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An information bulletin from the Wright Memorial Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TOM KOOGLER

Time really does fly by; we're already over two months into 2015. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. The last quarter was busy as usual with the added holiday events. I again want to express my appreciation to our Chapter's leadership, volunteers and members, our sponsors and WPAFB leaders and all its members.

In this issue of Crossfeed, we are honored to have an article that Lieutenant General John Thompson, Commander, AF Life Cycle Management Center, asked to write for us. Thank you, Sir, not only for the article, but for your continued support of our Chapter.

In late October, our Chapter was one of several organizations honored by General Janet Wolfenbarger, Commander, AFMC, for supporting the AF Marathon and WPAFB's Freedom Call. We were also invited to the Team Wright Patterson (TWP) Civic Leaders Dinner.

Our Chapter continues to support all 9 categories of the Team Wright Patterson (TWP) Awards Program. We supported and attended the 3rd Quarter Awards Luncheon held in November and the 4th Quarter 2014 Awards Luncheon held in February. We will also be supporting the TWP Annual Awards Banquet being held in March.

This year, AFMC will be holding an AFMC Annual Awards Banquet that will honor AF officers, enlisted and civilians in 9 Categories. The event will be held in March at WPAFB and we will be supporting it as well.

In December, we held our All Members Meeting at the Dayton Marriott. We appreciate the attendance by our Star Sponsors and the WPAFB leadership. We recognized our Star Sponsors, without their support we couldn't accomplish the things our Chapter does. We also thanked our Chapter's leadership and volunteers for all the hours they donate to the

Chapter. Colonel John Devillier, Commander 88th ABW, was the guest speaker and gave us an update on WPAFB.

On 17 December, I attended a very inspiring ceremony hosted by WPAFB and the National Parks Services at the Wright Memorial Hill honoring the 111th Anniversary of Powered Flight. Colonel Devillier along with the great-grandniece and great-grandnephew of the Wright brothers laid a wreath at the base of the Memorial. The event concluded with the flyover of a B-25 Mitchell bomber, the "Champaign Gal," from the Champaign Aviation Museum in Urbana.

For the third year in a row, we joined the Kitty Hawk Chapter of the Association of Old Crows for our January meeting. Approximately 100 people met at the Pentagon Tower to hear Lieutenant General John Thompson, Commander, AF Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), speak. We included a short article in the Crossfeed about this event. Please read it as well as an separate article penned by the general.

At our 3 February Meeting, Col Devillier was our guest speaker. He gave a very emotional talk about his last assignment as the Commander of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations at Dover AFB, Delaware. After hearing him speak, you can definitely understand why he says it was the job "he hated but loved and loved but hated". It truly did show how our country honors it's fallen warriors and their families.

For the twelfth year in a row, our Aerospace Education Team held a Teachers Workshop at Sinclair Community College. The workshop was held as part of TechFest and included 16 STEM related sessions. Four of our Chapter's past Teachers of the Year, Ann Drake, Heidi Steinbrink, Tom Jenkins and Debbie Madison (Smith), led sessions. I would like to thank them along with our VP for Aerospace Education, Sharon Murner, and her team, Shiela Wallace and Julie Livingston for putting on the very worthwhile event.

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VETERANS VALENTINE PARTY 2015

On Tuesday 10 February 2015, 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 Veteran Patients. The purpose of the National Salute is to pay tribute and express appreciation to 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.

Vita Eonta, Joanne Powell, and George Simons delivered cupcakes that were funded by the AFA to veterans. Vita delivered cupcakes to the veterans in rooms at the hospital. Joanne handed out cupcakes to the veterans in building 305 who were participating in a pool tournament. At the same time, George delivered cupcakes to the rooms of the veterans in Lakeside Manor (the nursing home). The veterans expressed their appreciation for the cupcakes. If you wish to show your appreciation to veterans, you may volunteer at the Dayton VA Medical Center. To volunteer, contact Ken Spann at Volunteer Service (937) 262-2162.



Joanne Powell preparing cupcakes for the Pool Tournament



Vita Eonta, George Simons, and Julie from Volunteer Services preparing to deliver cupcakes to veterans

AFA - Looking for A Few Good Members

AFA Wright Memorial Chapter 212 is looking for a few good members! Why join? Because you can be a part of this powerful network of Field leaders dedicated to educating the public about the necessity for a strong national defense. YOU can feel the pride of being a member of the Air Force Family!

AFA's mission is to Educate, Advocate and Support. Membership is open to anyone- Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Retired and civilians. Some of the ways this organization supports our local community are by: providing support to the Wounded Airman Program; awarding scholarships, awards and grants; National Aerospace Teacher of the Year program recognizing teachers for their accomplishments and achievements in building enthusiasm for their students about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); honoring a career field under the Team of the Year Program; and nominating Outstanding Airmen of the year, just to name a few.

There are many benefits of membership, including a to Air Force Magazine; a comprehensive coverage of breaking news sent directly to your email; membership for al programs in USAA – AFA's preferred provider for auto, home and property insurance. Get competitive rates and customer service next to none; discounts on education, vacations, car rentals, resume writing, SAT/ACT test prep and legal services. You can even buy a consumer PC at a discount. Membership is full of benefits, and you can learn more at <https://secure.afa.org/joinafa/JoinAFA.aspx>.

AFA...promoting a dominant USAF and strong national defense by Educating, Advocating and Supporting the USAF! Won't you join today? You'll be glad you did.



TechFest 2015—A Huge Success!

President's Day weekend brought the 13th 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 (72 displays) from all across the Dayton Region share STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related activities with students of all ages (pre-k to college, as well as parents and grandparents). Students from as far away as Anna in Shelby County were involved in this event.



There were large and small presentations on a variety of topics in the main area. The displays this year were especially spectacular. Area support came from Wright-Patt AFB, Sinclair, UD, Central State, WSU, and other various organizations.

The Educators' Action Team, (EAT) under the direction of Sharon Murner, VP for Aerospace Education, held their 12th annual workshop in conjunction with TechFest.



Sixteen workshops provided by 18 wonderful presenters shared their information about subjects ranging from Basic Computer Skills to Ohio Jobs to Engineering an Understanding of our Universe using Infrared Technology. This resulted in STEM training



for over 100 teachers from all across Dayton Region and reaching distances as far as Columbus and Cincinnati. Each workshop lasts for 1 1/2 hours.

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 free CEU's for all the teachers in attendance.

FISHER/NIGHTINGALE HOUSES, INC.

Enjoy All American Evening “...Through the Years”

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Mark your calendars now to attend Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc., 12th Annual “All American Evening” on April 25. This year’s theme is “...Through the Years” and is a celebration of our 25th Anniversary. The event will be held at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force beginning at 6 p.m.

The event, in partnership with the Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter 212 and Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, will feature gourmet bistro dining by the Wright-Patt’s Club and Banquet Center, wine tasting, will feature entertainment by Dan Edwards and Jim “Buch” Bucher will serve as master of ceremonies. The evening will also feature a special performance by Moment’s Notice, featuring former Air Force Band of Flight members Dave Cousino, Vinnie Marshall, Felita LaRock and Jerry Noble. Both a silent and live auction, of items donated by community members and businesses will be held during the evening, with Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly conducting the live auction. There will also be a raffle for a hand constructed quilt (winner is not required to be present for the drawing).

Wright-Patterson’s Fisher Houses assist more than 750 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 event provides money to offset the day-to-day operating expenses of the houses.

Organizers of the event are looking for donated items to be sold during the evening. Past items have included works of original art, vacation condo’s, gourmet dinners, and a chalet at the Dayton Air Show to name a few. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Chris Stanley, FHNI Executive Director, at 937-372-5784 or mail any contributions to Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc., Post Office Box 33871, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for April 25, and plan on enjoying “...Through the Years” while supporting those who have sacrificed so much for our country. Tickets are \$85.00 each with \$35.00 of the cost being tax deductible. They can be purchased through Chris Stanley at 937-372-5784.

JANUARY 2015 JOINT MEETING

For the third year in a row, our Chapter’s January Monthly Meeting was jointly held with the Kitty Hawk Chapter of the Association of Old Crows. This year, we also included the Southwest Ohio Chapter of the Air Force Academy’s Association of Graduates to the team. On 7 January, approximately 100 members from the three organizations met at the Pentagon Tower to hear Lieutenant General John Thompson, Commander, AF Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC), speak. General Thompson presented a great overview of AFLCMC, its different locations and missions. This diverse organization truly has a complex and challenging mission being performed by an extremely talented and professional team of AF officers, enlisted, civilians and DoD industry partners.



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A Message from Lt. Gen. John F. Thompson, Commander, AFLCMC to the AFA Wright-Memorial Chapter

We here at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) are 26,000 people strong — roughly 4 percent of the total Air Force workforce — spread out among nine major CONUS operating locations and dozens of satellite offices worldwide. Among our 26,000 are two-stripe gate guards, Senior Executive Service Program Executive Officers and everything in between; and together we were responsible for spending over \$48 billion of the total Air Force budget last year.



It can sometimes be difficult to describe exactly what AFLCMC does, other than spend a lot of money. We do not shoot the bullets or launch the missiles, look at radar screens or fly the planes; but neither would anyone else without us. What we do is contract for, develop, produce, and support virtually every non-space asset in the Air Force inventory; from the conception of ideas to their eventual retirement. Aircraft, munitions, radar, information technology systems, engines, even air conditioners — the men and women of AFLCMC do it all.

We consider ourselves the modern day equivalent of the military blacksmith. When a knight needed a new sword, he went to the blacksmith who would design and build the sword. When the blade became dull, the blacksmith would sharpen it. When the knight's hand was suffering injuries, the blacksmith would add a cross guard. And when enemies inevitably improved their armor and a new weapon was needed, the blacksmith would dispose of the old sword and make a better one. Fast-forward a thousand years and the sword is an F-22 with a new radar system; kept operational by depot maintenance. We may no longer be actually shaping the metal, but the dedication to the whole life cycle is the same. Also, unlike the blacksmith we cannot do it completely alone, relying often on our partners at the other AFMC centers and in industry.

In fact, without the strong support of industry and the community, with organizations such as AFA, we would not be able to get the job done. And our warfighters

depend on us. The airman deployed down range does not think about who wrote the contract for his C-17 or who upgraded the technical order database she uses; that airman is just happy that someone did. Likewise, AFLCMC personnel do not always know who supported the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program that brought in new engineers or who sponsored the awards program that recognized the long, hard hours put in to keep our more than 3,000 programs running. And this is why I would like to say thank you to the whole community supporting our unsung heroes. Your unwavering support and dedication to the Air Force make 60-hour work weeks bearable and community socials much more enjoyable. In the new year I am looking forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership so that, as a united team, we can continue to provide the warfighter's edge.

Donation Request for The Dayton VA Center

The Wright Memorial Chapter AFA is collecting items for the veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center. For April we are collecting children items for children to use while the adults are visiting with the veterans. The following items are needed:

- Kids Keep – Busy Packs
- Non-Toxic Crayons
- Coloring Puzzle Books
- Playing cards

Items to occupy young visitors.

Request you bring the above items to the April AFA Meeting. If you are not able to bring them to the April meeting, contact George Simons at (937) 429-9466 Vita Eonta at (937) 249-5642 to arrange delivery.

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC

The Bellbrook High School Air Force Junior ROTC program had their annual curriculum in action trip from 10 – 14 February 2015. This year the destination was San Diego, California. First up for the 53 cadets was Maritime Educational Museum of San Diego. The cadets experienced the California Adventure where they were taught basic rowing skills and learned interesting facts about the Star of India, the oldest ship in the harbor. Another part of the adventure tour was taking a cruise around the San Diego Harbor and learning interesting facts about Coronado City. Later on that evening, the cadets went to the La Jolla Cliffs where they saw sea lions relaxing on the beach, as well along the Pacific Coast. The following day the cadets toured the U.S.S. Anchorage. They were educated on the missions and operations of this amphibious ship, such as their work with the Navy SEALs and the Marines. On the last day of the trip the cadets went to the Coronado Naval Base and were given a tour and briefing by one of the helicopter squadrons. The cadets had the opportunity to explore a static helicopter on display in the hanger and also fly in the training simulator used by the pilots. Other activities of note were tours of two submarines, the San Diego Zoo, a dinner mystery theater, and a ton of good and no so good for you food. All made it back safely.



La Jolla Cliffs



Coronado Naval Base

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Here are some websites from the National Museum of the US Air Force that you maybe interested in. The links are for the TACP/JTAC exhibit "Duty First, Always Ready," the link to the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit opening and the January's video highlights of the fourth building construction.

TACP Exhibit:

News story: <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123437136>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI53pBo7Xg4>

Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit: <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123438597>

Fourth Building Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q7OKkc0XGw>

In November 2013, our Chapter helped a group of 25 individuals from the Royal Netherlands Air Force Association with their visit to the NMUSAF. They are returning in March and our Chapter will again assist them with their visit.

Some of the Upcoming Events:

- **20/21 June** – Dayton Air Show; our Chapter will have three chalets. Watch for additional details nearer the event.
- **20/21 August** – AFA Great Lakes Region Annual Meeting. Please consider joining us at this event. It will be held in Indianapolis, IN. Mark Barrett, AFA National Executive Vice President, will be speaking on 20 Aug, and Kari Hahn, AFA National AFA Vice President of Member and Field Relations, will participate in the business meeting on Saturday, 21 August.
- **11 September** – Team Wright Patterson AF Anniversary Ball; it's not too early to start thinking about nominating deserving individuals for our Chapter's four Annual Awards (Heritage, Ambassador, Legacy, and Enlisted) that will be presented that night.

Keep watching our website and your e-mail for announcements, other upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Don't forget to also follow our Facebook page and Twitter account.

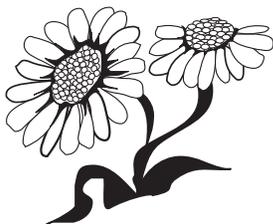
– Hope to see you soon, Tom

VA CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, 6 December 2014, Vita Eonta, Joanne Powell, and George Simons represented the Wright Memorial Chapter 212 of the AFA at the veterans Christmas Party. The AFA and the Kitty Hawk Chapter 751 of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) jointly sponsored this party. The 88 Air Base Wing, the 445th Air Wing, the Wright State Silver Wings and other base organizations participated in this party. The Beavercreek Post 8312 of the VFW donated a flag pole for the veterans at the Dayton VA Medical Center and the AFSA donated a US flag and a POW flag to the veterans just before the Christmas Party. The flag dedication and the party were held at the Lakeside Manor at the Dayton VA Medical Center.

AFSA volunteers barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers outside in the rain for the veterans. Volunteers served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fruit, cookies, soda, and water to the veterans. Volunteers also prepared and took boxed lunches to those veterans who could not make it to the party. Santa visited the veterans and handed out gifts, and the veterans received many door prizes. A representative from the 445th Air Wing provided free haircuts for the veterans.

In total, over 100 volunteers served over 200 veterans and VA staff. The volunteers assisted the veterans in getting food and socialized with them during the party. The veterans enjoyed the food and party and expressed their appreciation.



AFSA Flag Dedication at Lakeside Manor



Veterans in food line



SMSgt McCoy, AFSA President ; George Simons, AFA VP Veteran Affairs; MSgt Dionne Taylor, AFSA POC for Christmas Party; Vita Eonta, AFA Secretary

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