the year out with a look at how Air Force Special Operations performs its mission and do it from the perspective of their top lawyer! Many of you may have been stationed at Hurlburt Field, like I was, and you will get the opportunity to hear from an expert on the rule of law. Unfortunately, a last minute conflict developed so we will reschedule in the near future.



Jeff Watson

As we transition between presidents of our Northwest Florida Military Officers Association, I want to thank Ken Wright for his leadership of this chapter over the past two years. He and his wife, Erica, have been at the head table for so long they are like the centerpiece – you expect them to be there and know something is missing if they are not. One of Ken's initiatives for 2012 that I will continue is the quarterly Officers' Call. I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with each other through the Chapter as I have. Since this will be quarterly, I have only four locations to pick through the year. If you have a **favorite location** where you would like to meet, let one of the officers or me know.

I also want to welcome my First Vice President, Tom Godbold, to the Officers Head Table, along with Scott Berry, as Secretary. You may have noticed that we still need to fill the Treasurer's seat. If you have the skills to count money, please apply! I would also like to see a Second Vice President and perhaps we can draw from the active duty.

All of us belong to this organization for a variety of reasons but one of those is the common bond of faithful service to this great country. I encourage each of you to recruit new members to our chapter as this organization has a voice in Washington and I believe that the national organization is well respected by our elected leaders in Congress. There are a lot issues facing this country in the next year and the immediate out years that require us to engage and get involved. Many of you have already been elected officers of this organization and know what I will

be facing over the next year so I ask that you share the wisdom of your service and experience with me.

Finally, since this is **your** chapter, I ask that you let us know if something is on **your** mind. I think you will agree we have had some awesome articles printed in our Defender newsletter. If you have a special skill and would like to share it with us, let Scott Berry know and maybe your article will be presented as a special feature in a future newsletter.

So long for now!



President Ken Wright presents a \$150 check to CWO4 Steve Tuttle, USA (Ret) for the 7th SFG Fallen Warriors Association at the December meeting.

Member Spotlight



John Connors

Auxiliary Corner

Opus One Decks the Halls with Music

Educational Benefits - Part II

Surviving military spouses and children might be eligible for educational benefits. One program, the Department of Education Survivors and Dependents Assistance, or Chapter 35 program, was covered in the November issue of *The Affiliate*. A second program, the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, is highlighted below.

The Fry scholarship, part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, entitles surviving children of active duty servicemembers who died in the line of duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit. Eligible children are entitled to 36 months of benefit at the 100-percent level. They have 15 years to use the benefit beginning on their 18th birthdays and may use it until they turn 33. A law effective Aug. 1, 2009, simplifies the tuition and fee rates for those attending public schools and creates a national maximum for those enrolled in private or foreign schools.

Tuition, fees, housing, and book allowances are covered for public schools. Private and foreign school costs are capped at \$17,500 annually. Break or interval pay is not payable under VA education benefit programs unless there is an executive order of the president or an emergency.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill also is available to the spouse or child of an eligible active duty or retired servicemember who has not used his or her GI bill benefit and who wishes to transfer it. If the veteran dies before using his or her benefit, it does not transfer to the surviving spouse or child. The servicemember must exercise his or her transfer eligibility before separating or retiring from the service. MOAA recommends servicemembers do so as early in the careers as possible so obligated service can be completed. (For more information, visit www.gibill.va.gov.)

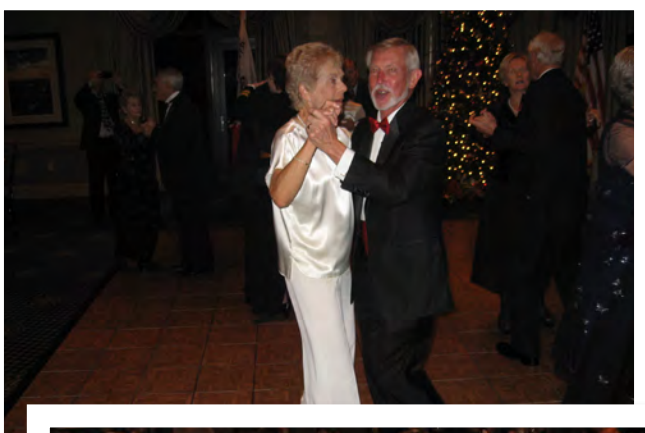
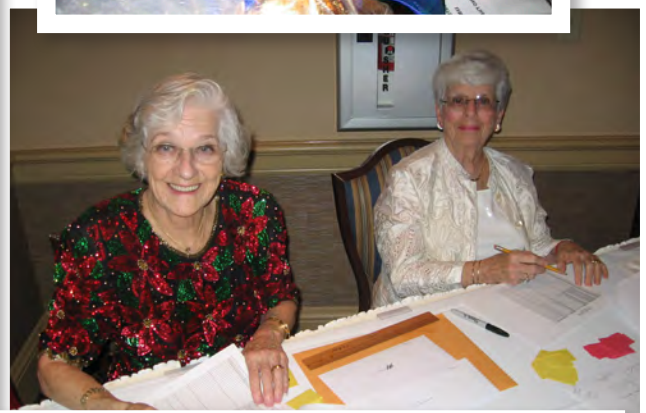
MOAA also offers scholarship opportunities to military children through the MOAA Scholarship Fund, which provides grants and interest-free loans for undergraduate college educations. Applications for the 2013-14 school year must be submitted by noon March 1, 2013. To learn more, visit www.moaa.org/scholarship. (Source: MOAA *The Affiliate*).



Luis Melecio-Zambrano (as Rudolph) and Mari Burdge



Annual Military Ball Raises Money for Scholarship Fund



Gift Baskets Anyone?

Secretary's Scrawl By Scott Berry

Greetings!

Whew! What a busy month this has been and it'll get "worse" before it gets "better!" I've already banged out the minutes from the last chapter board meeting, am putting the final touches on this month's Defender, and I still have the family Christmas letter to write. The creative juices are flowing. I'll soon make a pre-Christmas strike on the commissary with probably 1000 of my not-so-closest friends who share the same procrastination gene that I have. This will involve another compromise because my grocery list will probably preclude me from using the "I'm too cheap to pay a bagger" self-checkout line unless the attendant is willing to agree that 150 items is very close to the maximum 25 item limit.

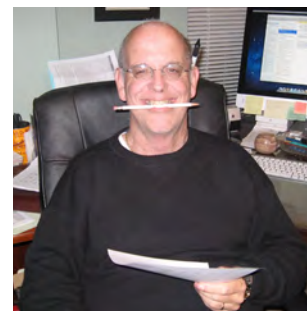
Which now reminds of a silver lining in using the bagger line. My past several trips at the self-checkout line have placed me behind customers--normally a man and wife--

who delay their discussion on the type of milk they should buy until they've already started the checkout process. It's rarely an argument; it's typically a methodical and slowly verbalized interchange about the advantages and disadvantages of 2% versus skim milk. The other example--equally exasperating--is typically a man by himself who can't decide which item to remove from his cart and scan and when he finally does so it's with movement slower than cold molasses on a winter day in Minot. Should I put the green beans in the same bag as the chips? Maybe the chips will be broken? Wait--I wanted whole green beans instead of the french style. Hmmm. Maybe I'd better call my wife and ask! You get the point.

In all fairness, if this is the only annoyance during this season of good will then I am truly blessed!

See you at the commissary (and Merry Christmas and happy New Year)!

Berry "OUT"



Scott Berry

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Emerald Grande Hotel -- Three Night Stay

Treasurer's Report

By Dan Cobbs

TRICARE/Walgreens Update

Celebrating Life

We memorialize and celebrate a loved one, a person who answered the Call of Duty with dedicated honor. They serve:

On Land

On the Sea

In the Sky

Under the Sea



Dan Cobbs

Far away across the world. Far away from loved ones. This article salutes those members of NWFMOA who served and have passed to the other side in 2012.

Member

Wayne Adelsperger

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Express Scripts has determined it will maintain the same robust retail pharmacy network of more than 57,000 pharmacies available to TRICARE beneficiaries. Walgreens left the TRICARE retail pharmacy network when their contract with Express Scripts expired on December 31, 2011. On July 19, 2012, Express Scripts and Walgreens announced a new network agreement for Walgreens participation in one of Express Scripts networks. **However, in line with TRICARE Management Activity's commitment to the efficient management of the TRICARE Pharmacy benefit, Walgreens will remain designated as a non-network pharmacy provider for TRICARE beneficiaries. You will be able to purchase the drugs at Walgreens, but you will have to send the bills to TRICARE for reimbursement.** (Source: TRICARE website)

State Your Age and Save –Part I

Contributed by Bill Van Hoesen

I came across a list of restaurants, supermarkets, department stores, travel deals, and other types of offers giving various discounts with different age requirements. I was actually surprised to see how many there are and how some of them start at the young age of 50.

This list may not only be useful for you, but for your friends and family too. Be aware that there are sometimes special conditions and the list may be outdated.

Dunkin' Donuts gives free coffee to people over 55. If you're paying for a cup every day, you might want to start getting it for free.

YOU must ASK for your discount!

RESTAURANTS:

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)

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Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)

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Boston Market: 10% off (65+)

Burger King: 10% off (60+)

NOW--go out there and claim your discounts and remember:

YOU must ASK for your discount --- no ask, no discount.

(Editor's note: Subsequent articles will not include the opening paragraphs.)

Say What?

Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

New Faces (cont.)

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We are honored to have Gen Manor perform installation duties as he has agreed to do so in previous years. Did you know that Gen Manor began his military career in 1942 flying the P-47? Not only is he one of the "Greatest Generation" veterans of World War II, but he continued his career in the U.S. Air Force up to and through the Vietnam War. He was recognized by the President of the United States for his brilliant planning of the rescue mission into North Vietnam known as the Son Tay Prison Raid. In addition to serving as our chapter president, Gen Manor was also president of MOAA. Join us in January for the installation of officers by one of America's heroes--Lt Gen Leroy J. Manor, Jr.

Pew Perspectives

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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