

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING

1/6/2022

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The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Fran Hendricks, who was standing in for President Mike Griffith, at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Fran then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Tom Azar gave the invocation. Fran opened the floor for comments and George Colton announced that it is time for members to pay their 2022 dues. Fran then recapped some of the chapter's accomplishments over the past year, to include: the success of the Military Ball (thanking Karl Eschmann for his efforts), another 5-star rating for the chapter, our 5-star rating for the Defender and website, our alignment with MOAA on several major issues, the success of the Scholarship Fund, and the MOAA grants along with member contributions to purchase gift cards for E-3's and below.

This was our annual installation of the new Officers and Board of the NWFMOA. Following lunch, Fran turned the meeting over to Major General Rich Comer, USAF Retired, who conducted the installation ceremony. The officers and board members present were then sworn in by General Comer. The elected officers inducted at today's ceremony were: President Mike Griffith, 1st Vice President Fran Hendricks, 2nd Vice President George Hanks, Treasurer George Colton, and Secretary Fred Westfall. Board members inducted were Bob Allen, Dan Brown, Karl Eschmann, Don Panzenhagen, and Dick Solt.

Following the ceremony, Fran asked all the past presidents who were in attendance to be recognized. Fran reminded our members that we need someone to step up to be editor of the Defender and if anyone was interested to contact him. Fran concluded the meeting by asking if anyone had suggestions for guest speakers to contact him and then asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order. Chuck Merkel said that Bob Garcia was hospitalized and in 24/7 care. Jeff Watson asked about the status of Officers Calls. Dick Solt will follow up.

OTHER TOPICS

Dave Parisot then conducted the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle. The winner of \$58 was Jeff Watson who contributed his winnings to the Fund. The total contribution to the Scholarship Fund this month was \$116.

Attendance for the lunch was 40. The meeting was adjourned at 1255.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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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.