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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



SHIELA WALLACE

As we enter this holiday season, I am pleased to share with you some of the wonderful accomplishments that have happened recently. In September the Wright Memorial Chapter received notification that we were chosen as the Extra Large Chapter of the Year from Headquarters AFA. Our Teacher of the Year, Heidi

Steinbrink from Oakwood High School, Oakwood, Ohio won our chapter Teacher of the Year as well as the State Teacher of the Year and was the 2nd runner up for the National Teacher of the Year. These are awards that should make our chapter proud of all we do.

As we moved into October, our chapter held its yearly elections. It is my pleasure to serve as the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter president for my second term. I appreciate the support of our members and you are the people that make our chapter great! Tom Koogler and Bob VanHook will also continue to serve in their present positions of Executive Vice President and Treasurer respectively. Maj Gen Everett Odgers, USAF Retired will continue as our Executive Director. We have a new Secretary for the upcoming year, Lt Col Vita Eonta, USAF Retired. Our board is excited to have her with us and looking forward to working with her. *(Please see the article about her in this edition of the Crossfeed.)*

As we move into 2013, we are looking at some new ideas for our chapter. As most of you know, social media is one of the best ways to communicate. We have chosen a VP for Social Media to make sure that we are staying current and reaching our members in manners that they need/want. The person chosen for this new task is CMSgt Eric Jaren, USAF Retired and we are all excited for Eric to get this up and running.

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Air Force Association Next Generation

by ERIC R. JAREN
*Vice President of Social Media
 Air Force Association Chapter 212*

There was a line in a famous movie, "Build it and they will come." As the Vice President of Social Media for Air Force Association, Wright Memorial Chapter 212, my first goal is to build a strong social media strategy to enhance communication, expand our network and reach prospective members.



ERIC R. JAREN

AFA NextGen

I've been considering how to capitalize on social media throughout 2012 and actually branded the concept Air Force Association Next Generation, or "AFA NextGen". AFA NextGen will transform communication practices into a collaborative social environment. I envision it providing existing members with greater synergy while marketing to prospective members with a new approach. *AFA NextGen* is going to be fun!

Three reasons why we need a new strategy

1) AFA membership has steadily declined since 1982 and historical data projects a continued reduction. The Air Force Association ¹2011 Annual Report indicates it had just over 107,000 members. Approximately 50 percent were retired military, 12 percent active duty, 11 percent former military and 4 percent Air National Guard and Reserve. Members with no military service, spouses/widows and cadets comprised the remainder. Digging a little deeper revealed that officers were less than 10 percent of membership and enlisted Airmen less than 2%. In fact, only 164 members in 2011 were junior enlisted. The same basic ratio exists for Guard, Reserve and retirees.

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Wing Completes 10 Missions in Support of Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

By **LT. COL. CYNTHIA HARRIS**
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing joined a total force team of active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Command Airmen who worked side-by-side with federal, state, and local mission partners to ease suffering and assist in the Nation's recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

The wing's C-17 Globemaster IIIs completed 10 Hurricane Sandy relief missions by delivering cargo and passengers to the East Coast.

The unit began its support of Hurricane Sandy relief efforts when they departed Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio Nov. 1 to transport 26 Southern California Edison utility company workers and five utility vehicles from March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif. to Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, N.Y. to help to restore power to the affected region.

The final mission came Nov. 8 when a C-17 from March Air Reserve Base, Calif. stopped at Wright-Patterson due to weather allowing a Wright-Patt C-17 to transport three generators and three fuel pumps to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

During the 10 missions, the unit transported approximately 69 passengers and 685 tons of cargo from various bases on the West Coast to Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, N.Y., Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. and John F. Kennedy International Airport, N.Y.

In addition, the C-17s delivered 21,000 pounds of blankets to New Jersey just days before the region was plagued by a nor'easter that brought high winds and snow to the region.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of the 445th Airlift Wing. Our citizen Airmen unselfishly stepped up to the plate within hours of being tasked to help bring relief to those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Our Airmen stand ready to answer our Nation's call anytime, anywhere," said Col. Stephen D. Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander.

AIRMAN'S COUNCIL DONATES SHOES FOR CLEAN WATER

By **SENIOR AIRMAN SHEN-CHIA MCHONE**
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – In America, water is everywhere. We drink it filtered, purified, enhanced with minerals and straight from the spring wells. In any sink, it's as simple as turning on the faucet to control the temperature. Many of us are able to enjoy a nice cold glass to quench our thirst after a long, hot summer's day of work. Could you imagine what life would be like without water?

According to EDGE Outreach, there are 884 million people worldwide who live without clean water every day. With every passing second, children are dying because of unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation and hygiene. More than 5,000 children die each day in the world's poorest countries and more than 80 percent of all sicknesses in the world are attributed to unsafe water and sanitation.

The 445th Airlift Wing Airman's Council has collected more than 3,000 pairs of shoes totaling 4,000 pounds to donate shoes to EDGE Outreach to create clean drinking water for those in need. This international organization helps to provide clean, bacteria and parasite-free water for people around the world. The council collected shoes for the "Shoes for Water" program across the wing from June to November 2012 and during the Air Force Marathon.

The collected shoes will help to raise money for water purification projects and keep used shoes out of landfills. For every 20,000 pounds of shoes that EDGE Outreach sells to an exporter, one village in a Third World country will be provided a chlorine generator, and water purification equipment and training.

To learn more about EDGE Outreach, their water purification innovations and to make a donation, visit their website at <http://www.edgeoutreach.com>.



AIR FORCE BALL 2012

(51st Anniversary of Vietnam Conflict)

Both past and present Air Force leaders were among 350 attendees at the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212 sponsored 65th Air Force Anniversary Ball. The ball was held Sept. 21, 2012 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

“There is no better place to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Air Force than this museum,” said Sheila Wallace, AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 President, who led the festivities.



A special guest of honor during the evening was Col. George Everette "Bud" Day, a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and Command Pilot who served during the Vietnam War, to include five years and seven months as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam. He is often cited as being the most decorated U.S. service member since General Douglas MacArthur, having received some seventy decorations, a majority for actions in combat. Day is a recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Air Force Cross. Attendees were delighted when Col. Day and wife danced to their favorite song played by the Band of Flight during the evening's entertainment.

Other guests of honor included Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, Air Force Material Command Commander, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, OH, and her husband Col. "Wolf" Wolfenbarger (retired); Gen. Donald Hoffman (retired) and his wife Jacki, Lt. Gen. Andy Bush, AFMC Vice Commander and his wife Leslie; Lt. Gen. CD Moore, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Commander, WPAFB, OH; Lt. Gen. Jack Hudson NMUSAF (retired) AF Director and his wife Marsha; Lt. Gen. John Hopper Vice Commander,

Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, TX; and Maj. Gen Ed Mechenbier (retired) and his wife Jerri.

Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., accepted a check from the silent auction held during the evening, in support of the Air Force Aid Society.

During the evening, awards were presented to area leaders. James H. Strickler, Col, USAF (Ret) - Ambassador Award. This award is granted to the individual whose devoted service to AFA perpetuates and advances the name, reputation and ideals of the Association; Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, former AFMC Commander received the Heritage Award. Mr. Thomas Wells was awarded the annual Legacy Award.

Many AFA Star sponsors were in attendance, representing their corporations that provide financial support for AFA programs. This year many added a True Blue designation paying for airmen who have deployed to attend the ball as honored guests.

During the evening it was announced Wright Memorial Chapter 212 received the Chapter of the Year Award at the AFA National Convention. "There are three words used to describe the AFA Mission...educate, advocate and support," said Ms. Wallace. "This award shows that our Chapter is not only meeting but exceeding these goals in all three of these areas."

A few of the programs AFA Chapter 212 supports include Heroes Welcoming Heroes, Hearts Together, WPAFB quarterly and annual awards, CyberPatriot, educator workshops, Veterans Administration activities and the annual Air Force Marathon.



Big Plans for the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force®

The Super Guppy has landed in Dayton, Ohio, bringing NASA's first space shuttle crew compartment trainer (CCT) to its new place in aviation history. The CCT, used by a generation of shuttle astronauts, will go on temporary exhibit in the Cold War Gallery of the National Museum of the United States Air Force pending completion of a proposed fourth building on the Museum's campus. Ever vigilant to its mission as "the keepers of their stories,"® the Museum in Dayton is in the midst of an ambitious expansion to be funded entirely by the nonprofit Air Force Foundation, Inc. through generous donations from its members and friends throughout the country. Construction on the critical fourth building, scheduled for late 2013, will begin when the remaining \$8.5 million of the projected \$48.7 million project cost has been secured.

The proposed 224,000 square foot building will house three new galleries highlighting the Air Force's contribution to the nation's historical and technological achievements: the Space Gallery, the Presidential Aircraft Gallery, and the Global Reach Gallery. The CCT will be the core attraction of the Space Gallery. To enhance the visitor's experience, the Museum plans to construct a full-scale mockup of the rest of the shuttle – the payload bay and tail section. Ramps leading up to the mockup will be in the shape of shuttle wings. School children, as well as individuals of all ages, will be drawn to the exhibits, which will offer numerous interactive learning opportunities. "It will be a fantastic educational experience and, we believe, much more than one could get just walking around the exterior of a shuttle," said Museum Director Lt Gen Jack Hudson, USAF (Ret.).

Speaking at a recent community event, Lt Gen Richard Reynolds, USAF (Ret.), chairman of the AF Museum Foundation Board, spoke about plans to expand science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs in the new building and the role the Museum plays in exciting young people about STEM education and careers. "For students, a trip to

the Museum can ignite the spark that stimulates a lifelong interest in aerospace," Reynolds said. "The fourth building will provide unprecedented opportunities to expand STEM programs. The NASA crew compartment trainer is a prime example. Interactive exhibits will teach students about propulsion, payload capacity, human factors, and more. Tiered seating in each of the galleries will be designed to support school programs, and online resources will extend learning to classrooms around the world."

As the fundraising campaign enters its final approach, the need for additional donations is great. There are several ways you can lend your support.

1. Become a member of the Friends Program of the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Visit the Foundation's website at www.afmuseum.com to sign up for membership in the Friends Program. Friends receive numerous benefits, including a subscription to the quarterly *Friends Journal*, as well as a 20 percent discount on IMAX® shows or items in the Museum Store, at the Museum or online. The Museum Store is among the finest sources of aviation books available anywhere. Membership is also a great way to stay connected to news on the latest gallery exhibits and special programs for members only.

2. Make a donation to support the Museum expansion.

Visit the Foundation's website at www.afmuseum.com to make a contribution in any amount. Consider donating cash or securities in one lump sum or making a pledge to be paid in installments over multiple years. The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc. is a section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible within the limits prescribed by law.

3. Purchase a data plate to honor a loved one, and support the building project at the same time.

A Legacy Data Plate offers a unique and meaningful way to honor the outstanding airman, patriot, or loved one in your life. These 4"x8" aviation-grade stainless steel plates are engraved with a tribute message of your choosing and are prominently displayed on a special recognition wall near the Museum entrance. Additionally, you have an opportunity to provide a short . . .

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The Ohio Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Group VII

HURRICANE SANDY SUPPORT

CAP's Ohio Wing answered the call to perform their emergency services mission by providing six crewmembers and two aircraft to deploy to the East coast supporting Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. These assets provided critical aerial imagery for a myriad of customers, including FEMA (*see photos below*). In all, 100 aircrews from the Great Lakes, North Central and Northeast regions covered more than 300 miles of coastline from Cape Cod, Mass., to Cape May, N.J., in what could prove to be the largest aerial photo mission in CAP history, producing more than 120,000 photos with some missions lasting 6-8 hours.



NEW AIRCRAFT

The Ohio Wing was notified we'll be receiving a newly refurbished C-172 with an Aspen avionics package as the main feature of the instrument panel. CAP continually works to provide current equipment to its units and maintains an ongoing refurbishment program. Although there are variances, typically the aircraft receives an overhaul, complete with a new engine, interior, brakes, tires and hoses and a new CAP-specific paint job. The refurbished airplanes also carry a combination of instrumentation with CAP-

refurbished aircraft having both the new, state-of-the-art instruments and the traditional analog ones side-by-side. This proves very useful in training a pilot who is transitioning from the old to the new. It gives pilots a chance to fly with the new instruments but have what they are accustomed to there as a backup while they are still learning. We're excited to report that Group VII is on the "short list" of potential units to receive this aircraft.



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PRESENTING THE FLAG TO THE COMMUNITY

Group VII units participated in a myriad of Veteran's Day activities including one of our units providing Color Guard services at a memorial event. The Color Guard also provided support during Springboro's Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival. Our young cadets work hard to proudly display the proper respect and ceremonial grandeur warranted by such events in our communities; hitting the mark every time!

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Group VII cadets participated in the Dayton VA Medical Center Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk/Roll. The cadets provided several support activities to include crowd control, marshaling, running course station support, etc., and administrative duties. This is our first time collaborating with the VA Center for this specific event and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the event's co-sponsor, American Veterans Heritage Center, Inc. The VA 5-K is laced with tradition since the course literally ran through the living history of the VA that began in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War. The course meandered through the rolling campus, past many historic buildings that are on the National Registry and through the National Cemetery where one is always humbled by the reminder of those who guaranteed our freedoms with their ultimate sacrifice. This event also hosted efforts to benefit the ongoing Veterans History Project, the time-critical effort to have veterans to record their military experiences and have their events preserved by being interviewed by members of the Library of Congress.

AFA Support for VA Unfunded Needs



On Thursday 13 September 2012, Vita Eonta and George Simons attended the Dayton VA Medical Center Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) meeting. After the meeting the two AFA representatives presented two checks to Mr. Mark Frazee, the Chief of Voluntary Service, from the Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association. These two checks were for the Emergency Fund and the Canteen Book Fund. The Emergency Fund provides meals, transportation, lodging, clothing and other necessities to VA patients in need. The Canteen Book Fund is used to purchase canteen books for various VA patient related needs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

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Please watch our website regularly to see new ideas/programs that we will be implementing. If you have other ideas or events that you would like to consider, we would be delighted to hear from you. I would also request that when you see an email coming from AFA that you take a moment to read it. Invitations for upcoming events will be sent to you via email. I hope to have as many of you as possible get involved with the chapter and attend our events.

As we move through the holiday season and into the new year, the entire board of the AFA, Wright Memorial Chapter wishes you the best of health, happiness and prosperity in 2013.

Update your AFA Records at www.AFA.org

Annual "All-American Evening" Benefits Wright-Patt Fisher Houses

Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. is pleased to announce the 9th Annual "All American Evening" on April 28th raised more than \$77,740 for operating expenses of Wright-Patt's two Fisher Houses. This year's theme "...Go Wild for Our Heroes," was held at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and honored all American heroes, with special guests five Wounded Warriors and two Gold Star families in attendance.

The event, in partnership with the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter and Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, raised \$26,320 on silent and live auctions of items donated by community members and businesses. Entertainment was provided by Dan Edwards, WDTN morning anchor. Major General (Retired) Ed Mechenbier served as Master of Ceremonies and Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly conducted the live auction. In addition, gourmet foods prepared by Wright-Patt's Chef David Glynn were a huge hit with attendees

Plans are already in work for the 27 April 2013 event, which will be subtitled "...Coming Home." Mark your calendars for the tenth annual event, which promises to be yet another good time.

Wright-Patterson's Fisher Houses assisted more than 650 current and retired service members and their families in 2011, providing an opportunity for military families to stay together for physical and emotional support while undergoing medical treatment. With 19 bedrooms between the two houses, a total of 6,935 nights are made available to military members and/or their family members – at no cost to them and at no cost to taxpayers. The Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. raises the monies to reimburse the Government for the operations so the guests do not have to pay to stay in the houses.

For more information, please contact the Executive Director, Chris Stanley, at 937-672-8724.



COX MEDIA GROUP OHIO SUPPORTS WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

With a strong history of entrepreneurial spirit and innovation, southwest Ohio boasts one of the largest clusters of research centers and business incubators in the U.S. And at its heart is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, aerospace leader fueling regional commerce and development. Cox Media Group Ohio (CMG Ohio) is proud to work and support the mission of WPAFB.

CMG Ohio recognizes the important role WPAFB plays in our region and has invested resources supporting that role.

- Our cross-platform newsroom includes a team specifically dedicated to coverage of the military, veterans' affairs, national security and government.
- CMG Ohio is the exclusive publisher and distributor of *Skywrighter*, the official weekly newspaper of WPAFB. Our staff is located directly on base, working with base personnel to deliver complete and dependable weekly coverage of the news and information important to base employees, their families and surrounding communities.
- CMG Ohio is a proud supporter of both Air Force Material Command Freedom's Call Tattoo and the Air Force Marathon, providing significant multi-media promotional support across our local print & broadcast brands and connecting with our listeners, viewers and readers. We also provide entertainment for base personnel through our Football Frenzy Tailgates.
- Through our media sponsorship of Dayton Defense, CMG Ohio supports development of the local defense industrial base, local contractors and WPAFB.

At CMG Ohio, we look forward to telling the story of our communities each day and are invested in serving the communities in which we live and work. We are proud to join with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to provide a means for growing local business and our region's legacy of innovation.

Community Partner Spotlight on



**HARRISON
COLLEGE**

HARRISON COLLEGE STRIVES TO BETTER SERVE ITS MILITARY STUDENT POPULATION

Harrison College, an Indianapolis-based private sector college serving more than 5,000 students at 14 campuses in Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina and Online, has experienced significant enrollment growth from veterans, current servicemembers, and military spouses and dependents. As more and more servicemembers return home from deployment overseas, the college expects to see even more people choose to use their Veterans Affairs Education Benefits and enroll at the college. So it's taking steps to prepare.

Admissions representatives and Financial Aid specialists are well versed in military benefits, and are trained to ensure that veterans, servicemembers, spouses and dependents receive all the benefits they have earned. The college even has a veteran on staff whose sole responsibility is to work with students using Veterans Affairs Education Benefits, helping them acclimate to the classroom and connecting them to other students with military backgrounds.

In 2011, Harrison College formed a Military Advisory Board, a group of current and former servicemembers, students, and not-for-profit leaders who serve our nation's military. The Board has been instrumental in suggesting policies, processes and procedures that help the college better serve its military student population.

"We are a student-centered institution of higher learning," says Jason Konesco, Harrison College President. "So it shouldn't come as a surprise that we continue to look for ways to improve our service to students who have served in our nation's military. That includes spouses and dependents, who have sacrificed for our country just as the servicemembers have."

Harrison College offers more than 40 degree programs across five schools of study.

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Wright Memorial Chapter Holds Grant Writing Workshop

On 14 and 15 September 2012, the Wright Memorial Chapter #212 Educators Action Team (EAT) held two grant writing sessions at Starbase on Wright-Patterson AFB. We used Starbase's computer lab and gave the teachers the opportunity to learn how to write a grant by actually writing the AFA Educator's Grant valued at \$250 per teacher.

Teachers left that workshop with wonderful attitudes saying to each other "I know we won't all be awarded these grants, but what is the worst thing that can happen, I now know how to write a grant on my own." Continuing Education Units (CEUs) were again sponsored by Wright State University. We had 13 of our workshop attendees be awarded these grants in the previous year.

Sharon Murner
Julie Livingston
Shiela Wallace



BIG PLANS FOR THE MUSEUM . . .

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biographical narrative, photograph, and video for the website at www.LegacyDataPlates.com.

4. Include a bequest to the AF Museum Foundation in your will, or consider other future gifts.

Leave a meaningful legacy of your association with the Air Force. Consider including the Air Force Museum Foundation in your charitable gift and estate plans to make a lasting contribution to the National Museum of the United States Air Force. There are a variety of options for making a charitable gift. These plans can be tailored to meet the future needs of your family while reducing estate and income taxes. For more information on planned giving opportunities, contact Lin Erickson at 937-656-9258, or email lerickson@afmuseum.com.

5. Tell a friend.

Help us spread the word to other Air Force veterans or aerospace enthusiasts who might also be interested in contributing to the expansion of this great museum. The new galleries, combined with dynamic, interactive educational displays, will inspire future generations to appreciate our heritage and perhaps pursue their own careers in the Air Force or aerospace industry.

HARRISON COLLEGE . . .

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And although the programs vary widely, they have one thing in common – they are all career focused. Some of the most popular programs among students using Veterans Affairs Education Benefits include Medical Assisting, Logistics, Health Informatics, Criminal Justice, and Project Management. Students can earn bachelor's degrees, associate's degrees, certificates and diplomas.

G.I. Jobs magazine has bestowed the title "Military Friendly" upon Harrison College in its annual list each of the last four years. The college was cited for:

- Granting College Credits for military experience;
- Implementing a Military Withdrawal Policy for service members who withdraw due to deployment, transfer or mobilization;
- Creating a scholarship for military spouses and dependents;
- Establishing a Military Advisory Board

For more information about Harrison College, logon to www.harrison.edu or call 888.544.4422.

Air Force ROTC? So, What Do You Teach?

*By Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hughes, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 643 and
Professor of Aerospace Studies, Wright State University*

The stated mission of the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is to develop quality Leaders for the Air Force. A simple statement—and yet it entails much more than is reflected in the seemingly straightforward text. Furthermore, when presented in an academic forum (say, like a University faculty meeting), it consistently invites the following question from fellow professors: “So, what do you teach?”

First and foremost, we teach leadership—the ability to motivate, inspire, educate, train and lead others in action—whether that action is an intellectual planning problem or the actual execution of a plan of action. Furthermore, we teach followership—one must learn to be a good follower before one can grow into an effective leader.

However, there is so much more. Air Force ROTC teaches university students history—U.S. history, military history, cultural history. We teach geography, illustrating the importance of understanding the physical environment, and how Airmen can contribute to joint successes only if they understand the view from the ground...or the sea. We teach international relations, political science, government, linking our Nation’s national security strategy, policy, and objectives to everyday actions, emphasizing all aspects of national power—Diplomatic, Informational, Military, and Economic—and showing how they are used in concert.

Our Faculty and Staff teach ethics, English, communications and management, economics, finance, logistics, human resource management, culture and language, pre-law (emphasizing the Law of Armed Conflict, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as U.S. and International law), as well as the Code of Conduct. We teach not only Air Force doctrine, but Joint Doctrine, as well as the capabilities, limitations, and interdependence of the various Armed Services—how we are supported and how we support others in the joint fight. We provide the foundational concepts of strategic, operational, and tactical planning, enabling our students to execute operations as directed by the President. Moreover, we develop our cadet’s ability to think critically, to apply knowledge and experience, to observe, orient, decide, and act—then assess and do it consistently.

Furthermore, our Faculty and Staff have levels of experience, knowledge and wisdom that often exceed our civilian counterparts. Although there are many, many civilian professors who are experts in their respective academic fields with a depth and breadth of experience, conversely there are just as many who are purely academic. The former can pass along their worldly experiences to students; the latter have been ensconced in purely academic environments from “kindergarten to PhD,” with limited “real-world” experiences.

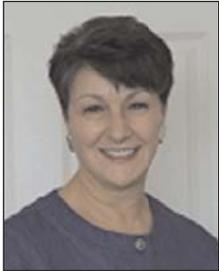
Conversely, Air Force ROTC Faculty and Staff have myriad experiences in the “real world”—indeed from all across it! Our instructors possess not only the requisite academic credentials; they have the strategic, operational, and tactical expertise honed in multiple operations from across the entire spectrum of conflict, ranging from host nation engagement, humanitarian assistance and disaster response all the way up to and including major combat operations. Some of our civilian counterparts can relay their graduate school “experience”, whereas our Faculty and Staff—officers and Non-Commissioned officers alike can pass along their combat experience to the next generation of leaders of both our Air Force and our Nation. Our counterparts talk of other cultures—we’ve actually been there, working with host nation citizens while leading young men and women, often under fire. Some of our civilian counterparts have their degrees on their walls; we have similar ones...as well as pictures, mementos, and combat patches. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 12*



VITA EONTA

(Lt Col, USAFR, Ret.)

Secretary



The Wright Memorial Chapter welcomes Vita Eonta to the chapter Executive Council as our Secretary. Lt Col Vita Eonta retired from the USAF in 2005.

Since retiring, Lt Col Eonta has volunteered with the Air Force Association as a Veteran Affairs Representative, volunteers at the VA Medical Center, is on the AFA silent auction committee, and is Ohio's AFA state secretary.

As a Religious Education Catechist she developed and implements a mission program for grades 1-8, and also volunteers at the school as a math tutor. She was the senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) responsible for Modeling Simulation & Analysis (MS&A) policy and guidance and implemented Command MS&A initiatives for the Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

After teaching high school mathematics in New York for five years, Vita took a military leave of absence in '78 to receive her commission as a second lieutenant from Officer Training School. Her first assignment was to the Space Computational Center, Cheyenne Mountain Complex, North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command, Colorado Springs, CO as an Astrodynamics Programmer and Systems Programming Analyst.

In January of 1980, she was assigned to Headquarters Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, as a Computer Acquisition Planning Officer.

She separated from active duty in '82 and after a three year break in service entered the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Reserve Assistance Program. As a Reserve Assistance Officer, Lt Col Eonta supported the CAP Search and Rescue, Aerospace, and Cadet Programs at National, Regional, and Squadron levels. She was a CAP liaison officer for the Great Lakes Region, a Cadet Officer School seminar leader for five years and a mentor to the Mount Vernon Squadron in the National Capitol Wing, Washington D.C.

Lt Col Eonta transferred to the IMA program in 1994. Since becoming an IMA, Vita worked for the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, implementing several acquisition policy initiatives for the acquisition workforce.

In 1997, she transferred to the Directorate of Requirements, HQ Air Force Materiel Command and has supported the Workforce Development, Requirements Initiatives, and Acquisition Support Divisions. She worked closely with the Air Force Institute of Technology sponsoring several continuous learning courses and coordinating and implementing command wide acquisition education and training efforts.

As an IMA, Lt Col Eonta also had opportunities to support several special projects such as the USAF Museum's inventory project, Inventing Flight, Dayton 2003, and the HQ AFMC Command Post after 9-11.

Vita is also a lifetime member of the AFA. We are very fortunate to have Vita on our team and look forward to her continued excellence.

VA Holiday Meal

George and Vita represented the Wright Memorial Chapter at the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Holiday Meal on Thursday Nov 15th at the Dayton VA.

The holiday meal is provided annually to serve the veterans in the PSR program and their families a traditional holiday meal. This year the catered meal of turkey and ham, stuffing, sweet and mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce served 110 veterans plus their families. A variety of pies, cookies and cupcakes were available with coffee and drinks. Contributions and volunteers are needed to fund and support this event to the outpatient community of veterans. Pictured are George and Vita with a member of the Gold Star Mothers preparing and serving the desserts.



Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps *Unit OH-20061-Bellbrook High School*

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Unit OH-20061 has been at Bellbrook High School since the 2006-2007 Academic Year and is headed up by instructors Eugene A. Longo, Lt Col (ret) and Tony Chitwood, MSgt (ret.) In the natural progression of building an Air Force Junior ROTC Program, the cadets (students) become the leaders and the trainers within the program. At Bellbrook High School the cadets have embraced their opportunities and are a corps of leaders and dedicated cadets. This article is about what has happened within the first quarter of the 2012-2007 Academic School Year. The below article was written by our corps commander, Cadet Colonel Andrew Vogel, a senior with plans to attend the Air Force Academy upon graduation.

My name is Cadet Colonel Andrew Vogel, Cadet Corps Commander for the AFJROTC unit 2006-1 at Bellbrook High School. In this newsletter, I am going to do my best in describing to you what this unit has done and is planning to do this year.

VFW Parking Assistance:

In August 2012, before the start of the school year, a group of our cadets helped our veterans at the VFW Kettering Post by directing vehicles on where to park for their annual picnic. Over 300 cars and no accidents!

Color Guard:

Our Color Guard, as always, has been extremely active. They have presented the colors at our own high school football games, Cincinnati Reds baseball games, United States Air Force promotion ceremonies at Wright Patt Air Force Base, and meetings for the Kettering VFW Post. Our color guard unit has improved its equipment and its marching style in



the past year and, in turn, is looking even more professional. The Color Guard is our most known feature of the corps. They are our face and have done a great job being great role-models.

Fitness Club:

Our after school activity, fitness club, has given our cadets the opportunity to have fun while getting in shape. This includes playing sports that require a lot of running or strength, such as a new cadet-made sport which the cadets have named "ROTC Ball."

Recycling:

Our program runs the school-wide recycling program which has been going on for seven years. We make sure all of the waste paper, plastic, and cardboard generated is recycled. Our efforts save money for the school district, lighten the work by the custodians and save valuable resources for our country.

Golf Outing:

Our one annual fund-raiser, a golf outing was extremely successful. We had over 20 golf teams of four attend. In addition over 80 families and businesses donated to our cause. The cadets ran the entire event and it resulted in a fun day for the golfers.

9/11 Ceremony:



Our unit honored those who fell on September 11th, 2001. The entire corps assembled at the high school flag pole on the anniversary of that dark day to bring the flag to half mast. We had a moment of silence and Taps was played. It was a very powerful ceremony witnessed by our student body.

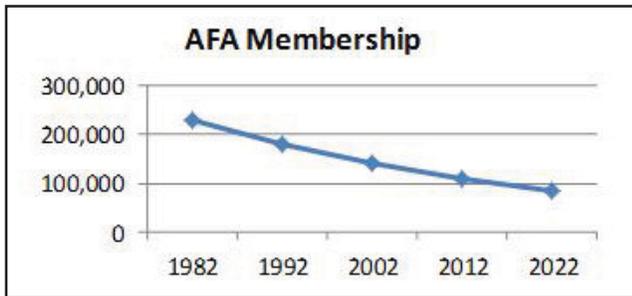
Air Force Marathon:

A large group of our unit this year helped at the Air Force Marathon. Our job was to give water to the hard-working runners and to cheer them on to keep going. It is a very fun experience for the cadets.

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2) The Air Force Association needs a stronger voice on the Hill to advocate on behalf of its members, now more than ever before. If you factor in the continuing fiscal challenges facing the United States, likely military end-strength reductions and strategic choices surrounding Air Force weapons systems, and the looming threat of sequestration, membership is more critical than ever before.

3) Bottom line: Airmen currently serving in uniform are not responding to existing marketing and communication strategies. As well, students attending Cyber Patriot, STEM, ROTC, CAP, Cadets, Scouts, and other student groups remain just outside existing marketing strategies. These markets are relatively not part of the strategic marketing strategy. Encouraging involvement from these groups would increase our network and provide a direct avenue for them to access information and resources. Similar to LinkedIn, AFA NextGeN would enable members to share the AFA story to a currently inaccessible layer.

Time for something new

My first step will be to assemble a Social Media Committee chartered with building a comprehensive strategy to implement social media. I'll be looking for a team comprised of students/cadets, enlisted and commissioned Airmen, and retired military. Together we will evaluate new methods while considering important factors surrounding a wide variety of demographics. The secret to success will be to harness the viral potential of social media.

Social media is more than $A + B = C$. Harnessing social media's viral potential yields exponential results: $A + B = Z$. AFA NextGeN would have multiple people contributing across multiple platforms through a variety of technologies all weaved into one collaborative environment. I am confident we can leverage the capabilities of Facebook, Google+, YouTube, and Twitter.

Rest assured I realize not everyone uses social media. As we blaze this trail we intend to complement

current communication methods versus replace them. The communication techniques relied upon by the dedicated and selfless members who have supported AFA for decades will continue unimpeded.

Yep, this is going to stir things up a bit. I can't wait to get started!

AIR FORCE ROTC? . . .

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Lastly, Air Force ROTC Faculty and Staff work with universities to produce leaders who are dedicated to the service of our Nation and its citizens via the profession of arms. We are training warriors, who will become part of the 0.5 (zero point five) percent of our citizens who are actually serving, and sacrificing far from home on behalf of others. Someday our cadets will become civilians again, free to explore civilian pursuits. Until then, Integrity, Service and Excellence will be their objectives; the Airman's Creed will be their own to live.

Thus, we teach a great many things to the students who have the courage to pursue the profession of arms via the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. We ask them some straightforward questions:

"Are you willing to work harder than ever before, in order to become intellectually, physically, and mentally able to lead Airmen in a combat zone? Are you willing to be on call, 24/7, in peacetime and wartime for your Airmen and your Nation? Are you willing to sacrifice your needs, indeed, your life for your Airman and your Nation? And are you willing to be responsible—in every sense—for 40 human beings, and every aspect of their lives? If the answer to each of these is "yes", well then you might be worthy of our profession."

So, back to answering our civilian counterparts; here's what we tell them. "We take smart, strong, young men and women who are engaged in rigorous programs of instruction at their respective universities and create future leaders of our Air Force, and Nation—that's what we teach, and it is what we do!"



AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE . . .

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Spirited Affair:

A small section of our unit helped our school district's fundraiser called "A Spirited Affair," an event of fun and games for youngsters in Bellbrook. Our cadets helped set-up, work the event, and put everything away.

VFW Painting:

Much of our unit once again helped our veterans at the Kettering VFW Post, by helping them paint the exterior of the building, pavilion, and a shed.

Canned Food Drive:



Every year our unit has a canned food drive to assist the needy for the holidays. This year the drive has arguable ran the smoothest it ever has in its history. Our collection days have been streamlined and the "storage room" where we keep our cans is the most organized it has ever been. We are currently sitting at 9,500 cans with our goal being 10,000 cans.

Monthly Activities:

Our cadets have also gone on self-organized and self-paid monthly activities to have some fun. So far our cadets have gone to play paintball and gone to a place called Adventure Acres to get lost in corn mazes. After all, our cadets need to have some fun, and shooting paintballs at each other is the perfect way. We plan to continue doing the monthly activities.

Promotion Ceremony:

Just recently, on 14 November, our unit had our annual promotion ceremony. Cadets who had earned it, were promoted to a new rank to reward each of them for their respective performance in the corps. A few cadets did well enough to get step-promoted, skipping a few ranks.

Annual Trip:

Our major annual trip is coming up soon. This school year, our cadets are planning to travel to New York, to go to West Point. For a lot of our cadets, this will complete the cycle of seeing the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and West Point. We will have 54 cadets traveling with us.

FINAL WORDS:

Our cadets have done a great job this year accumulating over 2,000 community service hours. Our senior cadets have run the corps to this point very successfully and very smoothly, arguably this year has been one of the best years of the unit for our senior leadership. Improvements have been made nearly everywhere so far. We continue to follow our motto: "Making Better Citizens for America," and always follow our Air Force Core Values of "Integrity First," "Service Before Self," and "Excellence in All We Do."

Youngest B-52 Hits 50

The last B-52H bomber delivered to the Air Force and still in service turned 50 years old on Oct. 26, manufacturer Boeing announced.

Stratofortress serial No. 61-040 is the youngest B-52 in the force and is assigned to Minot AFB, N.D. It flies with the 5th Bomb Wing and was originally delivered from Boeing's Wichita, Kan., production plant in October 1962.

Between 1952 and 1962, Boeing built 744 B-52s in eight different models.

Today, the Air Force's B-52 fleet comprises 76 H model aircraft, including two used as test aircraft at Edwards AFB, Calif.

Barksdale AFB, La., hosts the service's second combat-coded B-52 unit, the 2nd Bomb Wing, as well as Air Force Reserve Command's 307th BW that runs the B-52 schoolhouse.

The Air Force intends to keep B-52s in service to around 2040.

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Parting Thoughts

"Our service members are making their country proud every day over here. The fight still goes on, and seeing Americans serve their country in this fight is really inspiring."

—Brig. Gen. Scott Dennis, outgoing commander of the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in a base release, Nov. 12, 2012. Dennis relinquishes command after a one-year assignment on Nov. 19, 2012.



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