NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION LUNCH MEETING May 4, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1205 hours. The Baker High School JROTC Color Guard presented the colors followed by Scott Berry leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar.

Dave Parisot introduced the JROTC Cadets, their families and the JROTC instructors of the Scholarship Award Winners for 2017. Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker, LTC Michael Ramirez, USA (RET), the JROTC Instructor from Baker High School. He presented an overview of their JROTC program followed by the other instructors present who gave similar information of their JROTC programs. Scott Berry then presented LTC Ramirez with the NWFMOA challenge coin. Following the speaker, Dave Parisot presented the awards to the three \$1,500 Scholarship winners and the \$3,000 Scholarship to the winning Cadet, Tristan Lennard from Crestview High School

Scott Berry announced that next month's speaker would be LtGen LeRoy Manor who will speak on the mission to rescue U.S. military personnel held as prisoners of war at Son Tay, North Vietnam. He then recognized Dick Solt for winning the MOAA Florida Council's Leadership Award for outstanding work on increasing membership for our chapter. Scott Berry then accepted a motion by Les Matheson to accept the proposed change in wording to our by-laws. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dave Parisot reminded members of the upcoming Memorial Day service at the Beal Parkway Cemetery where our members who have passed since last year will be remembered. He also asked for membership support for our participation in the Billy Bowlegs parade in June.

OTHER TOPICS

Dave Parisot held the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. Seventy-eight dollars went to the winner and \$78 was collected for the Scholarship Fund. Clyde Locke won the raffle and donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund. There were 61 paid attendees at the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1320 hours.

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FRED WESTFALL, Lt Col, USAF (RET) Secretary NWFMOA Chapter FL 19

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