

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2/7/2019

**LUNCH MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Father Seb gave the invocation. The Choctaw Honor Guard presented the colors and Nick Marotta then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick then announced that the 2017 Level of Excellence award regalia will be put on the NWFMOA staff and thanked Scott Berry for his dedicated service in attaining that honor. Immediately after lunch, Nick presented the results of the 2018 Membership Survey. He then introduced our guest speaker, CMSGT (RET) William Walter who gave an enlightening and engaging presentation on the history of the AC-130 Gunship, starting with the AC-47 in Vietnam through the AC-130s involvement in numerous conflicts and ending with the AC-130W and its roll in modern warfare. Following his presentation Nick presented CMSGT Walter with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following the ceremony, Nick Marotta introduced our three new members and guests. He reminded the members that our next Officers Call will be February 12 at Slick Mick's starting at 5PM. He also asked members to take a copy of the Florida Veteran's Benefits Guide. Dr. Elvira Chiccarelli announced that the Air Force Armament Museum is looking for volunteers and passed out literature to our members.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Dave Parisot, conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket picked by CMSGT Walter was Skip Harrington who received a record \$168 with an equal amount going to the Scholarship Fund. Skip donated \$50 of his winnings to the Scholarship Fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 71. The meeting was adjourned at 1320.

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Secretary  
NWFMOA Chapter FL 19

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