

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
BREAKFAST MEETING
November 3, 2016**

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Berry at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. The invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar. The Choctaw High School Color Guard posted the colors and Scott Berry led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then led the group in singing the Navy song. Scott introduced our newest member, Chaplain Tom Azar.

Scott Berry announced that at the December meeting we would be treated by Opus 1 and that elections would be held. He reminded the members that we are still looking for a volunteer to be our legislative liaison to MOAA and that we also needed a volunteer for the 1st Vice President and personal affairs positions for our chapter. He then told our group that he had just come from the National MOAA convention in Washington and brought home our second consecutive 5-Star Level of Excellence award. Members were also reminded to sign up for the 2016 Military Ball in December. Scott announced that those interested in touring the E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center on December 10th to contact him for details.

Scott Berry then introduced our guest speaker for this month, Colonel Matthew Higer, Vice Commander of Eglin's 96 Test Wing. Col Higer gave a very detailed and engaging presentation on the three-phased mission of the Wing and answered several questions about the base improvements and environmental activities of the base. At the end of his presentation, Scott Berry presented Col Higer with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Bill Van Hoesen addressed the members and thanked us for the \$250 contribution to the upcoming Veteran's Stand Down. Following that Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$65 was Rich Comer. Sixty-five dollars were also collected for the Scholarship Fund. There were 48 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 1310 hours.

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