

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
March 1, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Scott presented the invocation followed by the Choctaw Honor Guard presenting the colors. Scott Berry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and following that led the group in singing "God Bless America".

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Marie Hallion, Adjunct Professor with the University of Maryland University College. Dr. Hallion gave a very informative presentation about the history of ISIS, the shaping of the current control structure of ISIS, the changing environment since the 2010 Arab Spring and the costs associated with the rebuilding of Iraq following years of war. At the conclusion of her presentation, Scott presented Dr. Hallion with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Scott then presented Dave Parisot with the Leadership Award given by the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters for Dave's outstanding service to our organization. Scott Berry reminded members that the 2018 Florida National Convention will be held at Sanibel Island and that those interested in attending should contact him or go to the FCOC website for details. An email will be sent out shortly with further information. Scott asked for a volunteer to replace Larry Williamson as our *Defender* editor. Scott told the group that the speaker for next month will be a representative from the Eglin AFB Retirement Affairs Office.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$105 was Kathleen Bush. One hundred five dollars went to the Scholarship Fund. There were 65 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1325 hours.

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Secretary
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