

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
5/6/2021

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The annual Scholarship Fund awards meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the American Legion Hall at 1200. The Choctaw High School Honor Guard presented the colors. Chaplain Steve Voyt gave the invocation. Mike then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then turned the meeting over to Dave Parisot, President of our Scholarship Fund. Dave introduced the Scholarship Fund committee and then introduced those new members of the Gold Century Club. Following lunch Dave reminded those present of the envelopes on the table for donations to our MOAA Grant to provide gift cards for enlisted personnel in the rank of E4 and below. That effort brought in \$682 to support the grant. Dave then began the awards ceremony starting with the award of the MOAA medals followed by the award of the Scholarship Fund awards. This year 8 awards totaling \$21,500 were presented. Our eight scholarship winners for 2021 are: Cadet Isabella Barrette, Fort Walton Beach JROTC, projected to attend University of West Florida with a major in General Business, Cadet Connor Dage, Niceville JROTC; projected to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a major in Aerospace Engineering, Cadet Kathryn Dunn, Crestview JROTC, projected to attend the University of West Florida with a major in Legal Studies (Cadet Dunn will enter college as a junior-year student as she completed her Associate Degree at NWFSC during high school), Cadet Ethan Gifford, Navarre JROTC, projected to attend the University of Florida with a major in Architecture, Cadet Logan Herron, Navarre JROTC, projected to attend the University of Florida with a major in Aerospace Engineering, Cadet Ryan Herron, Niceville JROTC, projected to attend Marion Military Academy with a major in Pre-Medical Studies, Cadet Christian Pedron, Fort Walton Beach JROTC, projected to attend Marion Military Academy with a major in Computer Sciences, Cadet Jeffrey Tavarez, Choctawhatchee JROTC, projected to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a major in Aeronautical Science. The names of the cadets receiving the awards are in the May *Defender* and their pictures will be published on our website.

Following the awards presentation Dave turned the meeting back to Mike Griffith. Mike announced that we had just been notified that both the *Defender* and our NWFMOA website again received 5-star awards from MOAA. This was the fourth consecutive year both have received that honor. Mike then asked Chaplain Voyt to give the benediction which was followed by the group singing God Bless America.

Attendance for the lunch was 72. The meeting was adjourned at 1325.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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