

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
November 1, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President Nick Marotta at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Tom Azar gave the invocation followed by the Choctaw Color Guard presenting the colors. Nick Marotta led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Garcia then led the group in the singing of the U.S. Marine Corps Hymn.

Dave Parisot then introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Virginia Barr, the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, who gave a very interesting talk about the status of mental health services available in our area. She gave a history of the mental health services in Okaloosa County to include the Veterans Stand Down. She also asked for volunteers for the Okaloosa Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program. Following her presentation, Nick Marotta presented Ms. Barr with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin.

Nick then introduced the new members and guests present at today's meeting. He announced that the links for the Military Ball tickets and the NWFMOA Membership Survey are posted on the NWFMOA website. Dave Parisot presented Bob Garcia with the Gold Century Club certificate. Dave then read a list of events that are planned locally for Veteran's Day.

OTHER TOPICS

Following the formal meeting, Dave Parisot held the drawing for the 50/50 Scholarship Fund raffle and the winner of \$87 was Gene Mitchell. The total donated to the scholarship fund was \$86. There were 54 paid attendees at the lunch. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1305 hours.

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Secretary
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