

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
10/1/2020

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The meeting was called to order by President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Don Panzenhagen gave the invocation. Nick then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then led the group in singing the Navy song. Nick introduced and welcomed our newest member, Paula Sherman. Nick then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Ted Corcoran, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Corcoran gave us an update on several topics which included the effects of the pandemic on small businesses in the Fort Walton Beach area, the timeline and proposed route for the Brooks Bridge replacement starting in 2022, how the current half-cent sales tax is being used to support local law enforcement and why we should support the half-cent sales tax for capital improvements for Okaloosa County schools. Following his presentation, he answered several questions from the audience. Nick presented Mr. Corcoran with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Nick asked the group about their interest in attending the annual Military Ball in December. Several people raised their hands showing interest. Dick Solt reminded the group that we will be having a Officers Call on October 29 at Cheers in Shalimar. Fred Westfall then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle which was worth \$47. The winning ticket drawn by Dick Solt was our new member, Paula Sherman, who donated her winnings to the Scholarship Fund for a total of \$93 going to the fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 29. The meeting was adjourned at 1255.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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