

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
July 6, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200 hours. Scott Berry lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our invocation was given by Father Stephen Voyt. Dr. Charles Merkel then led our group in the singing of the Army song in a belated recognition of the birthday of the Army (June 14).

Scott Berry then reintroduced our guest speaker, LtGen Leroy Manor. He gave a brief recap of the planning activities and then presented the second half of his story focusing on the execution of the November 20, 1970, raid on the Son Tay prison camp near Hanoi, Vietnam. An appreciative crowd gave General Manor a rousing applause for his presentation and also his team's efforts to send the message that prisoners of war were not forgotten.

Scott Berry announced that as of now we do not have a guest speaker for next month but will send out a message when details are firmed up. He also announced that Ginny Mills was retiring and we desperately need a replacement for her. Anyone interested should contact Scott.

Scott Berry then recognized the three World War II veterans who were present for our meeting. They were LeRoy Manor, Sam Lombardo and Mel Bryant. Our other 6 WWII veteran members could not make the meeting but were recognized as part of the Greatest Generation's contribution to our country.

Scott Berry announced that the our NWFMOA membership provided a good showing at the meeting with Representative Matt Gaetz and thanked the members for their support.

Scott Berry thanked Mr. Ted Corcoran, President/CEO of the Fort Walton Chamber of Commerce, for being our guest at today's meeting.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Dave Parisot held the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The total received for the drawing was \$170. Ron Reed won the raffle so \$85 was added to the Scholarship Fund. There were 56 paid attendees at the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1320 hours.

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Secretary  
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