NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION LUNCH MEETING October 4, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Larry Williamson gave the invocation followed by the Choctaw Color Guard presenting the colors. Scott led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Phil Ehr led the group in the singing of the US Navy song.

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Michael Beedie, City Manager for Fort Walton Beach, who gave a very interesting talk about the status of many projects involving the city, including the new Brooks Bridge, a mini-budget review, the downtown master plan, the industrial park and the impact of the proposed half-cent sales tax. Following his presentation, Scott Berry presented Mr. Beedie with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Scott Berry introduced the new members and guests present at today's meeting. He announced that the NWFMOA organizational goals are posted on the NWFMOA website and that the board has finalized a member survey which would be made available soon. Scott also announced that he would be sending out an email from MOAA which details the new TRICARE dental plans. He also reminded the members that the annual Military Ball was to be held on December 13 and that there will be an October Officers Call at Cheers on October 18. Scott reminded us of his goal to reach 300 members by the end of the year and that he will be attending the MOAA National Convention in Phoenix in November.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$91 was Dick Hallion. The total donated to the scholarship fund was \$90. There were 58 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1315 hours.

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