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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TOM KOOGLER

It's hard to believe that we're over half way through summer already. Since our last *Crossfeed* release there have been many changes at WPAFB, exciting events and other happenings by our Chapter and the local Region. Several of them will be covered in more detail in the issue.

The major leadership change at Wright Patterson AFB was the AFMC Change of Command where General Ellen Pawlikowski accepted command from General Janet Wolfenbarger. General Mark Welsh, USAF Chief of Staff, presided over the Change of Command Ceremony. The Change of Command Ceremony was followed by the Retirement Ceremony for General Wolfenbarger where she received the Distinguished Service Medal.

The AF Research Laboratory Executive Director, Ricky Peters, has announced his retirement for late this summer/fall, the 445th AW Vice Commander, Col Mike Major, retired and there were two changes in the 88th Air Base Wing leadership as well. Colonel Carolyn Patrick, 88th ABW Vice Commander, and Chief Master Sergeant Charles Hoffman, 88th ABW Command Chief, have both PCS'd since our last issue. Colonel Elena Oberg will become the new 88th ABW Vice Commander and Chief Master Sergeant Lisa Arnold is the new 88th ABW Command Chief.

We wish great success to all of them in the future.

During this time, WPAFB honored many deserving Airmen at several Awards Programs. Our Chapter was represented and recognized at the Team Wright Patterson (TWP) Annual Awards Dinner, AFMC Annual Awards Banquet, 445th AW Awards Banquet and TWP First Quarter 2015 Awards Luncheon.

We also want to congratulate our recent Junior ROTC and ROTC cadets who have graduated from their respective high schools and universities. Many of

these and other cadets were honored at the ROTC 643 Detachment 643 and several JROTC high school awards ceremony. Our Chapter was honored to be present at the Detachment 643, Bellbrook HS and Wayne HS Awards Ceremonies.

This was the inaugural year for the AFMC Annual Awards Banquet as it replaced the AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards. This year's event honored over 50 individuals from all AFMC Headquarters and all of its Centers in nine categories. In addition to the four enlisted categories honored at previous AFMC Annual Enlisted Awards Banquets, five additional categories were added at this year's event. They honored AFMC's top Company Grade Officer, Field Grade Officer and Category I, II and III AF civilians. Our Chapter was able to provide gift cards to all the winners and received several thank you notes for our support of all programs. I'd like to share with you an e-mail I received on 10 July from Major Paul Cancino, this year's AFMC Field Grade Officer (FGO) of the Year:

"Mr. Koogler,

I recently returned from deployment and have just received my AFMC FGO award. In it was a letter and gift card from you and the Wright Memorial Chapter AFA. I would to thank you and your team for the tremendous support you have demonstrated. It feels good to know that the AFA is always there for AND with us.

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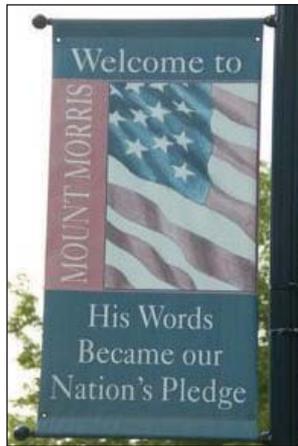
Major Paul Cancino"

Tecumseh High School JROTC program again hosted another very successful JROTC Drill Meet and our Chapter was able to support it by providing the trophies for the meet. The following weekend, AFA National supported a Regional JROTC Drill Match at the Nutter Center and our Executive Director, Maj Gen (retired) Ev Odgers, spoke to the cadets during the Awards Ceremony.

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Pledge of Allegiance of the United States

A tradition of AFA is to start our meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Since our retirements, Pat and I have been very fortunate to travel around this great county of ours. Most of the time we drive our motor home and have an opportunity to visit the local communities around the area we are staying in. During our most recent trip, our first stop was in Letchworth State Park in New



York. It is a beautiful state park being voted the America's #1 State Park. The Genesee River runs through the park and it is hailed as the Grand Canyon of the East. In addition to its scenic gorge, there are 3 major waterfalls that are worth exploring. While driving around the northeastern entrance to Letchworth State Park, we drove through the small village of Mount Morris in Livingston County, New York. As we drove through the village, we started to notice signs and the flags on the lampposts that claimed it as the birthplace of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I did some research on Mount Morris, NY, and the pledge. I can't say everything is 100% factual but here are some of the interesting things that I found out.

Early settler Ebenezer Allen originally called the community of Mount Morris "Allen Hill" and "Richmond Hill". The village was renamed Mount Morris after Robert Morris, a financier of the American Revolution and owner of The Morris Reserve, from which the lands around Mount Morris were sold to settlers. Mount Morris was incorporated in 1835.

Francis Julius Bellamy (1885-1931), the author of the Pledge of Allegiance, was born in Mount Morris in 1855. He was a Baptist minister's son who was educated in public schools and distinguished himself in oratory at the University of Rochester. He became a Baptist minister and preached at churches in New York and Boston. In 1891, he accepted a job from Daniel S. Ford, principal owner and editor of the Youth's Companion, a popular children's magazine at the time with half a million subscribers.

Bellamy was assigned to the magazine's promotions department where he was asked to create a patriotic program for schools around the country to coincide with opening ceremonies for the Columbian Exposition in October 1892, the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. The promoter of the celebration, James B. Upham, was a

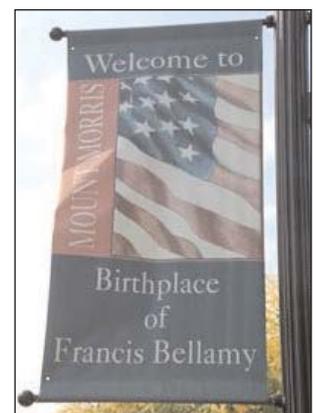
marketer for the magazine and wanted a campaign to instill the idea of American nationalism in students. Upham's vision was: "If I can instill into the minds of our American youth a love for their country and the principles on which it was founded, and create in them an ambition to carry on with the ideals which the early founders wrote into The Constitution, I shall not have lived in vain." He also felt that a flag should be in every school so the publication fostered a plan of selling flags to schools through the children themselves at cost. The plan was successful and 25,000 schools acquired flags in first year.

As part of his patriotic program, Bellamy was tasked to write a salute to the flag for school children. In August 1892, in approximately two hours Francis Julius Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance. He designed it to be quick and to the point so that it could be recited in 15 seconds and it was published in the September 8, 1892, issue of the magazine. According to the Youth's Companion, millions of schoolchildren nationwide took part in the 1892 Columbus Day ceremony. Bellamy said he heard the pledge for the first time that day when "4,000 high school boys in Boston roared it out together."

Bellamy was also successful in lobbying Congress to pass a resolution endorsing the school ceremony, and he helped convince President Benjamin Harrison to issue a proclamation declaring a Columbus Day holiday.

In 1942, the pledge's 50th anniversary, Congress adopted it as part of a national flag code. The salute had already acquired a powerful institutional role, with some state legislatures obligating public school students to recite it each school day. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945.

It has undergone minor changes over the years from Bellamy's original wording: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The last change in language was in a bill signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and took effect on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. The present wording of the Pledge of Allegiance is: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



Like a good neighbor... AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 is here!

In an on-going quest for Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212 to do more for local veterans, leadership recently looked around for some worthwhile campaigns to support. That's when Vita Eonta and George Simons, AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Veteran's Affairs representatives, located the "needs list" on the Dayton VA web site.

While there are many needs listed on the VA site (www.dayton.va.gov/giving), it was decided the Chapter would support the **Kids Keep-Busy Packs**. The packages are placed around the VA Hospital and clinic to keep children entertained while they're visiting family members undergoing treatment. "After all, nothing relieves tension and boredom as well as a creative mind at work," according to Tenisha Smith, VA public relations, who Simons and Eonta worked through.

"Many times our members want to help, but they don't know how," said Eonta. So a request was distributed asking for donations of non-toxic crayons, coloring books, puzzle and word find books for the busy packs.

And just as our community members support us at Wright Memorial Chapter 212, we looked to some of

these organizations to help us in supporting our Veterans. Organizations like Arnold Air Society with Silver Wings, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association and Marriott Corporation gladly volunteered to gather items to include in our donation.

"The response from our members exceeded expectations," according to Simons. "We collected more than \$400 worth of items in a single meeting, including the sponsor donated items. That's pretty impressive."

What's next? In addition to the busy packs, Wright Memorial Chapter is planning additional support for the VA in coming months. "Personal care items, bus tokens and coffee are always needed," Eonta said, "and we plan to ask for donations of these items later this year."

AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 missions are listed as educating the public about the critical role of aerospace power in defense, advocating power and strong national defense and supporting the United States Air Force, the Air Force family and aerospace education. "This is just one of the ways we support our Air Force family," said Eonta.

88th ABW Community Update

From the Commander
Col John Devillier

Although summer isn't officially here, our "wedding season" has officially kicked off.

We officially welcomed Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski as the new AFMC commander at a change of command ceremony June 8 and bid a fond farewell to Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, who retired after 35 years of service.

Our Star-Spangled Celebration kicked off with the Vectren-Dayton Air Show June 20-21. This was followed by Hometown Heroes at the Fraze June 25, featuring "Get the Led Out," (Led Zeppelin tribute band).

While both the 5K and 10K AF Marathon races have sold out, we still have room for runners to participate in the half and full marathons Sept. 19 and are looking for more than 2,000 volunteers from the surrounding community to support us. This premier running event will host thousands of runners from around the world. Visit www.usafmarathon.com for additional information.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during our elevated level of force protection which was directed by Northern Command (NORTHCOM). I realize some of you may have been inconvenienced, but the safety and security of the installation and the personnel who work here re-mains one of my top priorities.

Thank you for your continued support to our Wright-Patt Airmen.

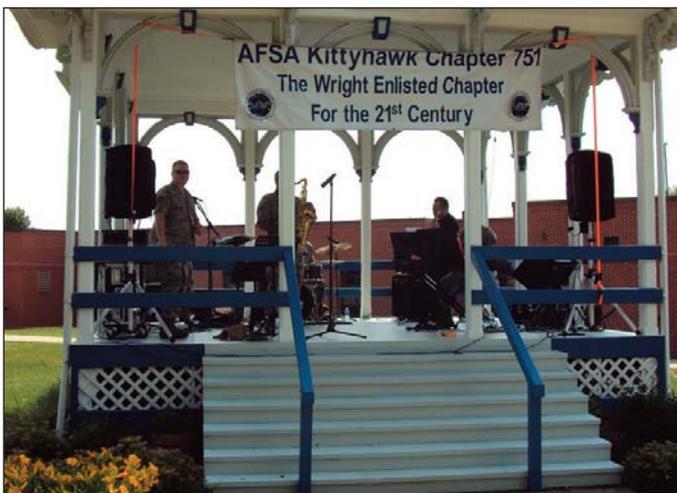


VETERANS SUMMER PICNIC 2015

On Saturday, 13 June 2015, the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) and the Kittyhawk Chapter 751 of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) jointly sponsored a picnic for the veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Vita Eonta, Joanne Powell, and George Simons represented the chapter. Col McGalliard and members of the 445th Airlift Wing, members of the National Aerospace Intelligence Center, and Col Devillier and members of the 88th Air Base Wing along with other Wright Patterson AFB volunteers also joined in to serve the veterans.



The volunteers served hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cookies and soft drinks to the veterans. The weather was great, and the veterans enjoyed the barbeque outside the Lakeside Manor at the Dayton VA Medical Center. The Air Force Band of Flight provided the entertainment and played for the enjoyment of everyone. Volunteers delivered boxed lunches to the veterans in the nursing home who were not able to come out to enjoy the picnic. The volunteers of the participating organizations socialized with the veterans while everyone enjoyed the food, music and weather.



Over 150 veterans and VA staff members were served during the picnic. The veterans expressed their appreciation for the picnic. For the volunteers, it was a rewarding experience to recognize our veterans for their service to our country.



445th AW Hosts Dream Flight Students

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The 445th Airlift Wing hosted more than 180 students ages 14-18 and their chaperons visited during their visit to the wing July 22, 2015 as part of the 16th Annual Delta Airlines sponsored Dream Flight program.

Delta Airlines and the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals flew the young aviation enthusiasts from Atlanta, Georgia, to Dayton, Ohio. Delta co-sponsors OBAP's Aviation Career Education camp and Flight Line summer programs for teenagers who have an interest in pursuing careers in aviation. The focus of the program is to teach students aviation history, aerodynamics, meteorology, navigation and flight simulator orientation with qualified flight instructors. Select graduates from ACE Camp are invited back the following year to participate in Flight Line, an in-depth program that focuses specifically on pilot training, including allowing students to perform solo flights during their week-long training.

While at Wright-Patt, the group visited with Airmen from the 445th AW then visited the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

While at the 445th, the aviation enthusiasts met with crewmembers assigned to the 89th Airlift Squadron while touring the C-17 Globemaster III, participated in demonstrations with the 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 445th Security Forces Squadron and had the opportunity to try on personal protective gear 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs from the 445th Civil Engineer Squadron.



WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - Maj. Andrew Pierce, 89th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot, shows Dream Flight participants the flightdeck area of a C-17 Globemaster III during the group's visit to the 445th Airlift Wing July 22, 2015. More than 180 students ages 14-18 and their chaperons visited the wing as part of the 16th Annual Delta Airlines sponsored Dream Flight program. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer)



WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio - 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron AE technician Senior Airman Brandon Croghan talks with Dream Flight participants about the role of AES in the Air Force Reserve during their visit to the 445th Airlift Wing July 22, 2015. More than 180 students ages 14-18 and their chaperons visited the wing as part of the 16th Annual Delta Airlines sponsored Dream Flight program. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Anthony Springer)



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2015 Air Show – *An Interesting Event*

The 2015 Vectren Dayton Air Show was held on 21-22 June this year. As we have been doing for over 20 years the Wright Memorial Chapter proudly hosted guests from Wright Patterson AFB, our corporate sponsors, local community leaders, and our AFA membership.

However, we were not prepared for the rain storm that mother nature through at us on Saturday the 21st. As has been the custom for most of June, Saturday got so much rain that the Air Show had to be delayed for several hours, in fact, between the heavy rains and strong winds the rain was actually coming down sideways. After the long delay the Air Show was able to put on several acts cumulating in the flying of the Thunderbirds. Even though many acts were unable to perform several were, and those that did really worked hard to make up for the delay and missing act's. For the brave people that waited around, they were treated to a very good show. However, several hundreds of cars had to be towed out of their assigned parking spaces because they had sunk up to the axles in mud. Most people were good natured about this, but several people were heard leaving the Air Show grounds looking for the nearest car wash.

Mother nature was much more cooperative on Sunday. With dry and clear skies the Air Show was able to go off without a hitch. For the guests that were at the AFA Chalets the only thing to worry about was the still very wet ground, it felt like you were walking on a wet sponge, and new parking arrangements to get everyone parking on cement.

For the two days we had a little over 550 people visit our chalets. For those that did attend they were treated to: first class views, lunch (hot dog's, hamburgers, etc.) beverages, and shelter from the rain (very important to those that were with us on Saturday).

Your AFA leadership team is looking forward to seeing you all in June 2016 for the Air Show!



Annual “All American Evening” Raises More Than \$79,000

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc., is pleased to announce the 12th Annual “All American Evening” held on April 25 raised more than \$79,000 for operating expenses of Wright-Patt’s two Fisher Houses. This year’s theme “...Through the Years,” celebrated the 25th Anniversary of opening the first compassionate care house in the Department of Defense. The event was held at the National Museum in partnership with the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter and Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, raised more than \$23,000 on silent and live auctions of items donated by community members and businesses.

During the event, entertainment was provided by Dan Edwards, Edwards Entertainment, along with a special performance by Moments Notice featuring former Air Force Band of Flight members Dave Cousino, Vinnie Marshall, Felita LaRock and Jerry Noble. Jim “Buch” Bucher served as Master of Ceremonies and County Sheriff Gene Kelly conducted the live auction. In addition, gourmet bistro dining was prepared by Wright-Patt’s Club and Banquet was a huge hit with attendees.

During the program, Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger surprised Chris Stanley, FNHI Executive Director, by presenting him with one of her coins honoring him for all he’s done to support FNHI and WPAFB through the years.

Wright-Patterson’s Fisher Houses assist more than 1,100 current and retired service members and their families every year, providing an opportunity for military families to stay together for physical and emotional support while undergoing medical treatment. This annual fund-raiser provides money to offset the day-to-day operating expenses of the houses.

“Thanks to each and every one who attended and helped us to reach this goal,” Stanley said. “The evening always exceeds our expectations thanks to your generosity.”

For information on making donations to FNHI, contact Chris Stanley at 937-372-5784, or visit our Website at <http://www.fnhi.org/>. Also, please like FNHI on Facebook for all current news.

Greene County Career Center Educator Named AFA State Teacher of the Year

DAYTON, OH - Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212 is pleased to announce Catherine (Kate) Tiffany has been selected for the annual AFA Ohio Teacher of the Year. The award recognizes exceptional performance in education at the state level.

Tiffany has worked in the Greene County Career Center as a Social Studies teacher since 1993, teaching grades 11 & 12 in American Government, American History, Aviation History, American History through Technology and Financial Literacy.

“Kate is a very talented educator, and she is passionate about her work,” said Marsha Leonard, the now retired GCCC superintendent who originally hired Tiffany into the school system. “Three things are evident about Kate – her love of aviation and aerospace, her commitment to actively involve students in learning and her personal commitment to lifelong learning. Her enthusiasm is contagious.”

Tiffany’s prior accomplishments and awards include developing a course in Aviation History for Concord Consortium – The Virtual High School, and teaching the course herself to students all over the United States; being named 2003 Southwest Ohio Technology Teacher of the Year; being awarded National Board Teacher Certification in 2010; winning the American Air Museum Summer Residency in 2014; and serving as Chairperson for the Dr. Lewis A. Jackson Committee. “These are just a few examples of the many awards and accomplishments making her a perfect

candidate to go forward to our national competition,” said Sharon Murner, AFA Vice President for Aerospace Education, who was on the selection committee for the state level award.

“Finding ways to help students enjoy learning and explore new technologies by incorporating STEM into a Social Studies curriculum has been my goal,” said Tiffany. “After returning from the Experimental Aircraft Association Consortium a few years ago, I began to wonder why more Ohioans were not aware of our states contributions to aviation. I asked my students if they would be interested in working with state legislators to acknowledge a week celebrating the anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight as “Ohio Aviation and Aerospace History week and they rose to the challenge.” As a result the Ohio General Assembly acknowledged the week of December 17 as Ohio Aviation and Aerospace History Education Week.

Along with grants and scholarships, the Air Force Association “believes that recognizing those who educate America’s youth is an important aspect of what AFA is all about,” said Murner. AFA chapters nationwide work very hard to insure our youth receive education in math and the sciences and that those who teach and support the educators are recognized.

Tiffany’s selection puts her in the running for AFA’s prestigious National Teacher of the Year Award, presented annually to the educator who has gone “the extra mile” to increase student interest in math, science and technology.



Tom Koogler, AFA Chapter 212 President, presents Catherine (Kate) Tiffany with her AFA State Educator of The Year certificate, as Sheila Wallace, Sharon Murner and Jeff Liffick, AFA State President, look on.

Cyber Patriot

There are several things happening with Cyber Patriot that I hope you find as exciting as I do. For those of you not familiar with AFA National's Cyber Patriot Program, it is their National Youth Cyber Education Program. The two areas of Cyber Patriot that our Chapter is working with to increase local participation is the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition for high school and middle school students and the Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative.

Cyber Patriot originally started with a high school level competition to inspire high school students toward careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. For the students that participate in the program, the results have been very successful. A few years later, AFA added the middle school competition and it just released the new Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative on 31 July 2015.

Currently there are several high school and middle school teams in the area. We hope to increase that with some initiatives and the new elementary education program. We are working with one of the teachers who has successfully led high teams for several years and added a middle school team last year. We are also reaming up with the Wright Patterson's Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC's). Together we want to improve the way we get the word out to the schools and several of the CGO's want to volunteer as mentors for the teams. We also could use your help in getting the word out to people you know in the community. Registration deadline for this year's competition is 9 October.

The new Cyber Patriot Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative is a set of three interactive learning tools that were designed to be fun and teach students' important online safety and cyber security principles. The first module, "Security Showdown," is aimed at K-3 students, while the other two, "Clean_Up" and "DangerBots," target 4th-6th grade students. For more information on this program go to: <http://uscyberpatriot.org/special-initiatives/elementary-school-cyber-education-initiative/escei-overview>

The Cyber Patriot website (<http://uscyberpatriot.org/home>) is loaded with information about the program. Please help us spread the word that this program is geared to include all students now from kindergarten through high school seniors.

A Matter of Stars

"The appointment of a four-star general sends a powerful message to our airmen, allies, and any would-be enemy. It speaks to our commitment and promise to our airmen and nation to ensure a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrence and global strike capability with the right level of leadership emphasis. Having a four-star general responsible for the world's most powerful weapons is critically important."
— *SECAF Deborah*

Lee James, on appointment of Gen. Robin Rand as the first four-star general to head Air Force Global Strike Command, press statement, July 28.

Air Boss Speaks

"One hundred percent of our success in Desert Storm was based on lessons learned from Vietnam, on how not to run a war. We were not going to drag that war out. We were going to fight as viciously as we possibly could and get it over with and have the least loss of life. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and President George H. W. Bush were both very good about letting us run the show, and it paid off. It really helps when you have wise politicians who know when to fight and how hard to fight. If you're going to kill somebody, you better kill 'em. And you'd better have a damn good reason."
— *Retired USAF Gen. Charles A. Horner*

Desert Storm "air boss," quoted in Northwest Florida Daily News, Aug. 1

False Sovereignty

"I believe those Chinese facilities on the Spratley Islands are clearly military in nature. They are building ports that are deep enough to host warships and they're building a 10,000-foot runway at Fiery Cross Reef. A 10,000-foot runway is large enough to take a B-52, almost large enough for the space shuttle. They're building revetted aircraft hangars at some of the facilities there that are clearly designed, in my view, to host tactical fighter aircraft. Certainly, those island . . . extend a surveillance network that could be in place with radars, electronic warfare capabilities, and the like. China is changing facts on the ground essentially, creating false sovereignty by building man-made islands on top of coral reefs, rocks, and shoals."
— *Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr.,*

commander of US Pacific Command, remarks at Aspen Security Forum, July 24

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

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The Fisher/Nightingale Annual All American Evening was held on 25 April with many of Chapter's leadership and members in attendance. As usual, it was a well-organized and tremendous event with a silent and live auction that supports the two houses on WPAFB.

I want to congratulate our Chapter and State Teacher of the Year, Katherine Tiffany. She is a teacher at the Greene County Career Center and is bringing STEM into non-traditional STEM courses. I hope you get a chance to meet and talk to her about what she is bringing into the classroom and her love for Ohio aviation history and aviation in general.

The Miami Valley is very fortunate to have many associations/organizations that support WPFAB, military members, and the local region. We all have our own mission; however, many of our goals are similar. We have partnered with several of these organizations in the past and plan not only to continue these but also to look for other opportunities in the future. I've talked to the leadership of the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, Dayton Development Coalition, Dayton Defense, Order of Daedalians, AF Sergeant's Association and others in an effort to continue and increase them. We routinely attend the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee meetings and are attending the newly formed Dayton Region Military Collaboration (DRMC). The DRMC's goal is to include as many of these organizations in it and increase the awareness of what each organization is doing, reduce schedule conflicts, and learn how we can support each other while maintaining our own mission.

You should have received a couple of e-mails from our Chapter announcing several upcoming events. The Team Wright Patterson AF Anniversary Ball will be held on 10 Sep. As in the past, our Chapter will be holding a Silent Auction before the event in support of the AF Aid Society and will be honoring our four annual award winners during the event. If you or someone/business you know would like to donate something to the silent auction, please fill out the form that was included in one of the e-mails. I along with several other Chapter members attended the Great Lakes Region Annual Meeting on 21/22 Aug and will attend the AFA National Convention on 12/13 Sep. If you have any topics that you would like us to discuss, please let me know. Thanks to Ev Odgers, the Bellbrook JROTC leadership/cadets and others, our Chapter again will be volunteering at one of the aid stations during the AF Marathon. The Tecumseh JROTC leadership and cadets will be assisting with the baggage handling for the runners.

Here are the major upcoming events:

- **5 Aug** – AFA Supported Legislators Tour of WPAFB
- **21/22 Aug** – AFA Great Lakes Region Annual Meeting
- **10 Sep** – Team Wright Patterson AF Anniversary Ball
- **10 Sep** – AFA Wright Memorial Chapter Silent Auction supporting the AF Aid Society
- **12/13 Sep** – AFA National Convention
- **19 Sep** – AF Marathon

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who support our chapter. I know if I try to list everyone, I'll miss somebody; however, here are just a few examples. Our Veterans Affairs Committee is always there supporting the VA. There will be a short article in August issue of AF Magazine on the success of their efforts to support the VA's request for "Busy Packs" to keep children busy. Thanks to their efforts, other members of the Chapter and the unbelievable support for the ROTC cadets, the VA has taken "Busy Packs" off their wish list. Kent Owsley led a large number of volunteers at our Chalets as this year's Vectren Dayton Air Show. Despite the weather on Saturday, their efforts didn't go unnoticed – I believe everyone had a very excellent time regardless of which day you enjoyed the Chapter's Chalets. We have a great team working the upcoming Silent Auction, which will take place just before the TWP Anniversary Ball and another equally great one working the Chapter's hydration station for the upcoming AF Marathon.

One of the tireless individuals that support our Chapter and many other organizations is Bill Richard. Bill has taken countless photographs at our events over the years. At our July Monthly Meeting, Bill announced that it's time for him to slow down and step down from his photography support. I know I speak for myself and all members of the Chapter, that we can't thank him and his wife enough for their friendship and countless volunteer hours. If you know of someone who would be interested in providing photography support, please let us know.

I'd also like to announce that our Chapter has won several AFA National Awards.

Tom Di Nino and Gene Longo have been awarded the Medal of Merit. Bob Van Hook and George Simons have been awarded the Exceptional Service Award. Our Aerospace Education Team has been awarded the Aerospace Education Achievement Award. Please help me congratulate all of them.

Keep watching your e-mail and our website for other information and upcoming events. Also don't forget about our Facebook page and Twitter account.

Thank you all for what you do for our Chapter and Air Force.
– V/R, Tom

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- AFA MEMBER NUMBER FOR RENEWAL _____

PROFESSIONAL

- USAF (including civilian) NASA
- Other US Government Aerospace Industry
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JOB FUNCTION

- Management R&D
- Engineering Professional
- Operations Other
- Procurement GS 15 and above

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