

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
August 2, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. He then gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our newest member, US Coast Guard Captain (RET) Martha LaGuardia-Kotite, led the group in singing the US Coast Guard song.

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker, Major (RET) Ken Leone who presented his career highlights of life in Special Operations and a historical video presentation of the C-130's role in Special Operations, including various C-130 model types, configurations and mission assignments with examples of each.

Following the presentation, Scott Berry spoke about the tri-fold that was passed to each member in attendance and urged them to use it to recruit new members. He announced that the NWFMOA Board was in the process of reviewing and revising our organizational goals and those would be presented when completed. Scott presented MOAA's 2017 Col. Marvin J. Harris 5-Star Communications Award for *The Defender* to former editor, Larry Williamson. Scott then proudly announced that our chapter has received the MOAA 5-Star rating for 2018, the 5th consecutive year we have received such an honor. Scott also announced that the Tricare fees were not raised due in a large part to the many who visited MOAA's website and/or sent letters to their congressional representatives. He also said that there is a link on the NWFMOA website home page where a person can click and go directly to the MOAA website and support many of the MOAA initiatives. Scott recognized our newest members, Captain LaGuardia-Kotite and Captain (RET) Wayne (Dave) Davis, and also our newest NWFMOA LIFE member, Larry Tashlik.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot gave an appeal for donations to the Veterans Stand Down and passed out an items-needed list. He then held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$109 was Dorie Day, who donated the entire amount to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund bringing the total to \$218. There were 62 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1325 hours.

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