

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
7/1/2021

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Mike read an invocation provided by Tom Azar and then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. In keeping with the upcoming July 4th weekend, Mike read the Declaration of Independence and the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. Following lunch, Mike introduced our guest speaker, our own member, Patrick Johnson. Patrick gave a detailed presentation about his Army experiences on the ground in Vietnam. After leaving the Army he drove a truck that carried extremely dangerous cargo and related some of those experiences. He concluded his presentation with several incidents as a SWAT team leader for the FBI. After Patrick's presentation, Mike presented him with the NWFMOA Challenge coin.

Mike then presented the MOAA Col Marvin J. Harris Communications 5-Star Awards to Ken Zepp for the *Defender*. Terry Jensen, Hurlburt's Activities Office, brought several copies of the Hurlburt Life magazine and pointed out the retiree section which has articles each month. A link to the publication will be added to the NWFMOA website. Dan Brown asked members to look at the application form in the *Defender* to place an ad to help us defray costs of publication and asked that we solicit businesses and individuals to participate. George Hanks introduced our two new members; Jeff Brown and Jim Shauf.

OTHER TOPICS

In Dave Parisot's absence, Fred Westfall conducted the 50/50 raffle. The winning ticket pulled by Patrick Johnson was Bill Byerley. The raffle brought in \$140 so \$70 went to the winner with the other \$70 going to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund,

Attendance for the lunch was 52. The meeting was adjourned at 1325.

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.