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Lunch Meeting & Discussion

When: Thursday 4 May 2023
Time: Gathering 1130, Lunch 1200,
Program to follow
Place: Fort Walton Yacht Club
180 Ferry Road, NE, FWB
Program: NWFMOA Scholarship
Fund Award ceremony.

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://nwfmoo.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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May the 4th Be With You! Annual NWFMOA Scholarship & Awards Luncheon, May 4, 2023

No, we're not promoting "Star Wars" this month, but it is a catchy phrase!

Another year has passed and we have a new group of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets who are graduating from high school. Many of these cadets will soon be entering their colleges of choice, others have already enlisted in the military services, and some are seeking employment or have jobs lined up. Whatever the category, we congratulate all as they finish their high school years and advance to new challenges. Through our NWFMOA Scholarship Fund we try to help a few of those graduating with their expenses as they enter their college's ROTC program in anticipation of becoming commissioned officers in a military service.

For 2023 we had a record 10 competitive applicants competing for the 8 NWFMOA scholarships. Seven cadets will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and the highest ranked cadet will receive the "Heavener Memorial Scholarship" of \$4,500. The winner will be announced at the May luncheon. In total, we will be giving out \$25,500 to these outstanding cadets. We will also be awarding one \$4,000 scholarship to a ROTC Cadet entering her senior year of college this fall. As we started doing last year, many of this year's scholarships will be named to honor the memory of deceased Chapter members.

In addition to our scholarship awards, we will recognize the junior-year JROTC cadets from the seven high schools we support who received the MOAA Medal this year; recognize the Gold Club Donors to our Scholarship Fund; and present Certificates of Achievement to local high school graduates who have received an appointment to one of our nations' Military Academies.

This year's 9 scholarship awards of \$29,500 will bring the number of scholarships awarded since 2015 to 48, totaling over \$130,000. Our scholarship Program is just one way of promoting one of the missions of NWFMOA: "Helping to build future military officers and leaders."

Please join us for our **May 4th** Membership Meeting. The luncheon will be a plated (no buffet line!) Click [HERE](#) to make reservations or call Fred Westfall at 850-609-8075.

From the President's Pen

By Fran Hendricks



In Pursuit of 5 Stars

Well, it is that time of year again when MOAA Chapters across the nation submit their Levels of Excellence submissions. These submissions are akin to a self-assessment of what your respective Chapter did the past year across several graded areas. In turn, they are graded by a panel comprised of Directors from the National MOAA Board. Historically, the NWFMOA has done exceptionally well and has been awarded MOAA's highest award, a 5-Star rating, as recent as 2020. (We did not submit a submission in 2021 due to COVID).

Our 2023 submission (covers 2022) highlighted the many outstanding things the Chapter did last year. Those highlights included pursuing and receiving a MOAA Community Outreach Grant for \$4,000. We used those funds, combined with \$2,300 in donations from Chapter Members, 3 Military Affairs Councils, and the Eglin AFA Chapter, to purchase 252 Commissary gift cards at \$25 each for E4 and below personnel. The Commissary gift cards were distributed to 252 active-duty Airman and Soldier families by the Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, and the Army 7th Special Forces Group (A) First Sergeant Associations and the Hurlburt's Airman, Family & Readiness Center to purchase food at the base commissaries at Thanksgiving.

We highlighted our advocacy efforts. Those efforts included sending a letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs regarding their inaccurate assessment of the Okaloosa County Schools. We claimed this inaccurate assessment directly impacts retention of the military assigned to our local area or those who have received orders reassigning them to one of our bases. Additionally, we sent letters to Senator Rubio, Senator Scott, and Congressman Gaetz regarding the Child Care needs at Camp Bull Simons. We applauded their efforts to get involved in solving this long-standing issue. This issue is both a retention and quality of life matter affecting primarily the 7th Special Forces Group at Camp Bull Simons.

We were active in the local community. We manned a NWFMOA information booth at the Duke Field Open House which was celebrating their 50th Anniversary. We made a stage presentation at the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce First Friday assembly. Over 300 Chamber members were informed of NWFMOA's mission and our commitment to service. We expanded our scholarship program to include two University of West Florida ROTC junior or senior cadets who graduated from one of our local high schools and are on track to commission. All totaled, we awarded over \$17,000 in scholarships to five outstanding Cadets. We highlighted our Military Ball and its importance to our Chapter.

2022 was a very good year for the NWFMOA. With COVID restrictions in our rearview mirror, we were once again pursuing our mission with vigor and making a difference in the lives of those presently serving, those who have served, and those who want to serve.

Welcome Aboard

This month we welcome two new members and asked them to answer some basic questions to introduce them to our NWFMOA members.



First is (Dr) Colonel Teresa Skojac, USAF Retired. It is great to have her as a new member. Her responses to our questions are below:

1. What did you do in the Air Force? *I served in the USAF first as an engineer (bioenvironmental engineer) and then as a physician. In that position I served as a family medicine doctor, flight surgeon, commander and Chief of Medical Staff.*
2. What was your retirement Date? *1 August 2012.*
3. What was your favorite assignment? *Hurlburt Field as a Flight Surgeon.*
4. What funny story would you like to share? *After getting my bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering, I was at a loss for what to do with this non-*

traditional engineering degree. I was working as a cocktail waitress when a customer commented that he could tell I was educated and wondered what I was doing as a cocktail waitress. That is when he gave me his business card and told me about the opportunities for engineers in the USAF. Within a year, I was serving my first assignment at Warner Robins which set me up for my future career in medicine. If it had not been for that USAF officer sharing his card, I would have never had the amazing career I had.

Our second new member is Dave Walters, CAPT, USN, Retired. His responses to our questions are below:

1. What did you do in the Navy? *Flew C-130, T-28, and C-9 in Navy and Reserve.*
2. What was your retirement date? *Arrived in Pensacola for flight training in June 1977. Retired from active duty April 1988. Retired from Reserve in Feb 2001.*
3. What was your favorite assignment? *Favorite assignment was 2.5 years at NAS Cubi Point. 1000 hours in my first year.*
4. What funny story you would like to share. *Funny time: The Aircraft Commander (my buddy still today) and I were listening to the Armed Forces network enroute from Guam to Atsugi, Japan. Were picking up college scores and learned that either USC or UCLA had just finished beating Ohio State in football. Knowing that the navigator, shooting sunlines at the time, was an Ohio State graduate and big football fan, we mentioned the game to navigator and talked him into betting on the game. Bet \$5 apiece and waited for the results in following day paper, and collected the bet on next day's flight back to Cubi Point.*



Our third new member is Dave Andrews, LtCol, USAF, Retired. His responses to our questions are below:

1. What did you do in the Air Force? *I started out my Air Force career in Nuclear Weapons and quickly migrated into weapons acquisition.*
2. What was your retirement date? *I retired in 1998 as a LtCol.*
3. What was your favorite assignment? *My best assignment: pentagon...didn't want to go, but I learned a lot and found out where I could help the USAF.*
4. What funny story you would like to share. *In 1994 I was A JSOW program manager at Eglin. Wife and kids were all happy. My boss insisted that I interview for a job at the pentagon. He said that would get me promoted. I told him I was ok as I was. But he insisted. I went on the interview and the PEO's first question was "why do you want to come to the pentagon?" I looked at my watch and said: I've already been here too long! PEO responded: interview is over. You're hired! Crap!*



Member Spotlight

Col (Dr.) Wayne Pullen, USAF (Retired)



My Journey from E1 to O6

Enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951 to beat the draft. (I had an indefinite deferment from the draft as long as I stayed on the family farm). My first assignment was at HQ 4AF, Hamilton Field, CA as

a clerk for 2 years. Then I was off to RAF Upper Heyford to run the Post Office for 2 years. They were flying B-47s and B-36s at the time.

After four years in the Air Force, I separated in June 1955 as an E5 and enrolled at the University of North Dakota. During the summers, I helped pour the runways at Grand Forks AFB. After graduating, I enrolled at Marquette University in the Dental School graduating in 1961. I immediately went into Private Practice near Grand Forks AFB. Less than 2 years later I decided to apply for a Regular Commission in the USAF as a Dentist and was selected.

Commissioned as a Captain in June 1963, I was assigned to Dyess AFB. From Dyess I went to RAF Upper Heyford in 1965 and stayed there until 1968 when I reassigned to McCord AFB. In 1970, I went from McCord to NKP, Thailand.

After my tour in Southeast Asia, my next assignment was Loring AFB. From Loring I went to Mather AFB, then on to Hurlburt Field. Then back overseas to Wiesbaden, Germany where I spent the remainder of my career and retired. While assigned to Wiesbaden, I worked with the US World Shooting Team. (I shot my first gun at 5 years old and have been an avid sportsman ever since).

My advice to those serving today...“Don’t complain and always do your best.”

To view all the pictures of Col (Dr) Pullen, click [HERE](#).

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.

Be Part Of The Solution

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



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MOAA Members: If you are not receiving your monthly MOAA Magazine, sign up to get it today. Click the link below, sign in and read current and past issues of the MOAA magazine.

<https://rb.gy/g3faec>

Test Your Knowledge

**It's a U.S. Service Medals
← 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 Service Medals**. The first person who gets all 10 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 Coast Guard 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.

<https://forms.gle/FaP36A3PH5EqUJTd7>

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CALL to ACTION 23-03 - Tricare for Life Fees and Cost Sharing

Fellow NWFMOA Chapter Members,

If you haven't read Dave Parisot's Legislative Liaison feature in the April *Defender*, I strongly encourage you to do so. In the article you will learn the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has made two recommendations regarding our Tricare for Life (TFL) benefit. Both recommendations (if enacted) would cost us significant more money in fees and deductibles to use our earned benefit if Congress doesn't act to stop it.

CBO Recommendation #1 (Fees)...We would be required to pay an enrollment fee of \$575 (individual) or \$1,150 (family) for TFL coverage.

CBO Recommendation #2 (Cost-Sharing)...We would be required to pay a deductible of \$850. After the deductible (\$850) is met, TFL would pay only 50% of the next \$7,650 in Medicare expenses.

If you agree this is wrong (as I do) and want to join MOAA's efforts to have these recommendations thwarted, I respectfully request you send the Act Now! message that MOAA has drafted regarding this topic to Representative Gaetz, Senator Scott and Senator Rubio. You can access the Act Now! message to our elected leaders by going to our website (nwfmoa.org) and clicking on the take action button on the bottom of our page. Feel free to make changes to the proposed wording of the message. I also recommend in addition to your name at the bottom of the Act Now! message you add NWFMOA Member. We want our elected representatives to know we are advocates for our members and the military / Veteran community we serve.

You can also click [HERE](#) to TAKE ACTION on this MOAA initiative.

CALL to ACTION 23-02 - H.R.1413, The Expanding America's National Cemetery Act

Fellow NWFMOA Chapter Members,

MOAA National is advocating for authorizing the transformation of a VA-run national cemetery into the next location that affords military honors as Arlington National Cemetery reaches capacity. This is a long-term solution and needs our support. Florida has the second largest number of military retirees – 210,073. We need to advise Congressman Gaetz to protect the benefit of in-ground burial with full military honors for all who plan for internment or inurnment at a DoD managed National Cemetery.

I respectfully request you go to the MOAA website's Advocacy page and send the Act Now! message that MOAA has drafted regarding this topic to Representative Gaetz. If you want, you can change the proposed wording to your liking. I also recommend in addition to your name at the bottom of the Act Now! message you add NWFMOA Member. We want our elected representatives to know when NWFMOA comes up on the net regarding an issue important to our members and the military / Veteran community we serve.

Click [HERE](#) to TAKE ACTION on this MOAA initiative.

Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Ray Alexander



Memorial Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of our Veterans. I propose that it is a day to celebrate their lives and “touch history” from the stories and memories they lived and left behind. It is a time to flesh out the history of the United States of America with what matters most: the people who made that history and our country great.

I had the privilege of reopening the Moffett Field Chapel in Mountain View, CA. This little chapel was there to serve the military community of approximately 1500. The congregation was a mix of Active Duty, mobilized and retired Veterans with their families from all branches of service. It would not be long and I would learn that this chapel was as rich in history as the surrounding area. I learned this from the life of a man who sat in front of me Sunday after Sunday.

Robert was a quiet man who was there regularly with his wife sitting on the second or third row. I knew that he was a pilot and served in WWII. I would find out later so much more from a friend of his who served with him as he delivered Robert's Eulogy. This friend was also a pilot. I was amazed as he told the story of Robert's service during one battle. He revealed that he and Robert were Aces. We honored Robert that day and today I honor him along with every Veteran.

I have always taken time to listen when people talk about their lives. In doing so, I learn so much more about the history of the United States. These encounters give history a face. They are those who accepted a call and filled the ranks from every background. I meet many of them people walking thru veterans' homes, taking guided tours at museums, or training a Unit Ministry Team on the USS Hornet in Alameda, CA. There we met a retired Chaplain and more Aviators who shared such a rich history of their lives.

I am still touching history and reliving it with those stories I have personally heard. Their lives fill out the names and dates of long forgotten places as they are hero's distinguished in their service to the United States of America. Their faces show the dedication and commitment to serve and their tears the loss of those remembered!

Most Americans don't personally know a veteran, even fewer have heard one and less have heard the stories. I would like to remind you that you are that person who has lived history. Make it a mission to touch the lives of others by sharing yours. Let them see, hear, and become a part of your life's history. I encourage you to write it down, record it for the generations to come. Leave them a richer history of which to be proud. This will keep Memorial Day as a day to honor and remember our Service men and women.

PUBLIC RECORD

In Memoriam

No reported deaths ☺

New Members

Kim Wintner, Col, USAF, Ret
Mel Claxton, LTC, USA, Ret
(Dr) Colonel Teresa Skojac, USAF, Ret
Dave Walters, CAPT, USN, Ret
Dave Andrews, LtCol, USAF, Ret

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.

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

by Dave Parisot



Comment by MOAA President Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF, Ret.; the 'Blue Sheets' in the April 2023 Military Officer Magazine; NWFMOA Member Patt Maney Reappointed to Dept. of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation

In his "FROM THE PRESIDENT" article on page 4 of the April 2023 issue of *Military Officer Magazine*, **Lt. Gen. Kelly** commented on the upcoming rally for Advocacy in Action (AiA). AiA addresses various legislative issues with members of Congress; if you have been in MOAA for a while, it used to be referred to as 'Storming the Hill'. Our MOAA President wrote: "***We rally not as an association of officers for officers, but as an association of officers who recognize and continue to fulfill our obligations to represent and take care of all uniformed servicemembers, veterans, families, and survivors – particularly those who might not be as able to take care of themselves.***" Many of us in the NWFMOA Chapter served on active duty as a "Commander", whether it was a detachment, squadron, wing, or higher. General Kelly's words remind me a lot of what a unit commander's primary responsible is: to take care of our people.

This year's AiA rally to meet with lawmakers will take place on April 26th in Washington, DC. While most of us cannot make this trip to Washington, DC, **each of us can help** MOAA's efforts by

contacting our Senators and Representatives via the MOAA website and sending the letters to them on various legislative topics. The MOAA staff has made it very easy for us as they have written the letters for us that address MOAA's positions on these legislative topics; all we have to do is go to the MOAA website, select the letters we want to send (while I'm there, I usually send them all!), and click on the 'send' icons. **OR**, even easier, go to our chapter website of www.NWFMOA.org and click on the flashing "TAKE ACTION" icon at the bottom of the Home Page. As of this writing, there are eleven **ACTIVE LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS** for which you may send to Senators Rubio and Scott and to Representative Gaetz.

Another way to contact key Legislators, is to sign and mail the 'Blue Sheets' (letters) which MOAA periodically inserts in the *Military Officer Magazine*. The April 2023 issue has four of these letters which are pre-addressed to Senator Charles Schumer (Senate Majority Leader), Senator Mitch McConnell (Senate Minority Leader), Representative Kevin McCarthy (Speaker of the House), and, Representative Hakeem Jeffries (House Minority Leader). These letters address various legislative issues of interest to us as MOAA members, but highlight two issues in particular: **Restore Basic Allowance for Housing to 100%**, and, **Reverse TRICARE Pharmacy Cuts**. These letters to the above four individuals are not on MOAA's website, so please remove the blue letters, sign them (you may add your own comments also), fold them, put a stamp on them and mail them. We can't complain about the erosion of military benefits if we do nothing to help stop the erosion.

Chapter member and State Representative **Patt Maney**, BG, USAR, Ret., was recently reappointed to the **Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee** for another two-year term. Said Maney: "I am pleased to announce that my appointment to the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation has been renewed for another two-year term. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to serve the men and women who have served in our armed forces and sacrificed so much for our country. I would like to thank VA Secretary Denis McDonough for the tremendous responsibility he has entrusted in me with this appointment. I will continue to fight for our veterans and service members every day."

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Community Outreach
By: Dave Parisot



MOAA Medals for 2023; 6th Ranger Training Battalion Open House; Memorial Day Observance and Deceased Chapter Members; Military Family Appreciation Day

During April and May, members of our Chapter and Scholarship Fund Boards of Directors have been 'making the rounds' to the JROTC Awards programs at each of the seven high schools we support to present the **MOAA Medal** to a selected junior-year cadet at each school. The JROTC units we

support are Walton, Baker, Crestview, Niceville, Navarre, Choctawhatchee, and Fort Walton Beach High Schools. For the past two years, we have presented the MOAA Medals at our annual May Scholarship Luncheon due to COVID-19 restrictions at the high schools. With those restrictions no longer in effect we decided to return to the schools for the presentations in front of each cadet's JROTC peer group.

The MOAA Medal was crafted to recognize leadership and academic achievement of ROTC and JROTC cadets. It is presented annually to junior year cadets selected by their JROTC Instructors who exhibit high potential for military leadership. The eight uniformed services from which MOAA draws its membership are listed on the medal and the ribbon colors are the colors of our nation's flag which our armed forces have rallied around during war and peace. This award reflects the cadet's superior accomplishments and support of his or her High School Junior ROTC program, high academic achievements, and service to school and community. This award further reflects the high regard of each school's JROTC instructors.

This year's MOAA Medal winners are: Cadet Captain **Akadian Campbell** (Baker); Cadet Lt Col **Brady Nichols** (Choctawhatchee); Cadet Captain **Jayden Schwarz** (Crestview); Cadet MSgt **Mikhail LeRoy** (Fort Walton Beach); Cadet Seaman Apprentice **Isaiah Townes** (Navarre); Cadet Captain **Dalila Martinez** (Niceville); and, Cadet **Shawn Cuchens** (Walton). We congratulate these JROTC cadets for being awarded the MOAA Medal. You can meet these cadets on May 4th at our annual Scholarship Luncheon.



MOAA Medal



Dave Parisot presented the MOAA Medal to JROTC Cadet Shawn Cuchens of Walton H.S. on April 5th.

The 6th Ranger Training Battalion (RTB) at Camp James E. Rudder is hosting an **Open House** on Saturday, May 20th, from 10:30AM to 3:00PM. (See flyer) Planned events include an airborne Demonstration, Car Show, Rangers in Action, various Static Displays, a Reptile Show, Race the Ranger Run, and Food Trucks. The 6th RTB provides the third and final training period (water survival) the Ranger trainees must complete before being awarded their Ranger tabs. The first and second training periods are at Fort Moore (formerly Fort Benning) and Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg).



6TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 10:30AM – 3:00PM



CAMP JAMES E. RUDDER

AIRBORNE DEMONSTRATION • CAR
SHOW • RANGERS IN ACTION •
STATIC DISPLAYS • REPTILE SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS



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 6TH RANGER TRAINING BATTALION

This year's **Memorial Day observance is May 29th**. Services to remember the deceased will be held at many of our local cemeteries, with the two largest events at the Beal Memorial Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach and at the Live Oak Cemetery in Crestview. Unfortunately, we have had 15 NWFMOA Chapter Members and Surviving Spouses (SS) who died in 2022 and 2023: **SS Barbara Brewer** (1/3/2022), **USMC Col. Bob Garcia** (1/7/2022), **USN LCDR Clyde Locke** (1/8/2022), **SS Sally Angel** (1/11/ 2022), **USA Col. David Pemberton** (1/25/2022), **USAF Maj. Gen. Robert Chedister** (5/2/2022), **USAF Col. Lewis Aufdeorte** (5/13/2022), **SS Betty Couch** (5/30/2022), **USAF Col. Marvin Yeager** (7/5/2022), **USN Capt. Houston Morgan** (7/14/2022), **USAF Lt. Col. Daniel Glowa** (11/10/2022), **USAF Lt. Col. Douglas Hardin** (12/4/2022), **USAF Col. Robert Downs** (12/17/2022), **USAF Col. Donald Panzenhagen** (1/16/2023), and **USAF Col. David Kirby** (2/7/23). **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce hosted the **Military Family Appreciation Day** at the Fort Walton Beach Landing Park on Saturday, April 15th from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. Chapter members who staffed our NWFMOA booth on the first shift were (from left) **Bob Gramm, Dave Parisot, Fred Westfall**.



Those at our booth for the second shift were (from left) **Jim Shoff, George Hanks, Fran Hendricks, Dick Solt**. The third shift was rained out. We thank you for sharing your weekend time for the benefit of our Chapter.



Scholarship Fund

By Dave Parisot



Annual Scholarship & Awards Luncheon on May 4th; Previous Scholarship Winners to Be Commissioned.

Here it is May again, and time for our annual Scholarship & Awards Luncheon. Please see the front-page article of this Defender for information on this event.

Since 2015 (when George Colton and I assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer and President of the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund), the nine scholarships we will be awarding this year brings the total to 48 scholarships with a combined value of over \$130,000. Where has that money come from? Primarily, it has come from YOU, the members of the NWFMOA Chapter through your generous donations to the BG Frank Glunn Century Club and the Gold Century Club, and, from designated donations to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund from the estates of deceased members. Three of our Chapter members currently fund individual scholarships to JROTC cadets each year. Secondary funding has come from the donations by local businesses, and, thirdly, from fundraisers like the 50/50 raffles at monthly luncheons and others.

As the President of this non-profit organization, I cannot thank enough those of you who have contributed over the years for your generosity. In 2015, we awarded five JROTC scholarships totaling \$7,500; this year we are awarding nine scholarships totaling \$29,500. This growth in our program would not have been possible without your support. You have financially helped 48 local students attend college and participate in college ROTC. At least one of our 2017 scholarship winners has been commissioned in the Army. Five more of our scholarship winners will be commissioned this month, three in the Air Force, one in the Army, and one in the Navy. Three of our JROTC scholarship awardees in 2020 are on schedule to be commissioned in May 2024, two in the Army and one in the Air Force. Our program is getting results! **Thank You to all donors**, again.

The **50/50 raffle** for the Scholarship Fund at our April meeting was won by Scott Berry. Ticket sales were \$141 with \$70 to the Scholarship Fund and \$71 to Scott. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets.

Recent Century Club SF Donors: Dennis Phillips, Al Bills, and Dan Brown (in memory of Don Panzenhagen). With his latest donation, we welcome Dan to the [Gold Century Club](#) by attaining a cumulative donation of over \$500.

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).

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 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** (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); and **Dan Brown** (April 2023). [Note: 39 total members]

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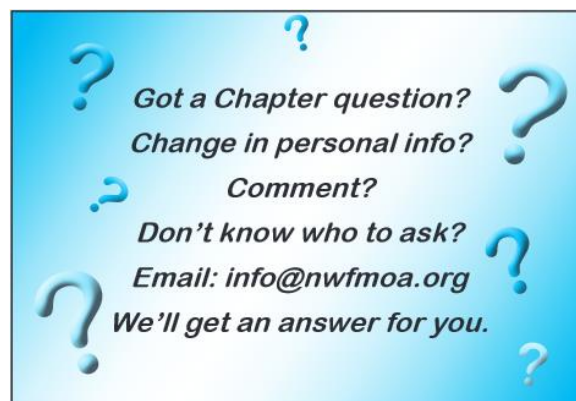
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