

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
12/2/2021

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The December meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. The invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar. Mike then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike honored long-time and Life member Jake Bush who was celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. In an effort to fill the Defender editor position, Mike asked Ken Zepp to detail the duties of the position to the group. We're still looking for someone to step up to fill the position. During lunch, we were presented with a fantastic vocal program of traditional and modern songs of the season by the OPUS ONE coral group, part of the Niceville High School Chorus. At the end of their presentation, Mike presented vocal group's leader with the NWFMOA challenge coin and the director with the contributions from our members, which came to \$346.

Nick Marotta announced the new slate of officers and board members for 2022. Mike then asked for approval of the slate and by unanimous voice vote the all were approved. The slate new slate will have their induction ceremony at our January 2022 meeting. Maj Gen Richard Comer will officiate. The new Officers and Board are:

**Officers**

) President – Mike Griffith  
) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Fran Hendricks  
) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – George Hanks  
) Treasurer – George Colton  
) Secretary – Fred Westfall

**Board Members**

) Bob Allen  
) Dan Brown  
) Karl Eschmann  
) Don Panzenhagen  
) Dick Solt

**OTHER TOPICS**

Mike Griffith then asked the officers, board members and any members present if they had any further comments. None were made. Karl Eschmann reported that 64 have signed up for the Military Ball. Dave Parisot reminded members that if they need a tax receipt for their Scholarship Fund donations, he will provide them with one. He also reminded members that all proceeds from the Military Ball will go to the Scholarship Fund. Les Mathison provided the membership with a variety of venues for Christmas music throughout the area.

Attendance for the lunch was 53. The meeting was adjourned at 1320.

Following the lunch meeting was no Board meeting.

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