

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
6/1/2023

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The June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was called to order by President Fran Hendricks at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. After opening remarks, Fran relayed several important events that happened on this date and then introduced Al Stearns who was the spokesperson for today's event. Al led us in prayer and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fran then introduced our newest member; Steve Snow and recognized Paul Singleton who was celebrating his birthday this month. He also asked for members to introduce their guests. Fran made special mention of Dan Brown...Dan is this month's Spotlight feature in the Defender.

Following lunch, Al Stearns and his choral group entertained the membership with several patriotic songs. The members present were treated to a delightful choral interlude. Following their performance Fran presented Al with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

Fran then asked Scott Berry to present the FCoC leadership awards to Dan Brown, George Colton and Fred Westfall. He then had Scott present the MOAA Col Marvin Harris Communication Awards to Mike Griffith (Defender 2022) and Fred Westfall (website 2022).

Fran then provided updates on several chapter activities. He congratulated Dave Parisot for his efforts in securing 2 of the MOAA Foundation's 42 grants. NWFMOA is one of four nationally to receive two grants and one of two in Florida. NWFMOA was awarded a total of \$4,300 for our two Outreach programs this year, an increase of \$300 over last year's award from the MOAA Foundation. Fran shared that Dave Parisot and he were invited to attend a meeting called by Ted Corcoran, FWB Chamber to discuss how the Chamber might assist NWFMOA (E-4 and below Commissary Gift Cards at Thanksgiving) and Operation Holiday Cheer (another military focused group who delivers meals to those serving at their assigned post and can't leave during the holidays). Fran asked a all to review the updated By-Laws as we will be voting on them at our July meeting. Fran also announced that next month's speaker will be Bernard Johnson from Florida Power and Light, and our next Officers Call will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at Cheers in Shalimar.

Following formal activities, Fran thanked Scott Berry for his service as our Area VP and said that Scott's replacement is Paul Chiebo from Pensacola.

Fran then held the drawing for the Defender Quiz. Everyone who got the question right had their name placed in a bag and George Hanks pulled the winner...Mike Griffith. Mike won a free lunch at our next meeting in July. Congratulations Mike!

There was no 50/50 raffle today. Instead, donation packets were placed on each table. The NWFMOA collected and contributed \$201 to the Emerald Coast Choral Group.

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