

# WMC Crossfeed

Air Force Association – Wright Memorial Chapter 212

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**KENT OWSLEY**

**H**appy New Years to all the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 members. As I write this we are still deep into winter time here is Dayton. However, that doesn't mean it is too early to begin thinking about what the chapter has planned for this year. I will begin with some of our larger and more involved

events. In July we will once again host our AF friends and Corporate sponsors at the Vectren Dayton Air show. The chapter provides Chalets that are right next to the flight line, stocked with food and beverages, and provides a great time and location to enjoy the Air Show. While many people volunteer to put on this event and to make it first class, I would be remiss in not specifically mentioning Jim Heitz who makes sure this all happen, and happen in a first class way. I wanted to remind everyone that as a member of the chapter you are entitled to purchase a pair of tickets to the chalet's. As the chapter provides these tickets basically at cost I can safely say that there is no better value or way to see the air show. Please make sure you visit the website ([www.afadaytonwright.com](http://www.afadaytonwright.com)) a little latter in the year for details on how to purchase these tickets.

In Addition to the Air Show, the Chapter once again looks forward to working with HQ AFMC in supporting the AFMC-hosted US Air Force Anniversary Ball held at Wright-Patterson AFB. While AFMC is finalizing which week this will take place, it will be in September. Al Schoolcraft will be working all the details for this event. The Chapter has worked with the AF to insure there will be a supply of tickets for the ball made available to our Chapter members.

The Chapter looks forward to Jeff Liffick leading our 2nd annual Technology Symposium that is held the

same week as the Air Force Ball. Last year the Wright Memorial Chapter, along with superb help and support from the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL), hosted almost all of the leadership (wing and above) from all of the AFMC bases as well as the HQ AFMC leadership. We have had nothing but positive feedback from those who attended last year and look forward to making the 2nd annual event even better. Again, please make sure you visit the website often throughout the year to receive updated information.

Now, while the chapter is very proud as well as busy working these headliner events, there are numerous smaller events through the year that are equally important and are really great. The Chapter was very please to work with the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association (MVMAA) in co-hosting a welcoming reception for our new AFMC Commander and his wife, General and Mrs. Hoffman. You should have received a formal email notice of this event provided we have your correct information. (NOTE – as the chapter gets all of information on our members from the HQ AFA in D.C. it is important that you update you information with any changes, email, address, etc. via HQ AFA.) Another project we are presently working on is to provide an event during this year's Tattoo. Again, please visit the website to see the latest details as they become available. Finally, I would like to remind everyone that all members are cordially invited to the monthly Chapter meeting. This meeting, called the Executive Council, is open to all AFA members and is held the first Tuesday of every month (unless delayed a week due to Holidays so check the calendar on the website to confirm) at the Wright Patterson Club and Banquet Center (aka O'Club). At this meeting we review what we have done as a chapter and what we will be doing. In addition we have representatives from the 88th Air Base wing, the 445th Air Lift Wing, the 178th Fighter Wing (Springfield ANG), and both ROTC and JROTC.

Finally, please know that while the chapter continues to work to make the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 as good as we can, we cannot do it alone. I would personally like to ask for your support in making our chapter the best in the nation!

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# TechFest 2009: STEM Event Extraordinaire

The Wright Memorial Chapter (WMC) is proud to be a sponsor of the 7th Annual TechFest, which was held at Sinclair Community College on February 14-15th, 2009. TechFest is a family event designed to demonstrate the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to students across all grade levels. There were numerous speakers and hands-on activities for everyone.

The WMC Educator's Action Team will be providing teacher workshops all day Saturday. Eight workshops will be provided on STEM related topics for educators from all across Ohio. The Educators Action Team continues to work with Wright State University to provide Continuing Education Units (CEU's) at no charge to the teachers. CEU's are needed to advance teacher certification.

Please contact Shiela Wallace at 937-429-2473 or [swal3754@ameritech.net](mailto:swal3754@ameritech.net) to learn how you can help the STEM project and support other STEM events.



# 2009 Educator Grant Recipients

Wright Memorial Chapter is proud to recognize these teachers for their hard work and dedication to STEM excellence.

- Amy Thomsen  
Ross Middle School
- Beth Allaire  
Bishop Leibold School - East & West
- Brenda Schran  
Belle Haven Elementary School
- Bruce Holbrook  
Mt. Orab Middle School
- Catherine Borucki  
Dixon-Isreal Middle School
- Chantelle Rose  
Graham High School
- Cheryl Owens  
Gardendale Academy
- Doug Wick  
Troy Junior High School
- Eugene Longo  
Bellbrook High School
- Greg Kulwicki  
St Henry High School
- Jan Harris  
Mad River Middle School
- Joey Fultz  
Kemp Elementary School
- Lori Ann Spinelli  
Edgewood Middle School
- Tracy Murray  
Milton-Union Elementary School
- Jill Weaver  
Valley View Middle School



**K**ent Owsley, president of the Wright-Memorial Chapter of the AFA, presents Capt Josh McAllister the AWARD OF THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION JUNIOR DIVISION MANAGEMENT AWARD. Captain Joshua L. McAllister distinguished himself as Global Hawk Production Program Manager. During this period, he managed three Global Hawk production contracts valued at over 950 million dollars. He led a 12-person team to guide the production of 15 aircraft with sensors and five ground segments and led face-to-face negotiations on \$300M contract. His meticulous program management greatly benefited the Air Force and he is well deserving of this award.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

. . . we, as free people, may unite: to advocate for and support the men and women of the United States Air Force; to address the defense responsibilities of our nation imposed by the many advances in aerospace technology that have been and will continue to be made; to educate the members and the public at large as to what those men and women and technology contribute to the security of free people and the betterment of mankind; and to advocate and support military preparedness of the United States and its allies in order to adequately maintain the security of the United States and the free world. – Article II, AFA Constitution

# AFA Community Partners

January is our Community Partnership renewal month. By joining AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 as a Community Partner, you are expressing your own concern for a deterrent force sufficient to ensure this nation's peace and security. As an AFA Community Partner you are helping to insure that AFA Wright Memorial Chapter is able to continue providing support to the mission of Wright Patterson AFB and its personnel - both in Dayton and deployed.

By joining as a Community Partner, you will let the people of the our community with whom you do business know that you support Wright Patterson AFB and the efforts of the Air Force Association – the association that advocates fairness through adequate pay, health care, and Quality of Life programs. As a Community Partner you will receive numerous benefits such as a subscription to the AIR FORCE Magazine, access to the AFA "Daily Report" news product on the AFA website (a Monday through Friday roundup of news about the Air Force, airpower, and national defense), you will be invited to many base related activities (Dayton Air Show, Air Force Ball, Tattoo, etc.) as well as have the ability to attend National symposia. If you haven't yet, please take a few minutes and follow the steps listed below to renew your AFA Community Partnership. Below you will also find instructions on how to become an AFA Community Partner for the first time. Do it now; you'll be glad you did!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

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To do this I would like to specifically ask for two things, First, we need to hear what we are doing right and what we could be doing better as a chapter, and second, we need your involvement. We are always looking for people to work on one of the various committees. The best way to do both of these is to attend the monthly Executive Council meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this great chapter and I look forward to continuing to support the AFA mission of 1) Support of, 2) Education on, and 3) advocate for the USAF! Have a great Air Force Day!

# How to Renew Your AFA Dayton Wright Community Partnership

1. Visit the AFA Dayton Wright web site at <http://www.afadaytonwright.com>.
2. From the home page, click on the **Chapter Info** link from the left side of the page.
3. A menu will appear directly to the right of the Chapter Info link. Select **Community Partners** from that menu to display the Community Partners page.
4. You have the option of renewing by mail with a check or by using a credit card to pay for the partnership via a secure transaction through the web site.
  - A. **To renew by mail** use the links on the Community Partners page to print an application from a Microsoft Word or PDF format. The application mailing address and check information are listed on the Community Partners page.
5. **To renew with a credit card** click the link to **"renew a current registration . . . HERE"**. An "AFA Community Partner 2009 Renewal AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212" web page will be displayed. **NOTE:** This page will have the "eventbrite" logo in the top left hand corner.
6. Select the number of representatives for your company (either 1 or 2) from the drop-down list under **"Quantity"**. The cost for a one company representative Community Partnership is \$75.00. The cost for two company representatives is \$150.00. Note that you may use Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, eCheck, or PayPal to pay for the renewal. There is a small transaction fee associated with renewing online.
7. Click the **Order Now** button to continue the renewal process. An Order Summary and Registration Information page will be displayed.
8. Fill in the registration information on the page and click the **Check out with PayPal** button to conclude the renewal process.

# HOW TO BECOME AN AFA DAYTON WRIGHT COMMUNITY PARTNER

1. Visit the AFA Dayton Wright web site at <http://www.afadaytonwright.com>.
2. From the home page, click on the **Chapter Info** link from the left side of the page.
3. A menu will appear directly to the right of the Chapter Info link. Select **Community Partners** from that menu to display the Community Partners page.
4. Click the **Online Registration** link after "To become an AFA Community Partner..." An "AFA Community Partner 2009 Renewal AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212" web page will be displayed. **NOTE:** This page will have the "eventbrite" logo in the top left hand corner.
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## Attention Wright Flyer Memorial Donors

The Wright Memorial Chapter, Air Force Association has contracted for the replacement of all ground level installed pavers due to the deterioration of engraving. Replacement activity will begin in the spring of 2009 providing a far superior granite product similar to the Kettering Bench. Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Fund raising continues. For more information in this regard see [www.afadaytonwright.com](http://www.afadaytonwright.com).

*This sign is in place at the Wright Flyer Memorial at gate 1B, WPAFB. For more information regarding purchasing bricks please see our web site or call Jim Heitz at 937-671-3581.*

## Free Military Handbooks and Guides

Military Handbooks has announced the release of two new 2008 FREE handbooks for military personnel, the 2008, Military Handbook and the 2008 Veterans Healthcare Benefits Handbook. These handbooks, written specifically for military service members, include a variety of information about benefits, education and transitioning from the military. To receive your own copies of these handbooks, simply go to our Web site [www.militaryhandbooks.com](http://www.militaryhandbooks.com). Don't forget to tell all your military colleagues about these free handbooks too!

## 2008 VETERANS HEALTHCARE HANDBOOK

This unique handbook, written for veterans, gives you everything you need to know about: how to apply for healthcare, veterans service centers choosing a facility, changing a facility, second opinions, prescriptions, dental care, chiropractic care, non-VA care, travel, POW benefits, appeals, grievances, confidentiality, financial issues, means testing, hardship determinations, waivers, medication co-payments, health insurance, listing of VA facilities, and much, much more!

## 2008 After the Military Handbook

This unique handbook, written for military veterans, covers: transitioning to the private sector, supporting your family, finding a job that pays "top dollar", choosing between jobs with large or small companies, deciding to start your own company, maximizing the benefits of a military career, medical benefits and life insurance in the private sector, how to pay for college after you leave the military service, how to retire successfully, and more.

In Mid-October Military Handbooks released an updated version of the 2008 Base Installation Directory. The October Military Handbooks newsletter will contain more details about these updates. To download your own FREE copies of the 2008 handbooks, please visit: <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com>. Please note that if you received an error message while attempting to download the handbooks, it was due to the large volume of requests they are receiving. Simply try your request again in a few hours.

**Update your AFA Records  
at [www.AFA.org](http://www.AFA.org)**

### US Air, Trade and Technology Expo Community Update!

The USATT is an important event for our community. The AFA Ohio leadership is actively involved in planning and organizing this Expo and we encourage our chapter members to support the USATT and the Vectren Dayton Air Show.

*DaytonDefense* will host a USATT Expo 2009 Community Update and luncheon on March 17th.

Learn how your community partners are working together to open world aerospace and technology markets to the Dayton Region and US aerospace and technology firms.

Learn how you and your organization can benefit from participation in the trade and technology business tracks.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR-- REGISTER NOW!

Date: **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
Check-in: **11:00-11:20**  
Program Time: **11:20 – 1:00 PM**  
Location: Hope Hotel and  
Conference Center, Bldg. 823,  
Area A, WPAFB, OH 45433-5000  
(base passes are not required)

**Attendees Must Pre-Register at :**  
[www.DaytonDefense.org](http://www.DaytonDefense.org)  
Click Events/Meetings and go to  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Click Register Now

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT:  
4 PM ON FRIDAY MARCH 13th**

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I am eligible as a member or patron as shown and understand the annual \$36 fee includes a subscription (\$21) to AIR FORCE Magazine. The fee is not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

- DAF Civilian (Non-Veteran)  Previous Service US Armed Forces
- Current Active Duty US Armed Forces  Spouse/Widow(er) of any of the above
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- AFA MEMBER NUMBER FOR RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL**

- USAF (including civilian)  NASA
- Other US Government  Aerospace Industry
- Other  Civil Air Patrol

**JOB FUNCTION**

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**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

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- \$500 single payment  \$525 extended payments
- Initial payment of \$85 with 4 payments of \$110 each
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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Check enclosed (not cash)  American Express  MasterCard  VISA

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