NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION LUNCH MEETING February 1, 2018

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 Chactaw Honor Guard presented the colors. Scott Berry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and following that led the group in singing "America the Beautiful".

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Devin Stephenson, President of the Northwest Florida State College. Dr. Stephenson gave an impressive review of the Colleges' history and recap of the college's recent achievements in academics and sports. He concluded with remarks about future projects which are directed at supporting military veterans. At the conclusion of his presentation, Scott presented Dr. Stephenson with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Scott Berry reminded members that the 2018 Florida National Convention will be held at Sanibel Island and that those interested in attending should contact him or go to the FCOC website for details. Scott asked for a volunteer to replace Larry Williamson as our *Defender* editor. He also announced there will be a fund raiser for the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund held on February 10 at the Twisted Grape in Shalimar. Anyone wanting to buy tickets should contact him, any Board Member or go to our website. Scott told the group that the speaker for next month will be Tamie Fox from the Eglin AFB Retirement Affairs Office.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$73 was Dave Pemberton. Seventy-two dollars was donated to the Scholarship Fund. There were 64 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1315 hours.

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