

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH MEETING
11/4/2021

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. The invocation was given by Chaplain Tom Azar. Mike then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike asked for visitors to introduce themselves and also new members. New member Tony Holland introduced himself. Nick Marotta read the new slate of officers and board members for 2022. They are: President-Mike Griffith; 1stVP-Fran Hendricks, 2ndVP-George Hanks; Treasurer-George Colton; Secretary-Fred Westfall. Board members are: Bob Allen, Dan Brown, Karl Eschmann, Don Panzenhagen, and Dick Solt. Mike then gave an informative talk about the Third Amendment to our Constitution, pointing out that while it was important at the time, it has since seen little political attention relative to some other amendments. Just prior to lunch, Karl Eschmann reported that 46 have signed up for the Military Ball and asked that others who want to attend submit their reservation forms by the end of November or before. Following lunch, Mike introduced our guest speaker, Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel. Her presentation was multifaceted but focused on her most recent accomplishment, the Women Veterans Memorial Park on Okaloosa Island. She gave the background of some of the women who will have their statues unveiled at the grand opening of the park on November 11 at 2PM. She then gave a long list of accomplishments the Commissioners have done for the county. After her presentation she took questions from the audience. Following her presentation, Mike presented her with the NWFMOA Challenge Coin. Mike announced that our December meeting will feature the return of Opus One rather than a guest speaker.

OTHER TOPICS

Dave Parisot thanked those members who brought in spirits to be raffled off during the Military Ball. He then conducted the 50/50 raffle. The winning ticket was that of Wayne Pullen, who donated half his winnings back to the Scholarship Fund. The raffle brought in \$120 so the total amount of contributions to the Scholarship fund was \$350 which included some unsolicited contributions also for the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund.

Mike Griffith then asked the officers, board members and any members present if they had any further comments. None were made.

Attendance for the lunch was 48. The meeting was adjourned at 1310.

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.