

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4/4/2019

**LUNCH MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1155. Father Steve Voyt gave the invocation. The Choctaw Honor Guard presented the colors. Cadet Cassidy Bassett of the FWB JROTC sang our National Anthem. Major Bill Ryan then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following lunch, Nick Marotta introduced our guest speaker, Cadet Cassidy Bassett, who gave an interesting and humorous presentation about her experiences as the commander of the FWB JROTC cadets in 2018-2019, the importance of being motivated and taking personal responsibility. Following her presentation Nick Marotta presented Cadet Bassett with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin and a certificate of Recognition and Congratulations for her appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, class of 2023.

Following Cadet Bassett's presentation, Dave Parisot began the NWFMOA Scholarship Awards ceremony. He introduced the \$2,000 award winners who were: Cadet Jakia Gary (Lt Col R. Wayne Adelsperger Memorial Scholarship) and Cadet James Webb from Crestview High School; Cadet Myles Sellers and Esmeraldo Yumul, Jr (Major William Ryan Honorary Scholarship), from Fort Walton Beach High School; Cadet Mathew Horton from Navarre High School; Cadet Yolanda Stallworth (Chong Cha "Kim" Parisot Memorial Scholarship) from Niceville High School. The winner of the \$4,000 scholarship, the Lt Col James "Jim" Heavener Memorial Scholarship, was Cadet Sarah Brown from Navarre High School. Dave Parisot then recognized the Gold Level and Century Club donors in the audience and thanked them for their support. Cadet Bassett concluded the presentation by leading the group in singing God Bless America.

Following the awards presentations, Nick Marotta announced that shirts with the NWFMOA logo are available and anyone interested should contact Dan Brown. Nick then asked the group for their thoughts on having an officers call. June was decided as the best time. The date will be announced when determined.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Fred Westfall conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket chosen by Cadet Bassett belonged to George Hanks who received \$100 and contributed his winnings to the Scholarship Fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 75, including members and guests. The meeting was adjourned at 1320.

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Secretary  
NWFMOA Chapter FL 19

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