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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday, 5 Jan 2023
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200, Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: Installation of the 2023 chapter officers and board.

MAKE A RESERVATION

- Reservations are Required
- Wear a name tag
- Bring proper change: \$16 each

Reservation deadline is Friday at noon prior to meeting. Go online at <http://nwfmoe.org> and select the link where it says "Click here to make reservations", or email Fred Westfall at nwfmreservations@gmail.com, or call 850-609-8075 if you are attending

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New Year – New Leadership

January brings a new year and also our annual installation of new chapter officers. We are privileged to have Maj Gen Rich Comer, USAF (Ret) perform the installation ceremony. This year, we have returning members who served on the Board of Directors or as Officers and some new faces. The NWFMOA 2023 Chapter President is Brig Gen Fran Hendricks, USAF (Ret) who previously served as our Chapter's 1st Vice President. Fran was born in Edmonton, Canada and graduated from Jersey Shore Area High School, Pa., in 1974. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mansfield State College and entered the Air Force in April 1980 with a commission from the Officer Training School. He has served in a wide variety of assignments at the wing, air division, major command, unified command, DARPA, and Air Staff levels. His commands include the Air Force Element at Headquarters U.S. Special Operations Command, the 355th Support Group, the 96th Air Base Wing, and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. After 33 years of service, he returned to his alma mater as University President. The rest of the newly elected officers and board members are 1st VP Karl Eschmann, Treasurer George Colton, Secretary Fred Westfall, and board members Bob Allen, Ray Alexander, Bob Gramm, Don Panzenhagen and Dick Solt. Please attend our January meeting and show your support.



Please make your reservations by no later than December 31, 2022

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Member Spotlight



Colonel Jesse Bush

Most Significant Accomplishment

Although there are many accomplishments in my career. I consider the most significant was early on in my career as a member of the Berlin Airlift. I feel this is one of the most significant humane operations of the time and innumerable Berliners would have suffered and died if not for the help that was provided by the US, British and French forces. The airlift lasted 15 months and delivered 2.5 million tons of supplies. Participants were awarded the Medal for Humane Action.

Favorite Base and Position

My favorite base was Dobbins AFB at Marietta GA Where I was a member of Special Air Missions (SAM) squadron, our mission was to support the US Army Fort McPherson HQ. We were a member of the Special Air Mission Group, Bolling AFB and would be task by the Group for missions in addition to supporting the army. We had plush aircraft and flew in class A's which was similar to commercial flying. We had the best of support and equipment and that made it enjoyable to perform the mission. It was a joy being a member of the unit and I gained some valuable experience in flying.

Advice to Those Serving Today


My advice to those serving today is first to never give up, second to learn as much as possible by observing your superior and performing as best you can. Establish your priorities for your career and abide by them or amend them as the situation changes. Go beyond what is required and give it just a bit extra. Put forth your ideas that can improve your operation or equipment and present them in a manner that is acceptable. Be loyal to your service in spite of what is happening in the world today as this will assure completion of the mission.

Military Career and After

The remainder of my AF career consisted of a tour in Okinawa as commander of the 7 Aerial Port Squadron assigned to the 130 wing and attached to a flying Squadron for flying. Our mission was to supply Vietnam from the port of Okinawa and the wing also had three detachments where the aircraft would remain in Vietnam for 15 days and rotate back as PACAF did want to station 130's in country. After departing Okinawa (where I made 06) I was the Director of Transportation for both SAC and PACAF and my last assignment Director

of Logistics J4 Readiness Command. I have been retired for 48 years which is longer than my 31.5 years active duty. After retirement I partnered with a retired AF Chief, a former colleague, to purchase 3 auto repair franchises and operated them for 14 years and he decided to retire for good, so we sold the franchises. I then had an opportunity to work as a contractor at Eglin AFB and accepted the opportunity. In 1991 the company I was working for lost the contract and I continued work part time as a consultant, this gave me the opportunity to play golf at least 2 or 3 times a week and finally just golf. My claim to fame in golf is that I have **12 holes in 1**.

Test Your Knowledge

 **NEW ITEM - It's an ARMY quiz this time.**

This month we are continuing our **new feature** in the Defender. This month there will be a short quiz about the **US Army**. The first person who gets all questions correct will receive a free meal at the next NWFMOA lunch. You can submit more than one entry so keep at it. If no one gets the correct answers on the first try, we will accept any entry with the correct answers...but you must get all the answers correct.

Last month the winner of the Air Force quiz was Karl Eschmann. Congratulations Karl!

Click the link below to get to the quiz. The winner will be announced in next month's Defender..

<https://forms.gle/1cWanMJ5KhZL5u5g8>

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Also, if you want to enlarge or shrink the text of anything in a webpage, hold down the CTRL key and use + key to make things larger or – key to make things smaller. To return to normal use CTRL 0.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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From the President's Pen

By Mike Griffith

Change of Command

The highlight of our January 5 meeting will be the swearing in of our new chapter officers and board of directors for 2023. After serving as your chapter president for the past two years, I look forward to passing the gavel to our new chapter president, Brig. Gen. Fran Hendricks, USAF (Ret).

From previous discussions with him, I can tell you that he is approaching his new responsibilities with enthusiasm, and has big plans for taking our chapter into the future. I look forward to supporting him as best I can, and hope that everyone else in our chapter will do likewise.

There are two obvious ways of doing this. One is to volunteer your own time and services as a chapter officer, board member, or with various chapter projects. The other is to recruit one or more new members for our chapter. If you know a current or former officer in any of the uniformed services, invite them to one of our monthly meetings or one of our quarterly officers calls. Help them learn what our organization is all about, to include such community outreach activities as providing college scholarships to local JROTC cadets and providing commissary gift packages to help young enlisted families prepare festive meals during the holidays.

Another thing I hope our chapter members can do is to promote a positive image of military veterans among our civilian neighbors. It seems like every day, we are bombarded with TV ads, news coverage, and dramatizations that portray military veterans as “wounded warriors.” Much of this imagery is well meant, and is very valuable to the extent that it encourages people to help provide for the needs of military veterans who have been severely wounded, suffer from post-traumatic stress, or need other forms of help to recover from injuries or other wartime experiences and return to civilian life.

However, we must take care that this does not inadvertently create a negative stereotype of veterans as broken wretches who cannot contribute to society. The truth is, most military veterans make substantial contributions to civilian communities. Many of our local businesses are run by veterans, and veterans also served in other key civilian roles, such as teachers, first responders, and public officeholders.

Most of those who have been wounded or otherwise harmed overcome their disabilities sufficiently to be contributing members of our communities, raise families, and otherwise have a positive impact on society.

We should do all we can to get the message out that employers who hire veterans will gain valuable team members

We should also inform young, potential future recruits, as well as their parents, teachers, and guidance counselors, that a military career is a great way to serve one's country, and can also be the launching pad to a successful civilian life, through the training, education, and experiences that military life provides to those who choose it.

And oh yes, it's perfectly OK to date, or eventually marry, a military member or veteran.

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar

A Christmas Cup of Compassion for Caregivers

In this special season of christian cheer, good will and generosity, many will not have a spouse or family member to share the holidays with. Disease, death or separation may result in a “Blue Christmas.” There are many in our community who will be spending this season alone, especially caregivers who sacrificed helping patients through COVID and other ailments. Frontline responders we trust for support are in need of our reciprocal touch.

My years of singlehood in the military provided the lived educational experience with a depth of understanding that has made me stronger and more compassionate to others. All my teaching, preaching and counseling fell short in preparing me for the indescribable pain that shook my inner core. I walked through the valley with my uniformed brothers and sisters, and have grown in areas no classroom or seminar could teach.

I listened sincerely before; today I hear with a sensitive and bruised heart. I am a better pastor, counselor and educator. I credit my breakthrough to God's grace, a good counselor, empathic family and spiritual friends. However, I still observe that not all are as fortunate.

Similarly, recent victims of adultery, abuse and abandonment require human-kindness. Why do former friends and fellow believers treat them with a frigid shoulder? Why is it that those we expect to show empathy become uncaring or judgmental? Critical words and cold behavior only intensifies the loneliness, depression and confusion, instead of reducing it.

How can this be? Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years are the seasons for compassion. Social groups have members who experience loss and seek solace from their clubs. Why do colleagues cast a blind eye. It's unacceptable to withdraw a helping hand. There is something rotten in the Christmas stocking...Maybe it's time to check our lists twice...

As a child, human-kindness was exemplified in our home, church and school. My parents were compassionate. Whenever they heard of someone in need they talked at our kitchen table. The children were tasked with walking their dog, shoveling snow, cutting lawn or dropping off hot food. They didn't say “Call us if you need anything.” They knelt down in prayer, stepped forward and took the initiative to help alleviate the pain because when you are hurting, your empty tanks lack the energy to reach out. Today it's easy to purchase, pack, cook and deliver the necessities.

The unselfish example of my parent's faith in Christ impacted many families. They didn't exclude or judge. They met a person at their point of pain. More individuals might add the golden rule to their New Year's resolutions.

Individuals join organizations as extended family to reinforce self worth through a shared give and take. Rather than put salt on an open wound, members could seize the opportunity to be generous and build bridges rather than gaps with likeminded citizens.

Secretive and unfounded gossip is pregnant with ignorant bigotry. We are failing our hurting neighbors rather than giving hopeful support.

Finally, why do leaders act like the sole detective, lawyer, judges and jury, and use selective sacred Scriptures without compassion to ostracize individuals or tell them they can no longer participate in sacraments, ordinances or committees? The early churches were not museums for saints but hospitals for the hurting and broken hearted. They forget that a saint is just as much a sinner who gets back up because of mercy and love.

Many become public servants in churches, schools and hospitals because “NO” is not an option for those bleeding and seeking assistance. Jesus Christ modeled this when he offered a cup of compassion to those hurting spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically. Unfortunately, the narrow minded religious and arrogant political leaders of his time criticized him for talking to a divorced foreign woman, healing a refugee leper, touching a bleeding woman, especially on the Sabbath. Why do we inflame the pain of those who already feel marginalized? Why deck the halls with insensitivity? We forget that we once were in their shoes. Why do those we naturally expect to offer healing fail to help us today? We hear the words of God emanating from their lips but not the heart music of His Spirit in action! Is it fear of tainting their public image, lack of personal experience with suffering, or just a dishonest flaunting of self-serving legalism?

Sadly, some leaders get in trouble for the various transgressions they once spoke against. I guess before we take the splinter out of the marginalized’s eye, we should take the lumber yard out of our own. Christ’s stable was made of wood; His cross had only two boards! His self-sacrifice is why we follow and emulate Him.

One can grow and learn tough lessons both personally and professionally by focusing on the person without taking sides. Take off your public mask. Listen empathetically, wipe the tears, bandage the wound so they can feel heaven’s love as they begin making critical decisions for their future.

2023 is an opportune time for the family, community and institutions to encourage compassionate dialogue and acts of charity—YES with words and deeds. Our God provides, protects and empowers those who are faithful to love our neighbor.

Maybe as we come out of our declining covid crisis, it might be safe to set an extra plate for a hurting neighbor, single friend or struggling widow. Try a stocking of solace...or a cup of compassion. We are set apart to live by a higher standard. Be a “Little Christ”. Make “Christmas” Christ-like. Your quiet offering will be remembered and blessed both here and in heaven.

PUBLIC RECORD

In Memoriam

Hardin, Douglas, Colonel, USAF (Ret),
December 4, 2022

New Member

Hardin, Carol, Surviving Spouse

SUPPORT MOAA

Do what you can to support our national organization. To learn what’s going on and to find out what you can do go to: <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/> We all will benefit from your efforts.

Time To Pay Your Dues

Hello my fellow NWF MOA members. 2022 is about to be history and our new year will be here. For many of you this means that your membership will be expiring and it is time to pay your dues for the New Year.

If you are not sure when your membership expires click this link: <http://nwfmoo.org/dues.html>

On the last page of this Defender you can see how much it is to renew your membership for 1, 2 or 3 years. Our mailing address is also provided. Click this link to fill out the renewal form: http://nwfmoo.org/files/join_us.pdf

I encourage everyone to get their dues paid as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Widows Tax Repealed in Total; MOAA Members Need to Support Legislative Issues; Florida “Purple Star” Schools Program

Widows Tax Repeal: Three years ago, on December 20, 2019, President Trump signed the National Defense Authorization Act. Included was the phased-in repeal of the Survivor Benefit Plan – Dependency Indemnity Compensation (SBP – DIC) offset. This repeal was phased in over a 3-year period. Effective January 1, 2023, the SBP – DIC Offset is fully repealed. This issue has been a MOAA legislative priority for over ten years. Through MOAA’s (and others) lobbying efforts with the support of numerous MOAA members and surviving spouses, this legislation has been accomplished. What does this repeal mean? In January (this month), the Widows Tax is fully repealed and surviving spouses will begin receiving 100% of their SBP and DIC benefits.

This is but one example of how the ‘power of numbers’ can impact on federal legislation. Where do the ‘numbers’ come from? They are the compilation of thousands of MOAA members who contacted their Senators and Representatives to support and advocate for the MOAA legislative agenda each year. Without this support it is probably fair to say that our military surviving spouses would still be having their financial benefits reduced.

As members of MOAA, we have a responsibility to advocate with MOAA on these issues. MOAA makes it very easy for us to do this through their website. They even write the letters for us! I encourage all of you who are reading this article to go to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) website at <https://www.moaa.org/legislativeactioncenter> to view the current issues and send letters under your name to our national legislators. Chapter Member participation in this program is also a scoreable factor MOAA uses in selecting and awarding its annual “Chapters of Excellence Awards”.

Florida “Purple Star” Schools Program: You may have heard or read that on November 18th, 2022, Florida Governor Desantis visited Fort Walton Beach High School to announce that 35 schools (out of 115 schools statewide) in the Okaloosa School District have been designated as “Purple Star Schools”. The Purple Star designation recognizes schools that provide extra support for children of military families.

Just what is this Purple Star program and how did it start in Florida? CS/CS/CS/HB 429, titled ‘Purple Star Campuses’, passed the Florida House on April 23, 2021, and subsequently passed the Florida Senate on April 26, 2021. The following is from the “Summary Analysis” of this bill.

“Students from military families experience academic and social-emotional challenges as they relocate to new schools due to a parent’s change in duty station. In order to assist students from military families with this transition, the bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a Purple Star Campus Program (program) that identifies schools that support military-connected children, enrolled in public schools, charter schools, and schools participating in the Florida educational choice scholarship program. Under the program, schools will be recognized as Purple Star Campuses if they meet the following requirements:

-)] Designate a staff member as a military liaison;
-)] Maintain a webpage on the school's website which includes resources for military students and families;
-)] Maintain a student-led transition program to assist military students in transitioning into the school;
-)] Offer professional development training opportunities for staff members on issues relating to military students; and
-)] Reserve at least five percent of open enrollment seats for military-connected students.”

With the implementation of this legislation, Florida joined ten other states that participate in the Purple Star School Program. This program will only become more effective as the remaining states, particularly those with military bases, join the program. Two of our local members of the Florida State Legislature, Senator Doug Broxson and Representative (and NWFMOA member) Patt Maney were sponsors of this legislation in Florida.

Participation in the Purple Star Schools Program will assist our military families with school-age children get more and better information on our Okaloosa schools before they get reassigned to our area. If you would like to get more info on this program, merely “google” the topic ‘purple star schools programs’ and read to your hearts content.

Community Outreach

By: Dave Parisot

2022 Community Outreach Project; Wreaths Across America; Opus One Entertained Us at Our Dec. 1st Luncheon

At our December 1st Chapter luncheon, we culminated this year's **2022 Community Outreach Project**. Our guests were representatives of the groups to whom we had previously provided 255 commissary gift cards of \$25 each (total value of \$6,375), i.e., the First Sergeants Councils of Hurlburt Field, Eglin, and the 7th Special Forces Group (A) and the Military & Family Readiness Centers at Hurlburt and Duke Field. Pictured below is the ceremonial presentation of the ‘checks’ with Chapter members and the military groups.



On Saturday, December 17th, the annual **Wreaths Across America** event was held at the Beal Memorial Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach when approximately 1,200 holiday wreaths made of pine boughs were placed on the graves of Military Veterans. At our November 3rd luncheon meeting, donation bags were on the tables for donations to purchase wreaths “In Memory of Deceased NWFMOA Members and Spouses”. A total of \$305 was collected which was used to purchase 20 wreaths through the Choctawhatchee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Wreaths Across America. After the opening service at 9:00AM, which included the Honor Guard of the FWB JROTC and comments by Chapter member Patt Maney, BG, USAR, Ret., approximately 200 community members spread across the cemetery to place the wreaths on Veterans’ graves. Included were seven Chapter members (see photo below) and JROTC cadets from Choctawhatchee H.S. and Fort Walton Beach H.S.



Chapter members at Wreaths Across America were (from left) Bob Gramm, Les Matheson, Dave Parisot, Fred Westfall, and Karl Eschmann. Not pictured are Patt Maney and Charlotte Eschmann.



This photo shows a sample of the holiday wreaths that were placed on the gravesites of Military Veterans on December 17, 2022.

At our December 1st luncheon at the Fort Walton Yacht Club we were entertained by Opus One, the premier choral group from Niceville High School. During lunch, Opus One presented a fantastic vocal program of traditional and contemporary songs of the season. At the end of their presentation, Mike Griffith presented the vocal group's director with the NWFMOA challenge coin and the contributions from our members, which came to \$562.00.



The Opus One choral group entertained us at our December 1st luncheon meeting. (Photo by Fred Westfall)

Scholarship Fund

By Dave Parisot

Scholarship Fund (SF) Raffle at Military Ball; SF Board of Directors; SF Donors Since Last Article

SF Raffles: November and December were busy months for your Scholarship Board. Activities included acquiring prizes from local businesses for the Scholarship Raffle at the annual Military Ball on December 8th as well as grouping, labeling, and arranging the raffle tables. Then, of course, selling raffle tickets and awarding the prizes at the Military Ball. We also solicited local businesses for monetary (checks) donations and processed the checks. Local businesses who either wrote or pledged checks are **Merrill Lynch of FWB (Tess Bass)** - \$1,000; **Florida Power & Light** (pledged \$1,800); **Eglin Federal Credit Union** - \$500; **Step One Automotive Group** (pledged \$500); **Lisa Jo Spencer, PA, Attorney** - \$150; **The Shack Waterfront Restaurant and Marina** - \$200; and, **Conexion Newspaper** of Navarre (pledged \$150).

Also, several local businesses donated gift certificates or cards for the raffle tables. These "In-Kind" donations came from: **TowneSuites Hotel by Marriot** on Eglin Pkwy (2 room nights); **Residence Inn by Marriot** on Miracle Strip Pkwy (1 room night); **David Scott Lee (Crestview) Buick /Jeep** (\$500); **International House of Pancakes (IHOP) of FWB** (\$200); **Buffalo's Reef of FWB** (\$100); **Mary's Kitchen of FWB** (\$100); **Painting with a Twist of FWB** (\$156); **Tammy's Journeys of FWB** (\$170); **Shalimar Cheers Pub** (\$60); **Samuel's Roadhouse of Crestview** (\$100); and, **Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen of FWB** (\$132). In addition, golf packages for four with cart were provided by **Shalimar Pointe Golf Course**, **Rocky Bayou Golf Course**, and **Indian Bayou Country Club**; plus, we had two **Holiday Wreaths by Connie Hendricks** (priceless). Please support these local business and say "Thank You" for supporting the NWFMOA Scholarship programs.



Merchandise and Gift Cards/Certificates valued at over \$4,000 were on the raffle tables for the Scholarship Fund at the 2022 Military Ball.

Scholarship Fund Board of Directors: I want to thank my 2022 Scholarship Fund Board of Directors of **George Colton** (Secretary-Treasurer), **Bob Allen**, **Fred Westfall**, **Scott Bates** (Choctawhatchee JROTC), and **Fran Hendricks** for their assistance not only with the raffles, but also for their inputs and guidance throughout 2022 in keeping the Scholarship Program strong and viable. In 2022 the SF Board implemented two new programs: 1. Establishing the Scholarship Program for ROTC cadets in their junior and senior year with two scholarships available at \$4,000 each; and, 2. Establishing the Educational Support Grant (ESG) program to provide \$500 grants to our seven local JROTC programs. Two ESGs of \$500 each were awarded in 2022, one to **Niceville JROTC** and one to **Baker JROTC**. Both grants were to purchase drone equipment to enhance education and training in their cadet education programs. Go to the www.nwfmoa.org website and click on the 'Scholarship Fund' pages for more info on both of these programs. In addition, these Board members review all scholarship applications and make the selections of the cadets for scholarships.

Most of the Board members will be with us again in 2023. Dropping off are **Fran Hendricks** (assuming our Chapter Presidency) and **Scott Bates**. They will be replaced with **Karl Eschmann** and **Charles Farmer** (Niceville JROTC). Thank you to Fran for his two years of service and to Scott for his three years of service. Welcome to Karl and Charles.

Recent SF Donors: In addition to the local businesses above, since my last article several NWFMOA Chapter members have donated to the Scholarship Fund: **Doug Hardin** (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk), **Kevin Kirby**, **Pete Peterzen**, **B/Gen Patrick & Mrs. Mosla Boab**, **M/Gen Don Litke** (In memory of Kay Litke), **Kay Dent** (In memory of Troy Dent and Larry Ketter), **Karl & Charlotte Eschmann** (In memory of B/Gen George 'Bud' Day and Mrs. Kay Litke), **Dave Parisot** (In memory of Chong Cha Parisot), **Dr. Keith & Mrs. Elisabeth Kulow**, **Larry Tashlik**, **Jeff Watson**, and **Dave Parisot** (In memory of Col. Doug Hardin). It is with deep regrets and sympathy that we lost one of our Gold Club Members, **Col. Doug Hardin**, early in December.

Below is the complete list of our Endowed Scholarships, our Gold Century Club members (\$500 cumulative minimum donation) and our BG Frank Glunn Century Club members (\$100 minimum donation) for the most previous 12 months, along with our Business Donors. Your support is greatly appreciated. All of these

donations are used to fund our scholarships. [Note: (D) means deceased and (R) means Renewal of membership.]

Endowed Scholarships: **Lt Col Jim and Mrs Una Heavener** (D) (via their estate effective 2018); **Dave Parisot** in memory of his wife, Chong Cha (Kim) Parisot) (effective 2017); and, **Dr (Lt Col) Howard and Mrs. Irene Fisher** (effective 2022).

Gold Century Club: **Bill Ryan** (Feb 2016); **Ruth Cullen**, (D) (Oct 2016); **Dave Parisot** (Feb 2017); **Janet Taylor** (Mar 2017); **Chris Beam** (Mar 2017); **Bob Garcia** (D) (July 2017); **Rod Gerdes** (Nov 2017); **Larry Bush** (Nov 2017); **Dr. Howard & Irene Fisher** (Nov 2017); **Eileen Arpke** (Feb 2018); **Fred Westfall** (Apr 2018); **Clyde Locke** (Apr 2018); WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veteran **Sam Lombardo** (D) (July 2018); **Dennis Phillips** (Aug 2018); **Karl & Charlotte Eschmann** (Oct 2018); **Carol Baker** (Jan 2019); **Ann Adelsperger** (Feb 2019); **Don Litke** (Aug 2019); **Fred Boyer** (D) (Aug 2019). **Dr. Keith Kulow** (Nov 2019); **Al Bills** (Nov. 2019); **Kay Dent** (Nov. 2019); **Dr. Roger Riggensbach** (Dec 2019); **Robert “Pete” Peterzen** (Dec 2019); **Nick Marotta** (Oct 2020); **Kathy & Jesse Bush** (Dec 2020); **Patt & Caroline Maney** (Dec 2020); **Kevin Kirby** (Apr 2021); **Scott & Janet Berry** (May 2021); **Douglas Hardin** (Sept 2021); **Patrick Boab** (Dec. 2021); **Bob Allen** (Feb 2022); **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** (Mar 2022); **Joy Houck** (Mar 2022); **George Colton** (May 2022); **Bob Secrest** (May 2022); **B/Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks** (Oct 2022) [Note: 37 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): Dec. 2021: **Kay Dent** (R) (In memory of Troy Dent and Larry Ketter); **Christine Hallion** (R); **Nick Marotta** (R); **Larry Tashlik** (R); **Dennis Phillips** (R); **Chris Beam** (R); **Patrick Boab** (R); **Larry Bush** (R), and **Janet (Ryan) Taylor** (R) (In honor of Maj. Bill Ryan); Jan. 2022: **Kevin Kirby** (R); **Dave Davis** (In memory of B/G Bud Day); **Fred Westfall** (R); Feb 2022: **Rod Gerdes** (R); **Bob Allen**; **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Col. Bob Garcia); Mar. 2022: **Bobbi Hanson Garcia** (In memory of Col. Bob Garcia); **Dan Cobb** (In memory of Col. Gordon Thomas); **Joy Houck** (R) (In memory of Maj. Stanley Houck); Apr 2022: **B/Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks** (R); May 2022: **George Colton** (R); **Bob Secrest** (R); **Mark Lombardo** (In memory of LTC Sam Lombardo); **Larry Bush** (R); June 2022: **Dr. Howard and Mrs Irene Fisher** (R); **Anonymous** (In honor of Dr Howard Fisher); **Dick Solt** (R); **Scott and Janet Berry** (R); **Janet Ryan Taylor** (R); July 2022: **Al Bills** (R); Sept 2022: **Bob Gramm** (R); Oct 2022: **B/Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks** (R); **Doug Hardin** (R) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk); Nov. 2022: **Kevin Kirby** (R); **Pete Peterzen** (R); **B/Gen Patrick Boab** (R); **M/Gen Don Litke** (R) (In memory of Kay Litke); **Kay Dent** (R) (In memory of Troy Dent and Larry Ketter); **Karl & Charlotte Eschmann** (R) (In memory of B/Gen George “Bud” Day and Mrs. Kay Litke); **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Chong Cha Parisot); **Keith & Elizabeth Kulow** (R); **Larry Tashlik** (R); **Jeff Watson** (R); **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Col. Doug Hardin).

2022 Business Platinum Donors: (\$1,000+) **Merrill Lynch of FWB** (R)



(Bass, Byrd, & Associates)

2022 Business Gold Donors (\$500 - \$749): Dec. 2022: **Eglin Federal Credit Union** (R); **Step One Automotive Group** (R); **Residence Inn & Suites by Marriott of FWB** (In-kind)(R); **TownePlace Suites by Marriott of FWB** (In-kind)(R); **David Scott Lee (Crestview) Buick/Jeep** (In-kind) (R).

2022 Business Silver Donors (\$250 - \$499): Dec 2022: **Shalimar Pointe Golf Club** (In-kind); **Rocky Bayou Golf Club** (In-kind); **Indian Bayou Golf & Country Club** (In-kind); **International House of Pancakes (IHOP) of FWB** (In-kind);

2022 Business Bronze Donors (\$100 - \$249): May 2022: **Eye MD of Niceville** (R); Dec 2022: **Buffalo’s Reef of FWB** (in-kind)(R); **Mary’s Kitchen of FWB** (in-kind)(R); **Painting With a Twist of FWB** (in-kind)(R);

Repeat Street Thrift Store of FWB (R) (in-kind); **Tammy's Journeys** of FWB (In-kind)(R); **Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen** of FWB (In-kind)(R); **Samuel's Roadhouse** of Crestview (In-kind)(R).

Please support our local businesses that have contributed to our scholarship program.



To make a contribution to our scholarship program, click the link below.

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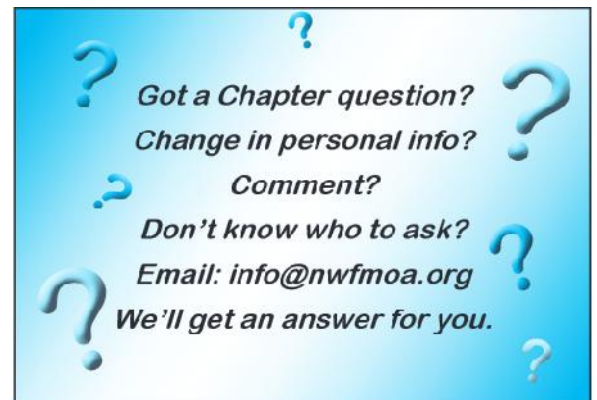
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