

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
11/7/2019

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Chaplain Tom Azar gave the invocation. The honor guard from Choctaw High School presented the colors and Nick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick then called on Ron Gerdes and his guest to lead the group in singing the Marine Corps Song. Nick Marotta formally swore in our new 2nd Vice President, George Hanks and presented Chaplain Tom Azar with a NWFMOA certificate commemorating Tom's 40th year since he was ordained. Following lunch, Nick introduced our guest speaker, Bentley Fisher who gave a presentation and personal examples on the factors affecting will and trust litigation. Following his presentation Nick presented Mr Fisher with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following the presentation, Nick reminded the group of the Military Ball on December 12, the upcoming Veteran's Day celebrations in the area, and that OPUS ONE will be our featured entertainment at our December meeting. Scott Berry formally announced the slate of officers for the 2020 NWFMOA board and reminded us that elections of the board will be at the December meeting. Nick announced that there is an uptick in fraud and scams going around and that the MOAA website has a list of scams and actions you can take to avoid being caught unaware. Nick also asked the members present to help us find guest speakers for future meetings and suggestions should be given to Don Panzenhagen. Nick also announced that Amazon is now offering \$40 off their Prime Membership accounts so members may take advantage when they renew their membership.

OTHER TOPICS

Bob Cluskey announced the "Christmas Wreaths Across America" program and gave information on how interested persons may participate. Dave Parisot thanked the members for their contributions to the Veterans Stand Down and then held the 50/50 raffle. The winner of \$116 was Richard Comer with \$116 going to the Scholarship Fund. Dave reminded members that he is collecting donations of wine and spirits for our Military Ball raffle, the proceeds of which support the Scholarship Fund.

Paid attendance for the lunch was 58. The meeting was adjourned at 1315.

After the meeting adjourned, Nick Marotta formally swore in our new board member, Elvira Chiccarelli, who arrived late to the meeting.

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