

NORTHWEST FLORIDA MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH MEETING  
9/1/2022

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike Griffith at the Fort Walton Yacht Club at 1203. Mike gave the invocation provided by Chaplain Tom Azar and then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike again emphasized that we are an all-volunteer organization and we need members to volunteer for board and officer positions. He also asked members to bring a friend to a luncheon to hopefully become new members. There were no new members or guests present. Mike informed the group that the AF Academy graduates are having a party tomorrow to watch the football game and reminded the group that we will have an Officers Call on October 13. They should also plan to attend our Military Ball on December 8. Jon Morris made a pitch for the golf tournament in support of the Bridgeway Center. Dave Parisot mentioned that there will be a celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USAF at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Following lunch Mike introduced our guest speaker, CMSgt Bill Walter, USAF (RET), who as an official USAF historian, explained Operation Urgent Fury in Granada. He presented his first-hand knowledge of how the situation came about, the lack of sufficient time to plan the operation, the lack of defined priorities of execution, explained the difficulties of coordination with the other services and the corollary events that led to the creation of USSOCOM. He also shared his experience of a mission with one of our own members, Paul Singleton, saying that Paul was responsible for diverting what could have been a serious disaster. Chief Walter ended his presentation by answering several questions from our members. Following his presentation, Mike presented Chief Walter with the NWFMOA challenge coin.

**OTHER TOPICS**

Mike then asked the Officers and Board or members present if there were any comments. In Dave Parisot's absence, Fred Westfall held the 50/50 raffle. The winner selected by Chief Walter was Bob Gramm, who donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Total received for the Fund was \$118. Mike announced that the speaker next month will be Dick Hallion who will speak on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chuck Yeager breaking the sound barrier.

Attendance for the lunch was 33. The meeting was adjourned at 1320.

Following the lunch meeting was a Board meeting.

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