

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
8/1/2019

**LUNCH MEETING**

In the absence of our President, immediate past President Scott Berry called the meeting to order at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Major General Don Litke gave the invocation. Scott Berry then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the group singing the Coast Guard song. Following lunch, Dick Solt introduced our guest speaker, Florida State District 4 Representative Mel Ponder, who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on legislative initiatives affecting Okaloosa County and legislation in Tallahassee that affects active duty and retired military members. He ended his presentation with a question and answer period. Following his presentation Scott presented Mr. Ponder with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Following the lunch presentation, Scott introduced our visitors and guests. Scott then reminded the audience that they should check their eligibility for reimbursement from the Equifax data breach, to make sure they sign up for meal reservations on time, and gave a brief pitch on the CLL presentation that will be given next month. He also asked the membership to pray for the family members of our two recently deceased members, LtGen Kelly Burke and RADM James Summitt.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Dave Parisot announced that the Alicyn Grete, the daughter of LtCol Robert and Katherine Grete, was declared the Player of the Year by the Northwest Florida Daily News after being the best pitcher and hitter at Choctaw High School. and that she will be attending the US Military Academy in the fall. Dave then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winning ticket picked by Mr. Ponder was Don Litke, who received \$88 and then donated it to the Scholarship Fund for a total of \$176 going to the Fund.

Attendance for the lunch was 57. The meeting was adjourned at 1310.

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FRED WESTFALL, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)  
Secretary  
NWFMOA Chapter FL 19

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