

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

3/7/2019

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Chaplain Tom Azar gave the invocation. The Choctaw Honor Guard presented the colors and Nick Marotta then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following lunch, Nick introduced our guest speaker, Col (Ret) Terri Coles, MOAA Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs. Col Coles talked about MOAA's three primary initiatives: (1) military pay and benefits, (2) Tricare, and (3) the Widow's Tax. She also told of MOAA's new efforts to get the chapters the names of new members which will make it easier for chapters to recruit new members. She ended her presentation with a question and answer period. Following her presentation Nick presented Col Coles with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following Col Coles' presentation, Nick Marotta introduced our two new members and guests. He announced that the NWFMOA Board will meet on March 12 at Slick Mick's to work on recommendations from the 2018 Membership Survey. Dave Parisot gave a legislative update and announced the Military Appreciation Day is scheduled for April 13, 2019. He also announced that we have applied for a \$5,000 grant from MOAA for the Veteran's Stand Down later this year.

OTHER TOPICS

Dave Parisot, conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket picked by Col Coles was Ken Zepp, who received \$97 with an equal amount going to the Scholarship Fund. Ken then added \$3.00 to his winnings and donated the entire sum to become the newest Century Club member in our Scholarship Fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 65. The meeting was adjourned at 1315.

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FRED WESTFALL, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Secretary
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Distribution: Email to board members and non-board members in attendance