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

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

## COME JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

### APRIL

- **17/18 Ohio UAS Conference**  
@ Sinclair Community College  
*Website: [www.OhioUASConference.com](http://www.OhioUASConference.com)*
- **17-19 Doolittle Raiders Reunion**  
@ National Museum of the Air Force  
*See our website for details*
- **20 AFA's Wright Memorial Chapter 212 All Members Meeting**  
@ Wyndham Garden Dayton South  
*See details in this newsletter and our website*

### JUNE

- **29 WPAFB's Freedom Call Tattoo**  
@ National Museum of the Air Force  
*Website: [www.wpafb.af.mil/tattoo](http://www.wpafb.af.mil/tattoo)*

### JULY

- **7/8 Vectren Dayton Air Show**  
@ Dayton International Air Port  
*See our website for details*

### SEPTEMBER

- **16 AF Marathon's 5K Fun Run**  
@ Wright State University
- **17 AF Marathon @ WPAFB**  
*See our website for volunteer opportunities*
- **16-18 AF National Convention**  
@ Gaylord Hotel Washington DC

*Watch for announcement of other upcoming events as they are scheduled.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**SHIELA WALLACE**

As this is my first report as your President, I would like to say Thank You for your support in electing me as your President. Secondly I would like to announce the other newly elected Wright Memorial Board members; Tom Koogler Executive Vice President, Mary Bloyd Secretary, and Bob VanHook Treasurer. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for making this commitment to the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter which these positions represent. I look forward to serving with all of you. I also want to take the time to recognize the chapter's appointed positions. They include; Everett Odgers, Chapter Executive Director, Kent Owsley (Air Show and Marathon), Jeff Liffick and Kent Owsley (Star Sponsors) Sharon Murner (Aerospace Education), Renee Albright (Silent Auction), Ron Gorges (Leadership Development), Dee Parker (Membership), Tom Di Nino (Communications), George Simons and Vita Eonta (Veterans Affairs) Jessica Derr (Programs), Fred Pumroy and Tom Studebaker (Community Partners). Without these individuals support and the support of many others the Chapter would not be able to be one of the most successful AFA Chapters. Thanks again to all of the Chapter's leadership.

It gives me great pleasure to be involved with some of the finest men and women within the entire Air Force Association. The Wright Memorial Chapter is one of the largest chapters in the Air Force Association with currently over 2200 members. Among these members are seven Charter Members of the Air Force Association. I am proud to pay special recognition to the Charter Member who are part of our chapter: Francis McNamara, JR., D. Hutchens, Paul Koerner, Lawrence Grayson, Martin Hertz, Robert Kuhnert, and William Runser. These are members were present at AFA's first convention in 1947 held in Columbus, Ohio. Thank You for being part of this great association. I look forward to continuing the many programs the chapter supports working to improve communications and membership involvement.

Our Chapter has an outstanding relationship with Wright-Patterson AFB and works closely with the senior leadership at the base to support our Air Force programs such as Airman Enlisted Awards, Hearts Together, and Heroes Welcoming Heroes which is a reception held regularly to recognize our returning deployed troops. This is just a few of the many programs supported by our Chapter. Because of the significant impact made by our Chapter, AFA National continues to recognize the Wright Memorial Chapter as one of the preeminent chapters in the nation. In closing I look forward to seeing you at a Chapter . . .

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# HISTORY OF THE AFA WRIGHT MEMORIAL CHAPTER #212

To members and Former Members of:  
Air Force Association  
Wright Memorial Chapter 212 (WMC #212)

You may be curious about the history of the very successful and active AFA Wright Memorial Chapter #212. Around 1991 I started asking all current and previous WMC members I could contact to provide any file documents they may have in their possession concerning any program activities accomplished by or sponsored by AFA's WMC #212 (i.e., meeting minutes, banquet and dinner meetings, symposiums, Dayton Air Show involvement, etc.).

The response to my 1991 request has been outstanding. Many AFA-WMC members provided me with boxes and files of great historical information over the following 15 years.

In 2006 I contacted the Wright State University Library - Special Collections and Archive Department -- requesting they establish an archival record to preserve the history of the establishment and activities of AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212. A group of WMC officers met with **Dawne Dewey**, Head, Special Collections and Archives at the Wright State University Library and an agreement was signed that WSU would assume responsibility to process the many boxes and files of documents of Chapter 212's activities. In October 2006, many file boxes of documents and pictures were transferred to Wright State and they began processing the material.

Wright State University's Library completed their initial task and established a permanent archive file (called a manuscript file) for AFA WMC #212.

This manuscript file (numbered MS 351) is available to all interested parties. You can access this information several ways:

(1) Visit (personally) the Wright State University Library, fourth floor archives section, and ask for **Manuscript 351** (or **MS 351**) -- Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212.

(2) Call an archivist at the Wright State University Library Archive Section at (937) 775-2092 and ask for assistance.

(3) Use the internet -- <http://www.libraries.wright.edu> -- then type "**MS 351**" in the blank box above the word "SEARCH"; then hit the "SEARCH" bar.

View the resulting screen and follow the instructions to reach *MS 351, Air Force Association: Wright Memorial Chapter*.

Please circulate this information to as many people as you know who might have some previous AFA WMC #212 documents in their home personal files and ask them to please share this data with us.

Please tell them that offering these documents to me/Wright State University they will be preserving a legacy of a great organization.

Please ask them to bring/arrange for a transfer of any documents they have to me and I will ensure they are properly filed. Contact me by:

(1) email at [bschaff@live.com](mailto:bschaff@live.com) or

(2) postal mail to: **William J. Schaff, 429 Oakmead Place, Dayton, OH 45419** or

(3) telephone at **(937) 299-8800**. Please leave a message if you no one answers and I will return the call to make arrangements/other options to transfer your documents/pictures/plaques/etc.

If anyone finds errors in the MS 351 descriptive narrative you read on the internet (after you log in to the Wright State Library site), please provide corrective data to me along with your primary source for the new information. When necessary, I will ask Wright State University Library Archivists to make corrections to the narrative.

*Sincerely,*  
**BILL SCHAFF**  
*Volunteer as AFA WMC #212 Archivist*



# An All-American Evening

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "An All-American Evening" to benefit the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fisher Houses

April 28, 2012

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force

# Go Wild for Our Heroes

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# LOCAL FALLEN HERO SNOW HONORED WITH SILVER STAR

*Fairborn native died in  
Afghanistan as he saved lives  
of his fellow soldiers.*

By KELLI WYNN, Staff Writer

**W**RIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — On Nov. 14, 2010, while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in northeast Afghanistan, U.S. Army Spc. Jesse Snow crawled past enemy fire, dragged two wounded soldiers to safety, used his body as a human shield and became a hero.

On Friday, more than 1,000 people gathered at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force to see Snow, 25, posthumously receive the Silver Star medal for valor.

Army Maj. Gen. James C. McConville, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Fort Campbell, Ky., presented the medal to Snow's parents.

"It's going to show everybody that this guy was a true American soldier and he was brave and he's being recognized and we're so proud of him," said Snow's father, retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. John Snow Sr., prior to the hour-long ceremony.

"(Snow) has a big crown on his head right now in paradise," Gov. John Kasich said during the ceremony. "He is going to be honored for eternity because he laid down his life for his friends."



Snow, a 2003 Fairborn High School graduate and one of six children, was a radio telephone operator assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He was deployed in May 2010. He died just before he was scheduled to return home for rest and relaxation.

John Snow said Jesse was determined to join the "Screaming Eagles" after watching the 2001 HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," which was based on the division's World War II mission in Europe.

"He saw something in the 'Band of Brothers.' He loved his family, but it wasn't fulfilling enough. He had to have something else. He had to have a purpose in life," John Snow said.

"What I want everyone to realize is that Jesse did great and heroic things, but for every second that Jesse was alive that day, these men were right alongside him, keeping him alive so he could do heroic things," said John Snow as he recognized members of his son's platoon, known as BUKA, based in Fort Campbell, Ky. "You were his true band of brothers, and I love each and everyone of you."

Jesse Snow's younger brother, Army 2nd Lt. Alex Snow, recently joined the 101st Airborne.



## Scholarship in Honor of Spc. Jesse Snow

By RON GEORGES

**I** had the privilege of attending the presentation of the Silver Star to the family of Spc. Jesse Snow who was killed in action during Operation Enduring Freedom in November 2010. Over 1000 attended the ceremony which was held at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. I was deeply moved by the sacrifice this outstanding young American from Fairborn, Ohio made for his country.

After the ceremony was over I began to think about how our chapter could honor the memory of this young man. Then I remembered during the ceremony it was mentioned that Jesse was a member of the Jr. ROTC unit at Fairborn High School. Each year the Wright Memorial Chapter presents several scholarships to graduating Jr. ROTC members who are enrolling in a college ROTC program. I thought of naming the scholarship that is presented to a graduating Fairborn High School senior after Jesse. I brought the idea up at the next chapter board meeting and it was immediately accepted.

It is hoped that each time this scholarship is presented that the memory of Spc. Jesse Snow will be kept alive.

# The Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212

*Cordially invites you to the*  
**2012 All-Member Meeting**



**Friday, April 20, 2012**  
**6:30 PM**

**The Wyndham Garden Dayton South**  
31 Prestige Plaza Drive • Miamisburg, OH 45342

*Guest Speakers:*

**LEN VERNAMONTI**

*HQ AFA Treasurer*

*and*

**MAJOR GENERAL EVERETT ODGERS**

*USAF Retired, Chapter Executive Director*

Meeting includes hors d'oeuvres and pay as you go bar.  
Both speakers will be sharing comments relevant to our chapter,  
to our base, and the Air Force.

*Dress: Business casual / Uniform of the Day*

**Please R.S.V.P. to Jessica Derr by noon on April 17th.**

**[Jessica.Derr@exelisinc.com](mailto:Jessica.Derr@exelisinc.com)**

**937-431-5365**

# PSR VA PARTY HELD ON 17 NOV 2011

On Thursday November 17th, George Simons, Vita Eonta, and Joanne Powell attended the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Holiday luncheon and helped to serve lunch to approximately 120 veterans and their families. The luncheon is an annual event to provide a holiday meal for patients and their families in the PSR program. PSR staff and the Gold Star Wives were also there to help serve. They had turkey with dressing, ham with mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and macaroni and cheese. They had apple and cherry pies, and cakes for dessert and coffee and punch. The Wright Memorial Chapter provided meals for 10 veterans and gifts from Santa. Each veteran also received a letter, written by Abby Nicole Miller, a 9th grader thanking the veteran for their service. Abby plans on joining the Air Force and becoming a Nurse,



*Vita Eonta and Joann Powell getting cake ready for the veterans.*



*Santa giving present to a veteran.*



*Veterans enjoying the food*

# VETERANS VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

On 16 February 2012, The Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) sponsored a Valentine's Day party at the Dayton VA Medical Center. This was part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The purpose of the National salute is to pay tribute and express appreciation to hospitalized veterans, increase community awareness of the role of the VA Medical Center, and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers. The annual National salute programs began in 1978 when the VA took over sponsorship of the program started in 1974 by a humanitarian organization.

Three AFA volunteers joined Dayton VA Medical Center staff in providing a bingo event for the veterans. The AFA provided sub sandwiches for the veterans and provided canteen books as prizes for the bingo games. These canteen books allow the veterans to get necessities at the canteen in the VA center. A large amount of food was left over, and the VA staff distributed the food to veterans in the hospital who were not able to make the valentine party. The veterans expressed their appreciation for the AFA sponsorship.

If you wish to show your appreciation to veterans, you may volunteer at the Dayton VA Medical Center. To volunteer, contact Kay Crawford at the Volunteer Service (937) 262- 2162



*George Simons assisting veterans with bingo prizes.*



*Joanne Powell assisting veterans getting subs.*



*Veterans getting subs.*

## VA Voluntary Service (VAUS) Quarterly Meeting

On 19 Dec 2011, George Simons, the AFA Representative to the VAVS, and Vita Eonta, the AFA Deputy Representative to the VAVS attended the quarterly VAVS meeting at the Dayton VA Center. During the meeting, they presented a check for \$150 from the Wright Memorial Chapter of the AFA to the Veterans Center for veterans Emergency Fund and a check for \$150 for the veteran's bus tokens. The Emergency Fund provides meals, transportation, lodging, clothing, and other necessities to veteran patients in need. The bus tokens provide for veteran's transportation needs. Later in the meeting, the newly appointed VA Medical Center Director, Glenn A. Costie, arrived and was introduced by the VAVS officers.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . .

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event and I invite you to get involved in supporting your Association.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be contacted by email [swallace@afadaytonwright.com](mailto:swallace@afadaytonwright.com) or via **phone (937) 429-2473**.

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SHIELA WALLACE

*President*

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# Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Reunion Schedule Update

by ROB BARDUA  
*National Museum of the U.S. Air Force*

**D**AYTON, Ohio -- The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Reunion schedule has been updated for events being held April 18 and 19 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

An autograph session for the general public will be held at the museum on Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m. Autograph lines will open at 12:30 p.m. and the Raiders will sign as many autographs as their schedule allows. Please note there is a limit of one item per person.

On April 18, 1942, 80 men achieved the unimaginable when they took off from an aircraft carrier on a top secret mission to bomb Japan. These men, led by Lt. Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, came to be known as the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.

As a special tribute to the Raiders, twenty-one B-25 Mitchell bombers plan to come from across the nation and land on the runway behind the museum on the morning of April 17. The aircraft will then be placed on static display from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for the public to get an up-close look at each plane and meet the pilots and crews.

On April 18 at approximately 12:15 p.m., the aircraft will take-off one by one, form-up together over the Dayton area and then fly in formation over the museum at 1 p.m. - just prior to the Doolittle Raiders Memorial Service in the museum's Memorial Park.

These outdoor reunion events are *weather contingent and subject to change*. In order to operate the B-25s on the museum's normally closed runway, there must be relatively clear weather and a dry runway. A final weather call will be announced on April 16. *For the latest updates and information on the reunion, including the complete schedule, visit*

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/doolittle.asp>.

The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association, Inc. continues to work on securing sponsorship to assist with the funding of these B-25 aircraft. Those interested in helping should visit [www.doolittle-raiders.org](http://www.doolittle-raiders.org), or contact Tom Casey with the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association, Inc. at (941) 921-7361 or [tomcat911@comcast.net](mailto:tomcat911@comcast.net) or Larry Kelley at (410) 991-2356 or [b25driver@aol.com](mailto:b25driver@aol.com). (Federal endorsement is not implied.)

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