

LUNCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1200. Mike gave the invocation provided by Chaplain Tom Azar and then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Terry Jensen, from Hurlburt's Retiree Affairs Office, announced several activities taking place on October 26-28 and encouraged all who were interested to attend. Karl Eschmann again announced the Military Ball on December 8th and urged members to get their tickets early. Dick Solt announced that there will be an Officers Call at Cheers in Shalimar at 5PM on October 13. He also asked members to bring a friend to a luncheon to hopefully become new members. Mike once again emphasized that we are an all-volunteer organization and we need members to volunteer for board and officer positions. He also asked for guests or new members to be acknowledged.

Following lunch Mike introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Hallion who gave a riveting and comprehensive lecture on the activities leading to breaking the sound barrier 75 years ago this month. Dr. Hallion detailed the history of events leading up to the famous flight of the X1 aircraft on October 14, 1947. Beginning in 1919 engineers were worried about the drag and other dynamics of breaking the sound barrier which led to extensive research to find the perfect design profile for the experimental aircraft. After many fatal failures, the Bell X1 broke the sound barrier and led the way for the design of many aircraft to be used by the Air Force, including the F-100 which was the first supersonic fighter in the USAF inventory. Following his presentation, Mike presented Dr. Hallion with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

OTHER TOPICS

Mike then asked the Officers and Board or members present if there were any comments. Dave Parisot held the 50/50 raffle having collected \$154 in donations. The winner selected by Dr. Hallion was Bill Slocum, a guest, who received \$77. Total received for the Scholarship Fund was \$77. Fran Hendricks announced that the speaker next month will be Lt. Gen. Brad Heithold, USAF, (RET).

Attendance for the lunch was 37. The meeting was adjourned at 1335.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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Distribution: Email to board members and non-board members in attendance.