

# WMC Crossfeed

Air Force Association – Wright Memorial Chapter 212

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*An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**TOM KOOGLER**

By the time this newsletter comes out, I should be almost back to normal. In early March, I had health scare when I had internal bleeding and lost quite a lot of blood. I spent several days in the hospital and can't say enough good things about the treatment I received in Greene Memorial Hospital.

Thank you can't come close to expressing how much your thoughts, concerns and prayers helped Pat and I – but THANKS!

It started the day before our March Monthly Meeting and I had to dump everything on our Executive Vice President, Ken Curell. Ken, along with our Executive Director Ev Odgers, Secretary Vita Eonta, and Treasure Bob Van Hook. In addition to the Monthly Meeting, there were many other activities going (a few are the Team Wright Patt Annual Awards Banquet, Tecumseh JROTC Drill Match, Annual Enlisted Award Banquet, ROTC Det 643 Dining Out, etc) and several important budget decisions. They stepped in and kept things running smoothly. I appreciate everything they have done and know they will continue to do so to lead our Chapter. Ken went over and above covering for me and I will never be able to completely express my thanks to him. If there is one thing I hope I learned from this, it's to act more quickly. Being a typical man, after I experienced the first sign of trouble I had to wait for more signs. This was about a 4 or 5 hour period and I probably lost more blood than I would have if I had decided to get medical help right away. Fortunately for me, there won't be any long-term impact of this delay but in under different circumstances there could have been.

Since our last *Crossfeed*, many exciting events have taken place at WPAFB and the surrounding area. Here are some of the major ones that your Chapter has supported. You'll hear more about some of them in this issue:

- Held our second annual joint AFA/Association of Old Crows Luncheon. Major General Tom Massiello, AFRL Commander, was the guest speaker.
- Jeff Liffick, our State of Ohio AFA President, and I had the honor of presenting Capt Jason Henderson from AFLCMC the 2013 AFA AFMC Management Award, Junior Division.
- Presented Bill Richard with the AFA National Medal of Merit.
- Our Chapter supported the AFMC Chief's Orientation Reception. The reception is used to kick off the weeklong orientation for all of AFMC's new Chief Master Sergeants. I was honored to be able to speak for a few minutes about AFA.
- Our Chapter supports several WPAFB awards programs recognizing the best of the best. The first quarter of the each CY is extremely busy and our Chapter supported the following:
- Team Wright Patt 4th Quarter and Annual Awards. During these events, 6 military and 3 AF civilian categories are recognized.
- 88th ABW Annual Awards recognizing 6 military and 3 AF civilians

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### Upcoming Events:

**27 JUNE**

**Freedom's Call**

**28/29 JUNE**

**Dayton Air Show**

**2 JULY**

**Dayton Dragons  
Star Sponsor Event**

**4 SEPTEMBER**

**Team Wright Patt AF Ball**

*Visit our website and watch for more information on these and other events as we get them.*

# 2013 Team Wright-Patterson Awards

The buzz filled the Grande Ballroom of the Wright-Patterson Club & Conference Center on Friday, March 7th. In the next 2 hours, countless nominees would know who the nine winners are for the 2013 Team Wright-Patterson Awards. Ken Curell, the AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 Executive Vice President, and his wife, Jenie, didn't know it then but they were sitting with the Civilian Category 3 award winner. The time had finally come for the award winners to be recognized and the following individuals stepped forward to receive their honors:

- Airman: SrA Noah T. Rivers, NASIC
- NCO: SSgt David A. Phillips, HQ AFMC
- SNCO: MSgt Elgin Q. Burton, NASIC
- 1st Sgt: MSgt Christienne R. Ruth, 88 ABW
- CGO: Capt Jameson P. Locklear, AFLCMC
- HG: SSgt Brandon Spence, AFRC 445th
- CIV-CAT I: Mrs. Louise J. Fenwick, 88th ABW
- CIV-CAT II: Mr. Sean C. Young, AFRL
- CIV-CAT III: Mr. Ryan S. Justice, AFRL

The Wright Memorial Chapter is very involved and extremely supportive of the 88th ABW, the host of the Team Wright-Patt Awards, and consequently recognizes each of the winners with a \$100 gift. In the picture to the right Ken Curell, AFA Chapter 212 Executive Vice President, is joined by Mr. Ryan Justice and his wife, Alisha. Ryan earned the Civilian Category 3 Team Wright-Patt Award for 2013. Below, Ken is joined by Mrs. Louise Fenwick and her husband, Kevin. Louise earned the Civilian Category 1 Team Wright-Patt Award for 2013.



# VETERANS VALENTINES DAY PARTY 2014

On Monday, 10 February 2014, the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the Air Force Association (AFA) sponsored a valentine 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 programs started in 1974 by a humanitarian organization.

Vita Eonta, Joanne Powell, and George Simons represented the AFA and helped the Dayton VA Medical staff serve cake to the veterans at 3 VA locations. The veterans participated in a pool tournament in building 305 and Joanne served cake to these veterans. At the same time



*Kathy, the VA Alzheimer Supervisor, George Simons and the Veterans cake*

Vita took and served cake to 32 hospitalized veterans on the 5th floor of the VA hospital. Also, at this time, George served cake to 50 of the VA Alzheimer patients and VA nursing home patients at the Lakeside Manor. The volunteers thanked the veterans for their service while providing them cake.

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



*Vita Eonta, Julie, the Volunteer Services POC, and Joanne Powell with cake for the veterans at the pool tournament*

# National Museum of the US Air Force Space Shuttle Exhibit

On 25 February, the National Museum of the US Air Force held a ceremony to unveil the new Space Shuttle Exhibit. This was less than 3 years after the NMUSAF received the Crew Compartment Trainer (CCT) from NASA. The walk-through, full-scale shuttle mock up is built around the CCT.



When the NMUSAF was told they would get the CCT instead of one of the three shuttle orbiters the community was disappointed. Then the innovative mindset of the Dayton area took hold and a plan was developed to build a full-scale mock up that people could walk through along with surrounding educational nodes.

The NMUSAF hired Display Dynamics Inc. from Clayton to build the \$1.7 million exhibit. It took the team from the NMUSAF, Display Dynamics, NASA and others 15 months to design, engineer, fabricate and build the payload bay and 57-foot high tail section among other pieces to recreate the scope and size of the shuttle. Inside the payload bay, a never-launched Teal Ruby satellite, with early 1980s-era missile launch detection sensors, sits inside a giant glass showcase for visitors to view.

Before you tour the shuttle exhibit, make sure you take the time to view the video in the adjacent educational node.

The exhibit officially opened on 26 February inside the Cold War Gallery. This is a temporary stop until it moves to the new fourth building scheduled to begin construction this spring.

# AFA National Announces new eMember Option

AFA National recently announced its new eMember program. The new member initiative is an effort to expand AFA's outreach to influence the public through digital content. The new membership option is identical to the traditional membership in every way except eMembers will not receive the print copy of Air Force Magazine. Instead, they will receive access to an online version of the Magazine. They will receive all other current member benefits and are eligible to hold office, vote, and in every way enjoy the benefits of an AFA membership. For now,

This new membership option will coincide with the launch of a new Air Force Magazine website that reflects today's digital age and will include a members-only area – a system that will prevent internet users from accessing certain online content without a paid membership. Additionally, the electronic version of the Magazine will also be migrating from its current PDF format to a new format, which will present the entire magazine in a digital format identical to the print magazine. All members, both current members and new eMembers, will have full access to all of the content.

The new Air Force Flip-Format is planned to be unveiled in March with both the Flip-Format and PDF format remaining open to both members and non-members. In April the Flip-Format will replace the PDF version and will require member login or pay-for-view for non-members. Expect a new Air Force Magazine design to be introduced in July.

Visit the AFA National website for more information.



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

# TechFest 2014

## Another Successful Year

President's Day weekend brought the 12th Annual TechFest back to Sinclair College with nearly 2000 students from all over Ohio in attendance. This is an exciting event for students, parents and teachers. Presenters and exhibitors from all across the Dayton Region share STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related activities with students of all ages.

As the Wright Memorial Chapter, we were involved in several aspects of the event. We were pleased to have Astronaut Colonel Greg Johnson, USAF Retired with us for the weekend. He was one of several featured speakers. His talks on both Saturday and Sunday inspired many people both old and young.

The Educators' Action Team, (EAT) under the direction of Sharon Murner, VP for Aerospace Education, held their annual workshops in conjunction with TechFest. Sixteen workshops, each lasting 1 1/2 hours provided STEM training for over 100 teachers from all across the Dayton Region and from as far as Columbus and Cincinnati. We were both pleased and disappointed with the numbers of teachers due to the weather. It was amazing that some of the teachers came from the distances they did with the weather conditions on Saturday morning. This definitely shows that teachers are interested and willing to go the extra mile for STEM training. EAT works with Wright State University to provide CEU's for all the teachers in attendance.



*As TechFest 2014 came to a close, preparations are already under way for TechFest 2015.*

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- Annual Enlisted Awards. Nominees from AFMC Headquarters and the 5 Centers compete in 4 categories. The 4 AFMC winners will compete at the AF level.
- AFIT Awards recognizing 4 AFIT students and professors.
- Volunteered at Tech Fest and sponsored and ran 16 free STEM related workshops with over 400 slots for teachers in the region. - Supported our veterans at the VA Valentine's Day Party and had two guest speakers at our March Monthly discussing veteran's programs at the State of Ohio and the local Easter Seals.
- Provided and handed out trophies at the Tecumseh Junior ROTC Drill Match.

- Supported and attended ROTC Detachment 643 Dining Out.
- Continuing discussions and meetings with WPAFB leadership for our next Government Relations events. Keep watching for details as they develop.
- On going planning has started for the Team Wright Patt AF Ball scheduled for 4 Sep 2014. We will be presenting our Chapter's Annual Awards at the Ball, so start thinking about nominating deserving individuals in all four categories.

*Thanks again for all you do for the AF and your AFA Chapter.*

**TOM KOOGLER**  
*President*  
Wright Memorial Chapter 212  
Air Force Association

# VA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



On Saturday, 7 Dec 2013, 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 the 19th annual Christmas party for the residents and patients at the Veterans Administration (VA) at Lakeside Manor at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Members of the AFA, AFSA, 445th Airlift Wing and 88 ABW served food and good cheer to the veterans.

During the party, members of Systems Go of the Air Force Band of Flight played music for the veterans. As the veterans arrived, volunteers from the various organizations handed out sandwiches, cookies, grapes, chips, punch and coffee to the veterans. At the same time, other volunteers prepared lunch boxes and delivered them to nursing home and hospital wards for veterans who could not come to the party.

The veterans received a ticket as they entered for door prizes. The veterans received many presents and had a visit from Santa. During the party, a barber provided free haircuts for any veterans that wanted a haircut. Over 100 veterans and staff enjoyed the party and many veterans expressed their thanks for the party.



## Air Force Association and Air Force Museum Foundation Offer Reciprocal Memberships

Both the Air Force Museum Foundation (AFMF) and the Air Force Association (AFA) announced recently that they are continuing their reciprocal memberships partnership.

*Here is the February AFA National Press Release:*

The Air Force Association (AFA) and the Air Force Museum Foundation (AFMF) are excited to offer reciprocal new memberships at a discounted rate. Current AFA members will receive \$10 off a NEW membership to AFMF's Friends of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force program.

Both AFA and AFMF extensively promote aerospace power and aviation history, and have partnered to benefit their members and others interested in the US Air Force and its heritage. Each organization has made significant efforts to engage the public in honoring Airmen and Air Force heritage. For more than 50 years, AFMF has offered its Friends membership as a way to support the National Museum of the US Air Force® in telling the Air Force story. AFA has been the reporting authority on current US Air Force activities as well as the primary advocate for a strong national defense. Together, their partnership will offer its members a more holistic view of the US Air Force – including the past, present, and future of aerospace power.

If you are currently an AFA member and would like become a NEW member of the Friends of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at a discounted rate, please do so on the Air Force Museum Foundation website.

If you are currently an AFMF member and would like to join AFA at this discounted rate, go to <https://secure.afa.org/joinafa/JoinAFA.aspx>. To receive your \$10 discount, enter the code M9 into the promo code box\*.

*\*NOTE - Excludes E-Membership and Life-Member Dues*

This discounted rate only applies to current AFMF members who are joining as a NEW member to AFA. Current AFA members cannot renew at the discounted rate.

Visit the AFA National or Air Force Museum Foundation website for additional information.

# 2014 Tecumseh High School Drill Meet

You could hear it throughout the building. Rhythmic “thumps” interrupted by sounds of what seemed like synchronized hand slaps on a door. The hallways were packed with young men and women in uniforms examining each other like they were looking for a speck of gold embedded somewhere in their uniforms. Continuing down the hallway, the thumps and hand slaps grew louder and finally the cacophony of sounds revealed.

Precision movements executed on a basketball court by countless teams of AFJROTC Drill Teams competing in a myriad of categories to be labeled the best of the best at the 2014 Tecumseh High School Drill meet. The Wright Memorial Chapter 212 has supported this extensive and competitive drill meets for over 20 years by providing the funding for all the trophies and medal presented to the deserving place finishers for each of the competition categories.



*Ken Curell, AFA Chapter 212 Executive Vice President, with the trophies and medals for the Drill Meet provided by the Wright Memorial Chapter*



This photo displays the cache of trophies AFA Chapter 212 annually provides for the Drill Meet. To take one of these coveted prizes home, the minimum time a team is going to practice for this meet is 300 hours and it only goes up from there. These teams are practicing before school, some as early as 6:00AM and are back at it after school for another 2 or 3 hours.



*Ken Curell, AFA Chapter 212 Executive Vice President, presents a winning cadet with her well-deserved trophy.*

## 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

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