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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

Educator Grants Awarded Locally

We were very pleased recently to be notified that one of our local teachers had been selected to receive an Educator Grant from the AFA's Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF). Mrs. Marilyn Dickey of



Ms. Dickey is on the left of the photo and Ms. Rudd is near the right of the picture.

John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Kettering applied for a grant in order to purchase rocket-launching equipment to use as a culmination to a Rocketry Unit. Mrs. Dickey team-teaches a multi-age 3rd/4th class with Mrs. Linda Rudd. Mrs. Dickey's 38

students will learn first hand about the Four Principles of Flight as well as Newton's Laws of Motion. The students will purchase their own rockets and build them in April and, when they have completed the Rocketry Unit, the students will launch their rockets. As part of the unit, the students will use the scientific process as they do experiments on flight and will learn about the United States space program by touring the United States Air Force Museum.

A second Educator Grant was received by Ms. Cassie Ohlrich of the Van Buren Local School in Van Buren, OH. Van Buren may not seem like a local school to some of you (it is just north of Findlay), but it is within the geographic region of our Wright Memorial Chapter. Ms. Ohlrich's grant partially funded a unit on airplanes to help her students understand the basic principles of flight. The

students learned about the forces that affect an airplane (lift, thrust, drag, and gravity) and created many different types of planes to experiment with yaw, roll, and pitch. The class met and was briefed by a local pilot, and toured a local . . . *CONTINUED ON PAGE 4*

Message From the President of the Air Force Association's Wright Memorial Chapter

I attended a meeting of the AFA National Board of Directors in Orlando on Saturday, February 16, and planned an early arrival in Orlando on Friday so as to be able to catch the end of the AFA's 18th Annual Air Warfare Symposium. I had the privilege of hearing presentations by both General Tommy Franks, CINC U.S. Central Command, and Lt. General Charles Wald, DCS for Air and Space Operations. Both briefings were excellent, but the briefing by General Wald was the best I have ever heard. (I regret now that I did not attend the entire symposium, for the speakers I missed included Secretary Roche, General Richard Myers, General

John Jumper, General Ralph (Ed) Eberhart, General Charles Holland, and General Hal Hornburg.)

Both General Franks and Lt General Wald spoke to us about the war on terrorism, and specifically the military operations in Afghanistan. They talked about what didn't work as well as what did work, but the bottom line was clear. General Wald emphasized that, whatever you read and hear, you can be absolutely confident that the United States has the best Air Force the world has ever known, and that the quality of the men and women in the Air Force has never been higher. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 7*

Upcoming NASTC Conference

The third annual National Aeronautical Systems & Technology Conference will be held at the Dayton Convention Center on 14 & 15 May 2002 with a classified session to be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on 16 May 2002. The event is jointly sponsored by Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, Commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center, and Maj. Gen. Paul D. Nielsen, Commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory, partnering with the Wright Memorial Chapter of the Air Force Association and the National Defense Industrial Association.

The theme for this year is "Transforming Air Power Through Technology & Innovation." The conference objectives are to better focus technologies and resources to deliver war-winning capabilities; to develop long-term integrated requirement/technology/system plans to ensure future war-winning capabilities; and to strengthen partnerships among all services, government agencies, industry, and academia. The conference provides a forum for Government and industry to come together for a meaningful exchange of ideas, discussion of business opportunities, and building of better working relationships.

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In addition to the conference, the NASTC Exhibit Hall will showcase new and exciting concepts and ideas for defending America in the 21st Century

Additional information, including on-line registration, is available at www.nastc-conf.com. Contact Ms. Vicki Hill, NASTC 2002 Team Lead, at (937) 904-4484 for further information.

Invitation to the 2002 Ohio State Convention

I want to extend an invitation to all Ohio Chapters and members to attend the Ohio State Convention which will be hosted by #371 on 14-15 June 2002 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Base. We plan to have some very exciting and educational events that will create an interest for most all AFA members.

Our meeting will be held at the Consolidated Base Club at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. We are planning to use Base Billeting for those who stay over Friday and or Saturday nights. Rooms are quite reasonable and clean. We are also arranging a tour of the Air Base which has the only "Fixed Wing Spray Mission" in the entire Department of Defense. Additionally, we are attempting to have a static display, as well as an orientation flight for attendees on a C-130 aircraft equipped for the spray mission.

Mrs. Judy Galbreath will be with us to provide the latest information from National AFA.

The Saturday night banquet will be at the famous Alberini's Restaurant which has the distinction of being named "One of Ohio's Outstanding Restaurants" by Ohio Magazine. Unless he is deployed, our banquet speaker will be Brig. General Michael Gjede, Commander of the 910th Air Wing.

We have the assistance of the Mahoning Valley Convention Bureau who are helping us plan events/activities/jaunts for the ladies as well. Don't leave them home!

We as planning to give each and everyone quality time as well as enjoyable fellowship. A Hospitality Room will be available at the 910th Airlift Wing Consolidated Club "Eagle Nest Club". Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You will be surprised at what we will offer.

See you there.

Jack Ventling, PhD.
President, Chapter #371 AFA

WMC Sponsors Ohio Regional Drill Competition

The Wright Memorial Chapter sponsored the 13th Annual Tecumseh High School, New Carlisle, Ohio Regional Drill Competition. The Wright Memorial Chapter has provided trophies for the past 12 drill championships. This year's competition was the largest yet, drawing 21 teams from 6 states. Over 400 cadets participated in the daylong competition featuring 4 events in compulsory drill sequences and 4 events in exhibition drill sequences. Each unit is inspected for uniform excellence and chain of command knowledge. The meet ends with a "knock out" sequence in which all 400 cadets enter the floor and compete against each other as an inspector calls commands. The top 10 winners received recognition.

The drill meet is coordinated by MSgt (Ret) "Tony" Ruiz of Tecumseh High School. He works hard at this effort and again this year's competition went flawlessly. Thanks to MSgt Ruiz and all of the other volunteers for a great opportunity for our young cadets to demonstrate the excellence that hard work and preparation bring to those willing to prepare.

The overall winner was Bolingbrook High School, Illinois. Second was Walter E. Stebbins High School, Ohio, and third was Jefferson High School, Indiana.



Brigadier General Paul Cooper, 445th Airlift Wing, Commander, presents the overall winning trophy to Cadet Major Grace Frederick, drill team commander of Air Force Junior ROTC of Bolingbrook High School, Illinois

AFA WRIGHT MEMORIAL CHAPTER PLANS TO SUPPORT THE 2002 DAYTON AIR SHOW

The annual Dayton Air Show is scheduled for 20-21 July 2002 and already has an impressive list of major attractions. The sky is the stage, and Dayton International Airport is the setting for high-flying thrills when the world's finest performers and precision flight teams dazzle you with their aerial artistry.

Throughout the day, the sky is filled with aerobatic performers, parachutists, air racers and demonstrations of the latest military and civilian aircraft. On the ground, you will be able to explore aircraft, static displays, flight simulators and much more! The lead jet demonstration team will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flying F-16 Fighting Falcons. This will be the 20th year the Thunderbirds have used the single-engine F-16 to create dramatic, precision aerial performances! Other major attractions you will see are the U.S. Army golden Knights, a dogfight demonstration involving a MiG-17, the roaring sound of the P-51 "Gunfighter" from World War II fame, and the thundering Pearl Harbor Re-enactment. For more information, go to the web site <http://www.usats.org>.

Your AFA Wright Memorial Chapter (WMC) has a Dayton Air Show Committee, Chaired by Bill Schaff, seeking sponsors and volunteers to host two or more flight-line chalets for the two-day air show. The Air Show Committee hopes to have enough sponsors so we can say "thank you" to our military and civilian members at Wright-Patterson AFB and host as many Air Force guests as possible. We also use part of the sponsorship or contribution or ticket sale proceeds for local WMC educational/scholarship funds. The Wright Memorial Chapter sponsors five Junior ROTC units in the greater Dayton area, and is a major supporter of activities at Wright State University ROTC Detachment 642, currently led by Colonel Joseph Bebel. Other uses of the educational fund include support of teacher recognition awards, funding of elementary school classroom USA Today Education programs, and presentation of awards at several Wright-Patterson AFB recognition programs.

The WMC Dayton Air Show Committee is in the planning phase to determine costs for renting chalets, and expenses for catering refreshments and lunches. As in years past, individual WMC Air Force Association members will have the opportunity to purchase individual tickets; however, the final ticket price will not be determined until June. More information and details will be published in the June WMC Crossfeed newsletter.

TO THE MOON AND BACK... AND MORE

By Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th AW / Public Affairs

Round trip distance from earth to the moon is approximately 477,714 miles. The 445th Airlift Wing has easily exceeded that distance in a little less than four months.

No – not flying to the moon and back. They've accomplished this feat while flying their C-141 Starlifter aircraft on what's known as the "Atlantic Express." On this recurring mission, the wing has collectively logged 557,040 air miles on its C-141s.

Aircraft from Air Mobility Command units, now performing other duties elsewhere in the world, usually fly the Atlantic Express. In mid-October of last year, AMC asked Air Force Reserve Command if its personnel could take over the mission. The command agreed.

Two C-141 flying squadrons at Wright-Patterson's 445th Airlift Wing and one flying squadron from the 459th AW at Andrews AFB, MD., are now ferrying cargo and passengers across the Atlantic to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The mission requires the crew to fly into Dover AFB, DE., before proceeding across the Atlantic. As of mid-January, the two Wright-Patt flying squadrons have made 44 round trips, transporting 686 tons of equipment and supplies, and 390 passengers.

The 445th AW is also performing other missions in addition to the Atlantic Express. The wing continues its scheduled missions to South America, Greenland, Johnston Atoll in the Pacific, and on occasion, airlifts detainees from the war on terrorism to Cuba.

Flying is just one aspect of the mission. The maintenance personnel must ensure the planes are safe and ready to fly.

"Fast paced action with daily changes describes the environment in the 445th Aircraft Generation and Maintenance Squadrons," said Col. Robert Hunter, commander of the 445th Logistics Group.

The colonel was referring to the preparation of aircraft for flight overseas which requires lots of special effort. "Prior to launch," said the colonel, "all documentation must be perfect describing the airworthiness of the aircraft."

"Maintainers have been putting in many extra hours as our mission goes to a seven day work week," said Hunter. "Many of our back shops are having to increase their work hours also, due to the flying increase."

"Everyone has stepped up to the challenge of the increased operations tempo since September 11," said Brigadier General Paul Cooper, 445th Airlift Wing commander. "Maintenance has performed brilliantly. It takes skill to keep these 30-year-old aircraft in shape for the huge amount of extra miles we're putting on them."

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airport with a WW II veteran who told the class of how he was rescued after ditching his plane in the ocean. The students also each researched an aviator and created a powerpoint presentation on that aviator to share with the class.

These are only two wonderful examples of the 97 grants awarded nationally this year by AEF. The AEF created the Educator Grant to assist elementary and secondary educators' efforts to introduce or continue to establish knowledge of aviation science, science or mathematics in the classroom. Recipients may use their grant in one lump sum or divide it among activities for any aerospace education-related activity from purchasing supplemental textbooks or videotapes, to going on field trips to aerospace museums, Air Force bases, and other aerospace facilities. If you have a child or grandchild in elementary or secondary school whose teacher could use additional funding for this purpose, tell their teacher to visit the AEF website at www.aef.org <<http://www.aef.org>> for more information on how to apply for an Educator Grant from the AEF.

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“BOB HOPE: 50 YEARS OF HOPE” *On Display at Museum*

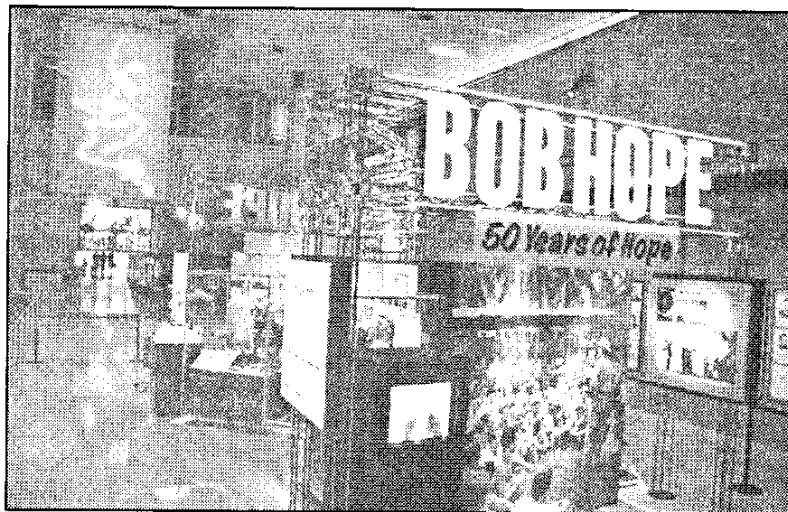
It's not a coincidence that the title of the U.S. Air Force Museum's new exhibit is 50 years of Hope, because that's exactly what Bob Hope has given service members throughout trying times spanning nearly six decades . . . hope.

From Mr. Hope's first appearance before GIs during World War II on May 6, 1941, to welcoming home the service men and women of "Desert Storm," he has entertained 10 million military members in the United States, North Atlantic, Caribbean, Europe, North Africa, Middle East, Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Although Mr. Hope's hats change in every show he presents, there is one thing that remains consistent and that's the crowd of men and women in uniform gathered to watch the show, no matter the time of day or night. Bob Hope has logged more than 10 million air miles traveling to perform for troops, actually going around the world in eight days in 1987 to entertain military members deployed to the Far East and Persian Gulf.

Recognizing this gift Mr. Hope has bestowed upon so many, the exhibit is the Air Force's way of giving back to Bob Hope. Encompassing more than 90 items, some people may find the most interesting elements to be those created by the military members themselves, put together with much time, thought and creativity.

One such example is a USO military vest comically decorated with condiments, accessories and novelty equipment by members of the 13th Air Force during Vietnam. Labeled "A Caddy with Hope", the vest includes a pencil sharpener, food pack survival kit, first aid kit, golf ball dispenser, toilet paper, silverware, *Off* Mosquito Repellant, *Dial* Soap, *Right Guard* Deodorant, Shark Repellent, *Pepsodent* toothpaste and a red telephone, incorporating those items Mr. Hope would actually need in a time of war with those comedic elements for which Bob Hope was known.



If the visitor is looking for more formal recognition of Mr. Hope's military contribution, an Emmy Award presented to Bob Hope for his 1966 Bob Hope Christmas Special is featured, as well as a Medal of Merit presented by General Eisenhower in October 1946, an Air Force Exceptional Service Medal presented in February 1950 by then Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington, and an official copy indicating Mr. Hope as the first Honorary Veteran of The United States Armed Forces, approved in October 1997 by then President Bill Clinton.

A compilation of video clips is showcased on two monitors within "Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope," one of which takes portions of Bob Hope shows from world-wide locations during the Vietnam Era. In one such 1968 broadcast at U-Tapao Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Mr. Hope makes a remark about having never performed in a housing project before and the camera pans to his close background, where the viewer can see GIs from the ground up to the tallest stories of the surrounding buildings, to include crowded on roof tops and hanging outside of windows. Reverberations of laughter are heard throughout every nook and cranny.

Some items of more somber significance include 11 POW/MIA bracelets presented to and worn by Bob Hope during the Vietnam . . .

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445TH DOCTOR CARRIES OLYMPIC TORCH IN CINCINNATI

By Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller, 445th AW/PA

For Colonel (Doctor) Robert Wells, Commander of the Aeromedical Staging Squadron, having patients make appointments to see him at his medical practice in Cincinnati is quite the norm. But on Tuesday December 18, 2001 at 8:53 a.m. he had an appointment unlike any he's ever experienced. Col. Wells had an appointment with the Olympic torch.

"I was very pleased to be nominated and very excited to carry the torch," Wells said.

It came as a complete surprise to Wells that he had been nominated to carry the Olympic torch. His colleagues in the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron appear to be behind it.

"Lt. Col. Oba Vincent denies any involvement, but admits to writing the nominating package," Wells said. "He claims to have no other involvement. It was a conspiracy, a minor mutiny. One of those things that happens all the time."

About 7,200 people were selected to be "community torchbearers" from a pool of some 210,000 nominees. The Olympics committee, Coca-Cola and Chevrolet made the selections for torchbearers in March and April 2001.

Wells ran with the torch through a residential section of Cincinnati. He was permitted to have one person accompany him, but not run with him, to the starting point. He carried the torch for about two-tenths of a mile.

"I've always been a low caliber athlete. I like to play everything but I'm not really very good at any one sport. Carrying that torch, realistically, is about as close as I'll ever get to the Olympics."

Wells was required to arrive 90 minutes before his scheduled torch bearing time at an area Chevrolet dealer. "I was bused to and from the site." The actual carrying site is within 6 miles of his home in Cincinnati. "They put you in a local area, close to home, as best they can."

"They sent me a nice white warm-up suit that I had to wear. It has the Olympic logo in blue on it." He also received a white hat with the Olympic rings decorating it and white gloves. There were lots of forms to fill out and rules to learn. "I can't wear anything with advertising logos on it while I'm running."

Services Available for Veterans

Veterans Service Offices provide a variety of services to veterans and eligible dependents. Among these are: filing for service and non-service connected disability; filing for widow and children's benefits; obtaining home loan guaranty certificates; assisting veterans for admittance to the Veterans Home in Sandusky OH; filing applications for grave markers; and assisting surviving spouses.

The Greene Country Veterans Service Office at 541 Ledbetter Road, Xenia OH 45385 also provides a transportation program for eligible members who have appointments at the VA Medical Center in Dayton. Transportation is available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Veterans can make arrangements by calling (937) 562-6025 in advanced of an appointment.

The torch began its journey at what's known as the "Mother Flame" in Olympia, Greece. It arrived in Atlanta on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, the last place in the U.S. where it rested until this year, when it zigzagged across most of the country to Salt Lake City. That's was a 65-day, 13,500-mile journey across 46 states. The torch touched Ohio twice, once in December in the Cincinnati area, then Jan. 3 through 5 when it covered Cleveland, Columbus, Springfield, and Dayton. And after being carried by thousands of individuals to the Winter Olympics site in Salt Lake City, the journey halted during the games.

Wells was able to look at the giant torch lit in Salt Lake City and know he was an important part of the 2002 Winter Olympics.



Join Us In Capturing... the Dream



DESCRIPTION

The Field of Dreams project was conceived in Spring of 1999 by Jon S. Ogg, Director, Engineering Directorate as a Wright-Patterson community project that would pull together the folks at the base who are proud members of a premier acquisition and support team. His vision was fueled by the confluence of overwhelming support by the Aerospace Industrial Enterprise offering to make available models of systems for which WPAFB had a role in "birthing" and the evolving landscaping plans for the Acquisition Management Complex.

Working closely with Civil Engineering and Industry representatives, the Aeronautical Systems Center Engineering Directorate's (ASC/EN) team went to work identifying the landscaping options for model placement, station design, and phased introduction. To date, three models (F-22, F-117, and B-2) have found a home in the complex with nearly a dozen additional models under consideration for the next installment in early 2002.

As the Field of Dreams evolved, it became clear that something was missing in capturing our strong avia-

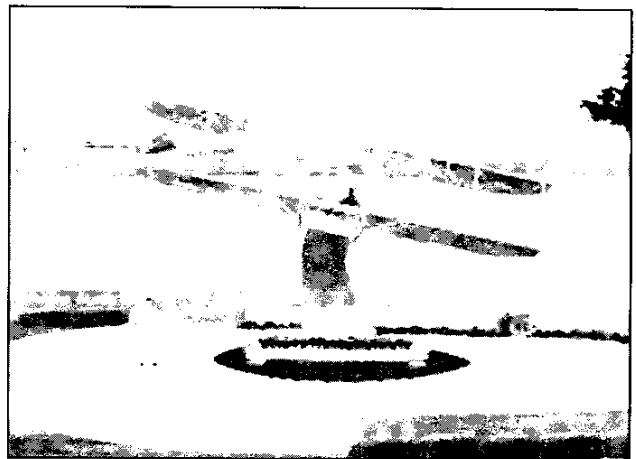
SUMMARY

GOAL:

- Our goal is to obtain a sculpture by Mr. Larry Godwin of a Wright Flyer for the new Area B entrance at Wright-Patterson AFB and have it in place to support the 2003 Anniversary of Powered Flight.

SOLUTION:

- To gain financial support from the Air Force to make this "Dream" a reality. The cost of the overall project will be approximately \$250,000. This cost includes the model of the Wright Flyer, two bronze statues of Orville and Wilbur Wright seated in the aircraft, the model's mounting and support structure, lighting, and area landscaping.



Conceptual Photo of Proposed Wright B Flyer Sculpture

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tion heritage. With Wright-Patterson as the "Birthplace Home and Future of Aerospace", the team decided to embark on a parallel initiative. This initiative involves contracting the fabrication and installation of a full-scale Wright Flyer. Contact was made with Mr. Larry Godwin sculptor for the three Wright Flyer models: a 1903 version located at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, a 1910 military variant located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and a 1905 model located near the Engineering Club in Dayton, Ohio. The addition of yet another Wright Flyer model to the "Field of Dreams" ambiance has received strong moral support from Wright-Patterson and community leaders.

The goal is to complete the project in time for WPAFB's hosting of the Air Force open house "Air Power 2003" as part of the Anniversary of Powered Flight celebration. To ensure completion of this project, sufficient funds need to be identified in early 2002. The cost of the overall project is estimated at \$250,000 and includes a full-scale Wright Flyer, two bronze statues of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the mount/support structure, lighting, and area landscaping inclusive of a brick paver courtyard. As for the funding, we would like to give our WPAFB employees the opportunity to demonstrate their proud heritage of technological contributions to the Air Force and nation by making this the focus of a Wright-Patterson community fundraiser. The objective is for this memorial to be a contribution from the past/present employees of WPAFB to those who will someday follow. Also, it is a great way to honor, posthumously those who played a vital role at WPAFB sometime during their career.

The Air Force Association (AFA) has proposed to sponsor an engraved brick sale. The engraved bricks will be used in the construction of a walkway and courtyard surrounding the Wright Flyer sculpture with a site/locator map for use in identifying your enduring mark of capturing the Dream. In order to obtain funds for the project and potentially complement the

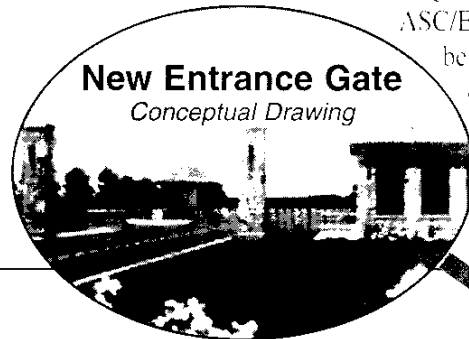
site with other features such as decorative fencing, benches, etc., the team is looking at three levels of contribution: a Silver Level, a Gold Level and a Platinum level. The Silver Level will be a 4"x8" white engraved (personal) granite brick for a minimum donation of \$50". The Gold Level will be a 8"x16" white engraved (personal or organization) granite brick for a minimum donation of \$250". The Platinum Level will be a 12"x24" white engraved (personal or organization) granite brick for a minimum donation of \$1000".

Although viewed as no small undertaking, Mr. Ogg and the AFA believe that the Air Force and Wright-Patterson communities are up to this challenge. In fact, ASC's Commander Lt Gen Richard Reynolds and Executive Director Dr. Vince Russo were the first to place their orders for Gold Level engraved bricks and are anxiously awaiting its kickoff. Mr. Ogg has committed to purchasing two Gold Level bricks, one inscribed with his name and the other with that of Aeronautical Systems

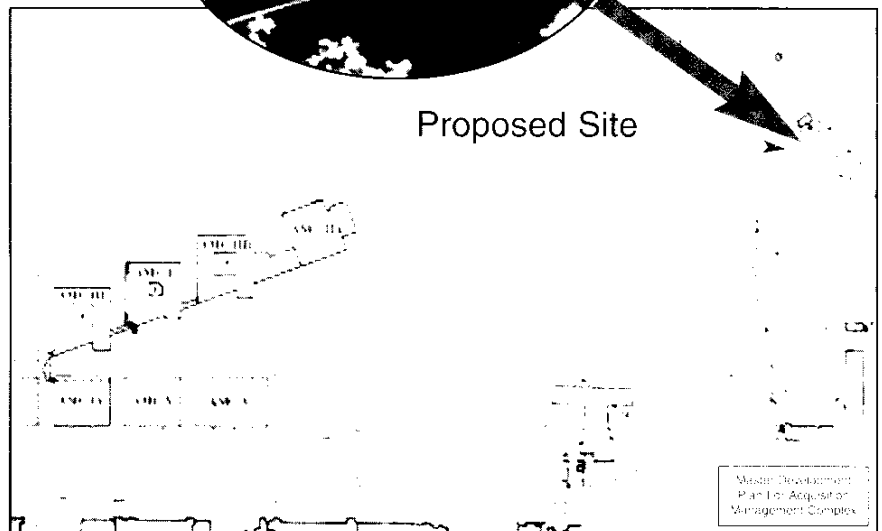
Center's Engineering Directorate.

ASC/EN. If you would like to be a part of turning this dream into reality, visit AFA's website at <http://www.afadaytonwright.com>

New Entrance Gate Conceptual Drawing



Proposed Site



For additional Field of Dreams information, visit the AFA website at <http://www.afadaytonwright.com>

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Lt. Gen. Reynolds Talks About Air Force Transformation

AFA and NDIA co-sponsored the National Aerospace System and Technology Conference Kickoff Reception at the WPAFB Officers' Club on 18 March 2002. Over 140 senior government and industry personnel attended. Lt. Gen. Reynolds gave a briefing on Transformation, what the expectations are for this NASTC conference, and how the Air Force wants industry to participate in the Integrated Summit which is a new process within the POM process. Maj. Gen. Nielsen presented an overview of how the laboratories would fit into Transformation and the new process. The slides that General Reynolds briefed are now posted on the NASTC 2002 website at www.nastc-conf.com. Click on the button labeled "NASTC 2002 Kickoff Briefing" to download the powerpoint briefing.

"Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope" On Display at Museum

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Era, one of which is the bracelet recognizing then Lt. Cmdr. John McCain as a Prisoner of War.

Whether traveling on Christmas, Thanksgiving or Easter, Bob Hope made his presence known during more than 700 trips to entertain service men and women across the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. "Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope" is an opportunity for the Air Force Museum to say "Thank You", and to share these memories with people visiting from all over the world.

"Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope", is currently on display in the Kettering Hall of the U.S. Air Force Museum. The exhibit opened in conjunction with a musical tribute to Bob Hope titled "Thanks for the Memories", held at the Museum March 9. Including performances by Comedian Phyllis Diller, Magician Mercer Helms and the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, the two-hour show was attended by more than 25 members of the Hope family.

The U.S. Air Force Museum is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission and parking are free.

PUBLIC: For more information, contact the U.S. Air Force Museum at (937) 255-3286, ext. 302.

Message From the President of the Air Force Association's Wright Memorial Chapter

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Most of us here in the Dayton area know that much of the credit for the technology our Air Force enjoys is due to the men and women who work and have worked here at Wright Patterson AFB. Although Dr. Vince Russo and Mr. Jon Ogg and a few others have been planning the Field of Dreams for some time, it is most appropriate that we are beginning this project to remember the efforts of all the people of Wright-Patterson AFB at the very time that our entire nation is praising the technology that these same men and women developed and acquired.

Although the Field of Dreams will consist of more than a dozen scale models of aircraft of which Wright-Patterson is justifiably proud, the first aircraft – a 1909 Wright Flyer, will include a field of engraved white granite bricks each paying tribute to one of the men or women of Wright Patterson AFB. I hope each of you will join us by adding your brick to the Field of Dreams.

Some additional information on the Field of Dreams is included in this newsletter, but you can obtain more information, purchase bricks, or otherwise contribute to the project by visiting our Wright Memorial Chapter web site at www.afadaytonwright.com.

As always, I encourage any member of the AFA to join us at one of our monthly meetings of the Wright Memorial Chapter Executive Council. Our chapter continues to get more involved in community activities, and the size of our Executive Council continues to grow, but there is much more that we could do if we only had a few more volunteers. We meet for lunch at 1130 the first Tuesday of every month at the WPAFB Officer's Club French Room. Please join us and tell us how you would like to become more involved in our Wright-Patterson community.

– Ron Thompson



The WMC-AFA welcomes new AFA Community Partners. If you know of a business or community member who would like to become a Community Partner, please contact Richard J. Eyermann at (937) 257-4191.

SHARE THE AFA APPLICATION WITH A FRIEND

Please cut out the application and recruit a new member for the Chapter. Help them discover the benefits of AFA membership.

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VA Valentines Party

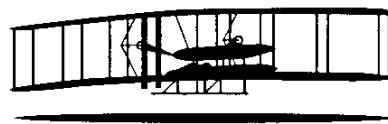
The Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and the Dayton VA Medical Center Voluntary Services jointly sponsored a valentine's party at the Dayton Medical Center on Thursday, 14 February 2002. This even was part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The purpose of this 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 VA National Salute began in 1978 when VA took over sponsorship of the program started in 1974 by a humanitarian organization.

The AFA chapter provided funding for the refreshments for the veteran's party. Between 50 and 100 veterans played bingo, socialized and enjoyed the refreshments. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary provided bingo prizes, assisted the veterans during bingo, and served refreshments to veterans. The VA Medical Center staff and the veterans expressed their gratitude for the AFA sponsorship of the party.

During this National Salute to veterans, it is a good opportunity to show appreciation to veterans by volunteering at the Dayton VA Medical Center. To obtain more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Sharon Croteau or Kay Crawford at Voluntary Services (937) 262-2162.

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