

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3/5/2020

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 JrROTC Color Guard presented the colors. Upon completion, Nick presented the Color Guard with a check from the NWFMOA as our appreciation for their service. Nick then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the group sang God Bless America. Nick reminded the members that we will start Daylight Savings Time this weekend and that they should take that opportunity to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Nick then introduced our guest speaker, Col (Dr) Matt Hanson, Commander of the 96th Medical Group at Eglin AFB. Dr. Hanson gave our audience an overview of the mission of the Eglin hospital, explained the objectives of its three mission areas, the challenges of managing healthcare for active duty and retired members throughout the Panhandle area, future issues and challenges facing the hospital and concluded by saying Eglin is facing unprecedented growth but that the hospital was not going to reduce privileges to retired members. While active duty members are priority one, Dr. Hanson said that retirees will continue to receive excellent medical care at the hospital. He then answered several questions from the audience. After the presentation, Nick presented Dr. Hanson with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following the ceremony, Nick told the group that the Officers Call last month was a great success and Dick Solt said the next Officers Call will be April 30 at Slick Mick's in Niceville. Nick then went around the room to introduce guests.

OTHER TOPICS

George Colton reminded the group that it is past time to pay their 2020 dues. Dave Parisot updated the group on contributions to the Scholarship Fund and reminded them that April 4 is our local Military Family Appreciation Day. Dave then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle which was worth \$208. The winning ticket drawn by Dr. Hanson was Loren Bartley, who received \$104. The same amount went to the Scholarship Fund. One of our members announced that in honor of Viet Nam Veteran's Day, a special presentation about Operation Linebacker will be at the Suds n Cinema theater in downtown Fort Walton Beach. More details, if available, will be sent via email.

Attendance for the lunch was 70. The meeting was adjourned at 1315.

Following the lunch meeting there was no Board meeting.

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Secretary
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Distribution: Email to board members and non-board members in attendance.