

# WMC Crossfeed

**Air Force Association – Wright Memorial Chapter 212**

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**TOM KOOGLER**

I hope this edition of our *Crossfeed* newsletter finds you well. You may notice that this issue of *Crossfeed* is about a month later than in past years. We decided to move the release to early in the quarter. This will improve our quarterly reporting to AFA National that each Chapter is required to do and allows us to obtain funding from them.

It's hard to believe that I've had the honor of being your Chapter's President for a year now. I knew we had a great chapter; however, this year has really made me realize how fortunate we are especially when I look at so many other Chapters. We have members who take pride in our Chapter, are willing to volunteer, assume leadership positions, and contribute in so many ways. We have great sponsors and community partners. Their support allows our Chapter to accomplish the many items we do to support our Air Force and our community. Our relationship with WPAFB, its leadership and members, the VA Hospital, and the military community is truly remarkable. This relationship enables us to truly carry out our mission and it is a privilege and pleasure to work with these professionals. We have the support of AFA State, Regional and National leadership and along with other associations/organizations in the local community. All of these combined make this a very special AFA Chapter.

I am truly humbled to have been elected your President and can't thank our Chapter's leadership and volunteers, the WPAFB leadership and members, the local community and so many others enough for making this such a memorable year for Pat and I. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

If you haven't heard the news, one of our members and Past Chapter President, Kent Owsley, was elected to a National Director at Large position during the AFA National Convention held in September. In this

capacity, Kent will have direct influence on many of the AFA National policies, positions and procedures. As the Great Lakes President, he served on several committees and had a major impact on many items including the improvement of our quarterly reporting process by having it transition to a web based system. Paul Lyons from Indiana was elected to replace Kent as the Great Lakes Region President. Jeff Liffick will continue as the State of Ohio President. It really helps to have these positions filled by people that care about the AF and AFA.

During the AFA National Convention, the national elections were held with the following results:

*Chairman of the Board* – Scott Van Cleef  
*VP Field Operations* – David Dietsch  
*VP Aerospace Education* – Jerry White  
*National Secretary* – Marv Tooman  
*National Treasurer* – Nora Reebrook  
*National Director at Large* – Gary North & Kent Owsley  
*National Director (East)* – Kevin Jackson

Pat and I along with several of our Chapter members attended the National Convention. Overall the convention was very informative and I believe we'll see several changes to the AFA . . . *CONTINUED ON PAGE 7*



*AFA National Award*

# Ohio AFA State Meeting

On 16 Aug 2014 the AFA Ohio State meeting was held at the Motts Military Museum, in Groveport, Ohio, just outside of Columbus. The meeting was hosted by the Eddie Rickenbacker Chapter. Also represented were members of the Wright Memorial and Ralston Ohio AFA Chapters. It was a very memorable location to hold our State meeting. For those of you that have not been to the museum I would highly encourage you to visit it. While the museum has a less than auspicious appearance as you approach, the treasures inside and in the rear of the facility are truly impressive.

In Addition to the normal Chapter and State reports discussing membership reports and programs supported by each chapter such as ROTC, JROTC, and the CyberPatriot program opportunities for the State's Chapter's to team together were discussed providing an encouraging tone for the future.

During the meeting we also received an overview of the Air Force Junior ROTC program at East High School in Columbus supported by the Rickenbacker Chapter from Benjamin Klepek, Maj, USAF (Ret), a Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at the school. This program is instilling responsibility and providing a positive influence to the Cadets in this inner city school program. It is obviously changing the lives of the Students and instructors which are involved.

Richard Isabell, Americans with Disabilities Act & Veteran's Affairs Coordinator from the Columbus Mayor's office was present to discuss the support his office provided to veterans. He is responsible for the oversight and coordination of the efforts of the City of Columbus to comply with Title II. Mr. Isabell also provided assistance to the over 110,000 veterans who call Columbus, Ohio home. His office's main priority is to the Columbus City Employees and making sure their rights and benefits are being protected. They also sponsor an outreach program for military and veteran's families called Operation Unity, assist with the local Flag Day ceremonies, Veterans Day, the annual Stand Down program, and provide assistance with referrals.

*Learn more about the services provided at:*  
<http://columbus.gov/VeteransAffairs/>

Warren Motts, founder of the museum, provided a personal tour of the facility which has a Mission "To educate the public on the importance of America's military past through the documentation, collection,

interpretation, and preservation of tangible artifacts and personal stories of the men and women who served and are serving in the United States Armed Forces." The museum is home to artifacts, some are the only in existence, from the American Revolution through 9-11. The tour was the highlight of the day, given with all of the enthusiasm of someone with a true love of his work. Warren shared his intimate knowledge of each piece of history throughout the tour.

*Learn more at:*  
<http://www.mottsmilitarymuseum.org/>

Motts Military Museum, Inc.  
5075 South Hamilton Rd.  
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## VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) BENEFITS

There are three local organizations that provide veterans advice on veterans services to include employment. The first of these is the VA Benefits Advisors at the Airman & Family Readiness Center located at Building 2, Area A at Wright Patt AFB. The benefits advisors are responsible for assisting veterans with regards to VA benefits. They can assist and inform you in areas of VA entitlement such as GI Bill education benefits, disability compensation, vocational rehabilitation and employment, VA health-care and the VA home loan guarantee. If you have questions or would like to set up a meeting with any of the benefit advisors, call 937-257-3856, 257-8479, or 257-7537.

The second option for VA services is a briefing at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. This briefing is given periodically at Bld 2, Room 243. For information on the dates and registration call 937-257-3592.

The third option is the County VA Services Office. To get information on these services go to [www.ohiovet.gov](http://www.ohiovet.gov) and under featured links go to Co. Vets Services Offices. All of the Ohio County offices are listed, Locally, Greene County can be reached at 937-562-6020 and Montgomery County at 937-225-4801.

*In addition for veteran job opportunities, contact Daniel Sensel at 937-528-6570.*

# Wright Memorial Chapter 212 Hosts Annual Air Force Ball

By Libby Van Hook, WMC 212 Public Relations

Both past and present Air Force and community leaders were among the sold out crowd of more than 630 attendees at the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212 sponsored AF Anniversary Ball on Sept. 4, 2014. The Ball, held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, celebrated the AF's 67th Anniversary and honored the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.



*Ambassador Award,  
Diane Gresse receiving for Honor Flight*

Two special guests represented the force of 175,000 men struggling to defeat Nazi Germany on June 6, 1944. There was a standing ovation for 2nd Lt. Herman Engel, and Staff Sgt. Don Jakeway. Col. James Devillier, 88th Air Base Wing commander, thanked them for their service on a very personal level, telling how the Normandy invasion impacted his Mother and his career choice so many years later.

During the evening, awards were presented to area leaders. "I'm extremely proud of the history our chapter has of recognizing outstanding leaders in our own community," said Tom Koogler, WMC 212 president.

In an unusual departure from a single nominee, this year's Ambassador award was given to the Honor Flight Network. The award was granted for their devoted service to AFA that perpetuates and advances the name, reputation and ideals of the Association. The HFN program was conceived by AF Capt. Earl Morse, (Ret.), to honor veterans for their service and sacrifices.



*Col Cassie Barlow, Heritage Award*

Col. Cassie Barlow, USAF (Ret.) was presented the Heritage Award for her outstanding leadership and drive making positive impacts throughout WPAFB and the Miami Valley communities during her tenure as the 88th ABW Base commander. Ms. Fran Duntz was presented the Legacy Award, and CMSGT Charles Worm, USAF (Ret.) received the Enlisted Award 2014.

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*Fran Duntz, Legacy Award*

## 88th ABW

by Col John Devillier

Since my arrival at Wright-Patt in July, things have been running at record-speed. I know I've met many local AFA members and look forward to continuing the great relationship the base enjoys with the Wright Memorial Chapter.



Col John Devillier

September was an extremely busy month and with your help, we kicked it off in first-class style with the Air Force Anniversary Ball with 600+ people attending the event. From the food to the entertainment to the venue at the United States Air Force National Museum, the event was superb and I'm already looking forward to next year's Ball. I was humbled and proud to say a few words, meet our distinguished WW II veterans, and swear in the next generation of Airmen. Thanks for all of your efforts and for partnering with the base to celebrate our Air Force heritage.

Following the Ball, many of you pitched in and volunteered in different ways to support the Air Force Marathon. This event, which brings in runners from around the world, would not be possible without all of the support we receive from organizations like yours across the Miami Valley.

The partnership that you and the rest of the community has with the base Airmen and employees is one of the reasons Wright-Patterson tied as the top Air Force base to be stationed among 68 stateside locations, according to an Air Force Times survey.

As we transition into FY 15, we must continue to be very deliberate and frugal with our limited dollars. As many of you are aware, we anticipate serious budgetary issues in FY 16 if sequestration occurs. We are continuing to look at new ways to do business—as we face constrained resources, we must explore how we deliver services and meet our mission capabilities. While we've had some success with our Partnership Program, which allows us to share resources and services that are mutually beneficial to both parties, we also looking at potential commodity partnerships to realize true benefits from this program. As such, we will be shifting our focus more towards shared commodities where both Wright-Patt and our local communities can benefit financially.

Wright-Patt is one of ten bases across the Air Force being considered for the beddown of the new Installation Mission Support Center. With this Center, the Air Force is creating a single organization focused on supporting installation commanders. The announcement of the Center's location should be made shortly after the beginning of the year.

Thank you for all you do to support our Airmen—your continued support goes a long way and is greatly appreciated.

## National Museum of the USAF Beam Signing

Tom Koogler had a very unique opportunity to represent our chapter on 14 Oct. The National Museum of the USAF and the AF Museum Foundation is constructing a fourth building to expand the museum exhibit space. They invited donors for the NMUSAF's fourth building, NMUSAF volunteers, AFMF volunteers and WPAFB leadership to sign a beam that will be part of the fourth building. The beam is painted white and will be located where the public will be able to view it. Tom participated in the signing session as a donor signing on behalf of our chapter.



# BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC

**B**ellbrook High School Air Force Junior ROTC is in the beginning of its ninth year of existence. The corps is at 130 cadets which are the most ever for the high school. The beginning of the school year is jam packed with activities and getting the cadets accustomed to the program and fitted and dressed out in uniform. Just recently the cadets along with the entire school paid tribute to those who lost their lives from the 9/11 tragedy. The cadets were in formation around the flag pole as a color guard team raised the flag. The National Anthem was sung by a cadet as was the playing of Taps. Also in attendance were the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Police and Fire Departments along with parents and local citizens.



On 20 September 2014, fifty-four cadets arrived at the high school at 0455, loaded a bus and headed to Wright Patterson AFB, where they set up and ran a hydration station sponsored by the Air Force Association in support of the Air Force Marathon. The cadets showed great enthusiasm as they cheered on the runners that passed by mile marker eight.



The Cadet Color Guard Team continues to present the colors at all varsity sporting events along with any other request received. The Bellbrook Junior ROTC color guard team annually performs at multiple retirement ceremonies, college sporting events, business openings, and at least one Cincinnati Reds game.



The cadet corps has kicked off its annual food drive for 2014. This year the goal is 11,000 cans of food to be collected and delivered to local food shelters, pantries, and individual baskets of food made up for military families in need.



Emphasis on academics, community service, and providing leadership opportunities will remain the norm for Bellbrook Air Force Junior ROTC as we seek to accomplish the mission of Making Better Citizens for America. The 2014/2015 Academic Year has started off with great promise ahead.



# Silver Wings

**Title: Lt. Frank S. Patterson Chapter, Silver Wings**

**By: Olivia K. Rutherford, Chapter President**

Going into our first full year as Wright State's chapter of Silver Wings, the Lt. Frank S. Patterson Chapter has already begun filling its' calendar for the academic year. Already we have worked with the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association's (MVDSA) 2014 Buddy Walk and participated in a fall clean-up with the local Ronald McDonald House. Coming up shortly we will be working with Blue Star Mothers to send packages to active duty troops for the holidays, while also decorating Christmas cards as a chapter. Our chapter currently has 10 members and we are working on strengthening our chapter through continual recruitment.

Some short term goals we have lined up include taking a constitutional amendment to our Area Conclave (ARCON 2014) that will then go to our National Conclave (NATCON 2015) in Chicago, Illinois, as well as participating in more activities and projects with the Wilbur & Orville Wright Squadron of Arnold Air Society. Long



term we look forward to hosting a run to benefit a charity of choice and even one day hosting the Region VI ARCON.

If you are interested in more information about our chapter or are in need of volunteers, please email us at [silverwingswsu@gmail.com](mailto:silverwingswsu@gmail.com).

# Arnold Air Society

**Title: Wilbur and Orville Wright (WOW) Squadron**

**By: Nigel Hewlett, Squadron Commander**

The AAS Wilbur and Orville Wright (WOW) Squadron from the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 has continued to evolve over recent years and our motivated squadron staff is looking to gain eight new members this fall with the commencement of the Fall Candidate Class.

Over the next few months, our squadron will remain dedicated to community involvement by aiding in the Habitat for Humanity, serving within local homeless shelters, and even the area UNICEF Halloween event. Our AAS members will also be represented at the University of Cincinnati's 5k Run for the Fallen during 1 Nov 14. Lastly, we will be working to build stronger relations with the local VFW and VA to give the veterans the attention and dedication they deserve.

If you are interested in more information about our squadron or are in need of volunteers, please email us at [wowsquad.cc@gmail.com](mailto:wowsquad.cc@gmail.com).

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National website and other improvements over the next year. During the Awards Dinner on Saturday night, I was privileged to accept the Aerospace Education Excellence Award in the Extra Large Chapter Category. This is a very prestigious award that our Chapter's Aerospace Education Team truly deserves. This team, comprised of our VP for Aerospace Education, Sharon Murner, Shiela Wallace and Julie Livingston, has been operating together for several years and has done a tremendous job! The teacher's workshop that they have presented provides free continuing education credits to thousands of teachers across our region, state and surrounding states. They have honored a Teacher of the Year that competes at the State of Ohio level. This year's Chapter Teacher of the Year, Ann Drake, was selected as Ohio's State Teacher of the Year and competed at the AFA National level. If you haven't already met Ann, I hope you get a chance to meet her and talk to her. She is a remarkable teacher.

Since our last Crossfeed came out this summer there have been many events at Wright Patterson AFB that our Chapter was fortunate to participate in along with several of our own events. We attended the 88th ABW's Change of Command, Col Cassie Barlow's Retirement Dinner, Team Wright Patterson's 2nd Quarterly Awards Luncheon, AFLCMC's Western Hoedown, AFLCMC's Change of Command, and Lt Gen Moore's Retirement Dinner and Ceremony. I was able to speak at the WPAFB Educational Outreach Program's STEMulate your Mind, a STEM related interactive workshop for teachers across the region. In an interest to partner with our organizations, I attended the Dayton Development Coalition's (DDC) WPAFB 2020 and met with the DDC and NDIA regarding potential partnering opportunities. We hosted our Star Sponsors, WPAFB leadership and other members of WPAFB at a Dayton Dragons event and partnered with the DDC and Miami Valley Military Affairs Association to welcome Col Lauderback (NASIC/CC) and Col Devillier (88th/CC) and their families to the area.

You'll read more about it in another article but I have to talk about the Team Wright Patterson AF Anniversary Ball. I know many of you attend this wonderful evening. For those of you that didn't, it started out with our Silent Auction that benefitted the Air Force Aid Society (AFSA). Christina Combs and Libby Van Hook who led our Silent Auction committee did a great job. The Silent Auction raised over \$5,500 for AFSA. Lt Gen (retired) John Hopper, AFSA CEO, was in attendance to accept the donation. Our Chapter also presented our four annual Chapter

Awards to Col (retired) Cassie Barlow, Heritage Award Winner, the Honor Flight Network, Ambassador Award, Ms Fran Duntz, Legacy Award, and CMSgt Chuck Worms, Enlisted Award. The theme of the evening was celebrating the 67th Anniversary of the AF and honoring the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. The highlight of the evening was the AF Band of Flight's performance honoring the brave men on D-Day, especially two of the D-Day veterans, Lt Herman Engle and SSgt Don Jakeway, which were in attendance that night. The 88th ABW team did an amazing job organizing and executing the AF Ball. It was a pleasure and honor working with them.

I'd also like to congratulate three individuals with connections to our Chapter for being inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on November 6th. Brian Jarvis and Jose Rodriguez are members of our Chapter and John Bankowitz teaches Wayne High School Junior ROTC. When you see these gentlemen, please extend your congratulations to them.

Many of you are aware of AFA's Cyber Patriot Program. It's a cyber protection competition for high school and middle school teams. The deadline for teams to sign up for this year's competition has passed. I saw that there are a record number of teams signed up for this year's competition which concludes in March 2015. Several of the teams are from our area. We are already working several initiatives for next year. Pam Strickler has been leading an effort to partner with other organizations and companies to develop training for both the teachers and mentors that support the teams. Our Aerospace Education Team is well into the planning for their teachers' workshop sessions to be held during TechFest on 14 February 2015 at Sinclair Community College. One of the workshop sessions will be connected to Cyber Patriot.

Keep watching our website and your e-mail for announcements, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Don't forget to also follow our Facebook page and Twitter account.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

— Tom Koogler



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Another way AFA honors the AF is to recognize outstanding Airmen: officer, enlisted and Air Force civilians. Koogler acknowledged several members of Team Wright Patterson and other AFMC Centers who would be recognized at AFA National's Air & Space Conference in October: Senior Master Sgt. Michael Venning, one of the AF's 12 Outstanding Airmen, Mr. Patrick Fillingim, AFMC Management Winner (Executive Division), and Mr. Daryl Kitchen, Outstanding Civilian Senior Manager of the Year.



*Check to AF Aid Society*

A silent auction held during the evening raised more than \$5,600.00, and a check in that amount was presented to Lt. Gen. (Ret) John Hopper, CEO Air Force Aid Society. ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets helped with the auction throughout the evening.

Many AFA Star sponsors were in attendance, representing their corporations that provide financial support for AFA programs. "We couldn't provide the multitude of support that we do without our tremendous volunteers and sponsors," said Koogler. "A great example of this our True Blue sponsors who help us support many deployed Airmen and their families and other Airmen tonight and throughout the year." A True Blue designation by sponsors paid for airmen who have deployed to attend the ball as honored guests.

In a moving ceremony during the program, Col. Devillier swore in a group of Delayed Enlisted Persons...part of the Air Force's next generation.



*Most senior and junior airmen at WPAFB*

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



*CMSGT Charles Worm, Enlisted Award*

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