

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
BREAKFAST MEETING
April 6, 2017

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. The invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar. The Choctaw Color Guard presented the colors and Scott Berry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Berry announced the proposed changes to the by-laws which will include a new type of membership: Associate Member. He informed the membership that the wording of the bylaw changes would be published in the May edition of the *Defender* and each member would be notified by email. Scott also announced that the May 2017 meeting will be annual NWFMOA scholarship awards and a presentation by Lt Col Mike Ramirez. Scott announced that our chapter had won the MOAA Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for our NWFMOA website for 2015 and presented the award to Lt Col Fred Westfall, our current webmaster. Our newest member, Bob Penney, and member guests were recognized. Dave Parisot gave an update on the status of our Scholarship program and announced new and continuing member contributions.

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker for this month, Mr. Jim Reece, Program Manager for Household Hazardous Waste in Okaloosa and 9 other counties. Mr. Reece gave a presentation on the types of waste programs, enterprise opportunities for waste materials, proper disposal of various types of waste and a rollout of the new waste container program for Okaloosa County. At the end of his presentation, Scott Berry presented Mr. Reece with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$77 was Loren Bartley. Seventy-seven dollars was collected for the Scholarship Fund. There were 56 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1310 hours.

Following the monthly meeting, the Executive Board met at the Fort Walton Yacht Club.