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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday 4 January 2024
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200,
Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
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Program: Induction ceremony for
the 2024 Officers and Board.

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Happy 65th Anniversary Northwest Florida Military Officers Association

In 2024 we mark the 65th anniversary of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association. As you are probably aware, the mission of the NWFMOA is to benefit the members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.



To that end we have had a tremendous impact on many officer and enlisted military families, veterans, high school and college students in both the Junior and regular Reserve Officer's Training Corps programs and many other activities. Our expectation is that 2024 will be our best, biggest and most successful year ever. Our past successes have been possible only through the benevolence and hard work by our members, and we thank you for supporting NWFMOA's mission.

Our year will begin with the induction of the 2024 Officers and Board of Directors at our January meeting. Our grand 65th anniversary celebration event will be held in conjunction with our annual Scholarship Awards luncheon and this year will be at the Air Armament Museum where we will have a senior representative from MOAA attending and participating in the activities. As usual, we have many other activities in support of our mission scheduled throughout the year.

So, **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY NWFMOA**. Please join us for our **January 4th** Membership Meeting. Click **HERE** to make reservations or call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075.

From the President's Pen

By Fran Hendricks



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2023 – A Year of Progress

Well, as we start this historic new year for the NWFMOA Chapter, our 65th, I thought I would give a quick summary of the year that just closed out. 2023 was a special year for NWFMOA as you will see in all that we accomplished as a Chapter. The year and the direction we pursued can best be summed up as *Comradery With Purpose*. Here are some of the highlights from 2023. As we have in the past, we will continue to build upon these impactful events as we strive to make a difference in the lives of others as we celebrate 65 years of serving our local community in 2024.

Year 2023 in Review:

- Increase the awareness of being a NWFMOA Member
- Implemented free luncheon meal during Member's birth month.
- Monthly trivia question in *The Defender*...get it correct and have your name drawn at the next meeting to win a free lunch. Must be present to win. (This is just one of the many contributions made by Fred Westfall).
- Created a calendar of events...posted on NWFMOA Webpage.
- Launched our Facebook page. (Huge kudos to Jim Shoff for making this

happen). Everyone is invited to post information that you feel is important to NWFMOA. We welcome pictures and stories from the past and present. This is our page to communicate with each other and the community.

Membership

- Added 23 new Members.
- Established New Member *Welcome Aboard* feature in *The Defender*.
- Established Member *Spotlight* feature in *The Defender*.
- Hosted Officer Calls...great time and place to share stories from our time in uniform. (Kudos to Dick Solt for leading this effort).
- The Annual Military Ball was a resounding success. Karl Eschmann spearheaded the event and was helped by several Members...Dave Swanick, Dave Parisot, George Colton, Fred Westfall, and numerous others who donated items for the auction. Money raised will be used to fund Chapter initiatives in 2024.

Increase Community Outreach Impact

- Partnered with Longwood Elementary School and Bob Hope Village and initiated Valentines for Veterans...125 handmade Valentine Cards were made and delivered by the Longwood 2nd Graders to residents of Bob Hope Village.
- Awarded \$29,500 in scholarships. (Great job NWFMOA Scholarship Fund)
- Participated in FWB Chamber's Veterans Appreciation at the Landing.

- Applied for and received two MOAA National Grants. Was one of only four Chapters nationwide to receive two grants. (Huge kudos to Dave Parisot for writing and submitting the grant application).
 - o Received a \$2,300 grant for the Veteran Standdown. Outfitted 58 Veterans with jeans, hoodies, underwear, socks, hats, and gloves.
 - o Received a \$1,500 grant to purchase Commissary Gift Cards at Thanksgiving for E-4 and Below families. During the first three years of this initiative, we reached a total of 598 junior enlisted families. In 2023, we leverage the \$1,500 grant and raised an additional \$6,000 thereby allowing us to reach 300 junior enlisted families. (MOAA Foundation, NWFMOA Members, and the local community are commended for their incredible generosity).
- Chuck Merkel was the Master of Ceremonies for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Repatriation of the Vietnam War POWs.
- We partnered with the DAR in conducting their Recognition Ceremony for Veterans of the Vietnam War. Jeff Watson served as the moderator, while Karl Eschmann, Patrick Johnson, and I served as panelist. Many of our Members were personally recognized for their service during the Vietnam War...We greatly appreciate every one of you and your service!

Be a Recognized Leader in Florida and with MOAA National

- 3 Chapter Members were recognized with MOAA National President's Leadership Awards (George Colton, Dave Parisot, Fred Westfall).
- Chapter earned a 5-Star Award for its Newsletter. (Congratulations to 2022 *Defender* Editors Mike Griffith and Fred Westfall)
- The Chapter earned a 5-Star Award for our Webpage. (Congratulations Fred Westfall)
- 5 Chapter Members were recognized with Florida Council and Chapter Leadership Awards (Dan Brown, George Colton, Dave Parisot, Don Panzenhagen, and Fred Westfall)
- Karl Eschmann was recently nominated for the DAR Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award.

Our Chapter continues to do well thanks to the hard work of many. I want to especially thank the Board (Karl Eschmann, Fred Westfall, George Colton, Ray Alexander, Bob Allen, Bob Gramm, Michael Griffith, and Dick Solt) for their leadership and help in guiding our Chapter. In 2024, we will be celebrating 65 years since we were first formed in 1959. We have many things planned to make it another great year for NWFMOA and the community. Please plan to join us as we once again demonstrate **Comradery With Purpose**.

Here to Serve (H2S),

Fran Hendricks, Brig Gen, USAF Retired
President, NWFMOA

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We cordially invite you to join us
in celebrating our 65th year of
Service to our Community

1959 - 2024



How can you join our celebration?

If you donate you will to be placed on the marquee (above)
and listed in the *Defender* for up to 12 months

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Each donor will also receive a commemorative, numbered RMO!



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65th Anniversary Celebration

Below is an example of the banner. Click it to see it on our webpage.



Donors so far include:

- Fran Hendricks
- Dave Parisot
- Fred Westfall
- Hopefully, many more

Click on the link above to donate and get your name on the banner.

Test Your Knowledge

Take the quiz for a chance to
← win a free lunch.

This month the quiz is about some important military history. When you click on the link below, you will see a single question and a place to give your answer and name. If your answer is correct, you will be entered into the drawing at the monthly meeting (you have to be present to win your free meal). You may answer the question multiple times but only the correct answer will count for the drawing (so answering the question correctly 5 times will not give you more chances to win). We don't tell anyone that they got it right or wrong until we disclose the winner at the meeting. At the meeting, we state the answer and how many got it right. Then we pull the winner from the hat.

Last month the winner of the quiz was **Bob Gramm**. Congratulations Bob!

Click the link below to get to the quiz. The winner will be announced at the next meeting.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Time To Pay Your Dues

It is time to pay your 2024 dues. Please make a check for the amount payable for the next year or beyond.

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George Colton
Treasurer

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar



While in college in the 60's, I worked in a health food store. The manager was fastidious and tedious--"Azar, make sure you check the dates on all merchandise; it could affect customers health and our financial future."

I checked the stock out on the floor and backrooms. I enjoyed working in a NYC restaurant as it provided good lessons, thoughtful friends and meeting people from all over the world. He taught me to make wise, disciplined health choices.

While in the Air Force, I pointed out to staff that the chapel refrigerator and freezer contained pot luck items from events we hosted--from CC and NCO senior staff meetings, weddings and funerals, to deployed spouses and children luncheons. Items were way past their expiration date. Our staff concluded it was time to jettison these outdated to-go containers. God forbid someone got sick from chapel food.

Fast forward 20 years to a visit to my parent's home. After years of having my children checking the dates on food in our pantry and refrigerator, they pointed out ancient dates on grandma and grandpa's shelves. "Waste not want not" is uprooted by good dietary health voices.

I'm sure you have noticed every item in your home has "sell by, use by, or best buy" dates. Modernity looks out for humanity. Doctor's offices send us reminders so we stay current, hence healthy. Our cars flash red lights on the dash that the oil, transmission, tires need an appointment, hence safety. In the military airmen were responsible for inspections on machines and aircraft flying hours to prevent accidents. Yes, even our credit cards have month and year stenciled right on front.

Well, all this to say- even we humans have one. It's not tattooed on our body. Aware and wise humans are careful to eat right, exercise, take meds, avoid stress, stay socially connected. Wise friends tell us to avoid certain foods, beverages etc. We know death awaits us all.

So chaplain, "Is there anything that does not have an expiration date?" Well, you guessed it, Godly believers know from their head, heart and life experience that only the Trinity has no expiration. God is eternal.

Of course God lives in a different domain in heaven, and His thoughts and actions are beyond our minuscule perspectives. However, God calls us to be in the family of God and receive the elevated spiritual blessings of being one of His sons or daughters. What a gift! That's right- no expiration date for our spiritual being. In fact God's gift has eternal merit.

For believers, God always existed. God has no beginning; hence no one created our God. So God has no expiration date.

That's why I encourage individuals to contemplatively and sincerely look at the teachings of Scripture, nature, and the testimony of the saints, missionaries and Godly people. Why? because when you are adopted into the family of God, you inherit eternal life. Only an eternal being can give one eternal life.

This life is a preparation for the next, just like our life in the womb was preparation for this current life!

There is a mysterious and magnificent revelation when one has a knowledge of and relationship with an unexpired Trinitarian God who is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and immutable. We develop a deep faith, holding onto hope and expressing an unselfish love that elevates one closer to God and our neighbor. We put our faith into good works serving others.

We can enrich this relationship by expressing what has eternal value in our lives: showing love, compassion, generosity, peace and kindness. Having an active and living faith in the Trinity gives one the assurance he or she will spend eternity with the eternal God.

2024 can be a year for positive changes. There is no fountain of youth, but there is a fountain of grace: its waters never stop flowing. The source is infinite, liberating and peace giving. Before we expire, take hold and drink.

DONT GET SHELVED...and DON'T GET EXPIRED- live on through eternity with a God who heals, guides, saves and reconciles. His grace is liberating in this earthly life and the after-life.

What a New Year blessing!

OUR MISSION

The mission of NWFMOA is to benefit the members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.

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Officers Call

Our next officers call will be on February 29 @ 1700, location TBD.

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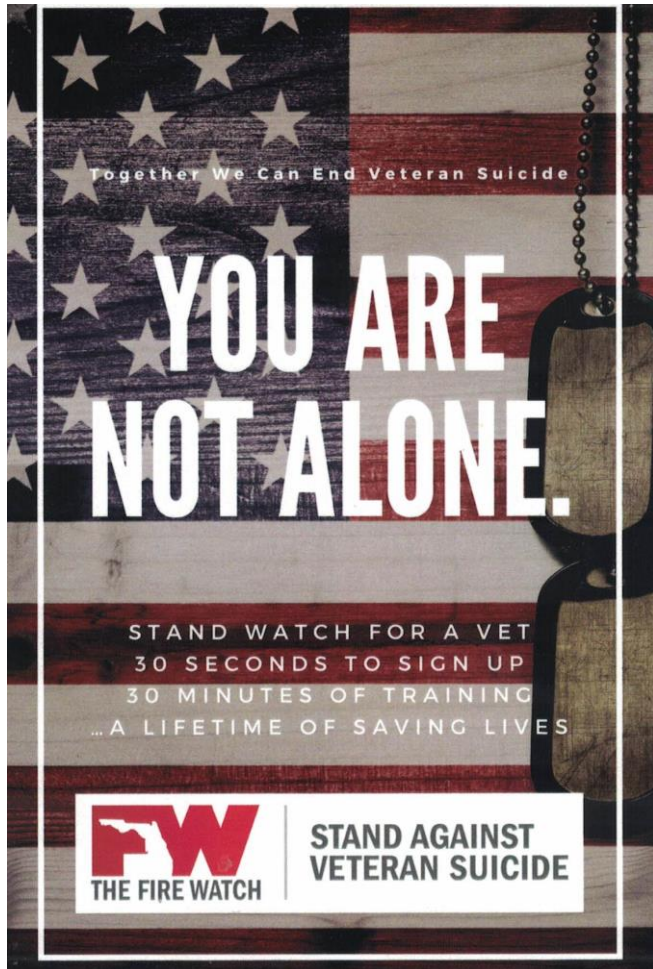


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Community Outreach

By: Dave Parisot



NWFMOA presents More Commissary Gift Cards for Junior Enlisted Families; Officers Call at Doc's Oyster House; 'Spotlight Table' at FWB Chamber; Opus One performs at December Luncheon; and, Wreaths Across America and our Military Ball.

On December 14th, our Chapter wound down our activities by celebrating the Christmas season at our annual Military Ball. Shown below are some of those present wearing their mess dress attire. Attendance topped 50 this year.



On December 1st, our Chapter presented more **Commissary gift cards for junior enlisted families at Duke Field and the 7th Special Forces Group (A)** (see photos below). (See the November 2023 Defender issue for article and more photos.) This is the fourth consecutive year that NWFMOA has done this project to assist young military families. Started in 2020 with Community Outreach grants from the **MOAA Foundation**, donations by Chapter members, and donations by local businesses and military non-profit organizations, our Chapter has provided a total of 900 Commissary gift cards of \$25 each to enlisted families of ranks E-4 and below and distributed by the First Sergeants Associations at Eglin, Hurlburt, the 7th Special Forces Group (A), the 919SOW First Sergeants Council, and via the Commando Airman & Family Support Group at Hurlburt Field. By partnering with these military organizations, we better assure that the neediest junior enlisted families (airmen and soldiers) in ranks E-4 and below receive the food purchase assistance provided. The total monetary value of these Commissary gift cards is \$22,500. **THANK YOU** to all who have supported this worthwhile program. We plan to do it again in 2024!



Dave Parisot and Chapter President Fran Hendricks presented 25 commissary gift cards to SMSgt Censabella of the 919SOW First Sergeant Council at Duke Field on Dec. 1st.



Dave Parisot and Fran Hendricks presented 75 Commissary gift cards valued at \$1,875 to First Sergeant James Schultz of the 7th Special Forces Group (A) on Dec. 1st.

[For additional pictures of the presentation of E4 commissary gift cards, click HERE.](#)

We also had a guest from the **American Legion Post 325** on Hollywood Blvd. in Fort Walton Beach, attend the December 7th luncheon. **Sergeant First Class David McMillan**, US Army, Ret., presented a check of **\$500** to Chapter President Fran Hendricks in support of our Community Outreach Project to purchase Commissary gift cards for junior enlisted families. (See photo below) Other local civic organizations that contributed to our 2023 project are **Harvey F. Eckhoff VFW Post 7674** and **Harvey**

F. Eckhoff VFW Post 7674 Auxiliary, both in Mary Esther; **Moose Lodge 2193** in Fort Walton Beach; the **Eglin Chapter of the Air Force Association**; the **Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council** of Fort Walton Beach; and, the **Navarre Beach Area Chamber of Commerce**. The donations from these organizations coupled with our MOAA Community Outreach grant and the **high donations from Chapter members** made this the best year ever for this project and provided 300 gift cards totaling \$7,500 for junior enlisted families, plus a “leg up” for our 2024 project. Our thanks to Chapter President **Fran Hendricks** for his actions in reaching out to multiple civic/military organizations. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to all who donated.



Sergeant First Class David McMillan, US Army Retired, from the American Legion Post 235, made a donation to NWFMOA for \$500 in support of the Junior Enlisted Commissary Gift Card program. SFC McMillan also advised us of various programs the American Legion Post conducts and asked for volunteers to assist in helping judge their Orator contest.

On November 30th, the Chapter held its **quarterly Officers Call** at **Doc's Oyster Bar** in Valparaiso. About 30 Chapter members and spouses gathered for a fun evening of camaraderie, food and drinks. Our thanks to **Dick Solt** for setting up and coordinating this event. (See photo below)



On December 1st, our Chapter had a ‘spotlight table’ at the **Greater Fort Walton Beach monthly breakfast** at the first Baptist Church Community Center. We had an information table and chapter President Fran Hendricks made a short ‘stage presentation’ about what we do and addressed the many community outreach activities our Chapter does each year for the local community, e.g., the commissary gift cards for junior enlisted families, Wreaths Across America, Valentines for Vets at Bob Hope Village, Veterans Stand Down, and the Scholarship Program for local JROTC cadets at seven local high schools. The December Chamber Breakfast was attended by about 300 local business leaders in a festive holiday atmosphere.



Dave Parisot, Chapter President Fran Hendricks, and Dave Whalen manned our information table at the Greater FWB Chamber breakfast on Dec. 1st.



Chapter President Fran Hendricks speaks at the Greater FWB Chamber breakfast about the multiple Community Outreach projects of NWFMOA.

At our Chapter luncheon on December 7th, we again had the pleasure of being entertained by the elite **Opus One** choral group of Niceville High School. Following their very enjoyable musical presentation, President Hendricks gave their Chorale Director a donation of \$402 collected from those in attendance.



Opus One Choral Group of Niceville High School in their holiday attire at our Dec. 7th monthly luncheon.

This year's **Wreaths Across America** was held on Saturday, December 16th, at the Beal Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach. This is the second consecutive year that NWFMOA has participated in this program to place holiday wreaths on the graves of Veterans to recognize their service to our country. At the Beal Cemetery alone there are over 1,800 Veterans interred, but in 2022 only about 1,200 received a wreath. Last year we funded 20 wreaths; this year our Chapter increased our purchase to 66 holiday wreaths in partnership with the Choctawhatchee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Our thanks to Chapter members who attended the service at the Beal Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach and laid holiday wreaths on our Veterans' graves.



Photo of "Wreaths Across America" at the Beal Cemetery.

Scholarship Fund

by Dave Parisot

Wow! We're rapidly coming to the end of 2023 and entering 2024. I want to begin by wishing all of you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Prosperous New Year** for 2024.



Due to the gracious donations by our NWFMOA members and by local businesses, we had another very successful year with the Scholarship Program. In May 2023 we awarded a total of nine scholarships (8 to local JROTC cadets and 1 to a local ROTC cadet at the University of South Florida). We had five of our previous scholarship awardees receive their commissions as active duty officers in May 2023 (3 in USAF, 1 in Army, and 1 Navy Nurse). In May 2024, three more of our prior scholarship awardees will be commissioned (2 in Army and 1 in USAF). These are the results we want and reinforce the Scholarship Program motto of "**HELPING TO BUILD FUTURE MILITARY OFFICERS AND LEADERS**". **THANK YOU**, again, for your support with your donations.

I am very pleased to announce a new endowed Scholarship for 2024 for JROTC cadets. This scholarship is funded by **Col. Karl Eschmann** (USAF, Ret.) and **Mrs. Charlotte Eschmann**. Karl and Charlotte are long time members of MOAA and NWFMOA, and members of our Gold Century Club since 2018. Karl is entering his second year as the Chapter's 1st Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Fund. **THANK YOU** to Karl and Charlotte for not only their generous monetary donation, but also for their community service.

Recent recurring donations to the BG Frank Glunn Century Club were made by **Les Matheson** and **Jeff Watson**. . My thanks to each of you for your generous donations. Our scholarship awardees will also appreciate your financial support.

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 Memorial Scholarship** (D) (via their estate effective 2018); **Dave Parisot** in memory of his wife, Chong Cha (Kim) Parisot) (effective 2017); **Dr (Lt Col, USAF, Ret.) Howard and Mrs. Irene Fisher Scholarship** (effective 2022); and, **Dr. (Lt. Col., USAF, Ret.) Fred and Mrs. Jan Westfall Scholarship** (effective 2023) and, **Col. (USAF, Ret.) Karl and Mrs. Charlotte Eschmann Scholarship** (effective 2024).

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 & Jan Westfall** (Apr 2018); **Clyde Locke (D)** (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 Riggenschach** (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 (D)** (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); **Brig. Gen Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks** (Oct 2022); **Les Matheson** (Feb 2023); **Dan Brown** (April 2023); and, **Tess Bass** (August 2023) [Note: 40 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): Dec. 2022: **Maj. 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 Brig. Gen. George “Bud” Day and Mrs. Kay Litke); **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Chong Cha Parisot); **Dr. Keith & Elizabeth Kulow** (R); **Larry Tashlik** (R); **Jeff Watson** (R); **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Col. Doug Hardin); **Fred & Jan Westfall** (R); **Les Matheson** (R); **Janet Ryan Taylor** (R) (In honor of Major Bill Ryan); January 2023: **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Col. Don Panzenhagen); February 2023: **Reddoch Williams (R)**; March 2023: **Kevin Kirby** (R); **Rod Gerdes** (R); and **Les Matheson** (R); April 2023: **Dennis Phillips** (R); **Dan Brown** (R) (In memory of Col. Don Panzenhagen); **Al Bills** (R); **Larry Bush** (R); May 2023: **Chris Beam** (R); **Bob Secrest** (R); and, **Dr. Howard and Mrs. Irene Fisher** (R); June 2023: **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Maj. Bill Van Hoesen); August 2023: **Dan Brown** (R); **Christine Hallion**;

Kevin Kirby (R); **Dick Solt** (R); **Dave Parisot** (R) (In memory of Col. 'Skip' Harrington and Col. Bill Byerley); **Tess Bass** (R). October 2023: George Colton (R); November 2023: Pat Johnson; Pete Peterzen (R); **Dave Parisot** (R)(In memory of Chong Parisot); **Keith & Elizabeth Kulow** (R); **Tess Bass** (R); December 2023: Less Matheson (R), **Jeff Watson** (R) (In memory of Maj. John Besten, USAF, Ret), **Karl and Charlotte Eschmann** (R).

2023 Business Platinum Donors: (\$1,000+): Dec. 2022: Bass, Byrd & Associates at Merrill Lynch of FWB (R); **Florida Power & Light**



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2022/2023 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);

2022/2023 Business Bronze Donors (\$100 - \$249): 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); **The Shack Waterfront Restaurant & Marina of FWB**; **Conexion Newspaper of Navarre**; **Lisa Jo Spencer, P.A. of Mary Esther.**

[Please support our local businesses that have contributed to our scholarship program.](#)

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