

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
2/3/2022

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Mike then read the invocation provided by Chaplain Tom Azar and then then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike then asked for new members or guests to be introduced...4 guests were present. Nick Marotta announced that the Florida Council of Chapters will be having their annual convention during June 9-12 in West Palm Beach and that all chapter members are invited to attend. He also announced the we need a new Northwest Area Vice President since Nick is leaving the area later this year.

Following lunch Mike introduced our guest speaker and NWFMOA member, Dr. Richard Hallion who gave a riveting presentation on hypersonics. He made us aware that the interest and concept of hypersonics has been around since before World War II and documented its progress through the years. He noted the major milestones of the programs and gave examples of successes and failures of the US programs of various types. He concluded his remarks by pointing out the future of hypersonic warfare and their potential problems noting that the US is behind several other countries in the development, advancement and fielding of hypersonic weapons. Following his presentation, Mike presented Dr. Hallion with the NWFMOA challenge coin. Dr. Hallion remained after the meeting to answer many questions from our members.

OTHER TOPICS

Mike then asked the board if there were any comments. George Colton reminded us that membership dues for 2022 should be made as soon as possible. Dave Parisot then announced the new Century Club donors and conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket selected by Dr. Hallion was Lori Fluker who contributed her \$94 winnings to the Fund. The total contribution to the Scholarship Fund for today's meeting was \$198.

Attendance for the lunch was 54. The meeting was adjourned at 1315.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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