

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2/6/2020

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Chaplain Tom Azar gave the invocation. Nick then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Donald E. Plater, Executive Director for Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida. Mr. Plater gave our audience a brief history of the beginnings of AFSOC, explained that their current mission is delivering integrated, synchronized weapons capabilities to the services, and explained their challenges for maintaining the relevance of their organization into the future. He emphasized the importance of a team effort within the Command noting that people are their most important strategic asset. After the presentation, Nick presented Mr. Plater with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following the ceremony, Nick Marotta asked former president Scott Berry to help him affix MOAA's 5-Star Chapter Award medallion to our chapter's banner. Nick then reminded the members of the importance of MOAA to all retired military, and especially getting the "Widow's Tax" offset legislation passed. Nick then went around the room to introduce our newest member, Col Nick Augustine, USMC (Ret), and guests. Nick also announced that based on the turnout at our last Officers Call, there will be another on February 27 at the same location, Slick Mick's in Niceville.

OTHER TOPICS

George Colton reminded the group that it is past time to pay their 2020 dues. Dave Parisot announced that donations can now be made online at our website using credit cards or PayPal. He also noted that April 4 is our local Military Family Appreciation Day and asked for volunteers to help him with our booth. Dave then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket picked by Mr. Plater was Ginny Mills (for the second straight month), who donated her \$103 winnings to the Scholarship Fund (again) bringing the total this month to \$205 for the Fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 60. The meeting was adjourned at 1300.

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FRED WESTFALL, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Secretary
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