

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
June 2, 2016**

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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. Scott Berry then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Berry announced that the program speaker for the July meeting will be Judge/General T. Patt Maney. Bob Gramm was introduced as our newest NWFMOA member. Scott shared some experiences from the MOAA convention in Lakeland, FL, and told us that the MOAA was doing well with membership and that their goal is still advocating for military causes. He asked everyone to be sure to sign up for their newsletters to keep informed of the latest developments and how we can help MOAA advance our causes. Dave Parisot gave us an update on the Memorial Day ceremony at the Fort Walton cemetery, reminded us of the Billy Bowlegs parade and our participation on June 6th. He also announced that we had a new Century Club member and three renewals for our Scholarship program. Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker for this month, Okaloosa County Administrator, John Hofstad. John presented an excellent overview of the current fiscal budget and gave many examples of how many aspects of the budget are beyond local control, like employee healthcare changes, Department of Juvenile Justice negotiations with the State, and identified many capital improvements including the courthouse in Crestview and additions to the sheriff's office. At the end of his presentation, Scott Berry presented Mr. Hofstad with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle was conducted and the winner of \$41 was Nancy Prater. Forty-one dollars was collected for the Scholarship Fund. There were 46 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 1315 hours.

There was no executive meeting following the lunch.

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Secretary
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