

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
3/4/2021

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The meeting was called to order by President Elvira Chiccarelli at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. She gave the invocation prepared by Tom Azar then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Griffith introduced the guest speaker, Dr. David Goetsch. Dr. Goetsch gave an interesting and informative recount of his book, Veterans' Lament, which he coauthored with Oliver North. He recounted his interviews with many veterans on their responses to the question "is this the country we fought for?" and included examples of how America has changed its moral values over the last 50+ years. Examples included that we must teach our children both the good and bad of how America became the greatest country, how a republic like ours must be built on a strong moral underpinning, and how that moral underpinning has changed over the years and continues to change. His presentation was inciteful as well as uplifting. He answered questions from our members after his presentation and gave away signed copies of his book to two lucky members. Mike Griffith presented Dr. Goetsch the NWFMOA Challenge coin.

Elvira announced that the Air Force Armament Museum would be reopening on a limited basis providing outdoor tours in the near future. She also asked if any members present would like to volunteer to be on the Christmas Military Ball committee.

OTHER TOPICS

Dave Parisot announced the names of the Scholarship Fund donors for the last month and then held the 50/50 raffle. The winner of \$79 was Fred Schor, who donated his winnings to the Fund. Total for the Scholarship Fund this month was \$158.

Attendance for the lunch was 45. The meeting was adjourned at 1315.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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