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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday, 2 March 2023 Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200,

Program to follow

Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club 180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB Program: LTC Blakely Anderson, 3d Battalion/7th Special Forces.

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://nwfmoa.org and select the link where it says "Click here to make reservations", or email Fred Westfall at nwfreservations@gmail.com, or call 850-609-8075 if you are attending

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Our March meeting will feature LTC Blakely Anderson, Commander, 3d Battalion/7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Camp Bull Simmons. He will talk to us about the history and current operations of the 7 SFG and answer your questions.

LTC Anderson served as a Rifle Platoon Leader with 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment and deployed with 1-2 SCR in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) IV and V as the Mortar Platoon Leader.



LTC Anderson attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS) in 2009 and completed the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) in 2011 and was subsequently assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). LTC Anderson served as the Detachment Commander for SFODA 7124. He led the team on multiple deployments before assuming command of the 1st Battalion, 7th SFG (A) Headquarters Support Company while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) XIX. Following ILE, LTC Anderson returned to 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and assumed command of Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion 7th Special Forces Group. He later served as the 3rd Battalion Operations Officer and 7th SFG (A) Executive Officer. Since departing 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in 2019, LTC Anderson has served on the personal staff for the Commanding General of Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base.

LTC Anderson will discuss the history, background, current and future activities of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborn)

Please join us for our March 2nd Membership Meeting.

Click this link http://nwfmoa.org/reservations.html for reservations or call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075.

Please make reservations by **February 25**th.

From the President's Pen By Fran Hendricks

As I pen this first address as President, I feel it's only appropriate that I use this space to honor one of our recently fallen members, Colonel Doug Hardin (pictured below). I first met Colonel Hardin and his wife Carol in July 2002 when I took



command of the 96th Air Base Wing at Eglin. Colonel Hardin had the position I was assuming several commanders prior. Colonel Hardin and I became quick friends, and I sought out his counsel from time to time on matters impacting the wing.



When I returned to the area after retiring from the university, Doug was one of the first individuals I contacted. I was looking to get involved in various organizations, and he was key to paving the way for me. All told, we served together on NWFMOA, Air Force Association Education Foundation, and the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council. To say he was a fireball would be an understatement. Everything he was involved with, he was all in. His infectious personality and superb leadership skills quickly inspired all around him to want to do more.

When Col Hardin commanded the Air Base Wing at Eglin, it had a 4-digit designation. Then Air Force Chief of Staff, Merrill McPeak, put out an edit that all wings had to have a numerical designation of historical relevance to the Army Air Corps or Air Force. He even provided a list of available wing designations. On that list was the 96th. Colonel Hardin, as a lieutenant had served in the 96th, before it had been deactivated. He quickly responded to the Chief's call and secured the 96th designation for Eglin. The significance of the 96th dates from its inception as a Bomb Group during World War II and its role in the Vietnam War.

The B-52 that resides at the Air Armament Museum, was secured during Colonel Hardin's time as commander of Eglin. He also served as crew member on that bird during Vietnam.

As we perform community outreach with the First Sergeants in 96th Test Wing or when we drive pass the Air Armament Museum, let's give a tip of the cap to one of our very own, Col Doug Hardin and his enduring legacy.

For additional pictures of Col Hardin, click this link: http://nwfmoa.org/files/hardin/album/

H2S (Here to Serve),

Fran Hendricks, Brig Gen, USAF Retired President, NWFMOA

Never Stop Serving

♥alentines for **♥**eterans

For nearly 65 years, the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association (NWFMOA), an affiliate of the Military Officer Association of America, has been making a difference in the lives of Veterans in the Okaloosa and Walton Counties. One of its community outreach initiatives this year was to partner Bob Hope Village with Longwood Elementary School, whereby second grade students made Valentines and delivered them to the residents on Valentine's Day. This endeavor allowed the students to express their appreciation for the service and sacrifices made by this Veteran community and their families through the gift of a handmade Valentine. The students presented their Valentines to the residents during the annual Valentine Day Brunch at Bob Hope Village.



Valentines for Vets was first enacted in 1996 by General Ron Fogleman, Air Force Chief of Staff, and was intended to support the Department of Veteran Affairs weeklong National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Today, the VA has expanded the salute to the entire month of February and has renamed it, National Salute to Veteran Patients Month.

For additional photos click on the picture above or go to http://nwfmoa.org/v4v/album/index.html

To read the press release from the Air Force Enlisted Villages website please click this link:

https://www.afev.us/post/valentines-for-veterans-visit-bob-hope-village



Our Gift To You

Is your birthday this month? If so, you eat for FREE. Starting this month, members will get a free lunch meal if it is your birth month. You must sign up for the meeting meal and the offer is only good during your birth month. Take advantage of the member benefit during your birth month.

Welcome Aboard



Starting this month, we will resume the *Defender* tradition of welcoming new members and ask them to answer some basic questions to introduce them to our NWFMOA members.

This month we have two new members. Both are from the US Navy. Our first new member is CAPT Craig "Beatle" McCartney, USN Retired. It is great to have him as a new member. His responses to our questions are below:



- 1. What did you do in the Navy? Naval Aviator flying (after being designated) A-7E's, F/A-18 A, B, C and D's.
- 2. What was your retirement Date? August 2012.
- 3. What was your favorite assignment? My 2^{nd} fleet squadron, VFA-305.
- 4. What funny story would you like to share? I had never flown before so when I got to fly T-2 Buckeye's as my first jet trainer, a checklist item was 'Wipe Out the Cockpit'. A fellow classmate of mine and I were going thru all our checklist items prior to our 1st flight and came to that step. I thought you needed a rag to wipe off the condensation on the cockpit windows prior to takeoff. He laughed then explained to me what it meant...temporarily got the callsign 'Hazel' after the housekeeper in the 1970's sitcom.
- 5. Anything else you would like to share? Glad to be associated w/true heroes!!!

Our second new member is last month's guest speaker, CAPT Frank "Tank" Michael USN Retired, from MOAA headquarters. His responses to our questions are below:

- 1. What did you do in the Navy? I entered the Navy in 1986 and was commissioned through Aviation Officer Candidate School at NAS Pensacola. Operationally, I flew the SH-2F and SH-60B with a mission of anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare. I had the privilege of commanding a helicopter squadron and later, USS Boxer, an amphibious assault ship.
- 2. What was your retirement date? Our family retired from the Navy in 2015 after my last assignment in the Pentagon. Bridget and I live in Alexandria, VA.
- 3. What was your favorite assignment? By far, my favorite assignment was USS Boxer. I was honored to represent this nation as a forward deployed and ready capital ship.
- 4. What funny story you would like to share. *The funniest story of my career is how I got the callsign Frank the Tank. We will have to share a bourbon for that story.*
- 5. Anything else you would like to share. I was so impressed the NWFMOA leadership and membership that I felt compelled to join this wonderful group. Your mission, vision, energy and camaraderie are like nothing I have seen before. I am honored to be a shipmate.

Celebrate the return of Vietnam POWs

50th Anniversary Salute to Okaloosa County Vietnam POWs Returning Home

On Thursday, March 9th, from 1730 to 1930, our community will gather at the Air Force Armament Museum and honor five Vietnam POWs who call Okaloosa County home on the 50th Anniversary of their release from captivity. I respectfully request our Chapter come out and partake in the celebration. One of the POWs to be honored, Brig Gen George "Bud" Day, was a NWFMOA Member. At least two of our Chapter Members (then Capt Fred and Jan Westfall) were on the tarmac at Clark Air Base, Philippines in 1973 when the just released POWs made their first stop after departing Hanoi. This will also be our Officers Call for the quarter so please join us.

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Fran Hendricks
President, NWFMOA



Member Spotlight

Col Chris Hallion, USAF (Ret)





I grew up in Rhode Island and graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1971. My BA degree majors were Political Science and English Literature. During a break in the 1971 Newport Jazz Festival, I visited a Military Recruiting Office in town. The Air Force recruiter did such a fine job, I signed into the USAF in May 1972 and attended Officer Training School at Lackland AFB's Medina Air Station.

My first assignment was at Scott AFB, in the Logistics Career Field, as a supply officer. I found Supply processes to be very organized, even though 1972 was long before the widespread computerization we knew subsequently. Data assembly of information on aircraft maintenance, base civil engineering, fuels, and other supply needs was accomplished by personnel using phones and filing stock cards.

In 1974 I headed for a year-long assignment at Nakhon Phanom Air Base, Thailand. I worked as an Air Force Defense Property Disposal Officer for the Defense Logistics Command. My Army boss was at Udorn. As a First Lieutenant, I felt proud the Army trusted me to independently lead the operation. Thank goodness for the outstanding Senior Master Sergeant and civilian personnel who worked on our team!

I was pleased when Air Force Personnel contacted me in 1975 to ask if I was interested in moving to Berlin, Germany to run the Supply Operation at Tempelhof Airport; so historic. The Berlin Wall was still standing. Conveniently, I lived in the Army Interservice Company Grade Officers Quarters that was close to a golf course built under the orders of Adolf Hitler. (I have often wondered what his handicap was!)

From 1977 to 1980 I was the Supply Squadron Commander at Keesler AFB in Mississippi, an Air Training Command (ATC) Base. In 1980 I moved on to work major Supply problems for all ATC bases, particularly for the T-37 and T-38 aircraft. A logical next move in 1983 was to the Tinker Air Logistics Center, in Oklahoma, to work engine support issues for the J69 and J85 engines.

I was assigned to the Air Force District Washington (AFDW) Logistics Support Office in the Pentagon from 1986 to 1988. The most enjoyable part of this work was negotiating Logistics Interservice and International Support Agreements. I was so fortunate to work with a great Chief Master Sergeant and a civilian, both who had the necessary tact and skills to bring the many three-year agreements to successful completion. Still with AFDW, in 1989 I became the Chief of Staff for the AFDW Commander on Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC. A year later I became the Base Commander of Bolling AFB.

From 1991 to 1993 I was assigned to Warner Robbins AFB in Georgia in the Air Logistics Center. I next moved on to become the Logistics Group Commander at Eglin AFB for four years in paradise.

Surprisingly, in 1997 I was asked to move back to the Pentagon to work for the Air Force History Office. I was worried about working with the Air Force Historians, as they were well educated authors while my highest education degree was a Masters in Psychological Counseling. But conveniently, I still had my home in Alexandria, Virginia near the Metro Yellow Line Station. So, I made the move. As it turned out, I very much enjoyed working with the historians. Dr. Hallion, The Air Force Historian, was brilliant; and I learned so much more about the Air Force.

I finished my last two years in the Air Force as a procurement officer in SAF/AQXO. I retired in 2002 after working many years with wonderful military and civilian personnel.





The NWFMOA celebrates Col Jake Bush's 100th birthday at our February lunch meeting. For pictures click this link https://photos.app.goo.gl/TPpn3Wzsg9MdS7eX6.

Be Part Of The Solution

Join NWFMOA http://nwfmoa.org/files/join_us.pdf



Test Your Knowledge

It's a Marine Corps quiz this time.

This month we are continuing our quiz feature in the Defender. This month there will be a short quiz about the **US Marine Corps**. The first person who gets all 10 questions correct will receive a free meal at the next NWFMOA lunch. You can <u>submit more than one entry</u> 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 Navy quiz was Chris Beam. Congratulations Chris!

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

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Take Action

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of uniformed servicemembers and their families. MOAA's constituents proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, MOAA has made the same promise that they have made to their country: **Never Stop Serving**.

MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. For more than 90 years, MOAA has supported legislation that benefits the uniformed services community and has remained equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.

MOAA's website has a list of issues covering Active Duty, Families, Guard and Reserve, Retirees, Survivors, and other Veterans.

Do your part. **TAKE ACTION NOW**. Click <u>here</u> to make your voice known and to support MOAA's efforts. https://moaa.quorum.us/

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https://rb.gy/g3faec

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Thomas Azar

Hospitals, nursing homes and individuals who are shut in or living through hospice care find great comfort in receiving the Lord's Supper. Since they are room bound, my wife and I make it an important part of our visitation ministry. Outreach to military widows is very rewarding.



There are several families that remain in bas-relief in my mind. They encapsulate and represent many who are experiencing cognitive decline. We call ahead and begin our pastoral visit with an Invocation, reading a Psalm, and a New Testament Scripture depending on the liturgical season.

The grape juice and wafer are in what resembles a small coffee creamer container. Mary would peel open a small top piece of cellophane that holds the two elements. The husband would assist serving his wife.

Then we offer a prayer blessing the bread and juice. "This is the body and the blood of Christ shed for you and for the sins of the world; take, eat and drink of this as often as you will in remembrance of me and until I come again." The husbands would hold it up to their wife's lips as she was very weak and their arms often shook.

After they took the elements, I offered a benediction that segued into the Lord's prayer. Suddenly, to the amazement of all, as soon as we started "Our Father, who art in heaven..." the women, who said so few words for years, join in and boldly recite the Lord's prayer word for word.

Stunned and happy, each stares into the wet eyes of their spouse. Shaking hands are squeezed. Warm tears are flowing down the couple's eyes. Lips kiss their beloved, and praises flow upward to God.

What does this reveal? Their parents raised their daughters to pray daily at home, at school and at church. Our generation gave important precedence to invoking God's presence in our lives. Prayer is our privilege and obligation.

Second, that deep in their minds, the years of saying this faith reaffirming prayer beckons God to come to her with comfort and grace. They both believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who intervenes in their life. Our supplications once again rendered the powerful presence of a caring God. One is never alone. God hears their prayers and retouches their hearts once again.

Maybe you have experienced this in a song, picture or movie that somehow awakens the spirit and memory of an individual experiencing a loss of memory.

A similar occurrence happened in three nursing homes in Albany on Sunday afternoons. We commenced with a welcome, Invocation, Scripture and spiritual hymns. The nurses would always comment on how several persons would never utter a word. However, by the grace of God, once we started singing the old hymns, the residents perked up and started singing from memory. The joy of heaven returned to them. They smiled and asked for more hymns.

Saint Augustine said "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until we rest in Him." Hymns, prayers, worship, Bible readings all point one upward. There is great value that touches the hearts and minds of all of us. They have eternal value. It's in our nature and nurturing that keeps one connected to our Creator Redeemer.

When I sat by my father in the final season of his life, we would smile and recite the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed together. Make sure no one is totally alone. We always reap what we sow, and God's seeds are never wasted. As James says in his epistle, "True religion is taking care of widows and orphans."

HAPPY HOUR - MARCH 9th

Join us for the **50th Anniversary of the POWS** release for our quarterly Officers Call. The event is free, open to the public and will be held at the Air Force Armament Museum on Thursday, March 9 at 1730-1930. Several local Vietnam POWs will be present. Mark your calendar for this very special event.

PUBLIC RECORD

In Memoriam

Don Panzenhagen, Col, USAF, 1/19/2023

New Member

Carol Panzenhagen, 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.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Defender is a monthly publication of the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association. The purpose of this publication is to communicate with, inform, and educate chapter members. The national MOAA, this local chapter, and this publication are totally nonpartisan.

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.

Legislative Liaison



Chapter Member and House District 4 Representative Patt Maney Appointed to Florida Defense Task Force

The Florida Defense Support Task Force is a legislatively mandated council whose mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance Florida's military missions and installations. Representative **Patt Maney**, BG, USAR, Ret., NWFMOA member and retired Okaloosa County Judge, has been appointed to the Task Force by the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Maney has commented in his

newsletter that "I am honored to have been appointed to the Florida Defense Support Task Force by speaker Renner. I am excited to participate alongside Okaloosa County's own Kay Rasmussen, associate Director of One Okaloosa Economic Development Council. This appointment is a boon to the residents of Okaloosa county and Northwest Florida, as a whole, as our goal is to make Florida the most military friendly state in the Union. I look forward to serving my constituents in the Florida House, as well as helping protect and expand the mission with which our servicemembers are charged."

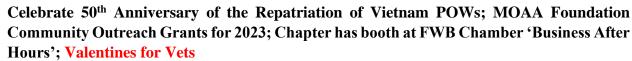
The Florida Defense Support Task Force is charged with:

- Working with Florida's Base Commanders to prevent encroachment from impacting mission capabilities for military forces based in Florida.
- Maintaining and expanding the missions of Florida's military installations.
- Improving transportation access to Florida's military installations.
- Assisting installations in meeting DOD renewable energy goals, and,
- Strengthening state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment and family programs.



Community Outreach

By: Dave Parisot





NWFMOA's involvement in community activities continues to grow. On Thursday, March 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, please make your way to the Air Force Armament Museum on Eglin AFB to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Repatriation of the Vietnam POWs**. Guests of honor will be five local former Vietnam POWs, all of whom are USAF Retirees: **Col. Keith Hall, Col. Howard Hill, Col. Ed Hubbard, Col. Ron Webb.**, and **Lt Col Dave Gray**. This event will be narrated by NWFMOA member **Chuck Merkel**. The event is free and open to the public. Hors d' oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar. Come hear the stories of these military legends and honor all of our countries Vietnam POWs, both living and deceased. (See flyer included with this article.) This event is being put on by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. THIS EVENT WILL ALSO FUNCTION AS OUR QUARTERLY OFFICERS CALL. The flyer for the event is shown earlier in this edition.

We have submitted our **Community Outreach Grant** requests for 2023 to the **MOAA Foundation**. The MOAA Foundation grants are for a maximum of \$5,000 each and are announced in April each year. This year we have requested two grant requests. Our first grant request is for \$5,000 to purchase and distribute Commissary gift cards to junior enlisted families to purchase food items. We will again partner with the First Sergeant Councils at Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, and Camp Bull Simons, and with the Military Family Readiness Centers at Hurlburt and Duke Fields to distribute the gift cards. This is the sixth consecutive year that NWFMOA has submitted grant requests.

Our second grant request is for \$3,000 to purchase and distribute toiletry items and winter clothing to homeless and low income Veterans at the Okaloosa Veterans Stand Down this Fall. We will partner with the Mental Health Association of Okaloosa – Walton for this event. We will be asking for volunteers for the Stand Down to help distribute the items at a

later date.

This is the sixth consecutive year that NWFMOA has submitted grant requests. We were awarded grants for each of our previous requests in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

On January 19th our Chapter had an information booth at the "Business After Hours" event of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, held at the Emerald Coast Science Center. At the booth, our displays highlighted

Chapter membership, our Community Outreach programs, and our Scholarship programs. (See photo)



Chapter members Fred Westfall and Dave Parisot manned the NWFMOA booth at the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's 'Business After Hours' on January 19th.

A new community event for 2023 was "Valentines for Vets", a partnership of our Chapter, students at Longwood Elementary School, and Bob Hope Village. Held on Valentine's Day, the students created and presented valentines to residents of Bob Hope Village at their Valentine's luncheon. This created a 'generational coming together' of elementary students and military veterans and widows, many of whom were old enough to be their great grandparents. This program was coordinated by our Chapter President, Fran Hendricks. More information and a link to pictures of the event are shown earlier in this edition.

Scholarship Fund By Dave Parisot



Scholarship applications Due March 1st; Retirement Tax Planning using a QCD for Your RMDs; Recent Donations

Scholarship applications for 2023 for both the JROTC scholarships and the ROTC scholarship programs are due by March 1st. This year, for local JROTC cadets, we are offering eight scholarships (7 @ \$3,000 and 1 @

\$4,500), and for Junior/Senior year ROTC cadets, we have two scholarships @ \$4,000 each available. Scholarship criteria and applications are posted on our Chapter website (www.NWFMOA.org) on the "Scholarship Fund" pages.

Retirement Tax Planning: Are you old enough that you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a taxable retirement account (e.g., IRA, 401K, 457B, etc.)? Do you make donations to non-profit charity organizations [IRS 501c(3)], e.g., the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund? Would you like to reduce your taxable income on your Federal Income Tax reports? You're in luck – there is a way to do this. Simply have the financial institution where your retirement accounts are located designate all or a part of your RMD as a Qualified Charity Distribution (QCD). With a QCD you, as the account holder, designate the charities to receive the funds and the amount you want to donate to each. The financial institution then makes your RMD check(s) payable directly to the designated charity. The benefit to you is that retirement distributions made direct to a charity in this manner are exempt from being listed on your annual IRS tax filing as taxable income. (Nor do you need to file an IRS Schedule A to claim this donation.) There are currently four Chapter members who are using the QCD process to donate to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund. If you are interested is this tax reduction program, please consult with your retirement account managers.

The 50/50 raffle for the Scholarship Fund returned at our February meeting after three months of no raffle. Ticket sales were \$210 with \$105 to the Scholarship Fund and \$105 to the raffle winner, **Terry Jensen**. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets.

Recent SF Donors: Dave Parisot made a Century Club donation in memory of **Colonel Don Panzenhagen** upon his recent death.

Below is the complete list of our <u>Endowed Scholarships</u>, our <u>Gold Century Club</u> members (\$500 cumulative minimum donation) and our <u>BG Frank Glunn Century Club</u> members (\$100 minimum donation) for the most previous 12 months, along with our <u>Business Donors</u>. Your support is greatly appreciated. <u>All of these donations are used to fund our scholarships</u>. [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).

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 Riggenbach (Dec 2019); Robert "Peter 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) [Note: 37 total members]

BG Frank Glunn Century Club (past 12 months) (R=Renewal): 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: Brig. 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) (In honor of Maj. Bill Ryan); July 2022: Al Bills (R); Sept 2022: Bob Gramm (R); Oct 2022: Brig. Gen. Fran & Mrs Connie Hendricks (R); Doug Hardin (R) (In memory of Gen. Bill Kirk); Nov. 2022: Kevin Kirby (R); Pete Peterzen (R); Brig. Gen. Patrick Boab (R); 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).

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

(Bass, Byrd, & Associates)

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