

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
12/3/2020

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The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. He then gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Since our traditional singing group, Opus One, was not present, Nick led the group in singing the Jingle Bells. Nick reminded the group that the December Military Ball was canceled but that an alternate function was being discussed for sometime in the spring. He also reminded us that the rules for tax-deductible contributions has changed and we should be aware of those come tax season. He also reminded everyone to change their smoke detector batteries. Nick then introduced our guest speaker, Col Terry Jensen, Retirement Affairs Officer at Hurlburt Field. Col Jensen gave us an update on several topics of interest to retired military members and some news about DoD activities that affect active and retired military and their families and concluded with how to get the most out of the STAR card. Following his presentation, he answered several questions from the audience. Nick presented Col Jensen with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

OTHER TOPICS

Nick asked the group to make sure that their email address was current and that updates could be made on our website. Nick and Dave Parisot gave an account of the MOAA grant for 2020 which gave \$25 gift cards to 143 lower ranking airman and soldiers needing assistance. Nick then asked members to come up with ideas for the 2021 MOAA grant. Scott Berry then read the slate of officers and board directors for 2021. Those were: President: Elvira Chiccarelli; 1stVP: Michael Griffith; 2ndVP: George Hanks; Treasurer: George Colton; Secretary: Fred Westfall; Board Members: Dan Brown, Karl Eschmann, Fran Hendricks, Errol Hoberman, and Dick Solt. Dave Parisot made a motion to accept the slate, it was seconded and the members present unanimously approved the slate. Dave Parisot then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle which was worth \$37. The winning ticket drawn by Col Jennings was Fred "the Chimp" Westfall, who donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund for a total of \$74 going to the fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 30. The meeting was adjourned at 1310.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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Secretary
NWFMOA Chapter FL 19

Distribution: Email to board members and non-board members in attendance.