

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
12/5/2024

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The December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NWFMOA was called to order by President Fran Hendricks at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Chaplain Tom Azar provided the invocation and then the names of NWFMOA members who had passed were read by our three chaplains and a bell was rung for each person. Bob Allen then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fran began the meeting by announcing open mic opportunity 1220-1230. He also recognized those members who have birthdays in December. Fran acknowledged the presence of our past Presidents who were with us today and introduced our special guests; OPUS ONE, the Niceville High School choral group. Fran then recounted the Chapter's many significant accomplishments for 2024 and thanked the members for making that possible.

Following lunch Fran introduced our special guests, OPUS ONE. They sang a medley of seasonal songs and performances that thoroughly pleased our members. This has been a traditional December meeting event for over 15 years and OPUS ONE always delights the crowd. After their performance, Fran presented the choral director, Mrs. Catherine Feazell with the NWFMOA Commemorative 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chapter coin.

Bags were placed on the table for donations for OPUS ONE and Fran gave Mrs. Feazell \$451.

Fran then presented the 2025 slate of Officers and Board members for a vote from those present. After announcing each position and person running for it, a vote was taken, and the slate was approved.

Fran announced that our January 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch would be the installation of the new slate, and that Maj Gen Richard Comer would be the induction official. He then held the drawing for the December Defender quiz. Mel Claxton was the picked as the winner but was not present.

There was no 50/50 raffle this month since all today's donations went to OPUS ONE.

Les Matheson then announced a series of Christmas music events that members may enjoy attending. Dave Parisot gave a brief update on the Scholarship Fund and announced the newest members to the Gold Century Club.

Fran then displayed the current website banner and said that since it was such a success, we would continue a similar banner in 2025. He then previewed the 2025 version of the banner and encouraged everyone to donate and get their name placed on the 2025 banner. All proceeds from the banner go to support our community outreach activities.

Prior to adjourning, Fran announced that we would be presenting gift cards to the Hurlburt First Sergeants, the Commando Airman & Family Support Group, and Duke Field First Sergeants on Friday, December 6, 2024 and encouraged all members to attend. This year NWFMOA will be providing 400 (\$25) commissary gift cards to First Sergeants at Eglin, Hurlburt, Duke Field and Camp Bull Simons who will in turn provide them to Junior Enlisted families in need.

Attendance for the meeting was 36. The meeting was adjourned at 1320.

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