

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
BREAKFAST MEETING
November 2, 2017

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. The invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar. The Chactaw Color Guard presented the Colors and Scott Berry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following that, in honor of the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps, members sang the Marine Corps song.

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker for this month, Founder and President of the Alaqua Animal Refuge, Laurie Hood. Ms. Hood presented an overview of the history and future plans for the Refuge, the many programs they run and will offer in the future, their work with Walton County Animal Services and showed a preview of the Shelter's upcoming series on the National Geographic Channel. Following her prepared remarks, she answered questions from our members. At the end of her presentation, Scott Berry presented Ms. Hood with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

Scott Berry recognized a distinguished visitor, Lt Col (Ret) Norman Mueller, a WWII, Korea and Vietnam veteran. Scott announced that the Military Ball tickets are available online and encouraged members to donate to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund. He also announced that next month is the election of officers for 2018 and asked for volunteers to fill the 1st Vice President's position. Scott announced that instead of a guest speaker, next month would be the annual visit from Niceville's Opus One chorus. Dave Parisot announced that the NWFMOA would be participating in the 2017 Veteran's Day Parade in Mary Esther and invited anyone interested in participating to contact him.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$73 was Joe Stevens. Seventy-three dollars was collected for the Scholarship Fund. There were 52 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1320 hours.

Following the monthly meeting, the Executive Board met at the Fort Walton Yacht Club.